



**ORDER – Wildlife Habitat Area # 4-087**  
**Rocky Mountain Forest District**

This order is given under the authority of sections 9(2) and 10(1) of the *Government Actions Regulation* (B.C. Reg. 582/04).

The Deputy Minister of Environment orders that:

1. the wildlife habitat area shown in the map set out in the attached Schedule A (4-087) and boundaries contained in the GIS file *twha\_bc* are established;
2. the wildlife habitat area in the attached Schedule A and boundaries contained in the GIS file *twha\_bc* are established for Lewis's Woodpecker (*Melanerpes lewis*);
3. the general wildlife measures outlined in Schedule 1 are established for the wildlife habitat area in the attached Schedule A and boundaries contained in the GIS file *twha\_bc*;
4. for the purposes of section 2(3)(a) of the *Government Actions Regulation*, these General Wildlife Measures apply to minor tenures; and
5. where there is discrepancy between the wildlife habitat area boundaries as shown in the attached Schedule As and the GIS file *twha\_bc*, the boundaries as detailed in the GIS file will take precedent. The centre point of the line on the map denoting the wildlife habitat area is what establishes the boundary.

## Schedule 1 – General Wildlife Measures

### *Access*

- Do not construct roads or upgrade existing roads unless there is no other practicable option and an exemption is approved by the Minister of Environment or delegate.

### *Harvesting and Silviculture*

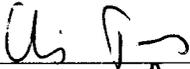
- Do not harvest or salvage mature timber unless an exemption is approved by the Minister of Environment or delegate. When harvesting is approved, follow the measures below.
- Protect and retain all ponderosa pine and black cottonwood live and dead trees  $\geq 30$  cm dbh for nesting, perching, and foraging.
- Maintain at least six standing dead trees per ha. Where it is not possible to retain six  $\geq 45$  cm, use the largest available. The highest practicable 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 Procedures*. Maintain widely spaced ( $< 25\%$  canopy cover) late seral ponderosa pine and Douglas-fir.
- Topping large diameter snags 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 ( $\geq 45$  cm dbh) ponderosa pine or black cottonwood.

### *Pesticides*

- Do not use pesticides. An exemption is not required for the treatment of noxious weeds and invasive plants provided that the herbicide is applied:
  - by selective application;
  - in a manner that does not result in drift to non-target species; and
  - in a manner consistent with the Integrated Pest Management Act.

### *Range*

- Manage livestock browsing, with consideration of wildlife browsing, to promote shrub structure for berry and nut production.

  
Signed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of Dec, 2006  
Chris Trumpy, Deputy Minister  
Ministry of Environment