



MATERIAL SUPPORTING THE NOTICE, BUT NOT PART OF THE NOTICE.

INFORMATION CONCERNING WILDLIFE HABITAT FOR THE SURVIVAL OF SPECIES AT RISK IN THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN FOREST DISTRICT

This document is intended to provide background information and support to the legal framework of the Notice of indicators of the amount, distribution and attributes of wildlife habitat required for the survival of species at risk in the Rocky Mountain Forest District. This document is not part of the legal Notice. Its purpose is to provide additional information for consideration by delegated decision makers and by those persons required to prepare results and strategies consistent with section 7(1) of the Forest Planning and Practices Regulation or act in a manner consistent with section 9(3) of the *Woodlot Licence Planning and Practices Regulation*.

1. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The 1% impact budget associated with the Identified Wildlife Management Strategy is directed at the short-term timber supply. For the purpose of this Notice the short-term timber supply budget represents the total mature timber harvesting land base (THLB) in age classes older than 80 years. Within the Rocky Mountain Forest District the short-term timber supply budget is equal to 2,977 ha. Current to August 1, 2004, there are 2 approved wildlife habitat areas that have no impact to the mature timber harvesting landbase. Therefore, the remaining available budget is 2,977 ha. Table 1 summarizes the amount of area included in the Notice as well as the amount of area in approved WHAs and their respective impacts to the mature THLB.

Indicators of amount, distribution and attributes included in the Notice are based on existing data, current knowledge of species distribution, inventory efforts, and species biology, including territory size and intraspecific competition. In many cases, comprehensive inventories have not been completed. Where inventory work generates a greater number of known occurrences and suitable habitat, the Notice may be amended to reflect a greater number of anticipated wildlife habitat areas. Any amendment to the Notice will be consistent with the policy direction on timber supply impacts.

Species accounts for each of the species mentioned in the Notice can be obtained from the Identified Wildlife Management Strategy website:

http://wlapwww.gov.bc.ca/wld/identified/iwms2004_index.htm

Table 1. Summary of mature THLB impacts for amounts included in the Notice and approved WHAs in the Rocky Mountain Forest District.

Species	Total Area (ha)	Estimated Mature THLB (ha)	Percent of 1% District Budget
Amounts in Notice			
Coeur d'Alene Salamander	20.0	12.0	0.4
Rocky Mountain Tailed Frog	1800.0	1314.0	44.1
Flammulated Owl	180.0	140.0	4.7
Lewis's Woodpecker	56.0	0.0	0.0
Badger	250.0	0.0	0.0
Subtotal	2306.0	1466.0	49.2
Approved Wildlife Habitat Areas			
Lewis's Woodpecker (4-001)	29.7	0.0	0.0
Lewis's Woodpecker (4-002)	20.4	0.0	0.0
Subtotal	50.1	0.0	0.0
Total	2356.1	1466.0	49.2

Figures and spatial information (shapefiles) to support the amount and distribution statements for species included in the Notices are included in the folders titled "Figures" and "Spatial Data" on the following ftp site:

ftp://ribftp.env.gov.bc.ca/pub/outgoing/cdc_data/Approved_FRPR_sec7_WLPPR_sec9_Notices_and_Supporting_Info/Species_at_Risk/Rocky_Mountain_FD/Supporting_Info/

Inclusion of draft and proposed Wildlife Habitat Area boundaries in the supporting information does not prejudice the review and comment that may be ongoing around these Wildlife Habitat Areas. Where Wildlife Habitat Areas have not been through the full review and comment process, MWLAP will continue to work with affected parties to address the Wildlife Habitat Area boundaries.

The following section is intended to clarify the amount, distribution and attribute statements in the legal Notice.

1) Coeur d'Alene Salamander (*Plethodon idahoensis*)

Amount:

The amount in the Notice is based on the anticipated need for 2 future wildlife habitat areas for Coeur d'Alene Salamander. Information is available from the Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection. Estimates of mature timber supply impacts are based on estimates provided in the "Estimated Impact of the Identified Wildlife Management Strategy (Version 2004) on Provincial Timber Supply".

A total of 80 ha (48 THLB), intended to address 8 future WHAs, has been identified as a long-term projection for this species.

Due to data sensitivity concerns locations of draft Coeur d'Alene Salamander WHAs are not provided here. For information on draft WHA boundaries contact the Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection, Nelson, Ted Antifeau.

2) Rocky Mountain Tailed Frog (*Ascaphus montanus*)

Amount:

The amount in the Notice is based on the anticipated need for 18 future wildlife habitat areas for Rocky Mountain Tailed Frog. Information is available from the Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection. Estimates of mature timber supply impacts are based on estimates provided in the “Estimated Impact of the Identified Wildlife Management Strategy (Version 2004) on Provincial Timber Supply”.

Figure 1 shows the location of the 18 draft wildlife habitat areas for Rocky Mountain Tailed Frog in the Rocky Mountain Forest District.

3) Flammulated Owl (*Otus flammeolus*)

Amount:

The amount in the Notice is based on the anticipated need for 10 future wildlife habitat areas for Flammulated Owl or an aggregated area that is equivalent to the specified amount to which General Wildlife Measures would be applied. Information is available from the Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection. Estimates of mature timber supply impacts are based on estimates provided in the “Estimated Impact of the Identified Wildlife Management Strategy (Version 2004) on Provincial Timber Supply”.

A total of 720 ha (560 THLB), intended to address 40 future WHAs, has been identified as a long-term projection for this species.

Figure 1 shows the location of 10 draft WHAs for Flammulated Owl in the Rocky Mountain Forest District.

4) Lewis's Woodpecker (*Melanerpes lewis*)

Amount:

The amount in the Notice is based on the anticipated need for 2 future wildlife habitat areas for Lewis's Woodpecker or an aggregated area that is equivalent to the specified amount to which General Wildlife Measures would be applied. Information is available from the Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection. Estimates of mature timber supply impacts are based on

estimates provided in the “Estimated Impact of the Identified Wildlife Management Strategy (Version 2004) on Provincial Timber Supply”.

A total of 280 ha, intended to address 10 future WHAs, has been identified as a long-term projection for this species.

Figure 1 shows the location of the draft Lewis’s Woodpecker WHA. Contact the Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection (Ted Antifeau) for more information pertaining to the location of the second future WHA.

5) Badger (*Taxidea taxus jeffersonii*)

Amount:

The amount in the Notice is based on the anticipated need for 5 future wildlife habitat areas for Badger. Information is available from the Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection. Estimates of mature timber supply impacts are based on estimates provided in the “Estimated Impact of the Identified Wildlife Management Strategy (Version 2004) on Provincial Timber Supply”.

A total of 250 ha, intended to address 5 future WHAs, has been identified as a long-term projection for this species.

Due to data sensitivity concerns locations of draft Badger WHAs are not provided here. For information on draft WHA boundaries contact the Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection, Nelson, Ted Antifeau.

6) Mountain Caribou (*Rangifer tarandus caribou*)

Amount:

Mountain Caribou has not been included in the Notice. The Rocky Mountain Land Use Plan High Level Plan contains objectives for the management of Mountain Caribou. For the purpose of planning under FRPA these HLP objectives represent the objective set by government for Mountain Caribou.

7) Grizzly Bear (*Ursus arctos*)

Amount:

Grizzly Bear has not been included in the Notice. The Rocky Mountain Land Use Plan High Level Plan contains objectives for the management of Grizzly Bear. For the purpose of planning under FRPA these HLP objectives represent the objective set by government for Grizzly Bear.