

Key - Gr 6

Name: _____

Mountain Caribou

1. Why do mountain caribou go up high into snowy mountains in the winter?

To eat lichen which grows on trees. They
can only reach it when the snow is deep enough

2. Name two adaptations that mountain caribou have to help them go up into the snow. Explain how these adaptations help the caribou.

1) Big feet - helps them walk on the snow.

2) Hollow hairs - helps them stay warm.

3. What kind of habitat is hair lichen adapted to? Very old forests.

The trees must be above the snow line.

4. What kind of habitat are willow shrubs adapted to? Open areas

with lots of light like streams, clearcuts and avalanche paths.

5. What animals have adapted well to logged areas? (List at least 4) _____

willows, moose, deer, elk, bears

6. What do you think might happen to the mountain caribou if they can't adapt to

the changes in their habitat? They may go extinct

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7. Use these boxes to draw a cartoon that shows one way that people affect the mountain caribou.

<p><u>Some ideas:</u></p> <p>- Snow</p>	

8. What is one thing you can do to help the mountain caribou?
