

Access Management Regulation Proposals for 2010/11

East Kootenay:

| MU | Restriction Name | Proposed Regulation Amendment | Rationale |
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| 4-1 | Akamina-Kishinena MVHCA | Move closure point from Km 97 to the Beavertail Creek Bridge (km 108.1). MVHCA will be converted to a seasonal AMA motorized closure from Sept 1 to Nov 30 | Increases hunting opportunity and improves ease of enforcement by COS. |
| 4-1 | East Flathead AMA | Amend the existing AMA opening several additional roads in the South Sage Creek and lower Flathead. This will result in the opening of a number of ungated roads within the existing AMA. | Increase hunter opportunity in habitats not at risk. Proposed changes based upon recommendations from BCWF; also increases enforcement capability. |
| 4-2 | Windfall Creek MVHCA | Move closure point from Km 28 (lower bridge) to km 34.8 (Km 6.8 on windfall Creek road). | Increases hunting opportunities. New closure maintains high quality habitat and non-motorized hunting opportunities at higher elevations. |
| 4-3 | Caven Creek MVHCA | Eliminate motorized closure. | Increase hunter opportunity in habitats not at risk and improves enforceability. |
| 4-3 | Haller Creek MVHCA | Eliminate motorized closure. | Increase hunter opportunity in habitats not at risk and improves enforceability. |
| 4-3 | Jake Creek MVHCA | Eliminate motorized closure. | Increase hunter opportunity in habitats not at risk and improves enforceability. |
| 4-3 | Teepee Creek MVHCA | Eliminate motorized closure. | Increase hunter opportunity in habitats not at risk and improves enforceability. |
| 4-20 | Baribeau Creek MVHCA | Move closure point from km 4 to km 1. | Protection of sensitive habitats by reducing threat of noxious weeds. |
| 4-20 | Patrick Creek MVHCA | Eliminate motorized closure. | Increase hunter opportunity. |
| 4-22 | Burton Creek MVHCA | Move closure point close to km 5 if a suitable turnaround point can be found or created. | Same as Windfall (4-2); however, proposed regulation is dependent upon located a suitable turn-around point. |
| 4-22 | Lime Creek MVHCA | Expansion of Iron Creek MVHCA to include Lime Creek. | Vulnerable wildlife populations due to late fall early winter snow migration . |

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| 4-6 | North Basin Creek MVHCA | Eliminate motorized closure. | Closure originally created to conserve mule deer populations post logging where forest cover was minimal. Forest cover is now considerable and many roads are deactivated limiting vehicle use. This will increase hunter opportunity. |
| 4-7 | Corn Creek MVHCA | Eliminate MVHCA on Corn Creek portion and create an AMA on the Buckworth Creek side to protect sensitive habitats and prevent spread of noxious weeds. | Increases hunter opportunity and protects sensitive habitats, respectively. |
| 4-14 | Faith Creek MVHCA | Eliminate motorized closure (except for two small spur roads protecting the alpine). | Current closure limits hunting opportunity into the Faith drainage. If the closure is dropped most good hunts will still require a walk to open hillsides. Some concern with access to alpine areas by ATV's. |
| 4-18 | Smallwood and Garrity Creek MVHCA | Modification to motorized closure. | A recommendation from the Nelson Rod and Gun Club to modify the MVHCA. This will increase hunter opportunity and still preserve large areas for non-motorized hunting opportunities. The watershed of Sproule Creek upstream of Sproule Creek Trailhead will still be under MVHCA |
| 4-32 | Barnes Creek MVHCA | MVHCA to include Barnes Creek Branch 1 and Branch 2, and clear signage from Fife Creek road. | There are new roads that make the current description of MVHCA closure difficult for hunters to follow and some concern of access to alpine areas. |
| 4-38 | Downie Creek MVHCA | Move the MVHCA from current Hwy 23 location further up the mainline. Potential opening of complete MVHCA during spring hunt. | To increase hunting opportunities for goats grizzly bear and moose. Closure limits ability to manage moose numbers for caribou conservation and recovery. |