



## **NOTICE – INDICATORS OF THE AMOUNT, DISTRIBUTION AND ATTRIBUTES OF WILDLIFE HABITAT REQUIRED FOR THE WINTER SURVIVAL OF UNGULATE SPECIES IN THE GOLDEN TIMBER SUPPLY AREA**

This notice is given under the authority of section 7(2) of the *Forest Planning and Practices Regulation* (B.C. Reg. 14/04) and 9(3) of the *Woodlot License Planning and Practices Regulation* (B.C. Reg. 21/04).

The following notice includes indicators of the amount, distribution and attributes of wildlife habitat required for the winter survival of the ungulate species outlined in Schedule 1.

This notice applies as specified within the Golden Timber Supply Area, (excluding parks and protected areas and NDT 4 areas)

### **Schedule 1**

#### **Golden Timber Supply Area (TSA)**

##### **I) Ungulate Species: Moose**

###### **Amount:**

A maximum of 18,716 ha, which includes 5,615 hectares of snow interception cover. .

###### **Distribution:**

Winter ranges are to be located in forested habitats within appropriate slopes, aspects and elevations typical of winter ranges in south eastern BC according to the attributes below. Winter range foraging habitat, security cover and snow interception cover is to be located by planning cells to provide a spatial distribution of attributes throughout the winter ranges.

###### **Attributes:**

###### **1. Snow interception cover:**

- coniferous stands, greater than 60 years old.
- crown closure of at least 40%.

###### **2. Foraging habitat:**

- provided by sites located in close proximity to snow interception cover that contain preferred winter ground forage species, such as *Salix* spp.

##### **II) Ungulate Species: Rocky Mountain Elk/Mule Deer/White-tailed Deer**

**Amount:**

A maximum of 23,236 hectares, which includes 6,947 ha of snow interception cover.

**Distribution:**

Winter ranges are to be located in forested habitats within appropriate slopes, aspects and elevations typical of winter ranges in south eastern BC according to the attributes below. Winter range foraging habitat, security cover and snow interception cover is to be located by planning cells to provide a spatial distribution of attributes throughout the winter ranges.

**Attributes:****1. Snow interception cover:**

- mature coniferous stands, greater than 100 years old,
- crown closure of at least 40% in moderate and deep snow areas.

**2. Foraging habitat:**

- provided by sites located in close proximity to snow interception cover that contain preferred winter ground forage species, such as *Ceanothus* spp., saskatoon, *Rosa* spp., maple, *Salix* spp., *Cornus stolonifera* (red-osier dogwood), *Pseudoroegneria spicata* (bluebunch wheatgrass) and;
- provided by sites that contain arboreal lichens and/or needles of mature Douglas-fir.