

**ORDER – Wildlife Habitat Area**

**# 4-108**

**Williamson's Sapsucker – 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. 582/2004).

The Deputy Minister of Environment orders that:

1. the wildlife habitat area (WHA) shown in the map set out in the attached Schedule A (4-108) and boundaries contained in the GIS file *twha\_bc* is established for Williamson's sapsucker (*Sphyrapicus thyroideus nataliae*);
2. the general wildlife measures (GWMs) outlined in Schedule 1 are established for the WHA in the attached Schedule A and boundaries contained in the GIS file *twha\_bc*; and
3. where there is a discrepancy between the WHA 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 WHA is what establishes the boundary.

*Definitions*

Words and expressions not defined in this order have the meaning given to them in the *Forest and Range Practices Act* (FRPA) and the regulations made there under, unless context indicates otherwise.

Schedule 1 – General Wildlife Measures

*Access*

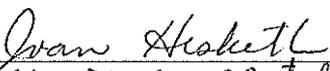
1. Do not construct roads.

*Harvesting and silviculture*

2. Do not conduct timber harvesting, salvage or perform silviculture treatments.

*Pesticides*

3. Do not use pesticides, except as provided in GWM 4.
4. GWM 3 does not apply for the application of herbicides to control for invasive plants or noxious weeds.

  
Signed this 30 day of October, 2008  
Joan Hesketh, Deputy Minister  
Ministry of Environment

## Appendix 1:

The following information is intended to provide background information and support to the legal order establishing this WHA. This appendix is not part of the legal order.

1. As per section 2(2) of the *Government Actions Regulation*, the order entitled "ORDER – Wildlife Habitat Area 4-108" does not apply in respect of:
  - a. any of the following entered into before the order takes effect:
    - i. a cutting permit;
    - ii. a road permit;
    - iii. a timber sale licence that does not provide for cutting permits;
    - iv. a forestry licence to cut issued by a timber sales manager under section 47.6(3) of the *Forest Act*;
    - v. subject to subsection (3), a minor tenure.
  - b. a declared area;
  - c. areas described in section 196(1) of the FRPA; and
  - d. areas referred to in section 110 of the *Forest Planning and Practices Regulation* (FPPR).

In these instances the requirement to comply with the order and the GWMs does not apply.

2. Authority to consider an exemption from these GWMs is provided in section 92(1) of the FPPR. An exemption may be provided if the Minister's delegate is satisfied that the intent of the general wildlife measure will be achieved or that compliance with the provision is not practicable, given the circumstances or conditions applicable to a particular area.

An exemption application should be submitted to the Minister's delegate (Regional Manager – Ministry of Environment, for the Region that the WHA is located) with a rationale describing the nature of the problem and options to integrate WHA conservation with proposed forest practices. This submission will assist in timely consideration of the matter, and will inform the conditions, if any, of the exemption that may be granted prior to commencement of activities. Upon receipt of a complete exemption application, a determination will normally be made within 14 days of arrival. Incomplete packages will be returned to the proponent for re-submission.

3. Where an exemption is provided to the requirements of GWM 1 through GWM 3, the delegated decision maker may consider adding the following condition to the approval of the exemption:
  - activities should not occur during the breeding season of March 15<sup>th</sup> to July 15<sup>th</sup>.

