

BRITISH COLUMBIA LIMITED ENTRY HUNTING REGULATIONS SYNOPSIS 2018-2019



Ministry of
Forests, Lands, Natural
Resource Operations
and Rural Development

**OPENING DATE FOR FALL 2018 LEH APPLICATIONS WILL POSTED ON WWW.GOV.BC.CA/HUNTING
CLOSING DATE: APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY 11:59 P.M. MAY 25, 2018**

MINISTRY OF FORESTS, LANDS, NATURAL RESOURCE OPERATIONS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
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The New BC Hunting Online Service

In 2016, the Province of British Columbia (B.C.) introduced the BC Hunting online service for Limited Entry Hunting (LEH) applications. The response from hunters was very positive - approximately 79% of all LEH applications received for the 2017 fall draw were submitted through the self-serve BC Hunting online system.

Your Fish and Wildlife ID (FWID)

You need a Fish and Wildlife ID (FWID) to buy hunting licences or submit LEH applications. The FWID replaced the old B.C. resident hunter number card. Your FWID is a permanent number linked to your personal Fish and Wildlife online profile. Your profile contains details about your credentials, licences, LEH applications and authorizations. If you had a hunter number, your new FWID will be the same number beginning with three extra digits. You can obtain your FWID online at BC Hunting (www.gov.bc.ca/hunting) or at any Service BC or FrontCounter BC location.

There is no cost to get your FWID.

Buying a hunting licence for your child?

Both you and your child need a FWID.

Your Limited Entry Hunting Authorization

LEH authorizations are now electronic and will no longer be mailed to successful applicants. The LEH authorizations will be available on your Fish

and Wildlife profile. You can view or print your LEH authorization by logging into BC Hunting online or visiting a FrontCounter BC or Service BC Office. As of 2017-2018, you are no longer required to carry a paper copy of your LEH authorization while hunting. If the species you harvest is subject to compulsory inspection, you are required to provide your limited entry hunting authorization in paper or electronic format to the inspector. See shared hunt rules for important details on the Harvest Report section of your LEH authorization.

Electronic Hunting Licences

As part of ongoing improvements to hunter services, the Province introduced electronic hunting licences in spring 2017. The old licence booklet will no longer be used for the 2018-2019 licence year. Instead of the paper booklet, your resident hunting licence will be visible on your Fish and Wildlife profile. You **do not** need access to your profile while hunting. Conservation Officers can view your Fish and Wildlife profile on their mobile devices to check your credentials, licences and LEH authorizations.

Please note, while hunting, you are required to carry your photo ID and be able to produce your FWID number to an officer.

You still need a paper version of your species licence(s). The licence has been redesigned with a barcode for identification purposes. You must carry species licences with you while hunting and you must cancel the licence by notching it as soon as you harvest an animal. If you buy a species licence online, it will be mailed to you, allow up to 3 weeks for arrival.

Where can I get a licence or apply for LEH?

Fees: The fee for an LEH application is \$6.30, including taxes, and is not refundable.

Buy online at www.gov.bc.ca/hunting

- You will need a credit card for payment.
- You will also need a basic BCeID to use the BC Hunting online system. A BCeID is an account that provides secure electronic access to online government services, including the BC Hunting online system. If you do not have a basic BCeID, you will be prompted to register for one when you sign on at www.gov.bc.ca/hunting. You do not need a BCeID if you buy your hunting licence or LEH application in person.

Buy in person at any Service BC, FrontCounter BC or vendor location.

- You will need acceptable photo ID and form of payment (some vendors do not accept cheques). Make sure you ask for the official Ministry receipt which includes the details of your purchase.
- If you are applying for LEH, you will need to bring the hunt code(s) corresponding to the hunt(s) you wish to apply for. For your convenience, there is an LEH Application Notes section on page 4.

NEED HELP?

Step-by-step instructions are available on the BC Hunting home page:

www.gov.bc.ca/hunting

or call FrontCounter BC at 1-877-855-3222 for further assistance

It is an offence under the *Wildlife Act* to allow another person to use your licence or limited entry hunting authorization.

LIMITED ENTRY HUNTING

Limited Entry Hunting (LEH) is a system by which hunting authorizations are awarded to resident hunters based on a lottery or random draw. The purpose of LEH is to achieve wildlife management objectives and maintain hunting opportunity.

LEH seasons are introduced where it has become necessary to limit the number of hunters or limit the number, class or sex of animals that may be harvested. The following species of game are available under LEH

within certain areas of the province: bison, **black bear**, caribou, elk, moose, mountain goat, mountain sheep, mule (black-tailed) deer and **turkey**. All of these species, with the exception of bison, may also be available through a General Open Season (GOS).

Although GOS may precede or coincide with LEH seasons for the same species in the same area, the class of animal available during the GOS will often be different from the class of animal available during the LEH seasons.

HOW TO USE THIS SYNOPSIS

This synopsis outlines the application process for Limited Entry Hunting. Hunting opportunities advertised in this synopsis are arranged by species, then by region, followed by class of animal, and finally by the Management Unit (M.U.) where the hunt takes place. Management Units may also be divided into zones for certain species. The "MAP SECTION" of this synopsis displays these boundaries. Where LEH occurs over an entire M.U., a map of that M.U. is not provided in this synopsis. For maps of M.U. or zone boundaries, go to www.gov.bc.ca/hunting or make your own using iMapBC at www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/data/geographic-data-services/web-based-mapping/imapbc.

The term 'species' as used in this synopsis refers to the type of game animal, such as moose, elk, caribou, etc., and encompasses all classes, such as bulls, cows, calves, etc., of that species. For example, bull moose and an antlerless moose are considered the same species.

Each hunt is given its own unique 4-digit HUNT CODE, which is highlighted on the left of each column on each page. DO NOT use last year's LEH synopsis, as the hunt codes may have changed.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Any resident of British Columbia who holds a Fish and Wildlife ID with active B.C. resident and hunting credentials may apply. To be eligible to obtain a B.C. resident credential, hunters must be a B.C. resident as defined in the *Wildlife Act*, or qualify for an exemption. To obtain the hunting credential, a hunter must prove successful completion of hunter safety training such as the Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Education (CORE).

For the purpose of entering the LEH draw, First Nations persons residing in B.C. registered under the *Indian Act* (Canada) will be granted the hunting credential upon proving status. For more information about B.C. residency, residency exemptions and the hunting credential please go to www.gov.bc.ca/hunting.

A hunter may not apply for or be issued an LEH authorization if the hunter is suspended, has a revoked, canceled or expired hunting licence or credential, or if the hunter has unpaid fines under the *Wildlife Act* or the *Firearm Act*. Applications submitted by a person who becomes ineligible to win an authorization will not be entered in the draw and no refund will be issued. Also, please note that if you have moved out of the province, you must re-establish your residency in B.C. to be eligible to apply for, and be issued an LEH authorization.

FIRST NATIONS APPLICANTS

The Ministry recognizes that First Nations may establish aboriginal rights to harvest wildlife for sustenance (food, social, and ceremonial purposes) within their traditional areas, and that treaty First Nations have treaty rights in relation to harvesting wildlife. Those uses of wildlife must be sustainable, and harvesting methods must not jeopardize safety or the use and enjoyment of property. Any hunting of wildlife species for sale or barter, in whole or in part, is not legal, except as authorized by regulation or where there is a demonstrated aboriginal or treaty right to do so.

Persons registered under the *Indian Act* (Canada) residing in B.C. are not required to obtain a hunting licence or a species licence under the *Wildlife Act*.

Individuals who exercise an aboriginal right to hunt for sustenance purposes within a traditionally used area or who exercise treaty rights are required to comply with hunting regulations related to public health and public safety. In situations where conservation of a particular species is of concern and compliance with hunting regulations is required by individuals exercising aboriginal or treaty rights which may include the requirement for Limited Entry Hunting authorizations there will be prior consultation with the affected First Nations in accordance with Ministry policy and procedures. Enquiries about a traditional hunting area, practice or requirements that may apply should be forwarded to the appropriate First Nation officials or Regional Fish and Wildlife Office.

First Nations individuals who wish to hunt outside their traditionally used territory or treaty areas must do so in accordance with hunting regulations (except for the licensing exemption described above for persons residing in B.C. registered under the *Indian Act*, Canada). This includes making application for an LEH authorization via the LEH draw. A Fish and Wildlife ID with active B.C. resident and hunting credentials is required to submit an application for LEH. For the purpose of entering the LEH draw, persons residing in B.C. registered under the *Indian Act* (Canada) will be granted the hunting and resident credentials upon proving status and residency. Proof of status includes a Secure Certificate of Indian Status issued by the Government of Canada, or a letter from the Band Office or First Nation Government confirming status.

ONE APPLICATION PER SPECIES

An applicant may only enter one application per LEH species per draw.

A person may not apply for a second mountain sheep for hunts that occur in the same licence year, if he or she was successful in receiving an LEH authorization in an earlier draw.

SECOND CHOICES

An LEH application presents an option for you to make a second hunt choice for the SAME SPECIES. Entering a second choice is optional.

WHAT ARE YOUR CHANCES?

The LEH draw is a lottery, and there are no guarantees of success. For the main draw in 2017, the Fish and Wildlife Branch processed 166,483 applications and issued 22,669 authorizations for 8 species. Therefore, on average, one in every 7 applications was successful. Odds for individual hunts vary. Generally, the more popular a hunt is the lower your chances are of being drawn.

ENHANCED ODDS

For hunters who have not won an LEH authorization recently, enhanced odds increase their chances by reducing the chances of those who have been successful in recent years. If you were successful in receiving an LEH authorization for any species, except deer, your odds will be reduced for that species. If you were successful for elk in Regions 1 or 2, or moose anywhere in the province, your odds are reduced by 66% for 3 years for that species. If you were successful for any other species, except deer, your odds are reduced by 50% for one year.

INDIVIDUAL HUNTS

All hunts are open to individual applicants. Some hunts also allow for group or shared applications. Please see sections below for details about group and shared hunts.

GROUP HUNTS

Group Hunts are available to hunters who wish to apply as a group. Group Hunt applications cannot be submitted for elk in Regions 1 and 2, or moose, bison or **black bear** anywhere in the province. Applicants can apply as a group of two, three or four persons.

Group Hunt applications are entered in the draw as a single entry. If a Group Hunt application is drawn and there are enough remaining authorizations for each group member, each hunter in the group receives an LEH authorization and each hunter may harvest an authorized animal. If any member of a group was drawn for the same species the previous year, the entire group is subject to reduced odds.

When applying for a Group Hunt, please be aware that the number of authorizations printed in the synopsis is tentative. In the event that there are not sufficient authorizations available to provide everyone in the group with an authorization, the group will not be drawn.

SHARED HUNTS

Like Group Hunts, Shared Hunts are available to persons who wish to apply as a group. However, Shared Hunts are only available for moose or bison. The Shared Hunt is intended to increase the number of people drawn for moose or bison without increasing the number of moose or bison harvested in a given year. Applicants can apply as a group of two, three or four persons.

For a Shared Hunt application, each member of the group is entered in the draw. If any member of the group is drawn, the entire group is treated as being drawn and authorizations are issued as follows: A group of two will be authorized to take one moose or bison, and a group of three or four will be authorized to take two moose or bison. **If only one authorization remains in the draw, and a Shared Hunt group of three or four persons is drawn, the group will be authorized to take one moose or bison only.** All members of a drawn Shared Hunt application will have reduced odds the following year(s). For the current application year, if any member of a Shared Hunt application for a moose was drawn in the previous three years, or any member of a Shared Hunt application for a bison was drawn in the previous year, the entire group will be subject to reduced odds.

SHARED HUNT RULES

Any member of a Shared Hunt may harvest an authorized animal. For shared hunts only, each hunter of the shared group is required to carry the Harvest Report form while hunting. The Harvest Report form is on the bottom part of the shared limited entry hunting authorization. Your shared limited entry hunting authorization is available online in your Fish and Wildlife profile, or you can request a copy of your limited entry hunting authorization's Harvest Report form at a Service BC or FrontCounter BC office. Communication is required within the group while hunting in order to avoid exceeding the group limit. Once an authorized animal is harvested, the successful hunter must immediately inform the other members of the group, and each member of the group must immediately document the successful harvest on their Harvest Report form.

HOW TO APPLY FOR A GROUP OR SHARED HUNT

Applications for group and shared hunts can be submitted online at www.gov.bc.ca/hunting or in person at a Service BC, FrontCounter BC or participating vendor location. **At time of application**, the group initiator can add up to three group members or invite them to join the group. If you choose to submit an application on behalf of your group members, you must pay for all applications and no refund will apply. To

add other hunters to your group, you will need to have their FWID number, last name and first initial. Due to privacy policies, agents will not look up your group members' details.

Alternatively, the group initiator can submit his/her application and share the Group ID with up to three other hunters. All hunters who wish to join an existing group must have the GROUP ID at time of application. Group ID number can be located on your Ministry generated receipt or online in your Fish and Wildlife Profile.

DEADLINES FOR APPLICATIONS

MAIN DRAW

Applications for the main draw (fall hunts) must be submitted by **11:59 p.m. Friday May 25, 2018.**

EARLY SKEENA MOUNTAIN SHEEP AND HAIDA GWAII BLACK BEAR DRAW

Applications for the spring draw (Skeena sheep and Haida Gwaii black bear) must be submitted by **11:59 p.m. Friday February 8, 2019.**

NOTIFICATION

You can check your FWID profile online at www.gov.bc.ca/hunting any time after the draw has been run to find out if you have been successful.

TWO LICENCES REQUIRED

If you obtain an LEH authorization, you must also hold a resident hunting licence and the appropriate species licence to lawfully hunt.

BAG LIMIT

An LEH authorization does not permit a person to exceed the hunting season bag limit for any species. See the current Hunting and Trapping Regulations Synopsis for information on provincial and regional bag limits.

YOUTH AND INITIATION HUNTERS

The holder of a Youth Hunting Licence can hunt under the authority of their supervising hunter's LEH. If the Youth Hunting Licence holder harvests an LEH species, it is the animal authorized by the supervising hunter's LEH and the supervising hunter must cancel the appropriate species licence and count that animal against his/her bag limit.

The holder of an initiation hunting licence cannot hunt under the authority of their supervising hunter's LEH.

COMPULSORY INSPECTION

Hunters must provide the species licence and limited entry hunting authorization, which authorized the taking or the killing, in electronic or physical format, to the inspector.

Please refer to the 2018-2020 Hunting

and Trapping Regulations Synopsis for additional compulsory inspection requirements.

For information on where you can obtain a compulsory inspection, please refer to the 'Compulsory Inspection Centres' section on the regional pages of the Hunting and Trapping Regulations Synopsis or www.gov.bc.ca/hunting.

Anyone who kills a bull elk or a bull moose under the authority of an LEH authorization must, while returning from the hunt, keep the antlers of the animal available for inspection by an officer.

THIS SYNOPSIS IS NOT A COMPLETE LIST OF REQUIREMENTS FOR HUNTING IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

All persons hunting under an LEH authorization in B.C. are required to comply with hunting regulations under the *Wildlife Act* as outlined in the Hunting and Trapping Regulations Synopsis: www.gov.bc.ca/hunting.

RESPONSIBLE USE OF VEHICLES

The modern *Off Road Vehicle Act* (ORV) promotes safe and responsible use of ORVs. Improved safety and mandatory registration helps officers better identify the few reckless operators that endanger others, harm animals or damage sensitive habitat. The fine for careless operation is \$368 and for unregistered ORVs, \$230. For more information about the ORV Act, visit the ministry's website at www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/natural-resource-use/land-use/crown-land/crown-land-uses/off-road-vehicles.

The ORV Act applies to ATVs, motorcycles, snowmobiles, side-by-sides and on-highway vehicles (under 4,536 kg) used for work or play on Crown land.

Protect wildlife and their habitat; keep motor vehicles on existing roads and trails.

WILDFIRE NOTICE

Stay up to date on regulation changes and vehicle/access restrictions during wildfire season.

While planning your hunting expedition visit the B.C. Wildfire Service fire bans and restrictions website for the most up to date information.

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/fire-bans-and-restrictions>.

For in-season changes to *Wildlife Act* regulations visit www.gov.bc.ca/hunting.

Fish and Wildlife Regional Offices

LEH Headquarters: Victoria 4-2975 Jutland Rd., V8T 5J9 (250) 356-5142

Regional Office Nanaimo 2080 Labieux Rd., V9T 6J9	(250) 751-7220	Regional Office Williams Lake 400-640 Borland St., V2G 4T1	(250) 398-4530
Regional Office Surrey 200-10428 153rd St., V3R 1E1	(604) 586-4400	Regional Office Smithers Bag 5000, 3726 Alfred Ave., V0J 2N0	(250) 847-7260
Regional Office Kamloops 1259 Dalhousie Dr., V2C 5Z5	(250) 371-6200	Regional Office Prince George 2000 South Ospika Blvd, V2N 4W5	(250) 565-6135
Regional Office Nelson 401-333 Victoria St., V1L 4K3	(250) 354-6333	Regional Office Fort St. John 400-10003 110 Ave., V1J 6M7	(250) 787-3411
Regional Office Cranbrook 205 Industrial Rd. G, V2G 7G5	(250) 489-8540	Regional Office Penticton 102 Industrial Pl, V2A 7C8	(250) 490-8200

**CONSERVATION OFFICER SERVICE
(24 hour contact number)**

1-877-952-RAPP (7277) Report All Poachers and Polluters

LIMITED ENTRY HUNTING - TERMINOLOGY

(An explanation of the column titles used in the season tables)

HUNT CODE: Each hunt is given its own unique 4-digit HUNT CODE, which is highlighted on the left of each column on each page. Hunt codes change every year.

AREA: This term is used in conjunction with a place name to denote a specific land area within B.C. It can consist of a number of Management Units, a single Management Unit or a portion of a Management Unit, referred to as a Zone. Hunters should be aware access is limited in some areas and are advised to confirm access before applying.

MANAGEMENT UNITS: The province is divided into 225 management units identified by number. In this synopsis they are denoted by the initials 'M.U.' and a hyphenated number, i.e. M.U. 4-24, M.U. 3-14, etc.

ZONE: Means a portion of one or more management units. If the Management Unit has been divided into Zones, this will appear as Zone A of M.U. 4-24, Zone B of M.U. 4-24, etc. Maps of Zones may be found on pages 15-27 or online at www.gov.bc.ca/hunting.

