



ORDER – AMENDMENT TO TELKWA CARIBOU WILDLIFE HABITAT AREA
WHA-6-333

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

The Regional Executive Director of the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations orders that:

2. ii. b) “for woodlot licensee, only GWM 6 outlined in Schedule 1 is applied to the area specified as WHA 6-333;” is replaced with:

“for woodlot licensee, only GWM 5 outlined in Schedule 1 is applied to the area specified as WHA 6-333;”

2. ii. c) ...”Mature plus old seral retention targets areas should be planned and designed to maintain caribou habitat attributes and to maintain an even seral distribution across the WHA as per Schedule 1, items 2 c, 3 c and 4 c; and to maintain an even seral distribution across the WHA; and” is replaced with:

...”Mature plus old seral retention targets areas should be planned and designed to maintain caribou habitat attributes and to maintain an even seral distribution across the WHA as per Schedule 1;”

Definitions:

b) “Deactivate refers to either partial or complete treatment of roads and trails with the intent to deter motor vehicle access, while taking into account site specific operating constraints.” is replaced with:

“Deactivate, deactivated, deactivation refers to either partial or complete treatment of roads and trails with the intent to deter motor vehicle access, while taking into account site specific operating constraints.”

Schedule 1

(1) b. "Road or trail construction or improvement is not permitted." is replaced with:
"Road or trail construction, maintenance or improvement is not permitted."

(2) B. "Road development, access, and deactivation will be planned to minimize the amount of accessible roads to promote caribou seclusion from human-use and predators." is replaced with

"Road development, access, and deactivation will be planned to minimize the amount of accessible roads to promote caribou seclusion from human-use and predators. New roads are those that were planned and/or developed after the Order approval date. Existing roads are those that were constructed prior to the Order approval date."

(2) B. c. "Road deactivation should be planned to limit human or wildlife travel on the highest elevation portions as soon as possible and as a first priority." is replaced with:

"Road deactivation will be prioritized on the highest elevation portions."

(5) Woodlots

A. "Within woodlot licences, primary forestry activities will result in:

- a. 33% or more of the woodlot to be comprised of forest stands of 80 years of age or older and
 - b. small openings, 1 to 3 ha in size with a maximum opening size of 5 ha."
- is replaced with:

A. "Within woodlot licences, primary forestry activities will:

- a. minimize access roads, particularly all season in-block roads, by modifying layout and deactivating;
- b. support the growth and retention of arboreal lichens, maintain visual screening, and minimize the duration of early seral forage by maintaining a minimum 50% of sub-canopy trees and advance growing stock (by stem count using an ocular estimate pre and post harvest) in spruce (Sx) leading or fir (Bl) leading stand types;
- c. retain 25% of trees and cluster of trees (using an ocular estimate pre and post harvest) that support a relatively high abundance of arboreal lichens (defined as \geq class 3 in "Estimating the Abundance of Arboreal Lichens" available at: <https://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hfd/pubs/docs/Fgi/Fgi07.pdf>)

- d. apply single tree or group selection timber harvesting within SBSmc2 02 site series where >50% of the ground cover is lichen;
- e. harvest SBSmc2 02 site series where >50% of the ground cover is lichen during the winter or machine free during the summer; .;
- f. not conduct mechanical site preparation within SBSmc2 02 site series;
- g. not prune trees from ground level to 4.5 meters above ground;
- h. plant tree species (where required), to create a stand similar in species composition at maturity to the pre-harvest stand within as short a time frame as possible."

(6) Caribou Management Plan

- A. "GWMs 2-5 do not apply if licensees prepare a Caribou Management Plan for the Telkwa herd recovery area, in whole or in part, to the satisfaction of the Director Resource Management FLNRO, that demonstrates effectively meeting the Wildlife Habitat Area Objectives outlined in Schedule 2." is replaced with:
- A. "GWMs 2-4 do not apply if licensees and/or BCTS manager prepare a Caribou Management Plan (CMP) for the Telkwa herd recovery area, in whole or in part, that describes how forest management strategies will meet the objectives outlined in Schedule 2. The CMP must be approved by the Director of Resource Management, MFLNRORD prior to conducting primary forestry activities."

Schedule 2 – Wildlife Habitat Area Objectives

"GWMs 2-4 do not apply if licensees and/or BCTS manager prepare a Caribou Management Plan for the Telkwa herd recovery area, in whole or in part, to the satisfaction of the Director of Resource Management, FLNRO that demonstrates effectively meeting the Wildlife Habitat Area Objectives outlined in Schedule 2." is replaced with:

- A. "GWMs 2-5 do not apply if licensees or BCTS managers prepare a Caribou Management Plan (CMP) in whole or in part, that describes how forest management strategies meet the following objectives. The Caribou Management Plan must be approved by the Director of Resource Management, MFLNRORD prior to the commencement of forestry activities."

Schedule 2 (2) a.

“primary forest activities will result in large patches and at least equivalent size connected leave areas of appropriate forest stand type as suitable for the natural disturbance regime for the area;”: is replaced with:

“large patches and at least equivalent size connected leave areas of appropriate forest stand type as suitable for the natural disturbance regime for the area;”



Signed this 30 day of April, 2018

Eamon O'Donoghue, Regional Executive Director, Skeena Region
Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations