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ORDER OF THE MINISTER OF WATER, LAND AND RESOURCE
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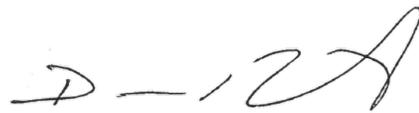
Forest and Range Practices Act

Ministerial Order No.

I, 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 Northern Goshawks (*Accipiter gentilis laingi*) and that the habitat requires special management that is not otherwise provided for under the Government Action Regulation (GAR) or another enactment, order that wildlife habitat areas (WHAs) 1-571, 1-697, 1-711, 1-713, 1-714, 1-715, 1-716, 1-717, 1-724, 1-725 in the Campbell River Forest District and WHAs 1-718, 1-719, 1-720, 1-721, 1-722, 1-723, 5-917, and 5-918 in the North Island Central Coast Forest District and WHA 1-712 that spans both the Campbell River and North Island Central Coast Forest Districts are established as set out on Schedule A and managed as provided in Schedule B.

March 9, 2023

Date



David Muter, Assistant Deputy Minister,
Water, Land and Resource Stewardship

(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 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.

Part 2: Establishment of wildlife habitat areas

2. Respecting the wildlife habitat areas (WHAs):
 - a) the areas shown on the map attached as Schedule A, with the centre point of the line on the attached Schedule A establishing the area boundaries, as Wildlife Habitat Areas (WHAs) 1-571, 1-697, 1-711, 1-712, 1-713, 1-714, 1-715, 1-716, 1-717, 1-718, 1-719, 1-720, 1-721, 1-722, 1-723, 1-724, 1-725, 5-917, 5-918 and contained in the wildlife habitat area spatial layer stored in the British Columbia Geographic Warehouse (WHSE_WILDLIFE_MANAGEMENT.WCP_WILDLIFE_HABITAT_AREA_POLY) are wildlife habitat areas 1-571, 1-697, 1-711, 1-712, 1-713, 1-714, 1-715, 1-716, 1-717, 1-718, 1-719, 1-720, 1-721, 1-722, 1-723, 1-724, 1-725, 5-917, and 5-918 for Northern Goshawks (*Accipiter gentilis laingi*);
 - b) 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.

Part 3: General Wildlife Measures (GWMs)

3. The following are established for the WHAs:

Access

1. Do not construct roads.
2. GWM 1 does not apply in WHA-1-717 where a previously built road (UA107B) may be reactivated in the northeast of the WHA to access timber beyond the WHA. Any road construction, use, and deactivation should be restricted to the non-breeding season, September 16 to February 14. Minimize road width to the extent practicable. Road UA107B will be barricaded to restrict motorized access through the WHA during the breeding season February 15 to September 15). Road UA107B will be

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deactivated following the completion of primary forest activities associated with block 40305.

Harvest

3. Do not harvest timber or conduct silviculture treatments.
4. GWM 3 does not apply for trees felled in accordance with GWM 2 and 3 in WHA 1-717 along the road Right-of-Way (ROW).
5. Trees felled in accordance with GWM 4 that fall outside the road ROW must be retained on-site to provide coarse woody debris.
6. GWM 3 does not apply where danger trees, guyline anchors and tailholds are required to facilitate worker safety during adjacent timber harvesting.
7. Trees felled in accordance with GWM 6 or Section 2(3) of the Forest Planning and Practices Regulation that fall within a WHA must be retained on-site to provide coarse woody debris.

Chemical Applications

8. Do not use pesticides, except for the application of herbicides to control for invasive plants or noxious weed