SEASON DATES: Refer to a period of time that hunting may take place. All dates are inclusive, e.g., September 1 to September 30 means that hunting may commence on September 1 and continue through to and including September 30.

SPECIES: In this synopsis, 'species' refers to the following game: Turkey, Black Bear, Mountain Goat, Mountain Sheep, Elk, Moose, Caribou, Mule (Black-tailed) Deer and Bison.

CLASS OF ANIMAL: This term refers more specifically to the sex, age or antler/horn configuration of the animal for which an authorization is available.

TENTATIVE NUMBER OF AUTHORIZATIONS AVAILABLE: The number which appears in the authorizations column is a tentative number only and may be adjusted prior to the draw, resulting in a possible increase or decrease in the final number of available authorizations.

FIRST CHOICE ODDS: This is a list of odds on being drawn for the same hunt in the previous LEH draw year. These odds pertain to hunts that were indicated as 'First Choice' selections on the previous year's applications. They are a measure of the number of people who applied for each authorization available in the previous year. The odds can be used as a guide to estimate your chances of winning a given draw.



Hunters should be aware access is limited in some areas and are advised to confirm access before applying.

To assist you with the transition to LEH online, we have provided an LEH Application Notes form for you to record the information you need to apply, whether online or through Service BC, FrontCounter BC or participating vendor locations.

2018-2019 LEH APPLICATION NOTES

Use the space below to prepare your LEH application. Once you're ready, you can enter your codes online or take them to a Service BC or FrontCounter BC office, or participating vendor locations.

SPECIES	First Choice Hunt Code	Second Choice Hunt Code	Shared/Group Hunt ID (if applicable)	NOTES
Bison				
Black Bear				
Caribou				
Elk				
Moose				
Mountain Goat				
Mountain Sheep				
Mule Deer				
Turkey				

The Special Mountain Sheep resident draw is available to resident hunters for fall 2019 and the Hunt Code is 6000. Hunters have the option to submit multiple applications for this draw.

There is only one resident Special Mountain Sheep authorization for one Mountain Sheep.

The successful applicant for the Special Mountain Sheep hunt must hold a valid resident hunting licence, a Mountain Sheep species licence and the Special Mountain Sheep authorization while hunting. Please note that, while the Special Mountain Sheep authorization allows the hunter to exceed the provincial bag limit of 1 and harvest an additional Sheep in the same licence year, the hunter CANNOT hold more than one valid Mountain Sheep species licence at any one time. A second species licence may not be purchased until after the first species licence has been cancelled. If an animal is harvested during the special hunt, it will not be considered in the calculation of reduced odds for future LEH applications. All other

restrictions, including the location of open seasons, weapons restrictions, species, and sex listed in either the 2019-2020 LEH Synopsis or the 2020-2022 Hunting and Trapping Regulations Synopsis, when available, apply to this special hunt. The successful applicant need not follow horn curl regulations that apply in the area hunted as the Special Mountain Sheep authorization will be for "any ram."

In addition, the successful applicant will have the opportunity to hunt either a bighorn or thinhorn ram Mountain Sheep during the dates listed below. If hunting a thinhorn ram sheep, the successful applicant may hunt up to 21 days prior to the opening date listed below for the intended hunt region.

The non-refundable application fee for each Special Mountain Sheep application is \$15.75 (includes GST). \$10.00 from each application fee will be directed to the Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation for projects specific to Mountain Sheep Management.

2019 OPENING SEASON DATES FOR MOUNTAIN SHEEP

(Subject to Change)

Region 3 Thompson	Sept. 10/19
Region 4 Kootenay	Sept. 10/19
Region 5 Cariboo	Sept. 1/19
Region 6 Skeena	Aug. 1/19
Region 7 Omineca/Peace	Aug. 1/19
Region 8 Okanagan	Aug. 25/19

2019 CLOSING SEASON DATES FOR MOUNTAIN SHEEP

(Subject to Change)

In all Regions the closing dates are as follows:

Bighorn Mountain Sheep	Dec. 20/19
Thinhorn Mountain Sheep	Mar. 31/20

Go to www.gov.bc.ca/hunting for more information and to find out when the 2019 Special Mountain Sheep is open for applications.

The deadline for the 2019 Special Mountain Sheep applications is 11:59 p.m., Friday July 27, 2018

HANDLING GAME MEAT SAFELY

These general safety measures are recommended when handling game meat:

- ✓ Do not shoot, handle or consume any animal that is acting abnormally or appears to be sick.
- ✓ Wear latex or rubber gloves when field dressing or handling any dead animal.
- ✓ Bone out the meat from your animal. Don't saw through bone if you can avoid it, and avoid cutting through the brain or spinal cord.
- ✓ Minimize the handling of brain and spinal tissues.
- ✓ Wash hands and instruments thoroughly after field dressing is completed.

LIMITED ENTRY BISON SHARED HUNTS

OMINECA/PEACE REGION 7 (See **Map 7M** for boundaries)

All Bison hunts are open only to single applicants or SHARED groups of up to four applicants. Please see the "SHARED HUNTS" section of this synopsis for more details.

Hunt Code	Area	M.U.	Zone	Season Dates	Class of Animal	Tentative Number of Authorizations Available	2017 First Choice Odds
0001	Liard	7-57*	A	Oct 1-Oct 15	Either Sex	10	187.4:1
0002	Liard	7-57*	A	Oct 16-Oct 31	Either Sex	10	105.4:1
0003	Liard	7-57*	A	Nov 1-Nov 15	Either Sex	10	51.2:1
0004	Liard	7-57*	A	Nov 16-Nov 30	Either Sex	10	68.2:1
0005	Liard	7-57*	A	Dec 1-Dec 15	Either Sex	10	56.3:1
0006	Liard	7-57*	A	Dec 16-Dec 31	Either Sex	15	29.2:1
0007	Liard	7-57*	A	Jan 1/19-Jan 15/19	Either Sex	10	68.5:1
0008	Liard	7-57*	A	Jan 16/19-Jan 31/19	Either Sex	10	33.6:1
0009	Liard	7-57**	B	Oct 1-Oct 15	Either Sex	20	64.9:1
0010	Liard	7-57**	B	Oct 16-Oct 31	Either Sex	25	46.2:1
0011	Liard	7-57**	B	Nov 5-Nov 19	Either Sex	20	37.2:1
0012	Liard	7-57**	B	Nov 20-Dec 5	Either Sex	20	24.7:1
0013	Liard	7-57**	B	Dec 6-Dec 20	Either Sex	18	40.4:1
0014	Liard	7-57**	B	Jan 1/19-Jan 15/19	Either Sex	18	35.2:1
0015	Liard	7-57**	B	Jan 16/19-Jan 31/19	Either Sex	18	42.6:1

* Also includes portions of M.U. 7-58. ** Also includes portions of M.U. 7-42.

Limited motorized access with snow machines is likely to be necessary for November and December but snow depths may vary greatly from year to year.

A Bison species licence will be available only by mail and a few select Service BC offices and only to those persons successfully drawn for a Limited Entry Bison authorization.

Hunters are prohibited from using a weapon other than:

- a) a rifle that fires a 175 grain or larger bullet retaining 2712 joules (2000 foot pounds) or more energy at 100 metres, or
- b) a bow having a pull greater than 22.6 kg within the archer's draw length, an arrow greater than 26 grams in weight and a broadhead greater than 8.1 grams in weight and 2.2 cm in width at its widest point.

Hunters are reminded that under Section 35(2) of the *Wildlife Act*, anyone who kills or injures wildlife must make a reasonable attempt to retrieve that wildlife, and if it is alive, to kill it. This is particularly important with Bison.

END OF LIMITED ENTRY BISON SHARED HUNTS

BLACK BEAR

Effective April 11, 2018, the General Open Season for black bear on Haida Gwaii was closed and replaced with a Limited Entry Hunting season. In 2018, the LEH draw for black bear on Haida Gwaii will be conducted through the main LEH draw (deadline for applications May 25, 2018). In future years the LEH draw for black bear on Haida Gwaii will be conducted during the spring draw, at the same time as Skeena Sheep. Hunters that obtain an LEH authorization for black bear on Haida Gwaii may hunt in both the spring and fall season.

Use Hunt Code 8001 to apply for the 2018 hunt and Hunt Code 8002 to apply for the 2019 hunt in the spring of 2019.

SKEENA REGION 6

Hunt Code	Area	M.U.	Zone	Season Dates	Class of Animal	Tentative Number of Authorizations Available	2017 First Choice Odds
8001	Haida Gwaii	6-12*		Apr 1-Jun 30 & Sept 1-Nov 30/18	Adult only	4	N/A

* Also includes M.U. 6-13. The black bear bag limit on Haida Gwaii is 1 per license year.

*****2019 EARLY BLACK BEAR DRAW REGION 6*****

The application deadline for the spring 2019 draw is February 8, 2019.

SKEENA REGION 6

Hunt Code	Area	M.U.	Zone	Season Dates	Class of Animal	Tentative Number of Authorizations Available	2017 First Choice Odds
8002	Haida Gwaii	6-12*		Apr 1-Jun 30 & Sept 1-Nov 30/19	Adult Only	4	N/A

* Also includes M.U. 6-13. The black bear bag limit on Haida Gwaii is 1 per license year.

CARIBOU

See page 9 for the Spatsizi Moose/Caribou combination hunt.

Refer to 2018-2020 Hunting & Trapping Regulations Synopsis for Compulsory Inspection requirements.

CARIBOO REGION 5

Hunt Code	Area	M.U.	Zone	Season Dates	Class of Animal	Tentative Number of Authorizations Available	2017 First Choice Odds
1001	Itcha Ilgachuz	5-12		Sept 10-Oct 15	5 pt Bulls	38	11.4:1

SKEENA REGION 6 (See **Maps 6B & 6H** for boundaries)

Hunt Code	Area	M.U.	Zone	Season Dates	Class of Animal	Tentative Number of Authorizations Available	2016 First Choice Odds
1002	Spatsizi	6-20	A	Aug 15-Aug 31	Bull only	90	1.1:1
1003	Spatsizi	6-20	A	Sept 1-Sept 15	Bull only	53	1.3:1
1004	Spatsizi	6-20	A	Sept 16-Sept 30	Bull only	53	1.9:1
1005	Spatsizi	6-20	A	Oct 1-Oct 15	Bull only	50	1.3:1
1006	Mount Edziza	6-21	A	Aug 15-Oct 15	5 pt Bulls	10	5.2:1
1007	Atlin	6-25*	A	Aug 15-Oct 15	Bull only	13	26.1:1

* Also includes a portion of M.U. 6-26.

OMINECA/PEACE REGION 7 (See **Map 7K** for boundaries)

Hunt Code	Area	M.U.	Zone	Season Dates	Class of Animal	Tentative Number of Authorizations Available	2017 First Choice Odds
1008	Edozadelly	7-39	D	Aug 15-Oct 15	Bull only	4	22.8:1

LIMITED ENTRY MOOSE SHARED HUNTS

CARIBOO REGION 5 (See Maps 5C, 5E, 5F & 5G for boundaries)

Table with columns: Hunt Code, Area, M.U., Zone, Season Dates, Class of Animal, Tentative Number of Authorizations Available, 2017 First Choice Odds. Lists various Cariboo hunts from 4180 to 4217.

* Also includes Zone C of M.U. 5-04. ** Compulsory inspection required.

★ A portion of these hunts are within Aboriginal Title Lands where access is restricted. See Map 5F. There is no consent by Tsilhqot'in National Government to hunt on Aboriginal Title Lands.

+ This hunt is currently under review and may be closed for the 2018 season

◆ The tentative number of authorizations for 5-01, 5-02B, 5-02C, 5-13A, 5-13B, 5-13C, and 5-14 will be available online prior to opening date for applications.

LIMITED ENTRY MOOSE SHARED HUNTS

OMINECA/PEACE REGION 7 (See Maps 7A & 7B for boundaries)

Table with columns: Hunt Code, Area, M.U., Zone, Season Dates, Class of Animal, Tentative Number of Authorizations Available, 2017 First Choice Odds. Lists various Prince George hunts from 4247 to 4287.

+ Where a hunter chooses to harvest a cow rather than a calf, please select a cow without calves.

SKEENA REGION 6 (See Maps 6G, 6I & 6J for boundaries)

The Ministry is offering a combination hunt in the Spatsizi for one Moose and one Caribou. See Hunt Code 4218 to apply. Persons successful in drawing a Moose/Caribou authorization may hunt for both Moose and Caribou. Please note that you may only enter one application per LEH species per year and if you apply for this combination hunt you may not apply for any other Moose or Caribou hunt.

Please refer to the 2018-2020 Hunting & Trapping Regulations Synopsis for Compulsory Inspection requirements.

Table with columns: Hunt Code, Area, M.U., Zone, Season Dates, Class of Animal, Tentative Number of Authorizations Available, 2017 First Choice Odds. Lists combination hunt 4218 and regular hunts 4219 to 4246.

* Also includes portions of M.U. 6-03 and 6-11.

** Also includes portions of M.U. 6-17 and 6-18. See Map 6G

Table with columns: Hunt Code, Area, M.U., Zone, Season Dates, Class of Animal, Tentative Number of Authorizations Available, 2017 First Choice Odds. Lists various Prince George hunts from 4288 to 4337.

MOUNTAIN GOAT

KOOTENAY REGION 4 (See Maps 4A, 4D & 4G for boundaries)

Table with 9 columns: Hunt Code, Area, M.U., Zone, Season Dates, Class of Animal, Tentative Number of Authorizations Available, 2017 First Choice Odds. Lists 5054 to 5088 with details for Kootenay region.

Persons successful in drawing an LEH authorization for a Kootenay Region Mountain Goat may hunt from September 1 to September 9 using ARCHERY EQUIPMENT ONLY.

Mountain Goat are sensitive to harvest. Hunters are requested to select a male Mountain Goat.

CARIBOO REGION 5 (See Maps 5A, 5B & 5D for boundaries)

Table with 9 columns: Hunt Code, Area, M.U., Zone, Season Dates, Class of Animal, Tentative Number of Authorizations Available, 2017 First Choice Odds. Lists 5089 to 5100 with details for Cariboo region.

Mountain Goat are sensitive to harvest. Hunters are requested to select a male Mountain Goat.

★ This zone lies partially within Aboriginal Title Lands where access is restricted. Primary access to this zone is through Aboriginal Title Lands where access is restricted. See Map 5B. There is no consent by Tsilhqot'in National Government for exercising limited entry hunt authorizations on Aboriginal Title Lands.

SKEENA REGION 6 (See Maps 6A, 6B, 6C, 6D & 6F for boundaries)

Table with 9 columns: Hunt Code, Area, M.U., Zone, Season Dates, Class of Animal, Tentative Number of Authorizations Available, 2017 First Choice Odds. Lists 5101 to 5122 with details for Skeena region.

MOUNTAIN GOAT

SKEENA REGION 6 (See Maps 6A, 6B, 6C, 6D & 6F for boundaries)

Table with 9 columns: Hunt Code, Area, M.U., Zone, Season Dates, Class of Animal, Tentative Number of Authorizations Available, 2017 First Choice Odds. Lists 5123 to 5142 with details for Skeena region.

* Also includes a portion of M.U. 6-04
** Also includes a portion of M.U. 6-03
*** Also includes a portion of M.U. 6-22
+ Also includes portions of M.U. 6-26 & 6-27
++ Also includes a portion of M.U. 6-28, but excludes Chilko National Historic Site
+++ Also includes a portion of M.U. 6-07

Mountain Goat are sensitive to harvest. Hunters are requested to select a male Mountain Goat.

OMINECA/PEACE REGION 7 (See Maps 7C, 7D, 7E, 7F, 7J, 7L, & 7N for boundaries)

Table with 9 columns: Hunt Code, Area, M.U., Zone, Season Dates, Class of Animal, Tentative Number of Authorizations Available, 2017 First Choice Odds. Lists 5143 to 5181 with details for Omineca/Peace region.

* Also includes a portion of M.U. 7-19
** Excludes Monkman Park (closed to hunting)
+ Also includes a portion of M.U. 7-22
++ Also includes portions of M.U. 7-21

Mountain Goat are sensitive to harvest. Hunters are requested to select a male Mountain Goat.

Record of Receipt for Transporting Wildlife

Date: _____ Place of Receipt: _____

Species: _____ Species Sex: _____

Name, Address and phone of person who killed the animal: _____

Fish and Wildlife Identification Number or NRH number of person who killed the animal: _____

Species Licence Number under which the animal was taken: _____

Name and Address of the person to whom the wildlife parts are to be delivered: _____

Signature of hunter: _____ Witness: _____

For wildlife or parts of wildlife destined for taxidermists, tanners, meatcutters, fur traders and cold storage plant operators the following information is required.

Date of kill: _____

Fish and Wildlife Identification Number or NRH number: _____ Compulsory Inspection Number (if applicable): _____

In addition to the above, a meatcutter or an operator of a cold storage plant, must immediately upon receiving wildlife or wildlife parts, record what was received, whether directly or through an agent, describing:

Species: _____ Species Sex: _____

Management Unit in which the species was harvested: _____

HUNTING ETHICS

It is extremely important for hunters to realize that they use a public resource! With this privilege it is vital to maintain a perception among the public that we hunt in an ethical and humane manner. The majority of British Columbians support hunting to one degree or another, but there is a prevalent misunderstanding among the general public as to the role that hunters play in conservation and environmental stewardship. Fuelling that misunderstanding are images and media reports of hunters who are at least perceived to be acting in a less than upstanding manner, or who disrespect the wildlife they pursue.

It is important for all of us to remember not only the legal obligations, but also the unwritten rules of ethics that keep hunting a great sport.

- Safety for yourself, your companions, and the public is the most important aspect of hunter training. Hunting accidents continue to be very rare because we all know that there is no room for recklessness at the expense of safety and courtesy.
- Have respect for the sensitivities of others. Do not display your kill or firearms where it may offend other people. What may impress your friends may not have the same effect on your neighbours.
- Respect wildlife and the sanctity of the harvested animals' lives. Strive to make every kill a clean one. Prepare your firearm in advance of, and during, the season to ensure accuracy and dependability. Practice your marksmanship at a licensed firing range, and do not shoot unless you have a clear shot of a vital part of the animal. Remember: "you can't pull the bullet back."
- Prepare the meat properly. Proper handling of meat is easy to learn and to not do so is both illegal and wasteful.

