



**NOTICE – INDICATORS OF THE AMOUNT, DISTRIBUTION AND
ATTRIBUTES OF WILDLIFE HABITAT REQUIRED FOR THE WINTER
SURVIVAL OF UNGULATE SPECIES IN OKANAGAN-SHUSWAP FOREST
DISTRICT WOODLOTS**

This order is given under the authority of section 9 (3) of the *Woodlot Licence 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 Woodlots within the Okanagan-Shuswap Forest District.

This Notice applies as specified to the Crown land portions of woodlots within the Okanagan-Shuswap Forest District, and the applicable private land portions of woodlots. Applicable private land portions of woodlots include those areas issued, or renewed, after June 15, 1995.

Schedule 1:

Okanagan-Shuswap Forest District woodlots

Ungulate Species: Mule deer.

Amount:

A maximum of 16,889 ha, which includes 6814 ha of snow interception cover.

Distribution:

Winter range habitat is to be distributed on the area that is suitable as mule deer winter range within woodlot boundaries.

Attributes:

1. Cover:

- Cover is defined as coniferous stands of a minimum of 19.5 meters in height, with a relatively high canopy closure
- In the ponderosa pine (PP) biogeoclimatic zone:
 - a minimum of 20% of the area in cover

- patches of no less than 1 ha
- in the interior Douglas-fir (IDF), interior cedar-hemlock (ICH) and montane spruce (MS) biogeoclimatic zones:
 - a minimum of 40% of the area in cover
 - patches of no less than 10 ha

2. Foraging habitat:

- provided by sites that contain preferred winter ground forage species, such as *Ceanothus* spp., saskatoon, *Rosa* spp., maple, *Salix* spp., and red-osier dogwood
- provided by sites that contain arboreal lichens and/or needles and twigs of mature Douglas-fir
- located in close proximity to cover