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RE: Backcountry hunting guidelines for parks and protected areas

Both hunters and BC Parks are interested in the long-term sustainability of the ecological values and the recreational activities in protected areas. To do this we need to work together to manage the potential impacts on the park's resources and on other users.

Most hunters are safety conscious, ethical and environmentally aware. However, hunting in protected areas requires a higher degree of awareness. We ask for your support and cooperation in helping us by following these basic goals when you are hunting in the backcountry:

- Motorized vehicles are not allowed in parks except as licensed vehicles on park roads.
- In the backcountry leave live trees; please scrounge for firewood or tent poles from dead and downed trees.
- Take down all wall tent frames and meat hanging poles and scatter them into the bush. Leave the camp like you were never there.
- Take down any flagging tape that you may have used as you leave.
- Once you are sure your fire is completely out, remove the rocks and bury the ashes.
- When you meet hikers or other hunters on the trails, let them know you are safety conscious and where you will be hunting.
- Do not leave gut piles near trails or recreational sites.
- Think bear safety at all times and manage your camp, food and meat accordingly.
- Observe, Record and Report illegal activities.

Hunters have a long tradition of supporting wildlife conservation. We need to continue to display that leadership in showing others how to enjoy the wilderness while leaving nothing behind but our boot prints.