- Respect the environment by packing out everything you packed in! Nobody wants to arrive at a campsite and clean up the mess left by the previous occupants.
- Do not consume drugs or alcohol while hunting.
- Respect private property. Always seek permission from landowners and thank them for the opportunities given. Unless explicitly stated, permission granted once does not entitle you to access the property on subsequent occasions.
- Please respect gates, fences and equipment as they are there for a reason. Leave everything the way you found it.
- Be the eyes and ears for the enforcement agencies and report those who break the law. Remember the RAPP program 1-877-952-7277 (RAPP) or www.rapp.bc.ca.
- Be aware that you are a mentor when youth are observing.
- Respect your fellow hunters. Work with one another to promote good relationships, safety, knowledge and a fair distribution of opportunity and harvest.
- Lead by example, you are an ambassador for the public and media image of hunting.
- Ethical hunters are critical to effective and sustainable wildlife management, and to the ethical hunter we offer our sincerest gratitude; opportunities for the sustainable use of wildlife are possible because of you.

Wild Sheep and Disease

Across most of their historic range in western North America, bighorn sheep (*Ovis canadensis*), declined significantly between the mid-1800s and the mid-1900s. The causes of the decline included over harvesting as well as habitat alienation and health issues. Recovery efforts resulted in population increases in many areas, but not to historic levels. Bighorn sheep in B.C. remain on the BC Conservation Data Centre's provincial blue-list (i.e. the list of ecological communities, and indigenous species and subspecies of special concern in B.C.), partly because of their vulnerability to disease.

Wild sheep in general, both bighorn sheep and thornhorn sheep (*Ovis dalli*), are susceptible to a variety of infectious organisms, in particular those that cause respiratory diseases such as pneumonia. Respiratory disease in wild sheep can occur "naturally" and includes infection by their own species of lungworms as well as bacteria. However, the syndrome of severe, life threatening pneumonia is associated with bacteria that include specific strains of *Pasteurella multocida*, *Mannheimia haemolytica* and *Mycoplasma ovipneumoniae*. These bacteria may be carried by domestic sheep/goats where they may or may not cause disease due to adaptations from thousands of years of domestication. When wild sheep are exposed to such organisms they cannot develop effective immune responses and pneumonia outbreaks can result in die-offs, affecting 5-95% of the herd. The disease may persist in survivors, resulting in years of low lamb survival and population declines. Research efforts have informed North American wild sheep managers that physical separation of wild and domestic sheep/goats is the only management tool currently available to reduce the risk of disease transmission.

To assist in maintaining this separation, producers of domestic sheep and goats on private land in areas shared by wild sheep are encouraged to better understand this issue and to work with wildlife managers (see www.wafwa.org/Documents%20and%20Settings/37/Site%20Documents/Working%20Groups/Wild%20Sheep/Publications/Rec_For_DS_and_GT_Management_in_WS_Habitat.pdf). Options recommended in that publication include switching species to other domestic livestock, using fencing practices that prevent nose-to-nose contact between wild sheep and domestic sheep and goats, employing effective livestock guardian dogs and controlling movements of domestic sheep and goats in areas where they may attract, or be attracted to, wild sheep.

If you observe wild sheep displaying potential signs of poor health (e.g. excessive coughing, running noses, diarrhea, lethargy), or wild sheep that are in the same pasture as domestic sheep and goats, please report it to the RAPP line at 1-877-952-7277, or the local FLNRORD Regional Office. For more information on wild sheep and diseases, please see the documents and webpages developed by the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (www.wafwa.org), the Wild Sheep Foundation (www.wildsheepfoundation.org) and the Wild Sheep Society of BC (www.wildsheepsociety.com). Further, see the Wild Sheep Society of BC's article in this synopsis on the collaborative BC Sheep Separation Program.



NOTICE TO HUNTERS



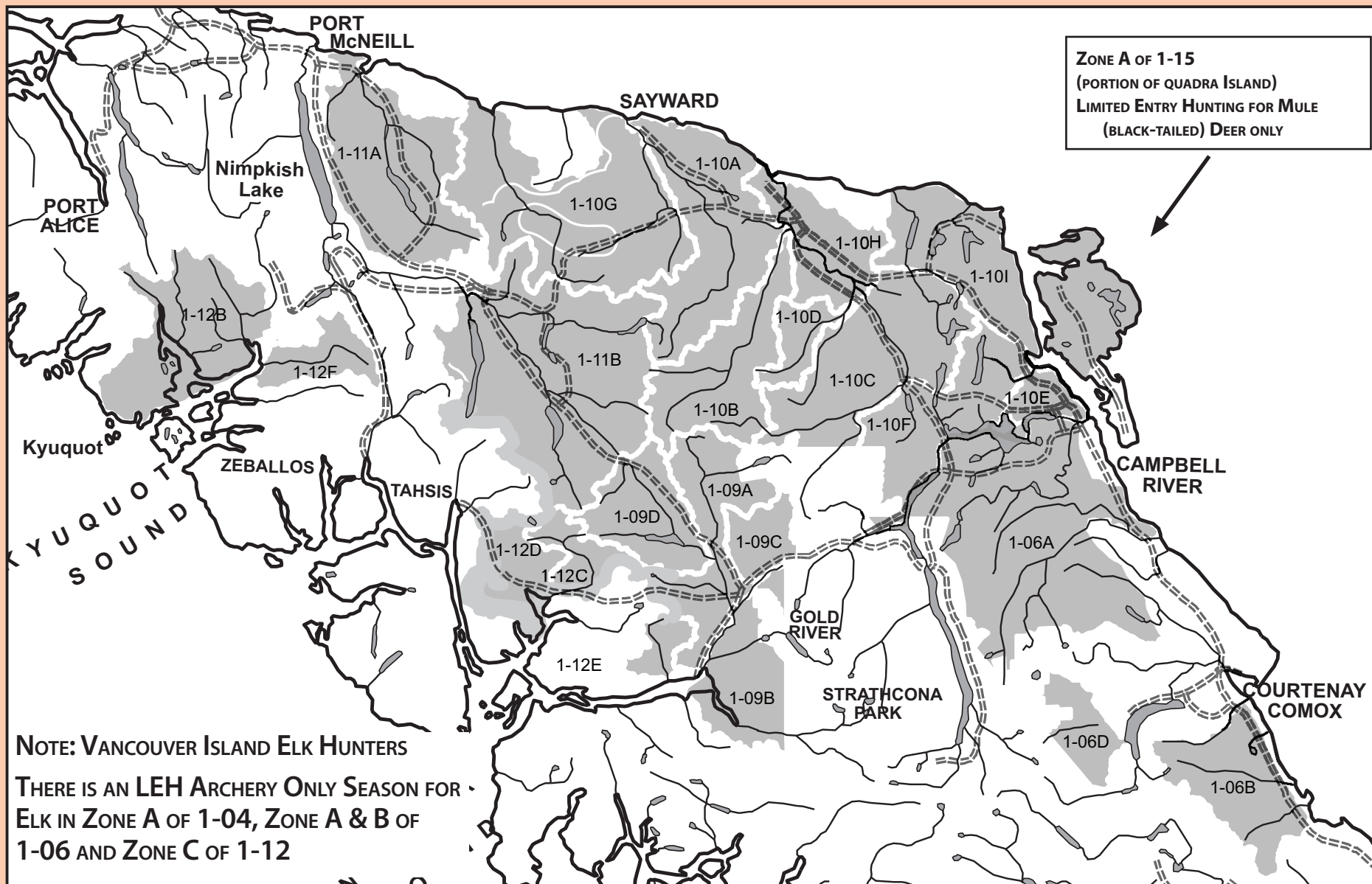
In-season regulation changes are posted on the Fish and Wildlife Branch website. Regulations are subject to change from time to time, and it is the hunter's responsibility to be informed of current regulations.

Please check our website for in-season changes before your hunt: www.gov.bc.ca/hunting
Or subscribe to RSS a new internet-based service that allows users to sign up for instant web updates.
See page 3 for details.

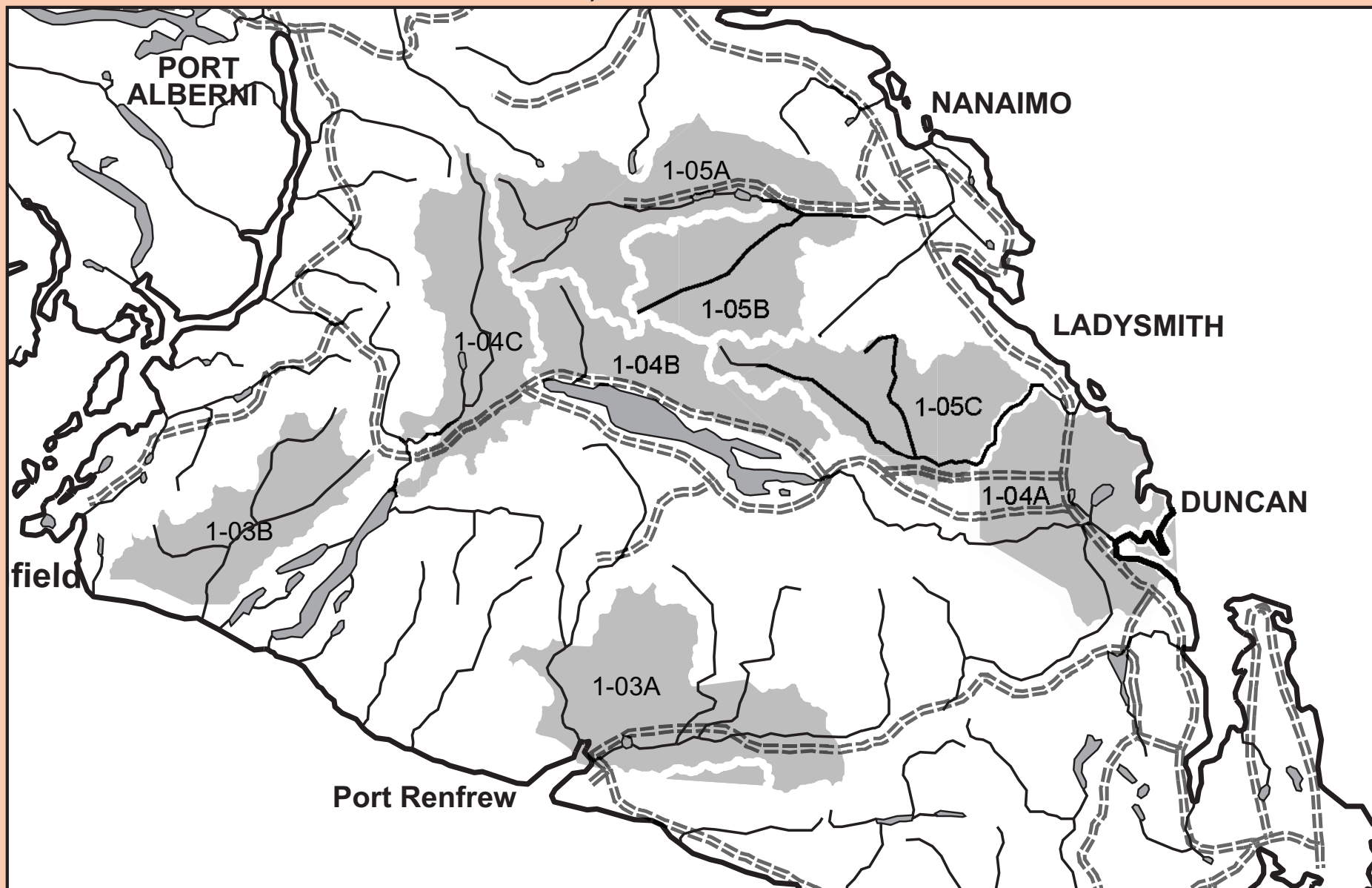
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Region 1

MAP 1A) NORTH/CENTRAL VANCOUVER ISLAND - ELK AND MULE (BLACK-TAILED) DEER



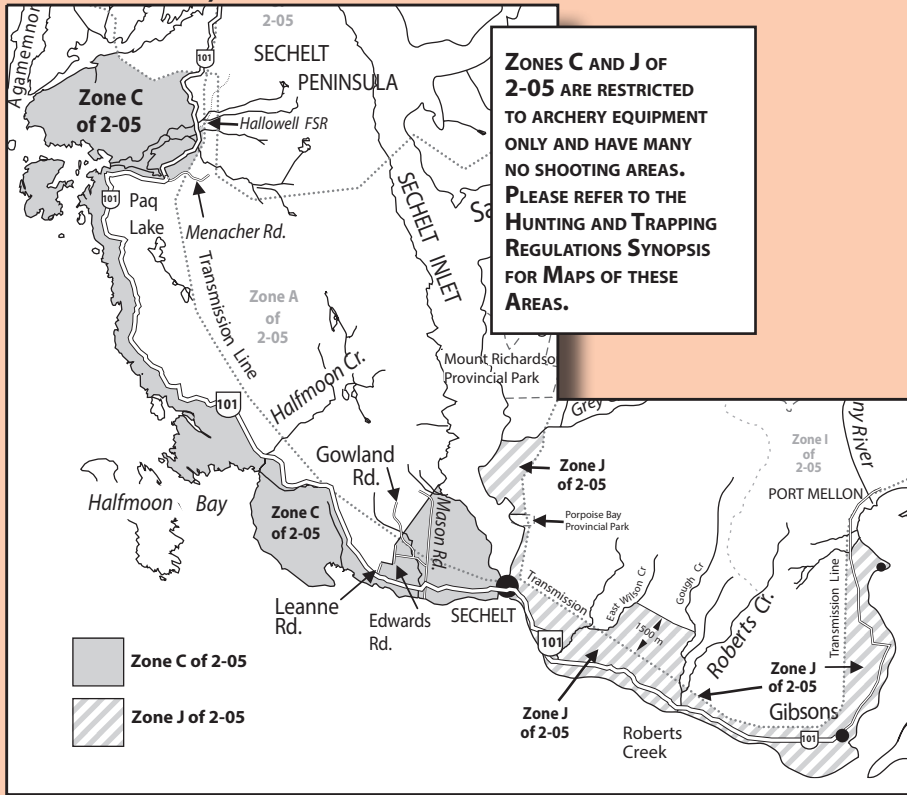
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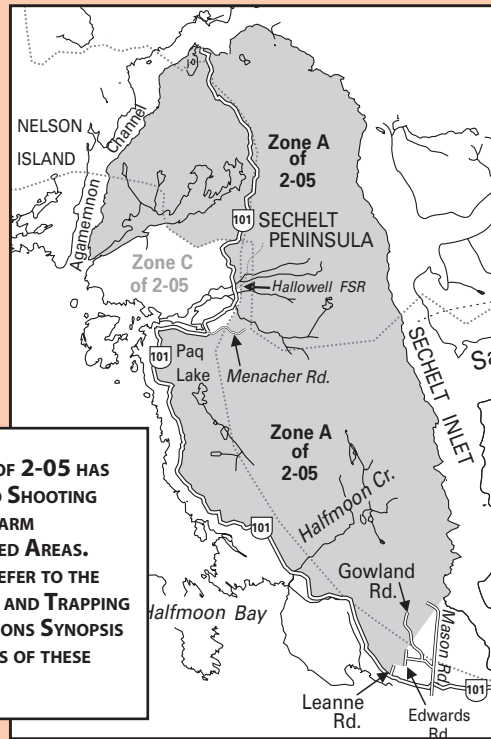
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Region 2

