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ORDER – WILDLIFE HABITAT AREA # 3-017

On being satisfied that the establishment of the wildlife habitat area dealt with in this order is necessary to meet the habitat requirements of the identified wildlife, and that the general wildlife measures dealt with in this order are necessary to maintain the identified wildlife within those areas, and under the authority of section 70 (1) (b) and (c), (2), (4), and (5) of the Operational Site Planning Regulation, B.C. Reg. 107/98, the Deputy Minister of Water, Land and Air Protection orders that

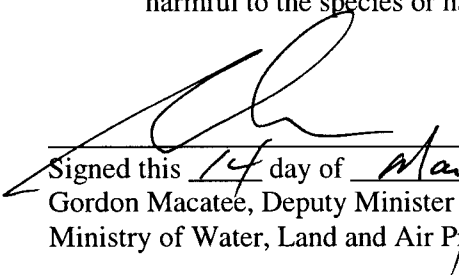
1. the wildlife habitat area shown in the map set out in the attached Schedule A (#3-017) is established;
2. the wildlife habitat area referred to in section 1 is approved for Tailed frog (*Ascaphus truei*); and
3. the following practices are established as management practices that apply as general wildlife measures inside the wildlife habitat area, referred to in section 1:

Access

- Do not construct roads within 30 m of stream unless the regional environmental stewardship manager is satisfied there is no other practicable option and the variance is approved by the regional environmental stewardship manager. **If a stream crossing is required the type of crossing structure and any associated roads must be designed and installed in a way that minimizes impacts to tailed frog instream and riparian habitats. The location, type of crossing, mitigation measures during construction and short and long term sediment control on roads must be approved by the regional environmental stewardship manager or designate. Minimize the length of road within the WHA. Use temporary clear span bridges where practicable.**
- Rehabilitate sites with temporary access structures.

Silviculture

- Do not harvest in the core area.
- Use partial harvesting systems in the buffer that maintain 80% basal area unless variance is approved by the regional environmental stewardship manager. Partial harvest should be oriented towards the creation of old forest characteristics such as large diameter trees, multilayered canopies, snags and coarse woody debris.
- No salvage should be carried out unless variance is approved by the regional environmental stewardship manager.
- Minimize risk of windthrow (see Windthrow Handbook for B.C. Forests).
- Avoid the use of pesticides. Spot treatments with herbicides may be used in exceptional circumstances (e.g., noxious weeds) where it can be demonstrated that the herbicide will not be harmful to the species or habitat being managed.


Signed this 14 day of May, 2003
Gordon Macatee, Deputy Minister
Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection