



ORDER – UNGULATE WINTER RANGE (mountain goat) #U-2-007

This order is given under the authority of sections 9(2) and 12(1) of the *Government Actions Regulation* (B.C. Reg. 582/2004).

The Deputy Minister of Environment orders that:


1. the ungulate winter range shown in the map set out in the attached Schedule A (#U-2-007) is established;
2. the ungulate winter range in the attached Schedule A is established for mountain goat (*Oreamnos americanus*);
3. the general wildlife measures outlined in Schedule 1 are established for the ungulate winter range in the attached Schedule A;
4. where there is any discrepancy between the ungulate winter range boundaries as shown in the attached Schedules A and the GIS file *tuwra_bc*, the boundaries as detailed in the GIS file will take precedent. The centre point of the line on the map denoting the ungulate winter range is what establishes the boundary; and
5. 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.

Schedule 1 – General Wildlife Measures

In this schedule:

- a) “primary forest activity” is defined as in the *Forest Planning and Practices Regulation*, and includes (a), (b) & (c).
1. Primary forest activities, including salvage and harvest of botanical forest products, are not permitted within a mountain goat winter range. Exemptions would only normally be considered if they enhance quality of the winter range habitat or for roads where there is no other practicable option. An exemption is not required for: 1) road maintenance or deactivation on existing roads within the UWR; 2) to allow tailholds/guylines in the UWR associated with landings/cutblocks adjacent to the UWR boundary; 3) to meet worker safety concerns on existing roads within the UWR, or worker safety concerns along cutblock boundaries adjacent to the UWR (e.g. danger tree felling). Any felled trees will be left on site to function as coarse woody debris, unless the tree falls onto the road or landing or outside the UWR boundary.

2. Do not use pesticides within the UWR.
3. Exempted primary forest activities occurring within UWR must be confined to a period extending from April 15 to November 15 of a calendar year to prevent disturbance to mountain goats.



Signed this 5th day of July, 2007
Chris Trumpy, Deputy Minister
Ministry of Environment