

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 wolverine (*Gulo gulo luscus*), and the habitat requires special management that is not otherwise provided for under the Government Actions Regulation (GAR) or another enactment, order that wildlife habitat areas (WHAs) 4-313, 4-314 and 4-320 in the Selkirk Natural Resource District, are established as set out in Schedule A and managed as provided in Schedule B.

February 6, 2024

Date



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) ss. 9(2) and 10(1)

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Schedule A – Wildlife Habitat Areas 4-313, 4-314, 4-320 Map

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) and the regulations made under it.
2. In this order and the schedules to this order:
 - a) **core area** refers to the area designated on the Schedule A map.
 - b) **management zone** refers to the area designated on the Schedule A map.
 - c) **rehabilitate** includes de-compacting compacted soils, returning displaced surface soils, side-cast, and berm materials, and managing for erosion, sedimentation, and invasive plants.
3. Where the **core areas** of wolverine WHAs 4-314 and 4-320 overlap with caribou ungulate winter ranges (UWRs) u-4-012 and u-4-014, respectively, the general wildlife measures for WHAs 4-314 and 4-320 will take precedent. Where the **management zones** of wolverine WHAs 4-314 and 4-320 overlap with caribou ungulate winter ranges (UWRs) u-4-012 and u-4-014, respectively, the general wildlife measures for both orders apply.

Part 2: Establishment of Wildlife Habitat Areas

1. With respect to wildlife habitat areas (WHAs) 4-313, 4-314 and 4-320:
 - a) The areas shown in the map set out in the attached Schedule A (WHAs 4-313, 4-314 and 4-320) and contained in the WHA spatial layer stored in the BC Geographic Warehouse (WHSE_WILDLIFE_MANAGEMENT.WCP_WILDLIFE_HABITAT_AREA_POLY) are WHAs 4-313, 4-314 and 4-320 for wolverine. The centre points of the lines on the attached Schedule A are what establish the WHA boundaries;
 - b) The map in Schedule A delineates the core and management areas of the WHAs.
 - c) If there is a discrepancy between the areas shown on the map attached as Schedule A and the WHA spatial layer stored in the British Columbia Geographic Warehouse (WHSE_WILDLIFE_MANAGEMENT.WCP_WILDLIFE_HABITAT_AREA_POLY), the areas as detailed in the WHA spatial layer will take precedent.

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Part 3: General Wildlife Measures (GWMs)

1. The following measures are established for the **core area** of WHAs 4-313, 4-314 and 4-320:

Access

- a) Do not construct roads or trails.

Harvest

- b) Do not conduct primary forest activities.

2. The following measures are established for the **management zone** of WHAs 4-313, 4-314 and 4-320:

Access

- a) New roads and structures required for primary forest activities must be rehabilitated within three years following forest harvest commencement date.
- b) Measures (such as installing a gate or placing a barricade and using informational signage) must be taken to inhibit public motor vehicle passage while the road or trail remains open for industrial use.

Harvest

- c) Primary forest activities must not occur from January 15 through May 31.