ORDER – UNGULATE WINTER RANGE #U1-014

The following order applies to the area identified within the attached Schedule A and takes effect on the 14th day of December, 2004.

This order is given under the authority of sections 9(2) and 12(1) of the Government Actions Regulation (B.C. Reg. 17/04).

The Deputy Minister of Water, Land and Air Protection orders that:

1. the ungulate winter range shown in the map set out in the attached Schedule A (#U-1-014) is established;

2. the ungulate winter range in the attached Schedule A is established for black-tailed deer (Odocoileus hemionus columbianus) and Roosevelt elk (Cervus elaphus roosevelti);

3. the general wildlife measures outlined in Schedule 1 are established for the ungulate winter range in the attached Schedule A; and

4. pursuant to section 7(3) of the Forest Planning and Practices Regulation the person(s) required to prepare a forest stewardship plan are hereby exempted from the obligation to prepare results or strategies in relation to the objective set out in section 7(1) of the Forest Planning and Practices Regulation for the winter survival of ungulates in Tree Farm Licence 19.

Schedule 1 – General Wildlife Measures

1. Road construction is not to occur within the designated ungulate winter ranges unless there is no other practicable option and an exemption is approved by the MWLAP designated authority.

2. An exemption is not required for road maintenance, road deactivation, felling of danger trees or brushing and clearing on existing roads within the UWR. These activities will be conducted in a manner that does not result in a material adverse impact on the ungulate winter range habitat within the designated ungulate winter range.

3. Harvesting is not to occur within the designated ungulate winter ranges unless an exemption is approved by the MWLAP designated authority. An exemption would be considered for the purposes of enhancing the quality of the winter range.

4. An exemption is not required for harvesting within the designated ungulate winter ranges when it is required to address worker safety: felling of danger trees, felling for guy line anchors, felling of tail hold anchor trees within an UWR along adjacent cutblock boundaries. Harvesting will be conducted in a manner that does not result in a material
adverse impact on the ungulate winter range habitat within the designated ungulate winter ranges.

5. Trees that must be felled within an UWR will be left onsite to provide coarse woody debris, unless the felled tree lies outside the UWR.

6. Salvage harvesting is not to occur within the designated ungulate winter ranges unless an exemption is approved by the MWLAP designated authority.

Signed this 14th day of December, 2004
Gordon Macatee, Deputy Minister
Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection