

ORDER – Wildlife Habitat Areas # 4-088 to 4-092, 4-102 and 4-103 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 areas shown in the map set out in the attached Schedule A's (4-088 to 4-091, 4-092, 4-102 and 4-103) and boundaries contained in the GIS file *twha_bc* are established;
- 2. the wildlife habitat areas in the attached Schedule A's and boundaries contained in the GIS file twha_bc are established for Badger (Taxidea taxus jeffersonii);
- 3. the general wildlife measures outlined in Schedule 1 are established for the wildlife habitat areas in the attached Schedule A's 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;
- 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; and
- 6. pursuant to section 7(3) of the Forest Planning and Practices Regulation the person(s) required to prepare a forest stewardship plan are hereby exempted from the obligation to prepare results or strategies in relation to the objective set out in section 7(1) of the Forest Planning and Practices Regulation in the Notice for the Rocky Mountain Forest District.

Schedule 1 - General Wildlife Measures

Access

- Do not develop any new road access unless an exemption is provided by the delegated decision maker.
- No resource extraction of log hauling during the maternal period (1 May -15 August)
- Close all newly established roads after resource extraction is completed

Harvesting and silviculture

- Harvest as required to support ecological restoration. Reduce stocking densities (<75 stems/ha; target of 20 stems/ha) and free-to-grow requirements.
- Leave a selection of live and dead trees to maintain site ecology.

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

• Do not construct corrals or fences during the maternal period (1 May – 15 August).

Signed this 4th day of Newber, 2006

Chris Trumpy, Deputy Minister

Ministry of Environment