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ORDER OF THE MINISTER OF WATER, LAND AND RESOURCE  
STEWARDSHIP

*Forest and Range Practices Act*

Ministerial Order No.

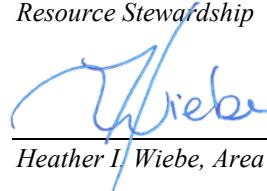
I, Heather I Wiebe, a designated signatory of Nathan Cullen, Minister of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship, being satisfied that the following described areas contain habitat that is necessary to meet the habitat requirements for mountain goat (*Oreamnos americanus*), and the habitat requires special management that is not otherwise provided for under the Government Actions Regulation (GAR) or another enactment, order that ungulate winter range (UWR) and Specified Area (SA) U-4-002 in the Rocky Mountain and Selkirk Forest Districts, are established as set out in Schedule A and managed as provided in Schedule B.

February 27, 2024

*Date*

Heather I. Wiebe

*Authorized Signatory of Water, Land and  
Resource Stewardship*



*Heather I. Wiebe, Area Executive Director*

*(This part is for administrative purposes only and is not part of the Order.)*

**Authority under which Order is made:**

Regulation and section: Government Actions Regulation (B.C. Reg. 582/2004) s. 9(1), 9(2), 12(1) and 12(2)

## Schedule A – Ungulate Winter Range U-4-002 Maps

### Schedule B

#### Part 1: Definitions

1. Unless otherwise specified, words and expressions not defined in this order have the meaning given to them under the *Forest and Range Practices Act* (FRPA), *Mineral Tenure Act* and the regulations made under them.
2. In this order and schedules to this order:
  - a) **management zone** means the area designated on the Schedule A map.
  - b) **mineral cell** means a Mineral Titles Online claim acquisition unit and is 16 to 21 hectares, depending on latitude.
  - c) **mineral exploration activity** means an activity involving the cutting of trees or construction and/or maintenance of roads and trails related to the exploration and development of a mineral or placer tenure under the *Mineral Tenure Act*, and which requires a mineral exploration permit under the *Mines Act*.
  - d) **motor vehicle** means a device in, on, or by which a person or thing is being or may be transported or drawn, and which is designed to be self-propelled, and includes an ATV, snowmobile, motorcycle, or class 2 electric bicycle (i.e., throttle propulsion).
  - e) **mountain goat core winter range** are areas shown as mountain goat core winter range on the Schedule A map.
  - f) **rehabilitate means:**
    - i. de-compacting compacted soils,
    - ii. returning displaced surface soils, side-cast and berm materials, and
    - iii. managing for erosion, sedimentation, and invasive plants
  - g) **specified area** means the area designated on the Schedule A map.

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## **Part 2: Establishment of Ungulate Winter Range**

1. With respect to the Ungulate Winter Range (UWR):
  - a) This Order rescinds UWR U-4-002 that became effective November 24, 2022, and replaces it with UWR U-4-002 with spatial boundaries as described in 1 (b) and General Wildlife Measures as described in Part 3.
  - b) The areas shown in the maps set out in the attached Schedule A (U-4-002 and SA-4-002) and contained in the spatial layer stored in the BC Geographic Warehouse (WHSE\_WILDLIFE\_MANAGEMENT.WCP\_UNGULATE\_WINTER\_RANGE\_SP), which include a core winter range, management zone, and Specified Area, are UWR U-4-002 for mountain goat. The centre points of the lines on the attached Schedule A are what establish the UWR and Specified Area boundaries.
  - c) If there is a discrepancy between the areas shown on the map attached as Schedule A and the UWR or Specified Area spatial layer stored in the British Columbia Geographic Warehouse (WHSE\_WILDLIFE\_MANAGEMENT.WCP\_UNGULATE\_WINTER\_RANGE\_SP), the areas detailed in the spatial layer will be taken as correct.

## **Part 3: General Wildlife Measures (GWMs)**

The following measures apply to the **core winter range** and **management zone** of Ungulate Winter Range U-4-002 as shown on the Schedule A map:

### *Primary Forest Activities*

- 1) Primary forest activities must not occur within mountain goat core winter range, except as provided in GWM 2 and GWM 3.
- 2) GWM 1 does not apply where:
  - i. guy-line anchors and tail-holds are required to facilitate harvesting adjacent to mountain goat core winter range;
  - ii. felling of individual danger trees is necessary;
  - iii. reforestation activities are required to fulfill existing license obligations; or
  - iv. the maintenance of previously known ski-runs and heli-ports are required under tenure for skier safety and that the maintenance occurs only between June 15 and October 31.
- 3) GWM 1 does not apply for the purposes of mineral exploration activities within mountain goat core winter range if:
  - i. activities occur only from June 15 through October 31;

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- ii. activities use existing clearings, trails and roads unless it is not practicable to do so;
  - iii. any necessary tree falling avoids mature timber ( $\geq 80$  years old) and avoids the removal of lichen-bearing trees, unless it is not practicable to do so;
  - iv. an individual forest opening where trees were removed for mineral exploration is not greater than 1 ha, not including forest openings for the purpose of building trails and roads;
  - v. the total of individual forest openings, including those created for the purposes of building trail and roads does not exceed:
    - a. 10 percent of the mineral cell, or
    - b. 10 percent of any aggregate of mineral cells, as defined by the tenure holder, up to a maximum of 25 mineral cells;
  - vi. new trails and roads do not have a road surface width greater than 3.5 meters except for the purposes of safety or culvert placement; and
  - vii. actions are taken on newly constructed or reconstructed trails and roads to restrict motor vehicles. These actions will be site-specific and will include, but not limited to:
    - a. use of signage and gates on active trails and open roads where practicable,
    - b. use of signage and safe (defined as large and clearly visible) impassable barricades across seasonal or permanently rehabilitated road prisms.
- 4) Primary forest activities, except road maintenance and tree planting, must only occur within the management zone from June 15 through October 31, unless:
- i. a professional biologist, as defined by the *Professional Governance Act*, documents that mountain goats are not within 500 meters of the planned primary forest activity within two weeks prior to the Commencement Date of the activities; and
  - ii. the documentation is submitted to the District Manager prior to commencement of activities.
- 5) For woodlot operations within the management zone, up to 12 hectares may be harvested per year from November 1 through June 15.
- 6) New roads, trails and structures required for primary forest activities within the management zone must be rehabilitated within three years from the Commencement Date of harvest. Measures, such as installing a gate or use of natural barriers, must be taken to inhibit public motor vehicle passage while the road or trail remains open for industrial use.

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### *Range*

- 7) Grazing of domestic sheep or goats is prohibited within the core winter range and management zone.
- 8) Livestock attractants must not be placed within mountain goat core winter range.
- 9) Cattle and guide/pack horses must be managed to avoid use of steep slopes, rocky bluffs and cliffs, and adjacent undisturbed forage sites within mountain goat core winter range.

The following measure applies to the **Specified Area** of Ungulate Winter Range U-4-002 as shown on the Schedule A map:

### *Harvesting*

- 10) All helicopter-based logging may only occur from June 15 through October 31 within the Specified Area.