



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

INFORMATION CONCERNING WILDLIFE HABITAT FOR THE WINTER SURVIVAL OF UNGULATE SPECIES IN TREE FARM LICENCE 48

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 winter survival of ungulate species in Tree Farm License 48. 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.

Tree Farm License 48

Amount:

The first amount included in the notice is based on the total area included within ungulate winter range polygons included in the approved Strategic Land Use Plan (SLUP), the Dunlevy Creek Management Plan (2002). Land and Resources Management Planning in the Dawson Creek TSA directed the development of this SLUP. The impact to the timber harvesting landbase is based on a summary provided by Canadian Forest Products Ltd.; 5,741 ha is the total area of approved ungulate winter range in the Dunlevy Creek Special Management Area and 1,280 ha is the impact to the Timber Harvesting Land Base.

The second amount included in the notice is based on the total area of other “ungulate” polygons within TFL 48 for which a sensitivity analysis was conducted in their most recent Timber Supply Analysis for Management Plan 3 (MP3). No netdowns were applied in the analysis, and although the polygons overlapped with the 1744 ha of the THLB the management regime proposed in MP3 showed no impact on the proposed harvest flow.

Distribution:

Figures and spatial information (shapefiles) to support the amount and distribution statements 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/Ungulate_Winter_Range/Tree_Farm_Licenses/TFL_48/Supporting_Info/

Inclusion of draft and proposed Ungulate Winter Range boundaries in the supporting information does not prejudice the review and comment that may be ongoing around these Ungulate Winter Ranges. Where Ungulate Winter Ranges have not been through the full review and comment

process, MWLAP will continue to work with affected parties to address the Ungulate Winter Range boundaries.

Figure 1 shows the ungulate winter range polygons within TFL 48.

Future intent

In addition to the Caribou UWR polygons contained within the Dunlevy Creek Management Area, the Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection is currently working on additional UWR polygons for Caribou in TFL 48. This will be captured through a Type 3 UWR submission. MWLAP will continue to work with forest licensees to refine the UWR boundaries.