



ORDER – Mountain Caribou Specified Area - 8-233

This order is given under the authority of section 9(1) of the *Government Actions Regulation* (B.C. Reg. 582/2004).

The Deputy Minister of Environment orders that:

1. the specified area shown in the map set out in the attached Schedule A (8-233) and boundaries contained in the GIS file *twha_bc* are established;
2. the specified area in the attached Schedule A and boundaries contained in the GIS file *twha_bc* are established for mountain caribou (*Rangifer tarandus*);
3. the general wildlife measures outlined in Schedule 1 are established for the specified area in the attached Schedule A and boundaries contained in the GIS file *twha_bc*;
4. where there is any discrepancy between the specified area boundary as shown in the attached Schedule A and the GIS file *twha_bc*, the boundary as detailed in the GIS file will take precedent. The centre point of the line on the map denoting the wildlife habitat area establishes the boundary;
5. woodlot licence and timber licence agreements are exempt from this Order;
6. for the purposes of section 2(3)(a) of the *Government Actions Regulation*, the general wildlife measures outlined in Schedule 1 apply to minor tenures;
7. the general wildlife measures outlined in Schedule 1 do not apply for the purposes of exploration, development and production activities when these activities have been authorized for the purpose of subsurface resource exploration, development or production by the *Mineral Tenure Act*, the *Coal Act*, the *Mines Act*, the *Petroleum and Natural Gas Act*, the *Pipeline Act* or the *Geothermal Resources Act*;
8. private land, Federal land and Parks and Protected Areas are excluded from the application of these general wildlife measures; and
9. the general wildlife measures listed below do not apply to the extent they would prevent the following:
 - i. operations required for safety reasons, and
 - ii. recovery of timber damaged by fire, insects or other similar events.

Schedule1 – General Wildlife Measures

1. Forest practices will result in a minimum of 30% of the timber exhibiting heights of at least 14 meters, or have undergone sufficient self-pruning of the lower branches to allow for suitable security and movement between winter ranges.



Signed this 24th day of July, 2006
Chris Trumpy, Deputy Minister
Ministry of Environment

Appendix 1

Note that the appendix is not part of the legal Order for 8-233. It is intended to provide guidance for meeting the General Wildlife Measures addressed in the order.

1. It is intended that Parks and Protected areas, contained within the boundary identified in the attached Schedule A, can contribute to the forest cover requirements for each management unit.
2. In reference to GWM 1, dense early and mid seral stands, particularly those with branches reaching the forest floor, reduce the suitability of the area for mountain caribou use.

