ORDER OF THE MINISTER OF FORESTS, LANDS, NATURAL RESOURCE OPERATIONS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Forest and Range Practices Act

Ministerial Order No.

I, Katrine Conroy, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development, being satisfied that the following described areas contain habitat that is necessary to meet the habitat requirements for caribou (*Rangifer tarandus*); and 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) 7-016, 7-019 to 7-022, 7-024 to 7-044 and 7-061 in the Stuart Nechako Forest District, are established as set out in Schedule A and managed as provided in Schedule B.

July Z , 2021

Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (or authorized signatory)

Dave Van Dolah, A/Regional Executive Director, Omineca Region, Ministry of Forest, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

(This part is for administrative purposes only and is not part of the Order.)

Authority under which Order is made:

Regulation and Government Actions Regulation (B.C. Reg. 582/2004) ss. 9(2) and 10(1) section:

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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

- 1. Wildlife habitat areas (WHAs) are established as follows:
 - a) The areas shown on the map set out in the attached Schedule A (WHAs 7-016, 7-019 to 7-022, 7-024 to 7-044 and 7-061) and contained in the WHA spatial layer stored in the BC Geographic Warehouse (WHSE_WILDLIFE_MANAGEMENT.WCP_WILDLIFE_HABITAT_AREA_POLY) are WHAs 7-016, 7-019 to 7-022, 7-024 to 7-044 and 7-061 for caribou (*Rangifer tarandus*). The centre points of the lines on the attached Schedule A are what establish the WHA boundaries.
 - 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_P OLY), the areas as detailed in the WHA spatial layer will take precedent.

Part 3: General Wildlife Measures (GWMs)

1. The following measures are established for WHAs 7-016, 7-019 to 7-022, 7-024 to 7-044 and 7-061:

Access and Harvest

a) Primary forest activities must not result in the removal of forest cover.

Range

- b) Within existing and new range tenures, range practices must not cause the conversion of terrestrial lichen habitats to forb and moss cover.
- c) Within existing and new range tenures, do not develop range features, such as, but not limited to, waterholes, fences, salt blocks, corrals, and access roads and trails.
- d) Within existing and new range tenures, no use or grazing of domestic sheep, goats, llamas, or alpacas.