MAP 2A) SECHLT - ELK



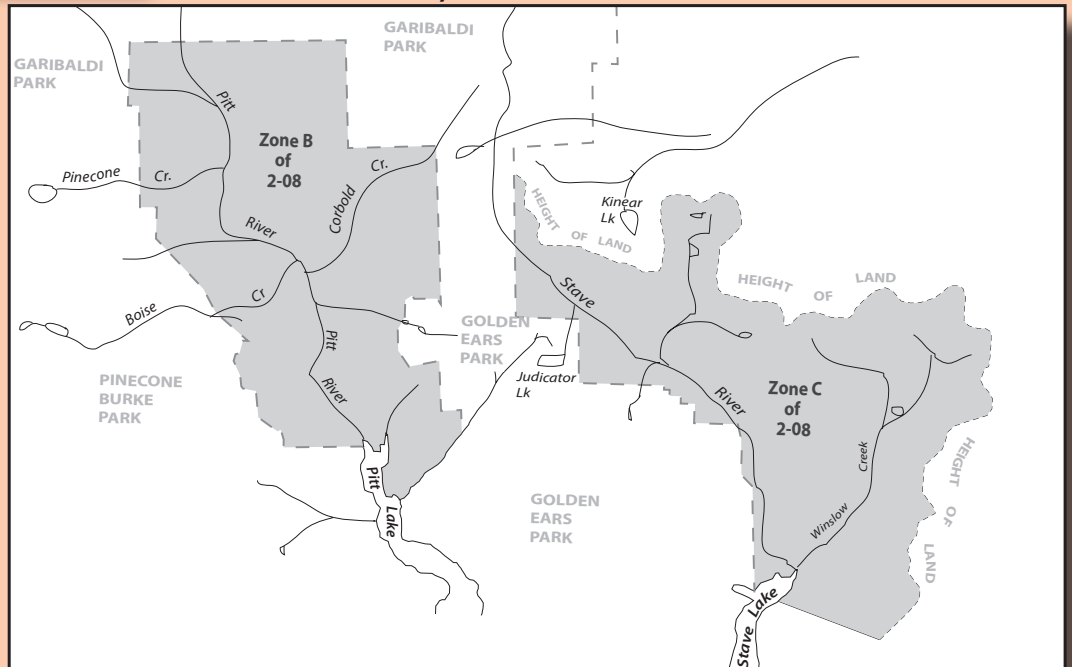
MAP 2B) SECHLT - ELK



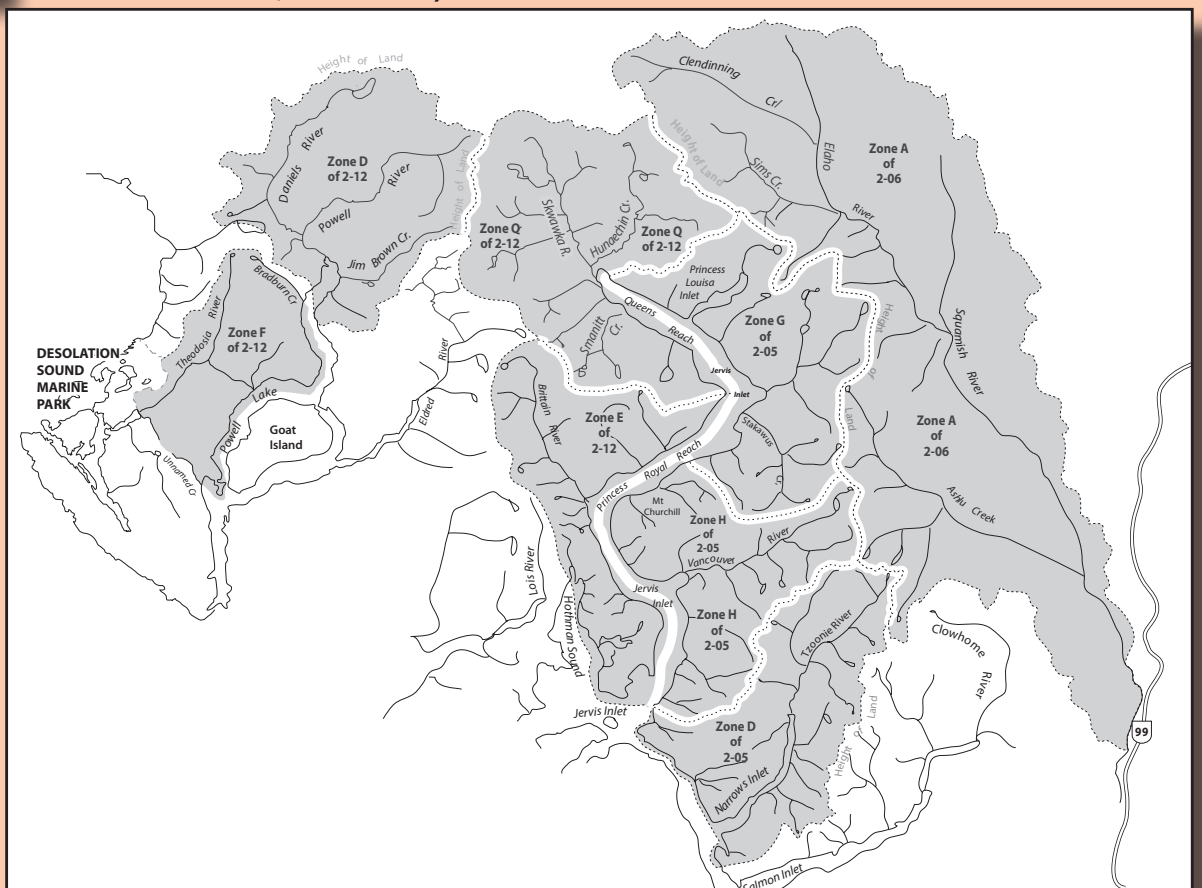
MAP 2C) INDIAN RIVER - ELK



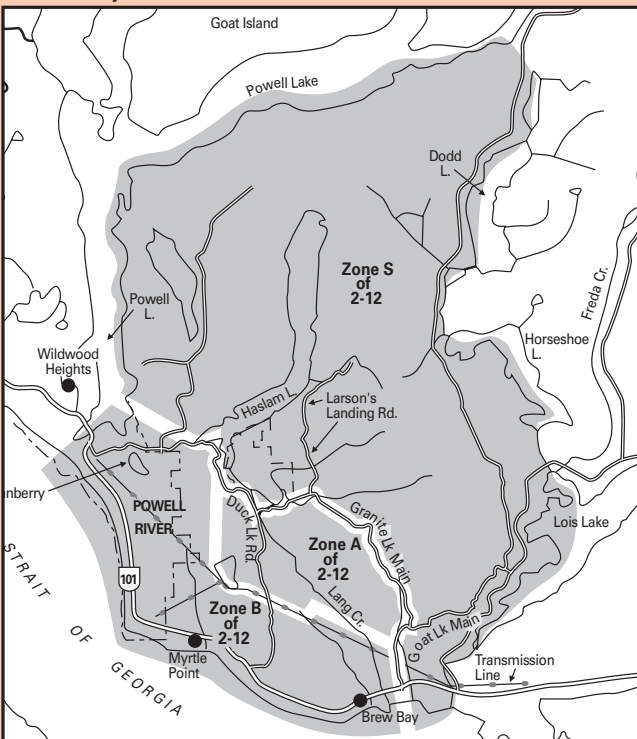
MAP 2D) PITT AND STAVE RIVER - ELK



MAP 2E) NARROW/TZONIE, VANCOUVER RIVER, DESERTED RIVER, BRITAIN RIVER, DANIELS RIVER, SQUAMISH RIVER, SKAWKA RIVER AND THEODOSIA RIVER - ELK



MAP 2E) POWELL RIVER AND STILLWATER RIVER - ELK

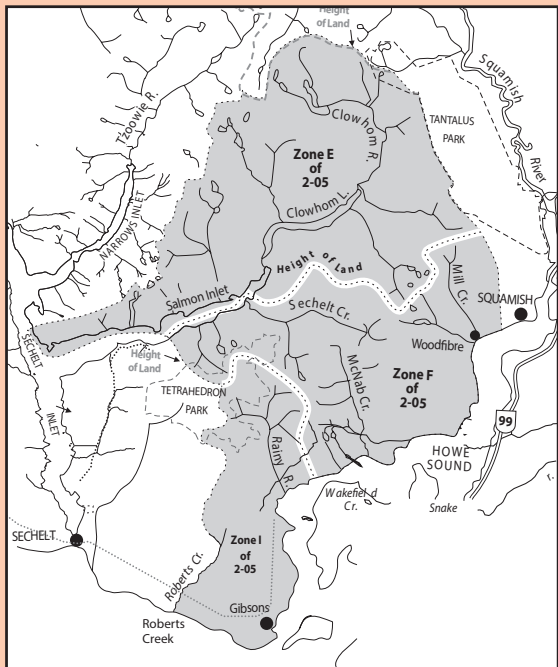


MANAGEMENT UNIT 2-12 HAS MANY FIREARM RESTRICTED AREAS. PLEASE REFER TO THE HUNTING AND TRAPPING REGULATIONS SYNOPSIS FOR MAPS OF THESE AREAS.

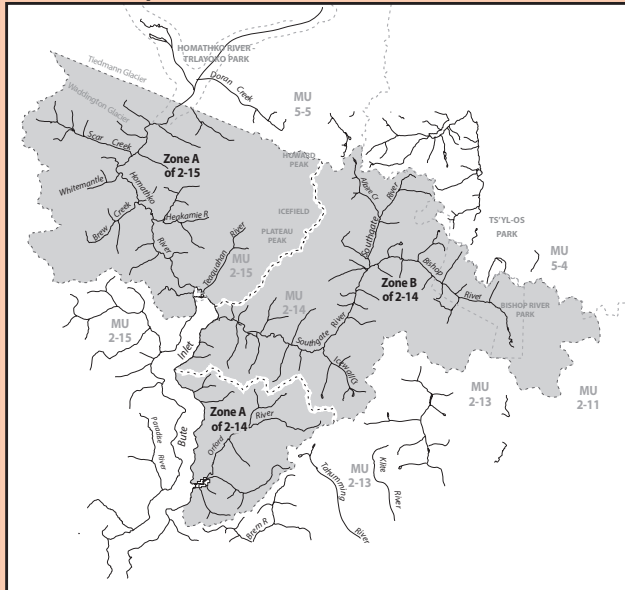
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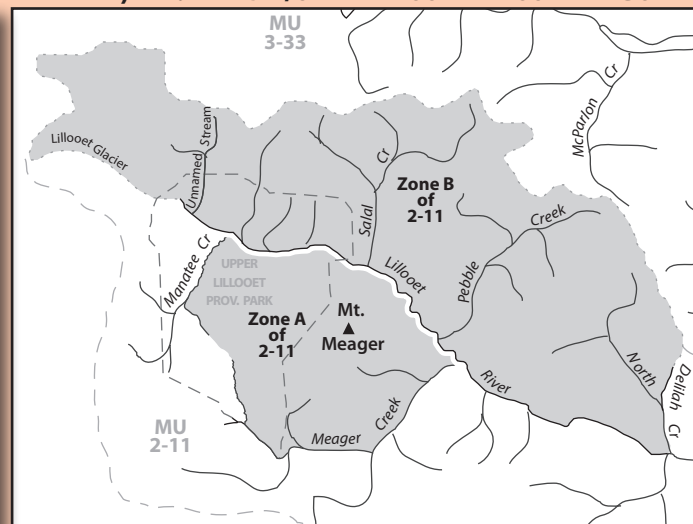
MAP 2G) CLOWHOM/McNAB/RAINY RIVER - ELK



MAP 2H) ORFORD/HOMATHCO/SOUTHGATE - ELK

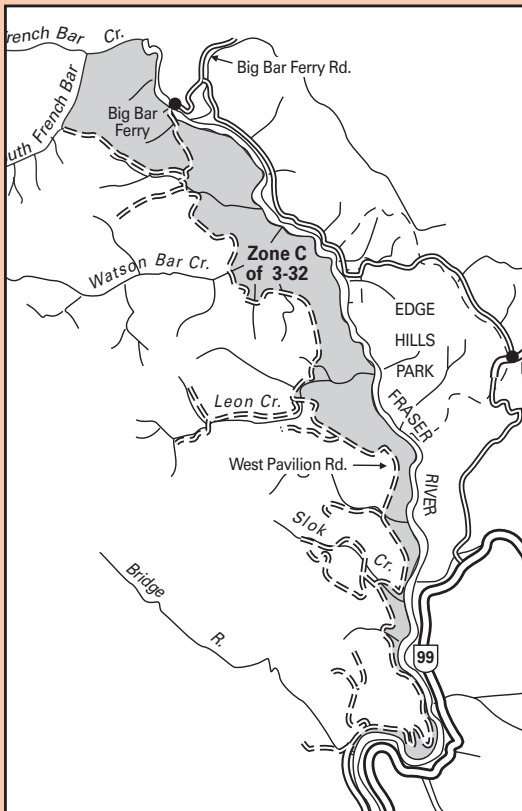


MAP 2I) MT. MEAGER/UPPER LILLOOET - MOUNTAIN GOAT

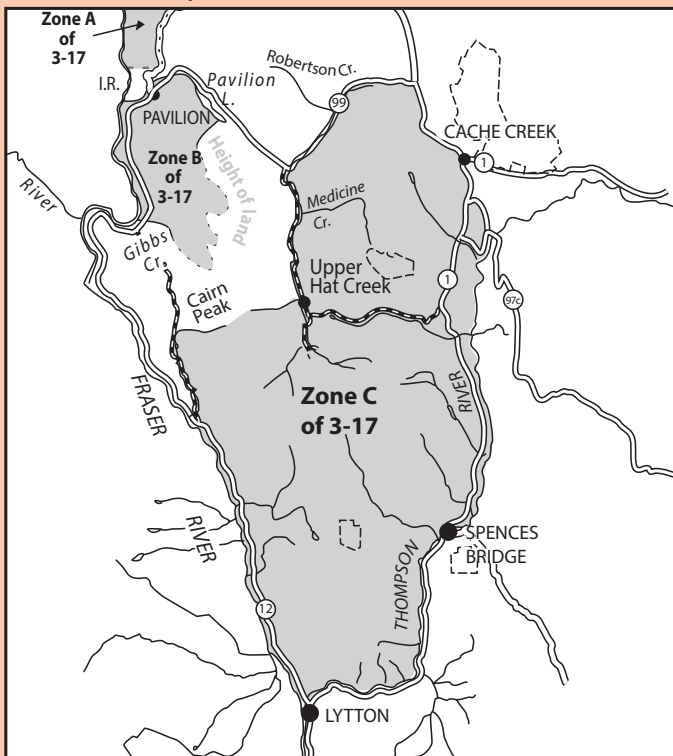


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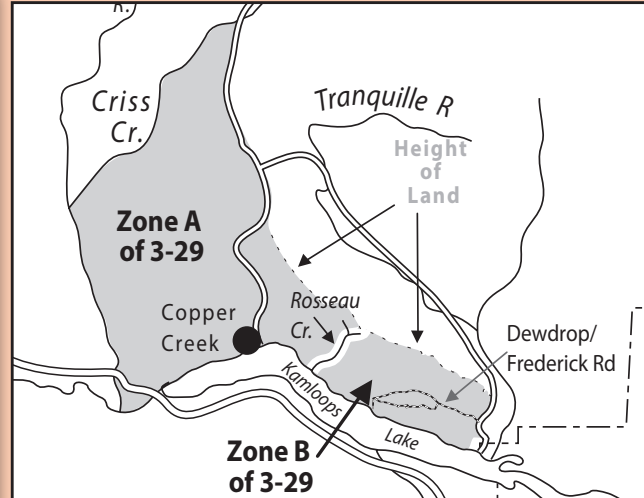
MAP 3A) FRASER RIVER - MOUNTAIN SHEEP



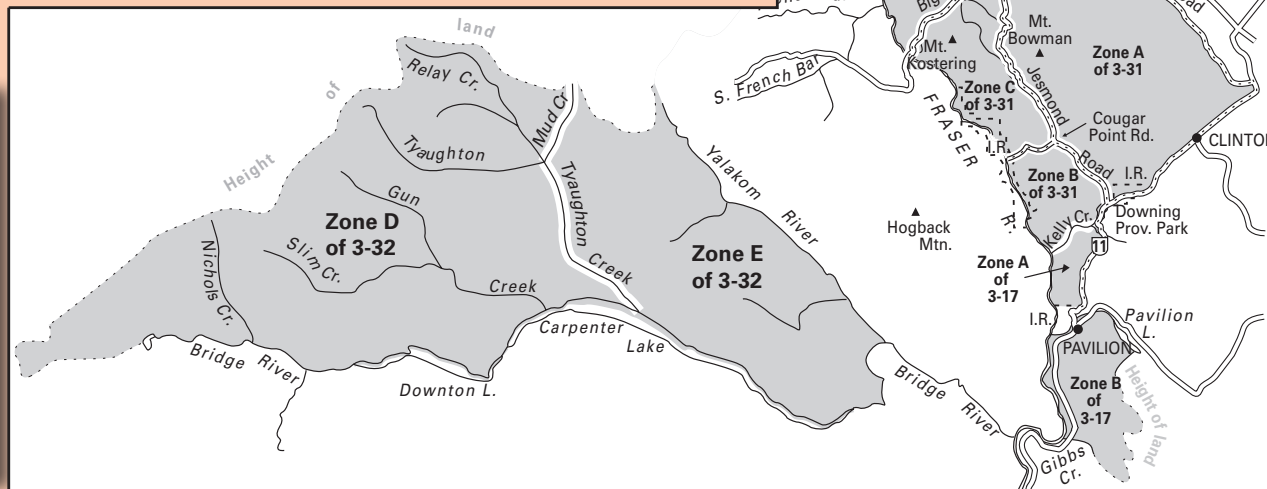
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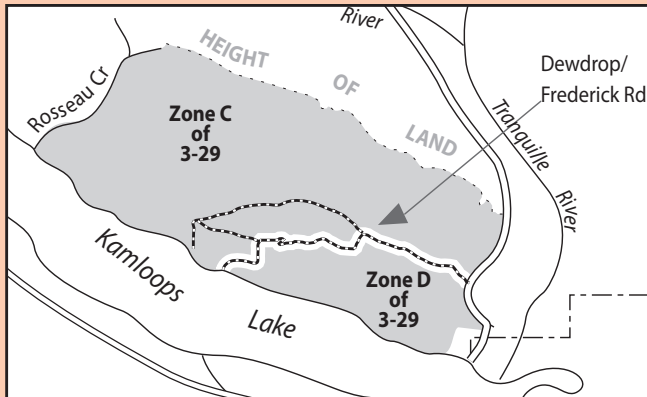
MAP 3C) KAMLOOPS LAKE - MOUNTAIN SHEEP



MAP 3E) RELAY CREEK, SHULAPS RANGE AND FRASER RIVER - MOUNTAIN SHEEP



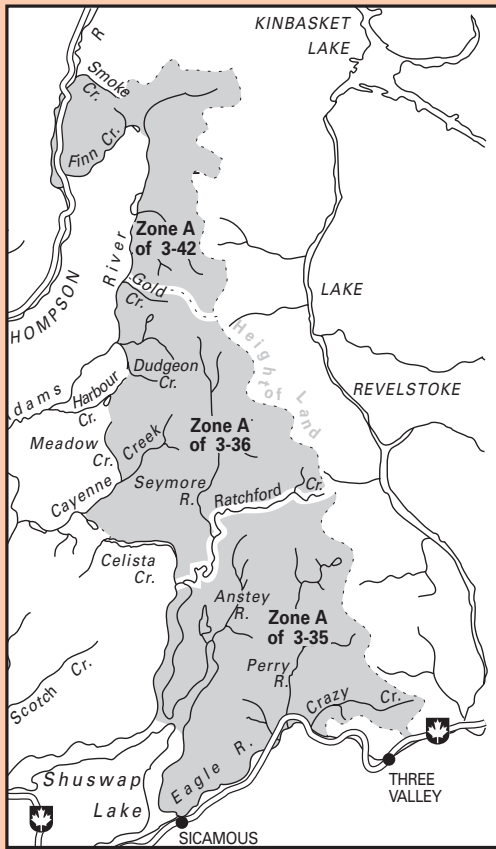
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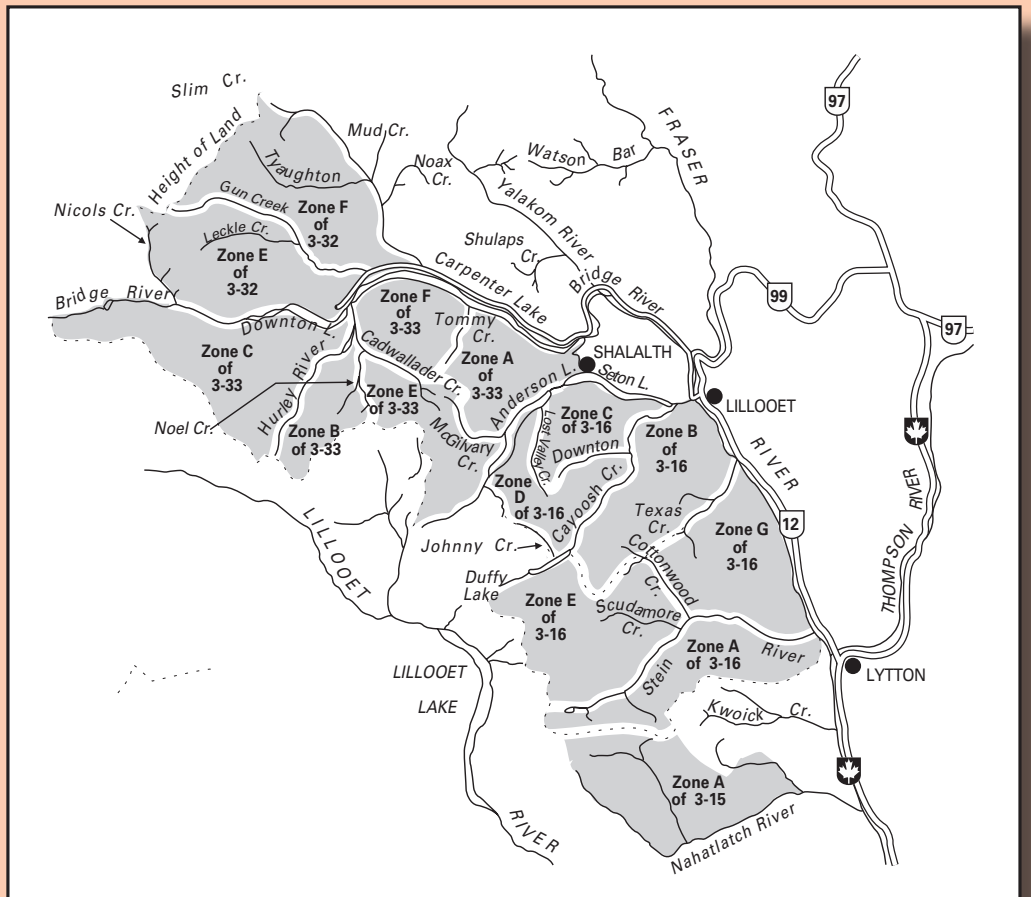
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Region 3

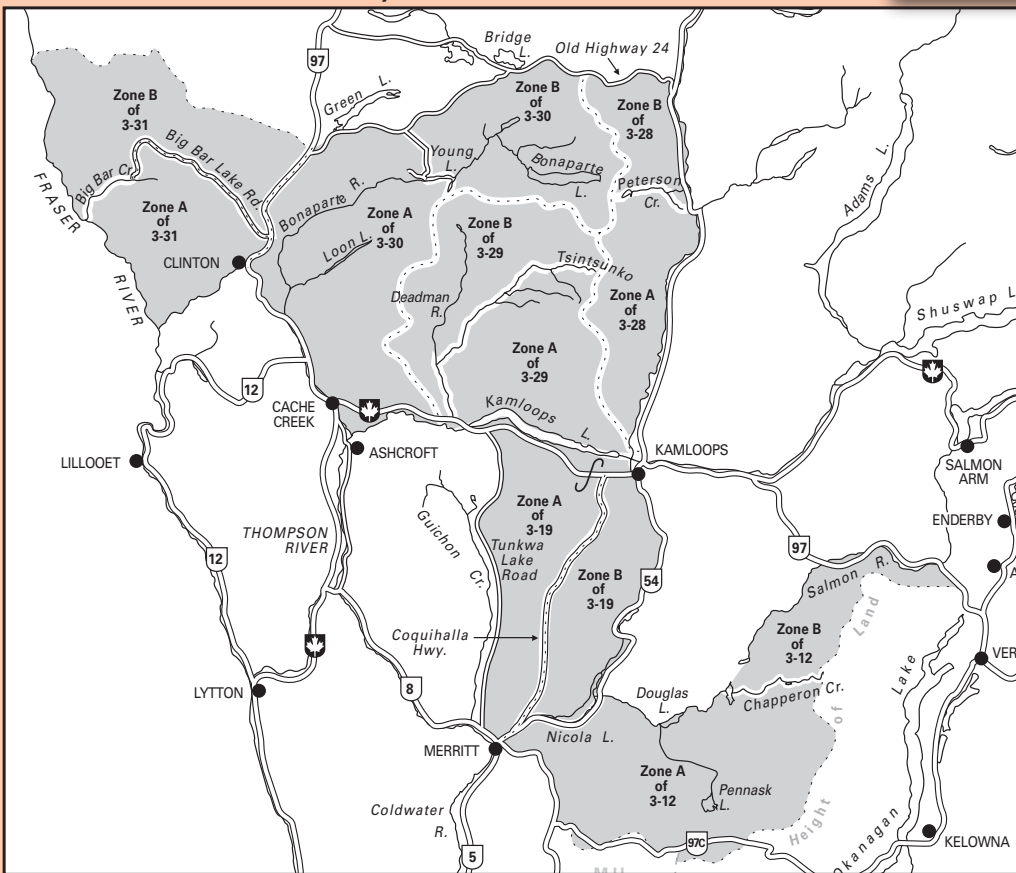
MAP 3F) KAMLOOPS - MOUNTAIN GOAT



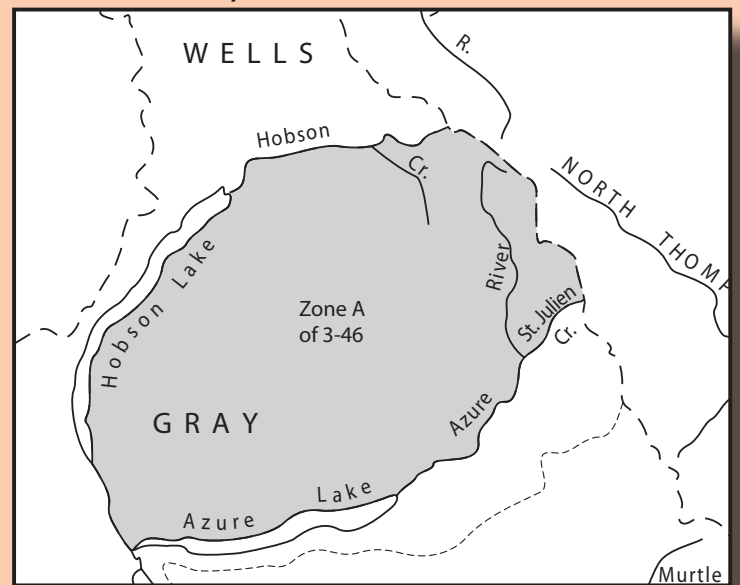
MAP 3G) KAMLOOPS - MOUNTAIN GOAT



MAP 3H) KAMLOOPS - MOOSE

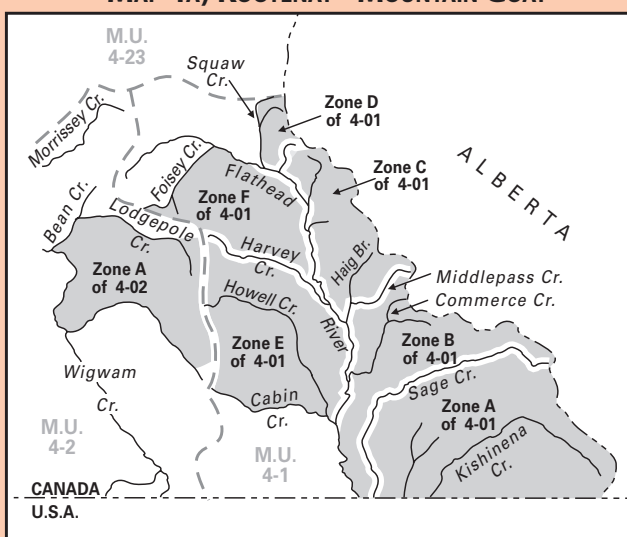


MAP 3I) KAMLOOPS - MOUNTAIN GOAT

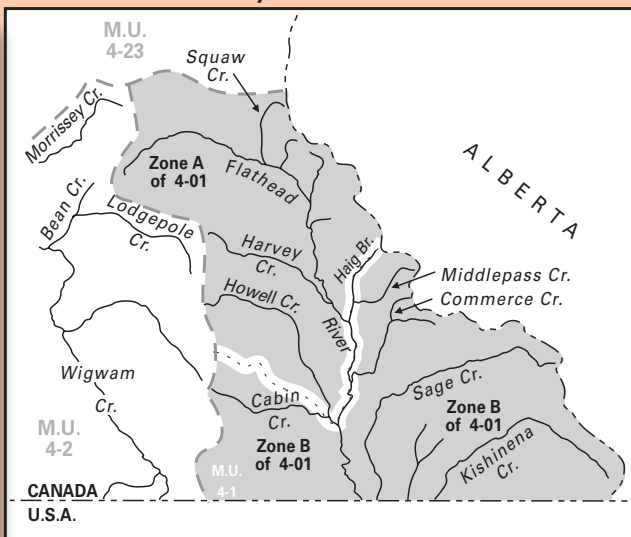


Region 4

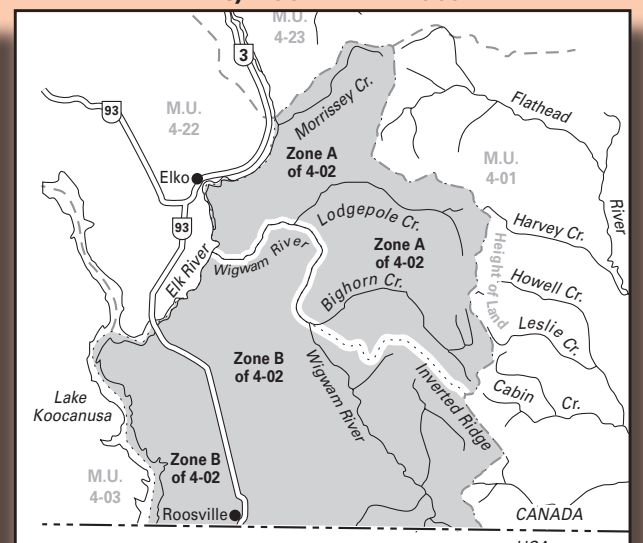
MAP 4A) KOOTENAY - MOUNTAIN GOAT



MAP 4B) KOOTENAY - MOOSE



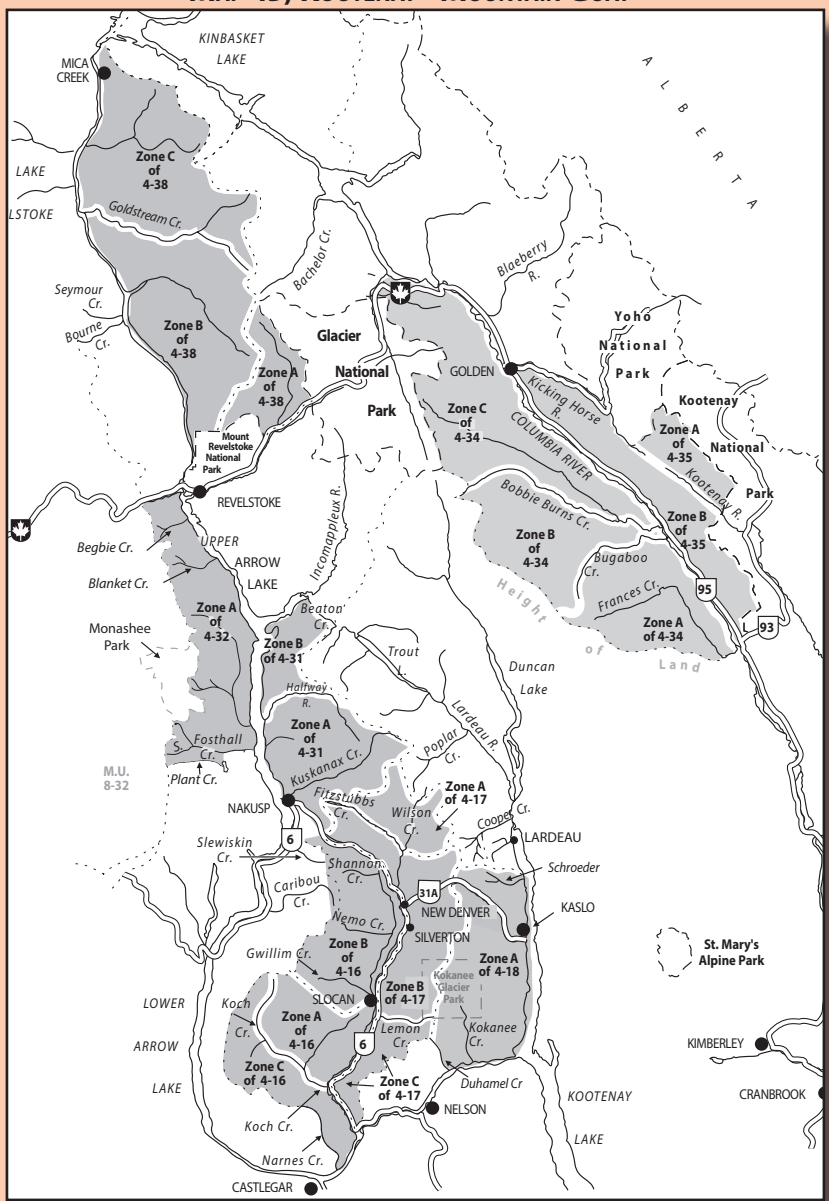
MAP 4C) KOOTENAY - MOOSE



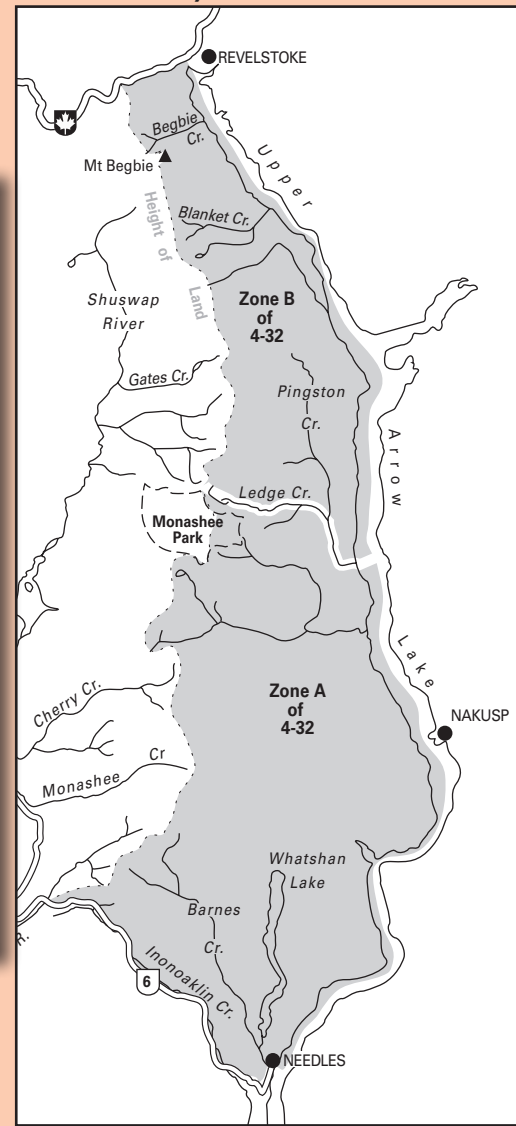
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Region 4

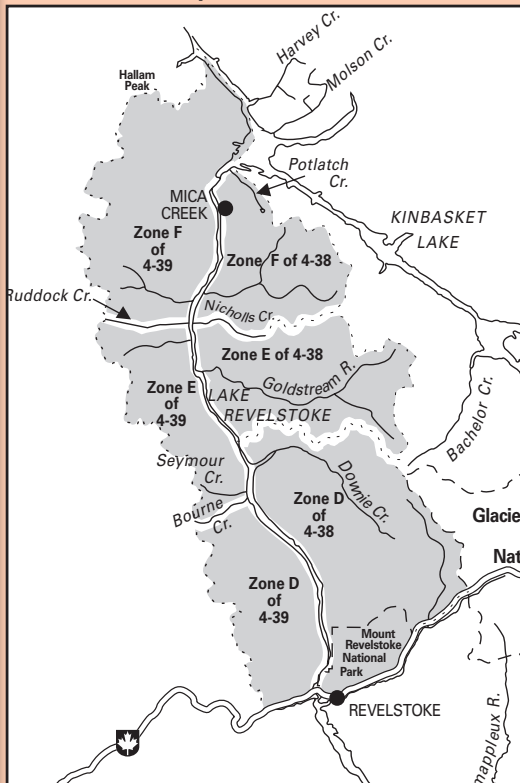
MAP 4D) KOOTENAY - MOUNTAIN GOAT



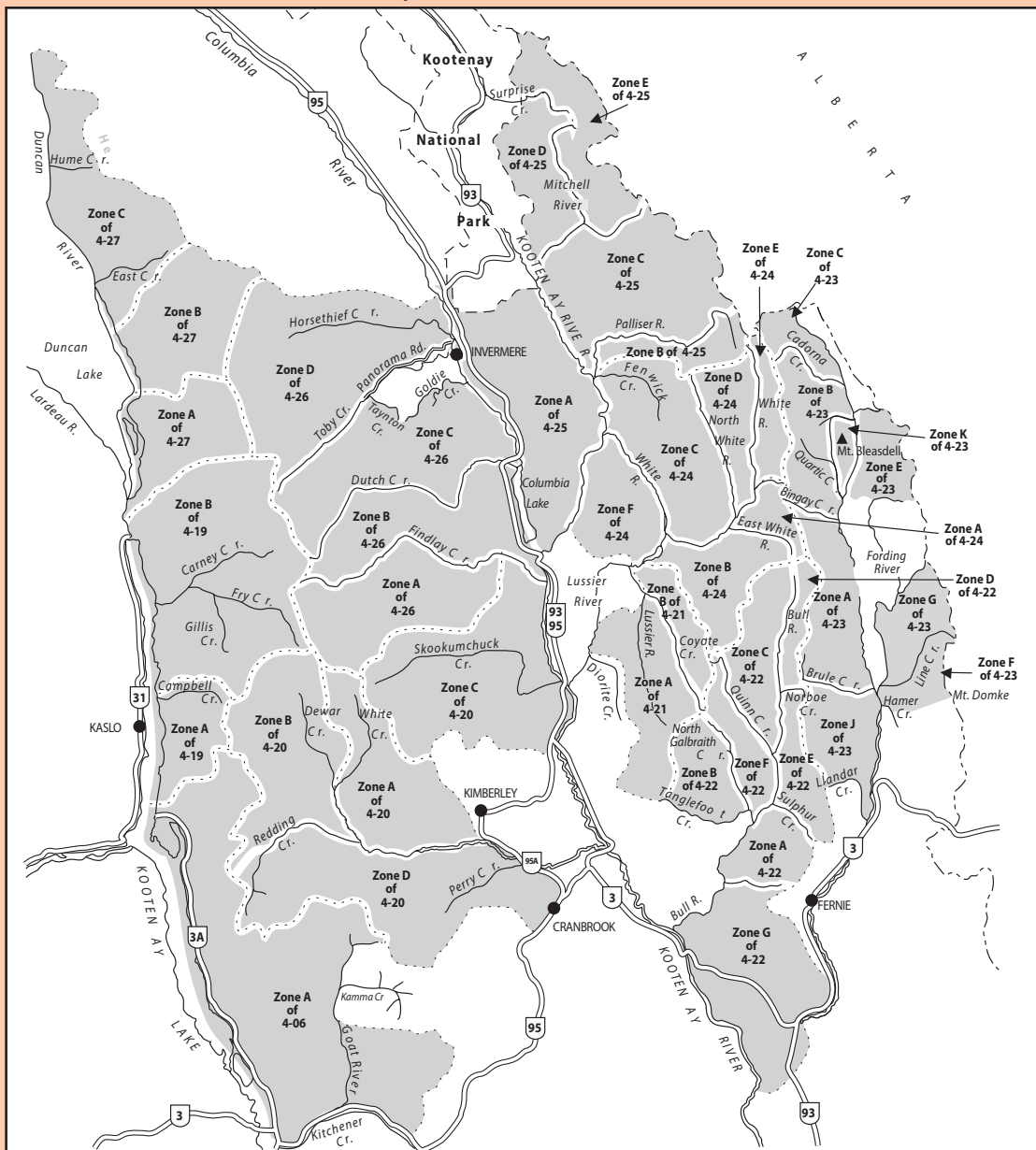
MAP 4F) KOOTENAY - MOOSE



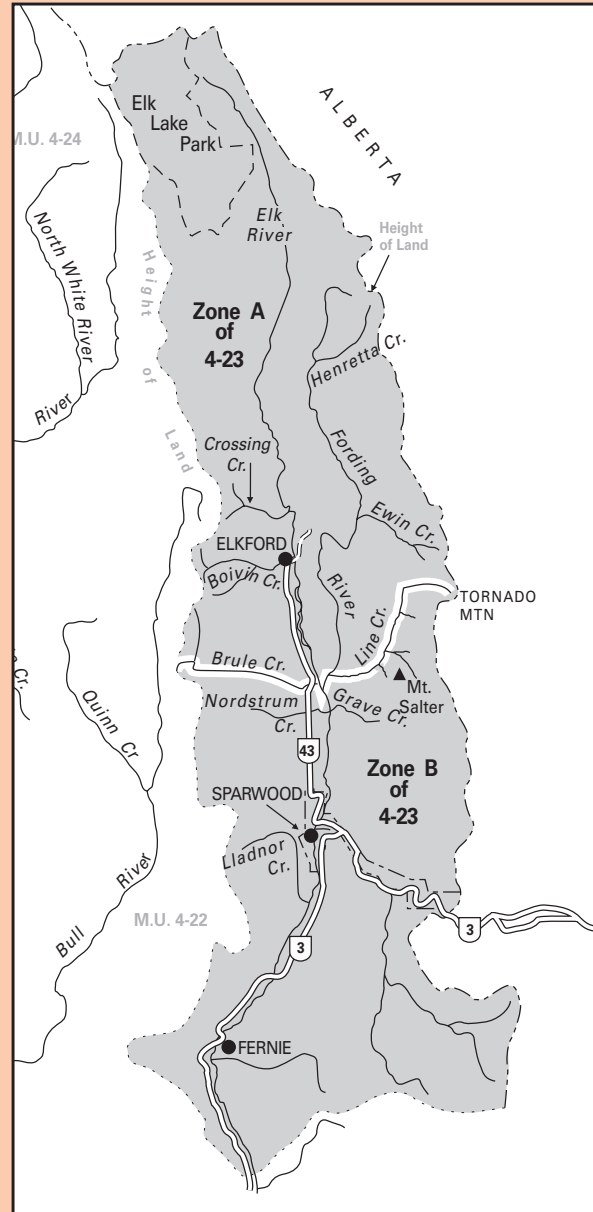
MAP 4E) KOOTENAY - MOOSE



MAP 4G) KOOTENAY - MOUNTAIN GOAT



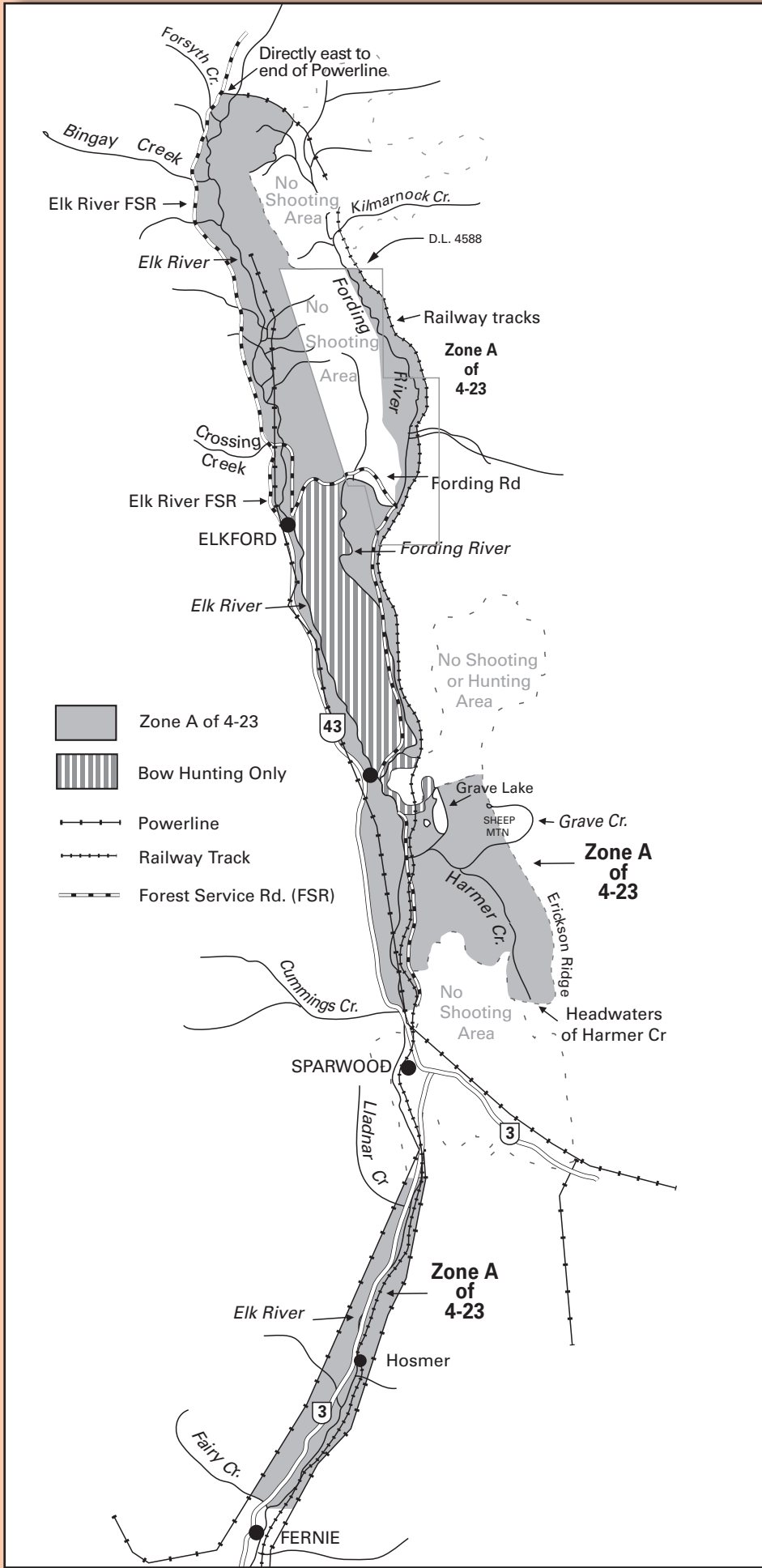
MAP 4H) KOOTENAY - MOOSE



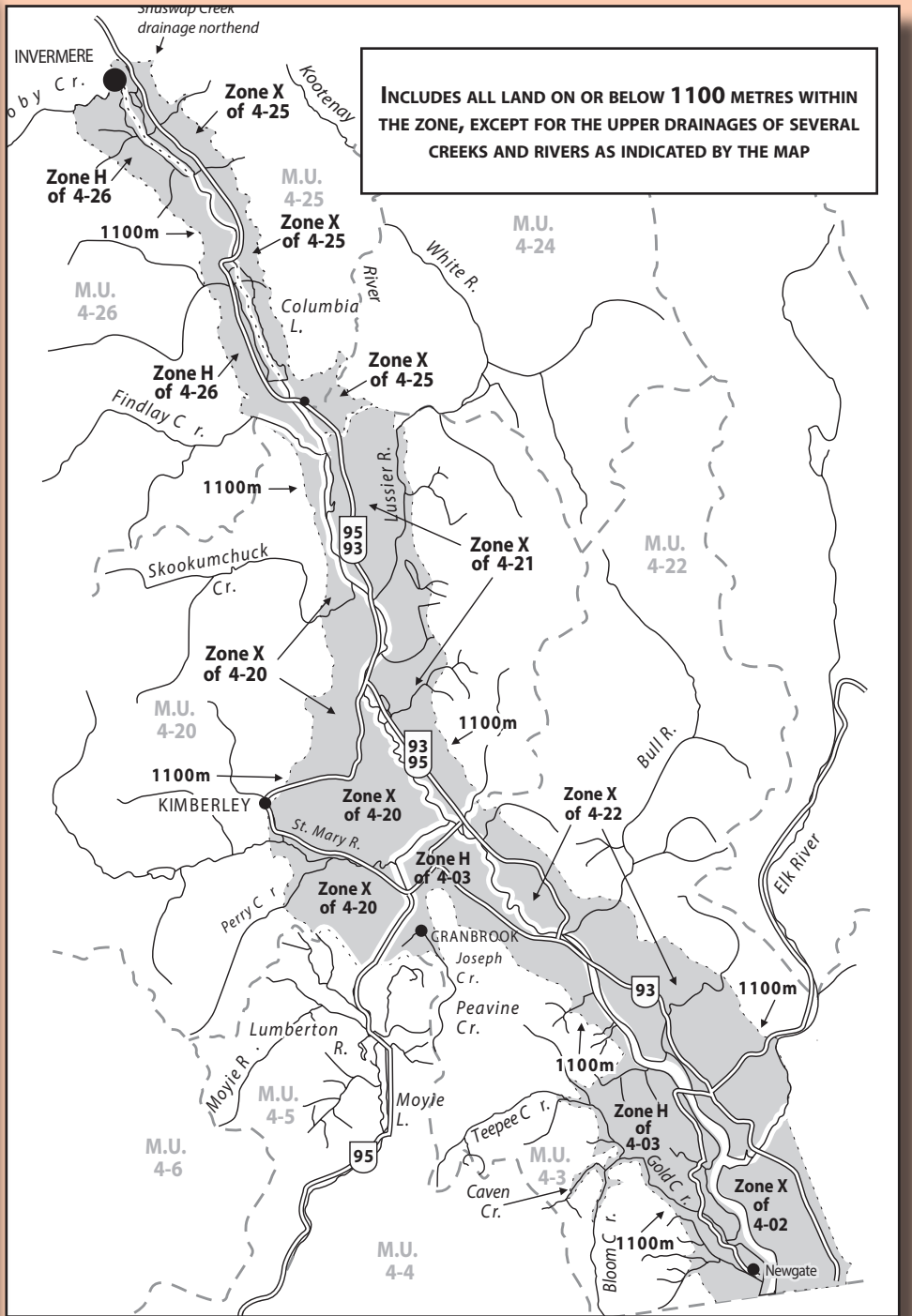
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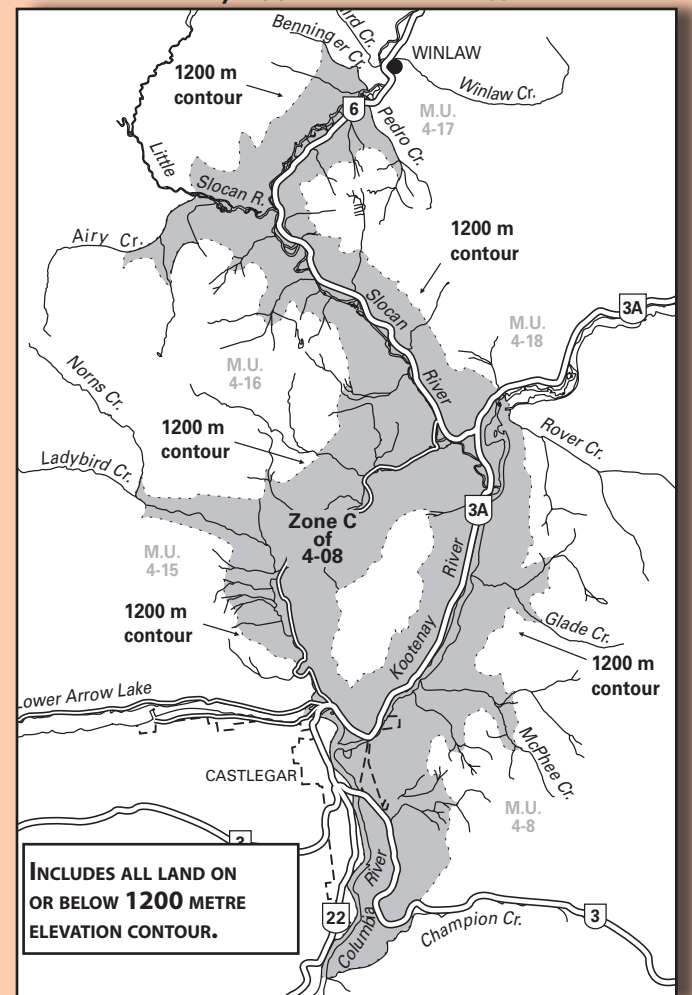
MAP 4I) KOOTENAY - ANTLERLESS ELK



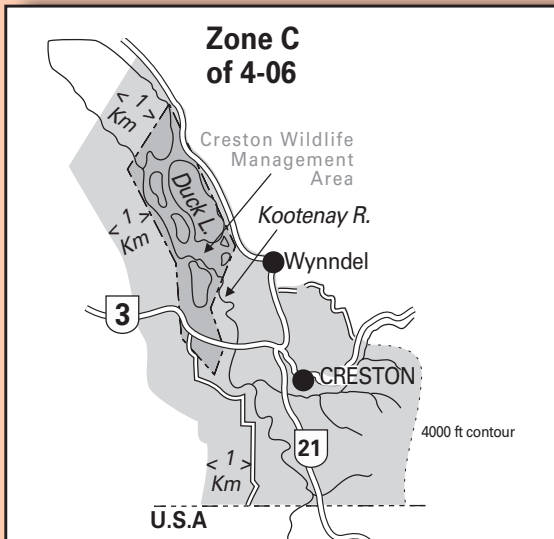
MAP 4J) KOOTENAY - ANTLERLESS ELK



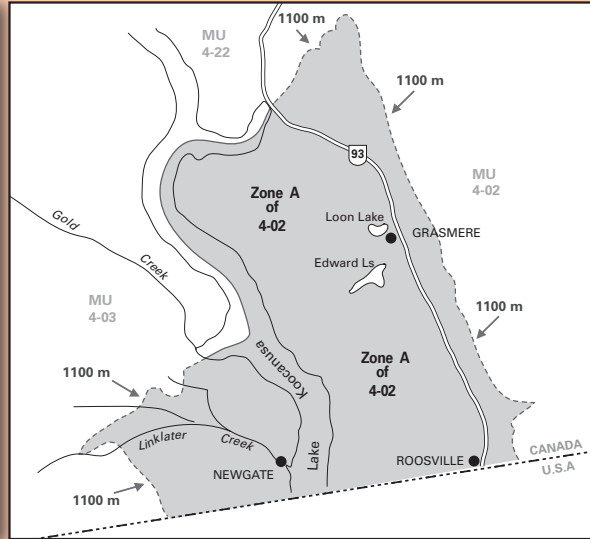
MAP 4K) KOOTENAY - ANTLERLESS ELK



MAP 4L) KOOTENAY - ANTLERLESS ELK



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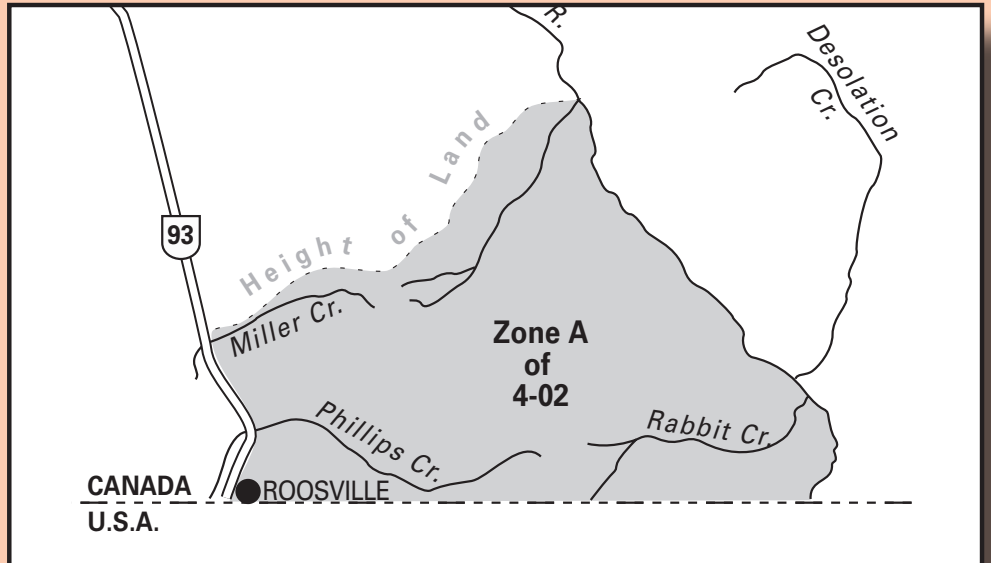
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Region 4

MAP 4N) MT. ASSINIBOINE PARK - MOUNTAIN SHEEP

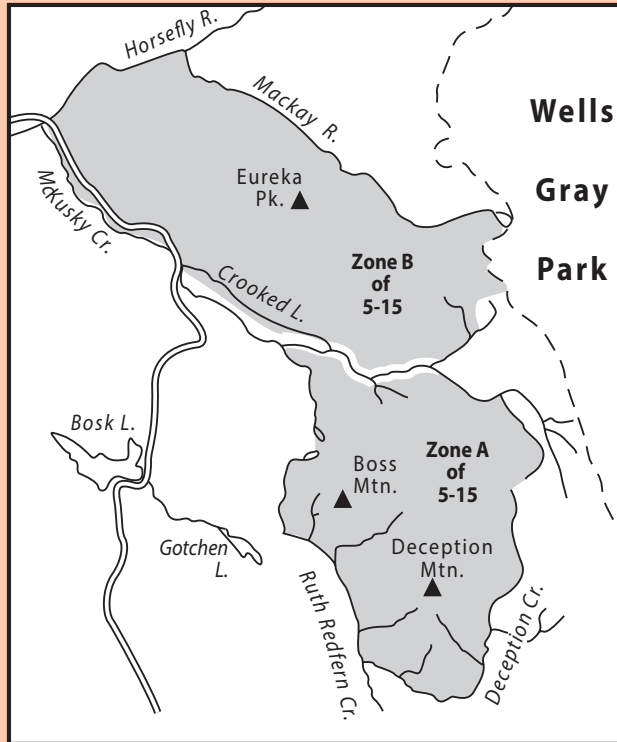


MAP 4O) KOOTENAY - MOUNTAIN SHEEP

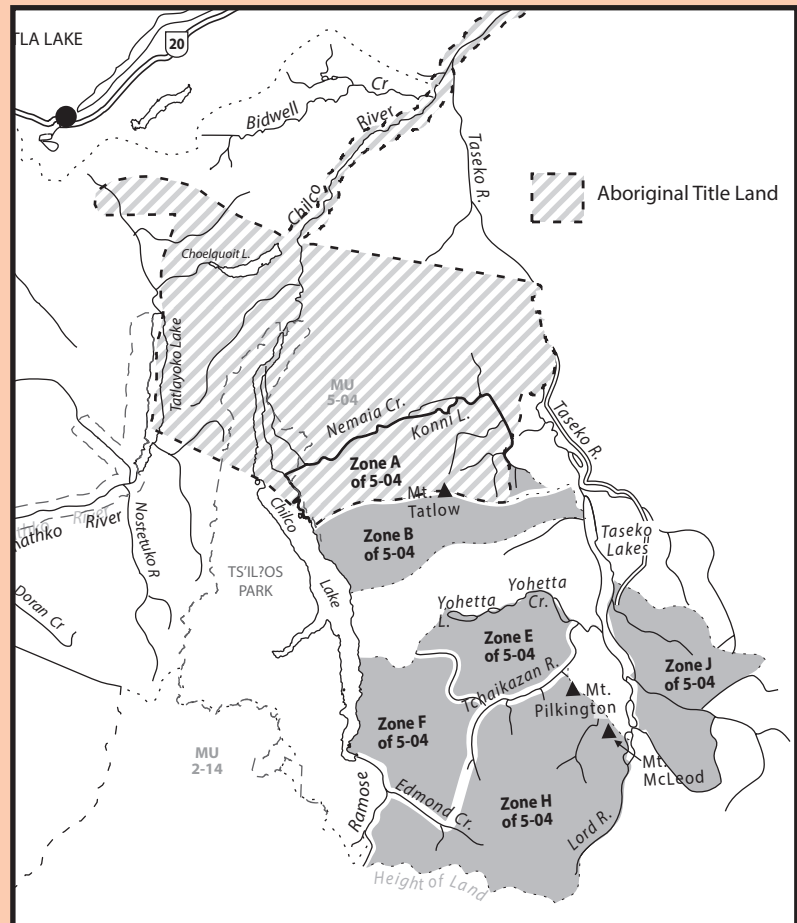


Region 5

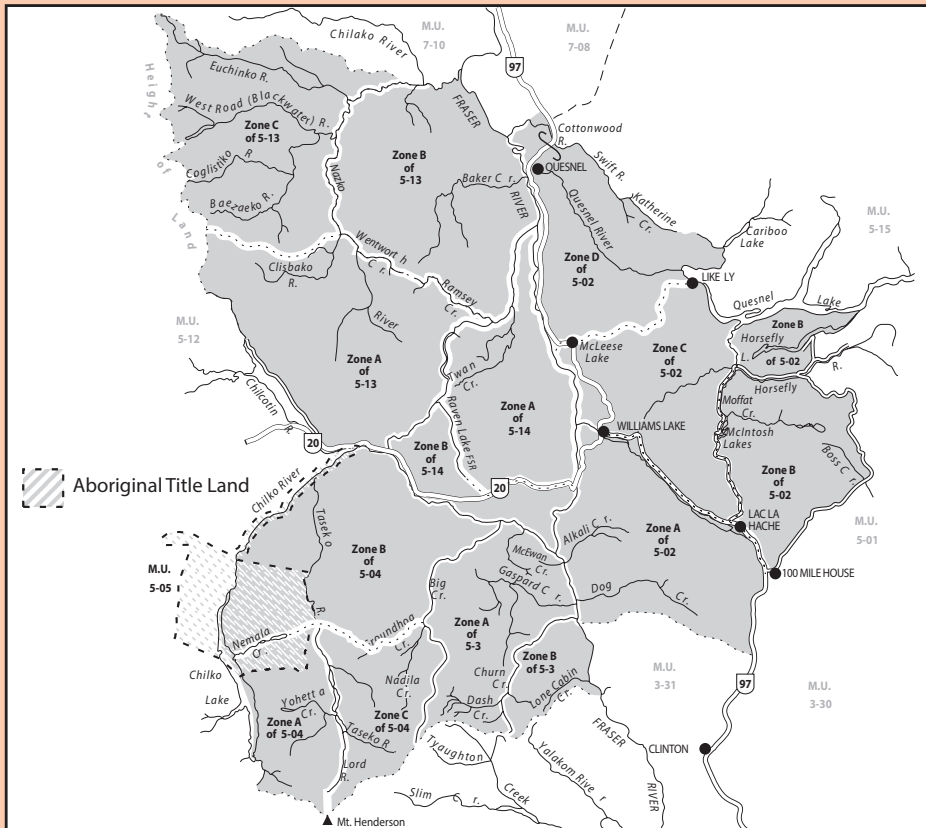
MAP 5A) EUREKA/BOSS-DECEPTION - MOUNTAIN GOAT



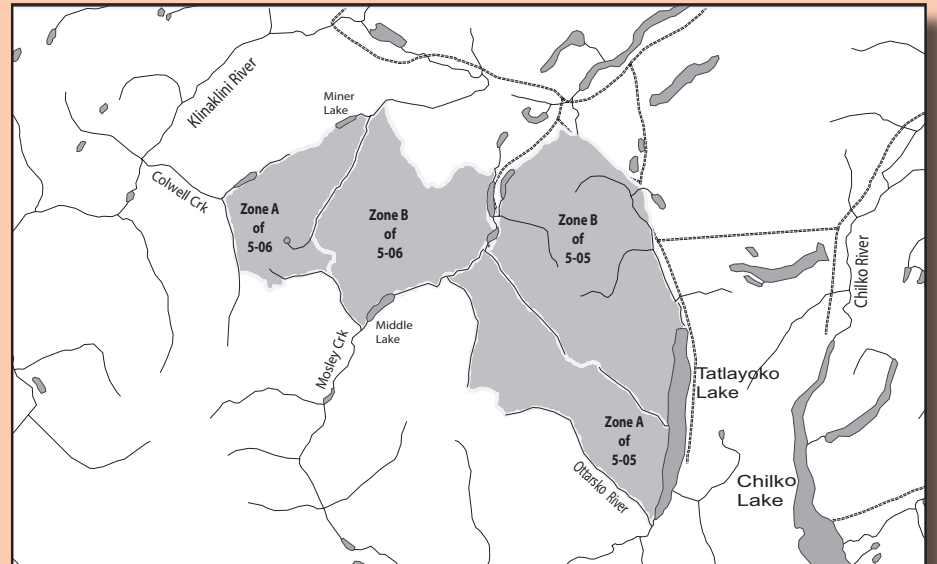
MAP 5B) CHILCOTIN - YOHETTA - MOUNTAIN GOAT



MAP 5C) CARIBOO - BULL MOOSE AND MULE (BLACK-TAILED) DEER



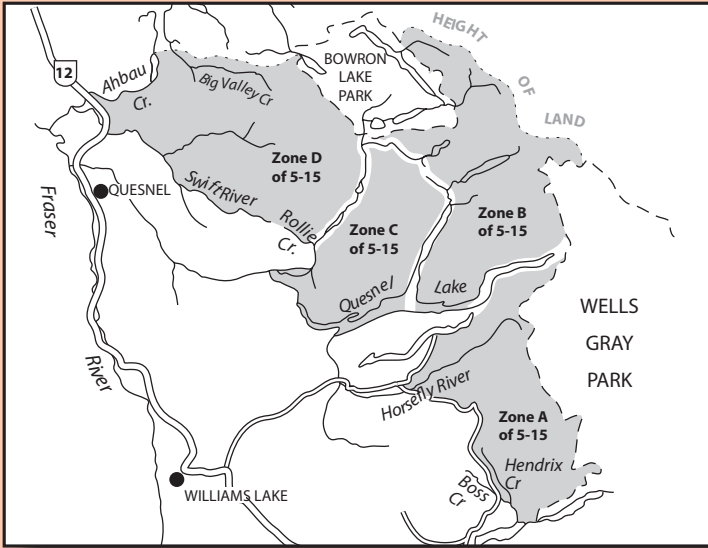
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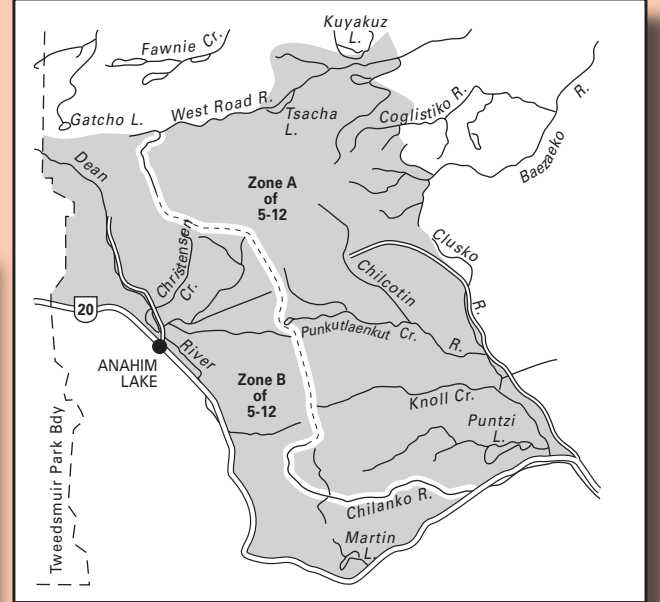
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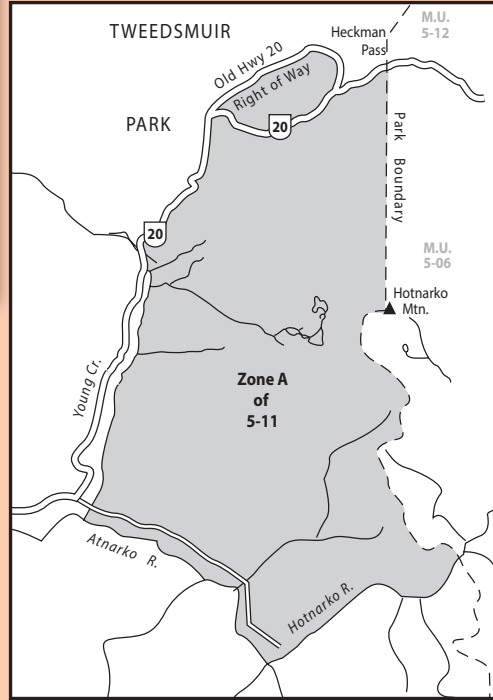
MAP 5E) QUESNEL - MOOSE



