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ORDER – WILDLIFE HABITAT AREA # 8-015

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 Planning Regulation, B.C. Reg. 107/98, the Deputy Minister of Water, Land and Air Protection and the Chief Forester, acting jointly, order that

1. the wildlife habitat area shown in the map set out in the attached Schedule A (#8-015) is established;
2. the wildlife habitat area referred to in section 1 is approved for White-headed woodpecker (*Picoides albolavatus*); 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 unless the district manager and regional fish and wildlife manager are satisfied there is no other practicable option and the variance is approved by the district manager and regional fish and wildlife manager. Deactivate temporary roads immediately after logging.

Silviculture

- Do not salvage timber unless variance is approved by the district manager and regional fish and wildlife manager.
- Protect and retain all ponderosa pine and Douglas-fir live and dead trees ≥ 60 cm dbh for nesting and insect foraging. Maintain at least six dead standing trees per ha. Where it is not possible to retain six ≥ 60 cm, use the largest available. The highest practical density of snags is preferred. Hazardous snags or trees can be incorporated into group reserves (plan as no work zones if appropriate); otherwise maintain snags within the operational setting as described in the Wildlife/Danger Tree Assessor's Course Workbook. Where hazard trees or snags must be removed, leave high-cut (5 m) stumps wherever possible.
- **Use partial cutting silvicultural systems to maintain widely spaced late seral ponderosa pine and Douglas-fir. Group selection (openings ≤ 0.5 ha), with group reserves, or single tree selection with group reserves are the recommended silvicultural systems.**
- Maintain sufficient understorey ponderosa pine across the natural variation of diameter classes in order to provide eventual recruitment of trees into the larger (≥ 60 cm) diameter classes. Extend the rotation as necessary. Within this constraint, minimize the risk of stand-replacing fire.

Restoration and enhancement

- Topping and "planting" large diameter snags with an excavator may be appropriate in areas where standing dead trees are few.
- Additional potential nest sites in intensely managed stands may be provided by leaving some high-cut (5 m in height) stumps of large (≥ 60 cm dbh) ponderosa pine and Douglas-fir.


Signed this 14 day of December, 2001
Derek Thompson, Deputy Minister
Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection


Signed this 14 day of Dec, 2001
Larry Pedersen, Chief Forester
Ministry of Forests