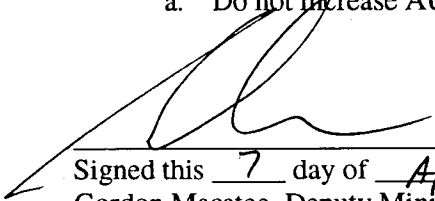


ORDER – UNGULATE WINTER RANGE #7-001

On being satisfied that the establishment of the ungulate winter range dealt with in this order is necessary to meet the habitat requirements of the ungulate species, and that the management objectives dealt with in this order are necessary to maintain the ungulate species within those areas, and under the authority of section 69 (1) (a) and (b) of the Operational Site Planning Regulation, B.C. Reg. 107/98, the Deputy Minister of Water, Land and Air Protection orders that

1. the ungulate winter range shown in the map set out in the attached Schedule A (#7-001) is established;
2. the ungulate winter range referred to in section 1 is approved for Mountain Caribou (*Rangifer tarandus*); and
3. the following practices are established as management objectives inside the ungulate winter range referred to in section 1:

1. Avoid or prevent increased wolf predation on caribou while in the Kennedy Siding UWR area.
  - a. Use appropriate silviculture practices to reduce moose browse.
2. Maintain habitat conditions (forage, cover, and snow pack) to support wintering caribou population.
  - a. As per Caribou Management Strategy 1, log approximately half the entire area at a time on a 100 year rotation, so 45-55% is 0-50 years old and 45-55% is 50-100 years old.
  - b. Harvest in large patches (250 to 1400 ha)).
  - c. Maintain a visual screen of vegetation between any road and any cut block in a state so that caribou in the cut block are not visible from the road.
  - d. Do not conduct site preparation and stand tending activities which improve site productivity for trees (i.e., no fertilization, no chipping, no piling and leaving debris).
3. Schedule winter forest operations during the period of least disturbance to both caribou and terrestrial lichens.
  - a. Avoid winter forestry development (including harvesting) between October 1<sup>st</sup> and February 28<sup>th</sup>. Development may occur prior to February 28<sup>th</sup> if Caribou have moved from the site.
  - b. To avoid terrestrial lichen disturbance, ensure adequate snow cover when harvesting.
4. Manage road access to limit human disturbance to caribou
  - a. Do not increase the current road density.
  - b. Construct roads to the lowest class practicable while maintaining safety and environmental standards.
5. Reduce or prevent conflicts between caribou and livestock.
  - a. Do not increase AUM allotments or issue new tenures.



Signed this 7 day of Apr, 2003  
Gordon Macatee, Deputy Minister  
Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection