



## **ORDER – UNGULATE WINTER RANGE #U2-002**

On being satisfied that the establishment of the ungulate winter range dealt with in this order is necessary to meet the habitat requirements of the ungulate species, and that the management objectives dealt with in this order are necessary to maintain the ungulate species within those areas, and under the authority of section 69 (1) (a) and (b) of the Operational and Site Planning Regulation, B.C. Reg. 107/98, 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 (#U2-002) is established;
2. the ungulate winter range referred to in section 1 is approved for mountain goat (*Oreamnos americanus*); and
3. the following practices are established as management objectives inside the ungulate winter range referred to in section 1:

Maintain mountain goat winter ranges to provide high suitability habitat. Habitat attributes include snow interception, foraging opportunities, escape terrain, steep south and west-facing windswept ridges/slopes, conifer bluffs, shrub/grass communities, and security cover. This will be accomplished by applying the following specific management objectives to the proposed UWRs:

### Objective 1

Road and trail construction and timber harvesting, including but not limited to, single tree selection and salvage topping for cone harvesting, will not be permitted within the GWRs, except as specified in section 1 and 2 below:

1. The MWLAP Statutory Decision Maker or designate, through the approval of a variance, may allow operations to occur within a GWR for reasons such as but not limited to the following:
  - a. Construction of roads and/or yarding corridors if no other practicable option exists.
  - b. Treatments to restore or enhance degraded habitats.
2. The following activities will be allowed to occur within a GWR subject to objective 2:
  - a. Maintenance and deactivation of existing roads.
  - b. Brushing or clearing along existing roads under active tenure within right of way for safety purposes.
  - c. Falling of guyline clearance, tailhold anchor trees or danger trees along right of way and cutblock boundaries, where the tree has been determined as a danger tree by a qualified Wildlife/Danger Tree Assessor, and the establishment of a No-work Safety Zone as per Worker's Compensation Board requirements is not practicable. Any trees that must be felled within a GWR will be left onsite to provide coarse woody debris.
  - d. Existing access agreements that were previously negotiated between industry and MWLAP will continue to be honoured.

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Objective 2

Where activities within a GWR have been approved by the MWLAP Statutory Decision Maker or designate or where exempted activities must occur, consistent with Objective 1, they shall be undertaken during a period extending from May 1 to October 31 of a calendar year, except as specified below:

1. The MWLAP Statutory Decision Maker or designate may permit industrial operations to occur within a GWR boundary for a period extending up to 4 weeks prior to May 1 and 4 weeks past October 31, where relevant site inspection data indicates that no impacts to Mountain Goats using the GWR will result from the extended operations; or
2. The MWLAP Statutory Decision Maker or designate may permit industrial operations to occur within a GWR boundary during some other specified period, where relevant site inspection data indicates that negative impacts to Mountain Goats using the GWR may result from operations occurring between May 1 and October 31 of a calendar year.

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Signed this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2003  
Gordon Macatee, Deputy Minister  
Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection