

ORDER - UNGULATE WINTER RANGE #U1-002

On being satisfied that the establishment of the ungulate winter range dealt with in this order is necessary to meet the habitat requirements of the ungulate species, and that the management objectives dealt with in this order are necessary to maintain the ungulate species within those areas, and under the authority of section 69 (1) (a) and (b) of the Operational and Site Planning Regulation, B.C. Reg. 107/98, the Deputy Minister of Water, Land and Air Protection orders that

- 1. the ungulate winter range shown in the map set out in the attached Schedule A (#U1-002) is established:
- 2. the ungulate winter range referred to in section 1 is approved for black-tailed deer (Odocoileus hemionus columbianus) and Roosevelt elk (Cervus elaphus roosevelti); and
- 3. the following practices are established as management objectives inside the ungulate winter range referred to in section 1:

Goal

To maintain or enhance the existing combination of topographic and vegetative features within the designated ungulate winter ranges. Forest management activities must ensure that adjacent ungulate winter ranges are not adversely affected by foreseeable impacts including windthrow and fire.

Management Objectives

Objective 1

Road construction is not to occur within the designated ungulate winter ranges unless there is no other practicable option, the quality of the winter ranges will not be significantly affected and a variance is approved by the MWLAP Statutory Decision Maker or designate.

Objective 2

Harvesting is not to occur within the designated ungulate winter ranges unless a variance is approved by the MWLAP Statutory Decision Maker or designate. A variance would only normally be considered for the purposes of enhancing the quality of the winter range.

Objective 3

Salvage harvesting is not to occur within the designated ungulate winter ranges, unless a variance is approved by the MWLAP Statutory Decision Maker or designate.

Objective 4

Snag removal is not to occur within the designated winter ranges unless required to address worker safety.

Signed this 26 day of 5 + , 2003

Gordon Macatee, Deputy Minister

Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection