



ORDER – Wildlife Habitat Areas # 3-026 to 3-028
Grizzly Bear - Cascades 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 maps set out in the attached Schedule As (3-026 to 3-028) 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 Grizzly Bear (*Ursus arctos*);
3. the general wildlife measures outlined in Schedule 1 are established for the wildlife habitat areas 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;
5. where there is discrepancy between the wildlife habitat area boundaries as shown in the attached Schedule A 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 to the extent that wildlife habitat areas 3-026 to 3-028 address the amount included for Grizzly Bear in the Notice for the Cascades Forest District.

Schedule 1 – General Wildlife Measures

Access

- Do not construct roads, trails, or landings.

Harvesting and silviculture

- No forestry practices should be carried out with the exception of treatments approved by the statutory decision maker to restore or enhance degraded habitat or to ensure windfirmness.

Pesticides

- Do not use pesticides.

Range

- Plan livestock grazing to maintain forage value for Grizzly Bears and minimize the potential for conflicts.
- Do not place livestock attractants within WHA.
- Incorporate management strategies in the range use plan to reduce contact and competition between livestock and Grizzly Bears. Consider salt placement, alternate water development, drift fencing, or altering periods of livestock use.



Signed this 11th day of April, 2007

Chris Trumpy, Deputy Minister

Ministry of Environment

Appendix I

Note that the appendix is not part of the legal Order for WHAs 3-026 to 3-028. It is intended to provide guidance for meeting the General Wildlife Measures addressed in the order.

Authority to consider an exemption from these General Wildlife Measures is provided in Section 92(1) of the *Forest Planning and Practices Regulation*. In instances where it is not practicable to comply with these measures, a person proposing to conduct forestry activities should consider seeking an exemption from the requirements to comply with the applicable General Wildlife Measures.

An exemption application is submitted to the Minister's delegate (Regional Manager – Ministry of Environment for region that Wildlife Habitat Area is located). The application can be in the form of a letter that includes a description of proposed forest practices, a rationale describing why the exemption is required, and strategies to integrate habitat conservation with proposed forest practices. In the case of a major exemption (e.g., road building), it may be advisable to contact the Ministry of Environment prior to submitting the application to determine if any supporting documents are required as part of the application. Upon receipt of a complete exemption application, a determination will normally be made within 30 days. Incomplete applications will be returned to the applicant for resubmission.

