

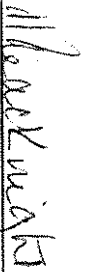


**ORDER – UNGULATE WINTER RANGE U-2-015**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND MANAGEMENT REGULATION**

This Order is given under the authority of section 31 of the *Environmental Protection and Management Regulation* (B.C. Reg. 200/2010) (EPMR) under the *Oil and Gas Activities Act*.

The delegated decision maker, being satisfied that the following area contains habitat that is necessary to meet the habitat requirements of a category of ungulate species, orders that:

- a) the areas shown in the map set out in the attached Schedule A (u-2-015) and contained in the ungulate winter range (UWR) spatial layer stored in the Geographic Warehouse (WHE\_WILDLIFE\_MANAGEMENT.WCP\_UNGULATE\_WINTER\_RANGE\_POLY) are established as ungulate winter range u-2-015 for Mountain Goat (*Oreamnos americanus*) for the purposes of the EPMR. The centre point of the line on the attached Schedule A is what establishes the UWR boundary; and
- b) if there is a discrepancy between the areas shown in the map set out in the attached Schedule A and the UWR spatial layer stored in the Geographic Warehouse (WHE\_WILDLIFE\_MANAGEMENT.WCP\_UNGULATE\_WINTER\_RANGE\_POLY), the areas as detailed in the UWR spatial layer will take precedent.

  
Signed this 23rd day of September, 2015  
Heather MacKnight, Regional Executive Director, South Coast Region  
Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations

Schedule A – Ungulate Winter Range u-2-015 map.

Environmental Protection and Management Regulation  
Decision Rationale – Approval of Ungulate Winter Range U-2-015  
Mountain Goat (*Oreamnos americanus*)

In approving this ungulate winter range (UWR U-2-015) each of the tests under the *Environmental Protection and Management Regulation* (EPMR) was considered.

*EPMR 31 – Ungulate Winter Range*

1. *The Ungulate Winter Range contains habitat necessary to meet the winter habitat requirements of Mountain Goat.*

I am satisfied that the UWR plan (U-2-015) approved by this Order contains habitat that is necessary to meet the winter habitat requirements of Mountain Goat.

The UWR boundaries for each unit were designed by qualified professionals with ungulate expertise. Aerial inventory during winter periods was conducted to confirm occupancy by mountain goats. Each UWR contains suitable habitat consisting of forested components to provide snow interception cover, steep slopes to provide escape terrain and open areas to provide solar insolation and forage opportunity.

*EPMR 37 – Notice and Consultation*

1. *Notice of the proposed Order was provided to:*
  - a) organizations representative of persons who
    - i. Conduct geophysical exploration, or
    - ii. Construct pipelines but who do not hold an associated drilling license or lease, that will be affected by the Order, and
  - b) holders of leases or drilling licenses under the *Petroleum and Natural Gas Act* that will be affected by the Order.
2. *Consultation with persons referred to above was provided if the Order may have a material adverse effect on that person.*

Due diligence was exercised to ensure that notice of the Order was given to:

  - a) organizations representative of persons who conduct geophysical exploration or construct pipelines, but who do not hold an associated drilling license or lease; and,
  - b) any holder of an agreement under the *Petroleum and Natural Gas Act* that would be affected by this Order.

I am aware that there are no *Petroleum and Natural Gas Act* agreement holders overlapping these UWR units. No comments were received by the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations from any of the four organizations representative of persons who conduct geophysical exploration or construct pipelines but who do not hold an associated drilling license or lease. Similarly, no comments were received from the Oil and Gas Commission. Since there were no indications

that the Order would have a material adverse effect on any person carrying out oil and gas activities, I am satisfied that consultation was not necessary.

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Signed this 23rd day of February, 2015

Heather Macknight, Regional Executive Director, South Coast Region  
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