MAP 5G) CARIBOO - BULL MOOSE

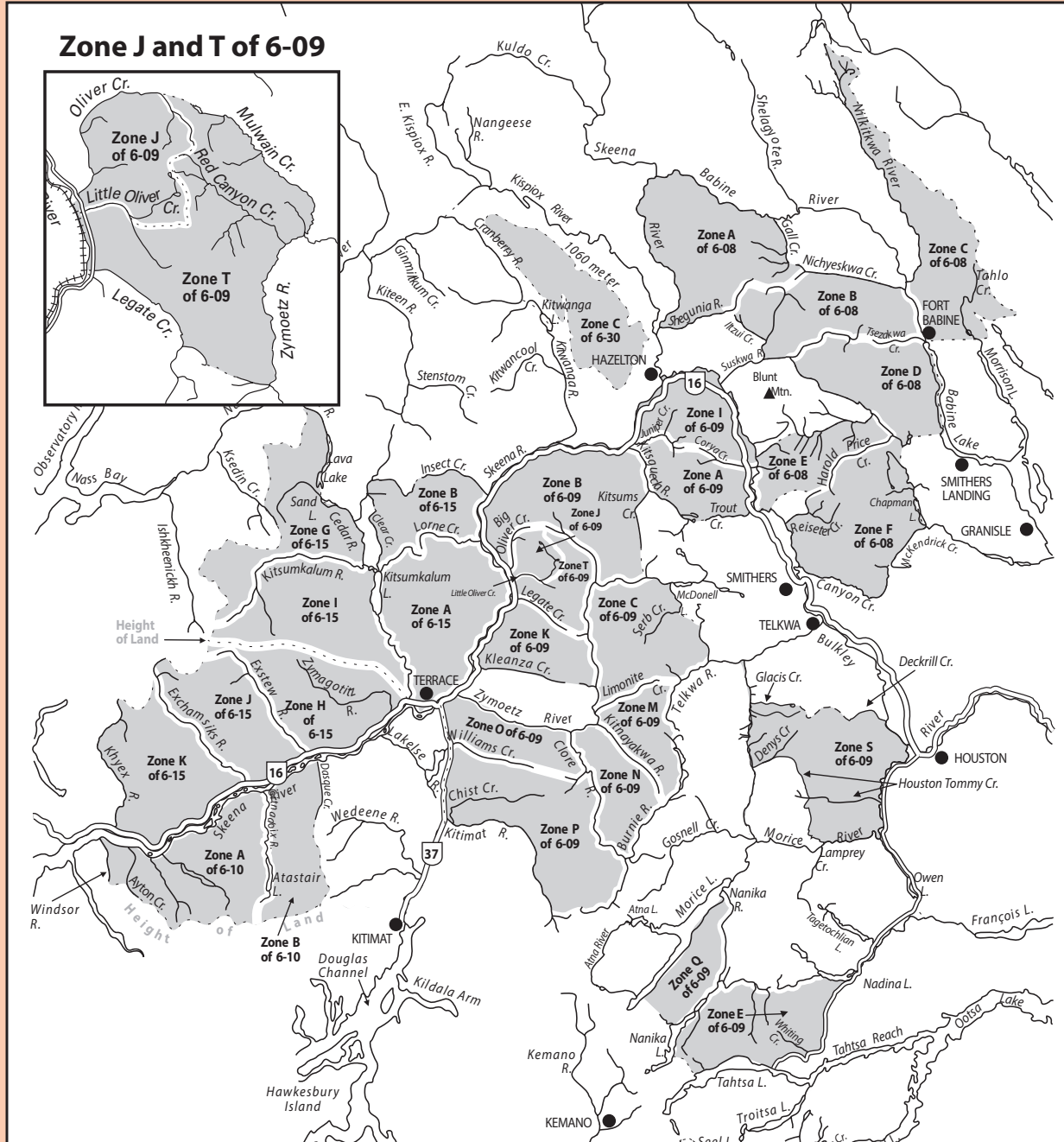


MAP 5F) CARIBOO - BULL MOOSE



Region 6

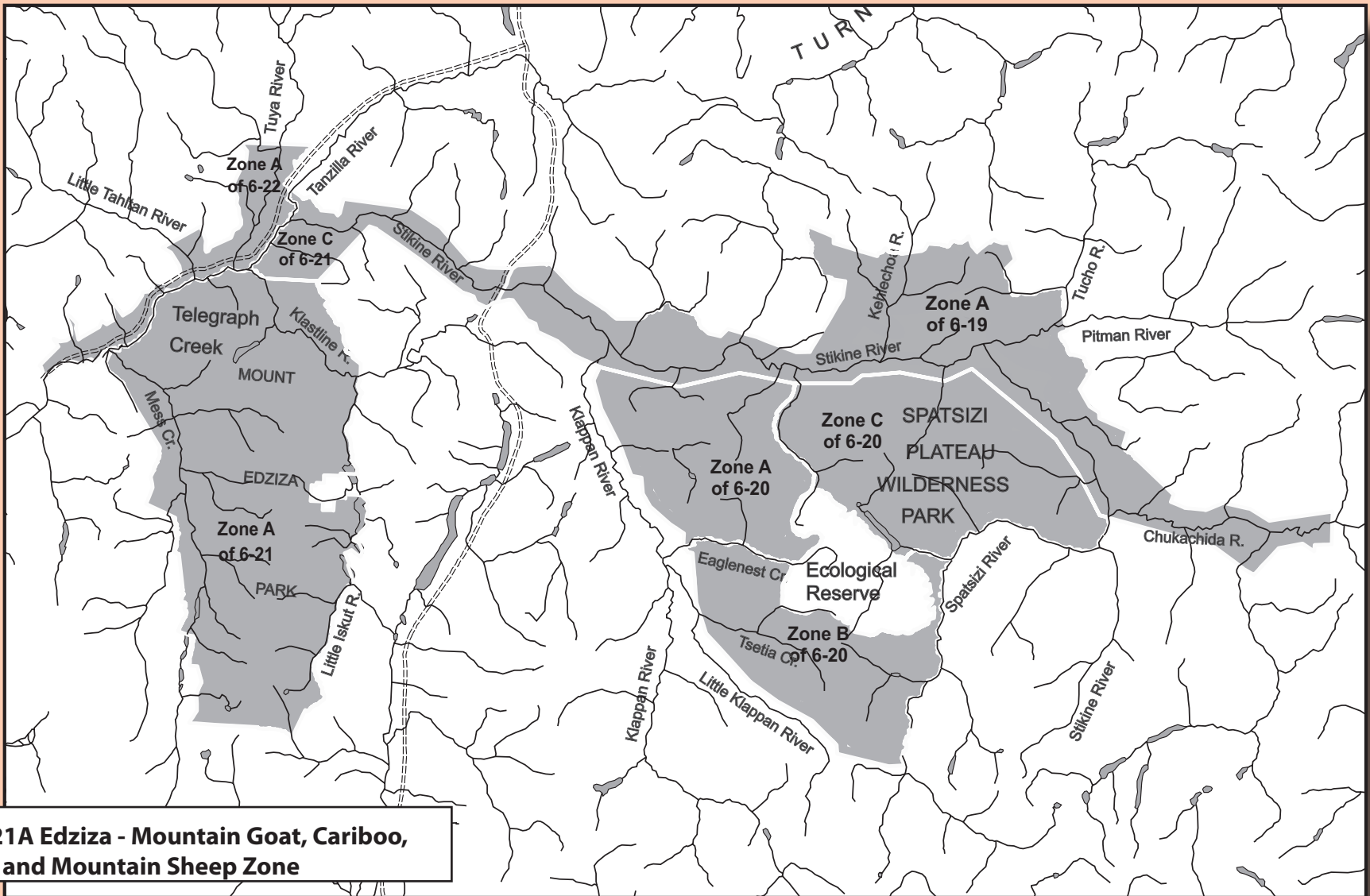
MAP 6A) SKEENA AND BABINE MOUNTAIN - MOUNTAIN GOAT



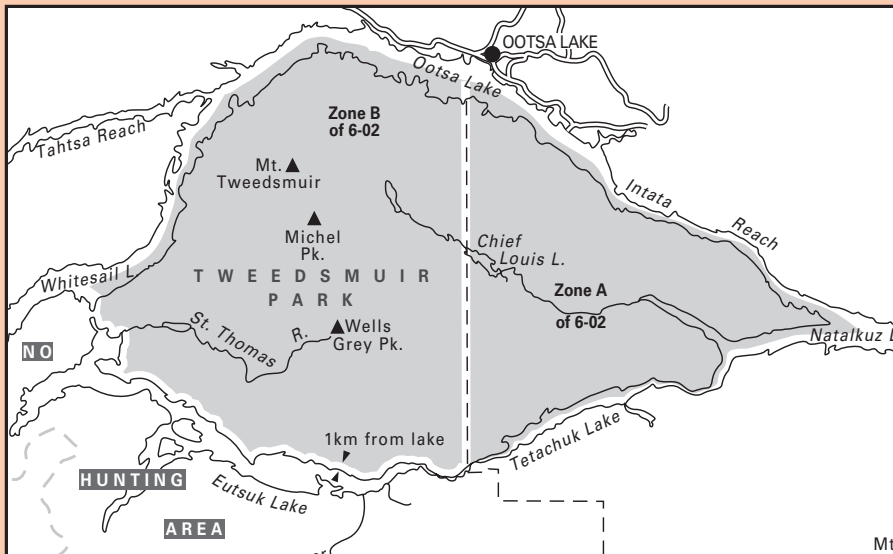
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Region 6

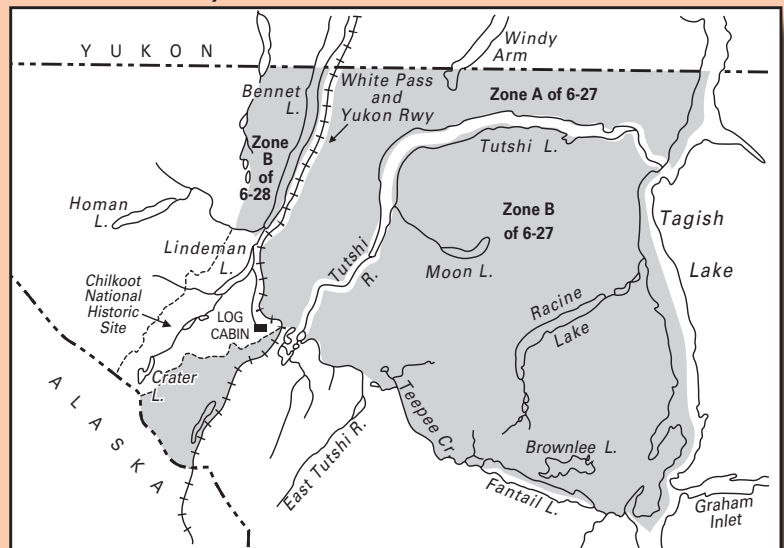
MAP 6B) STIKINE/SPATSIZI GOAT - EDZIZA GOAT/SHEEP/CARIBOO



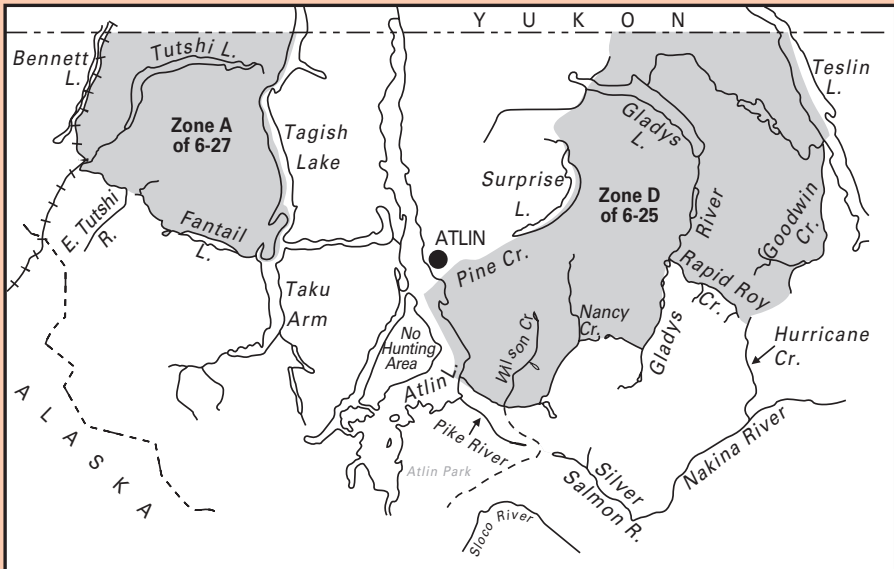
MAP 6C) SMITHERS - MOOSE AND TWEEDSMUIR - MOUNTAIN GOAT



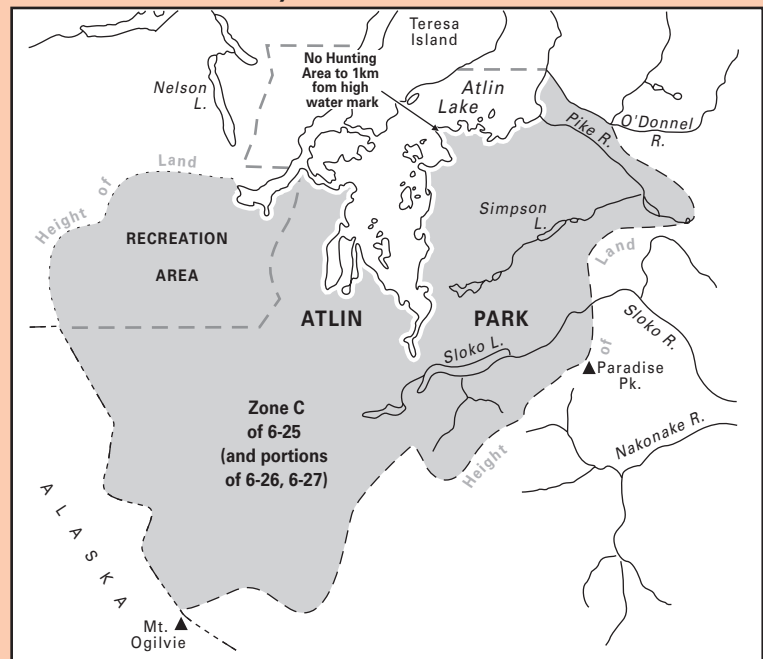
MAP 6D) TAGISH HIGHLANDS - MOUNTAIN GOAT



MAP 6E) ATLIN - MOUNTAIN SHEEP



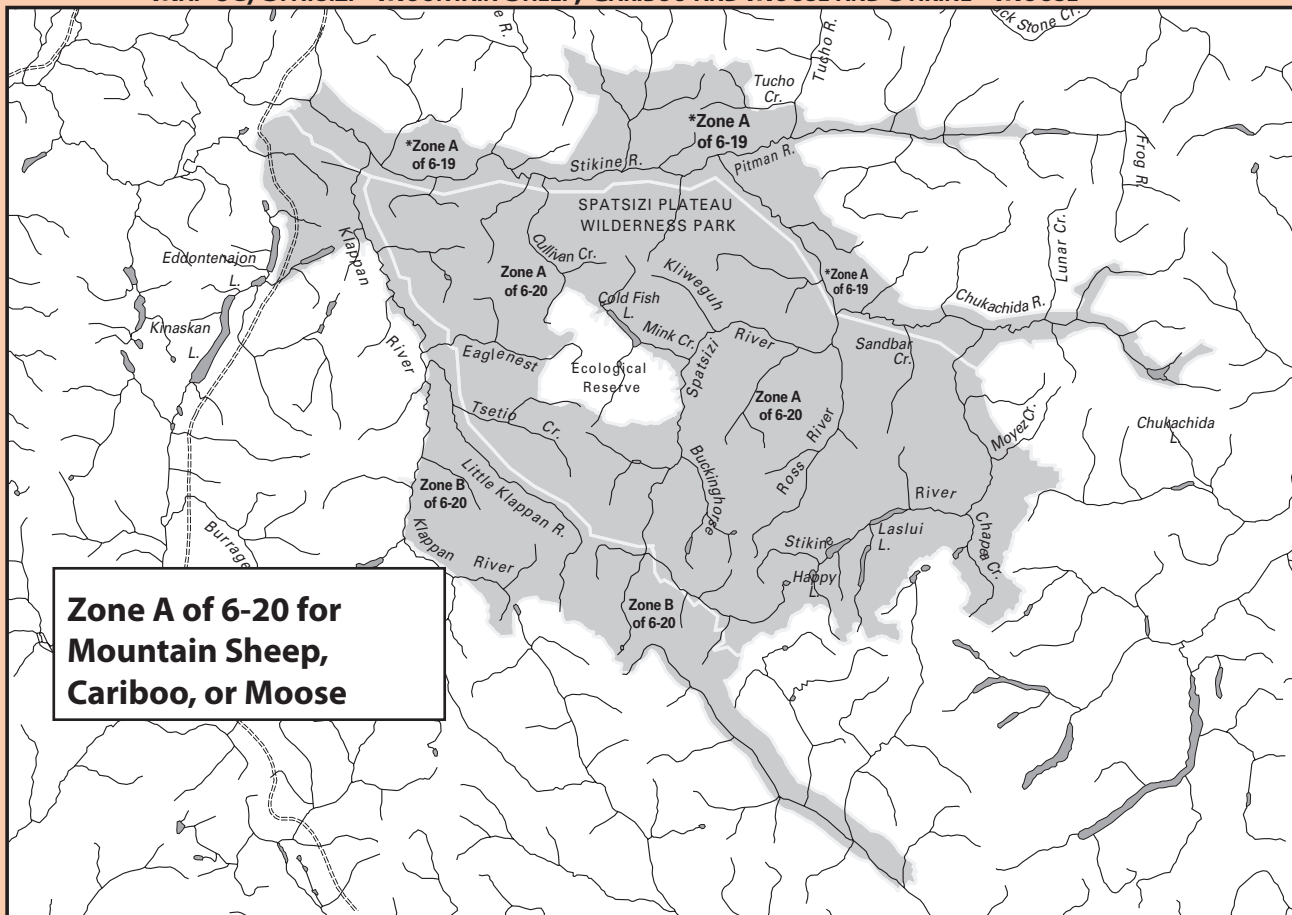
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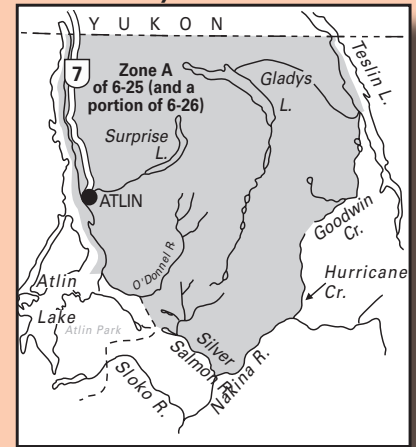
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MAP 6G) SPATSIZI - MOUNTAIN SHEEP, CARIBOU AND MOOSE AND STIKINE - MOOSE



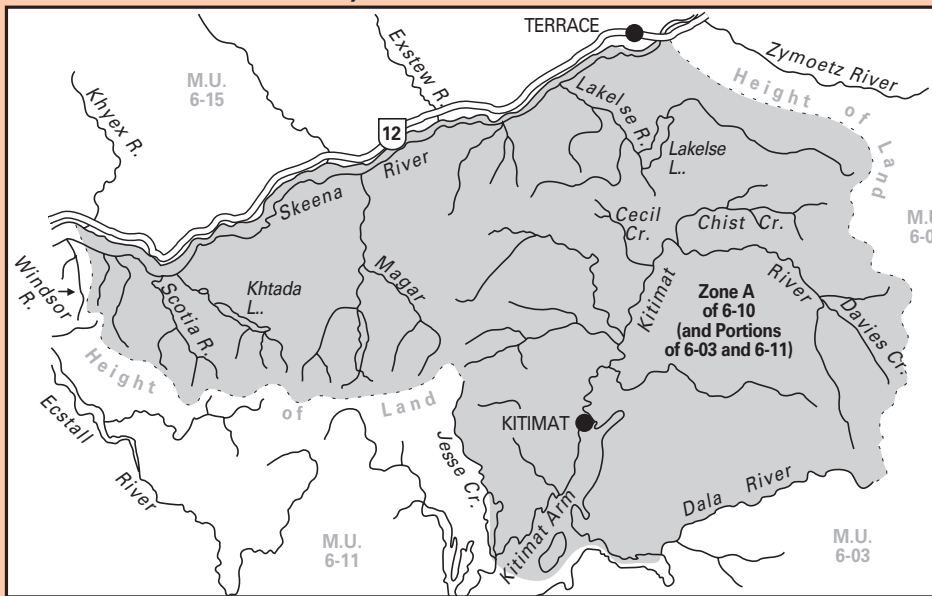
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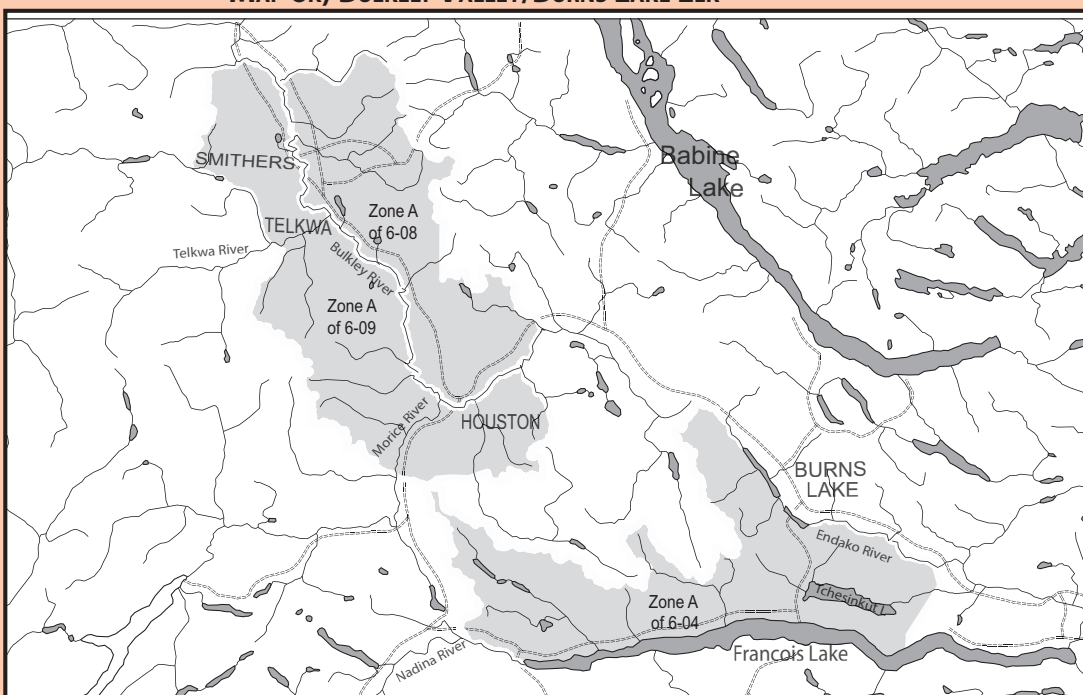
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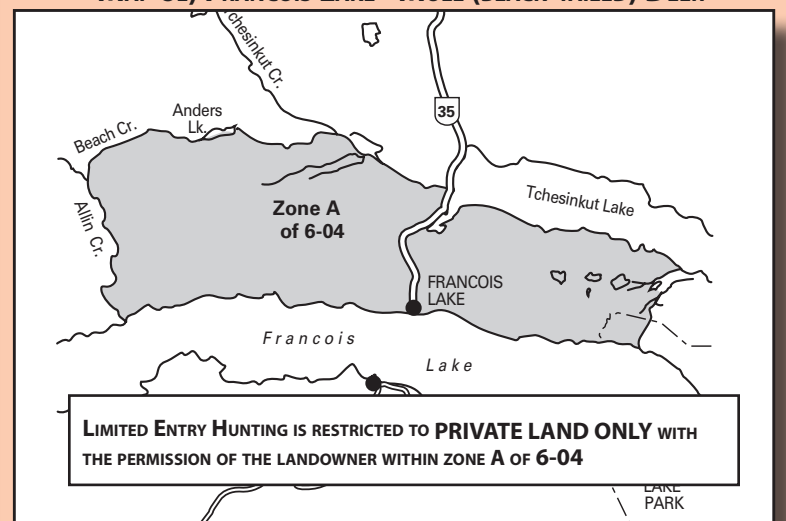
MAP 6J) SMITHERS - BULL MOOSE



MAP 6K) BULKELY VALLEY/BURNS LAKE ELK



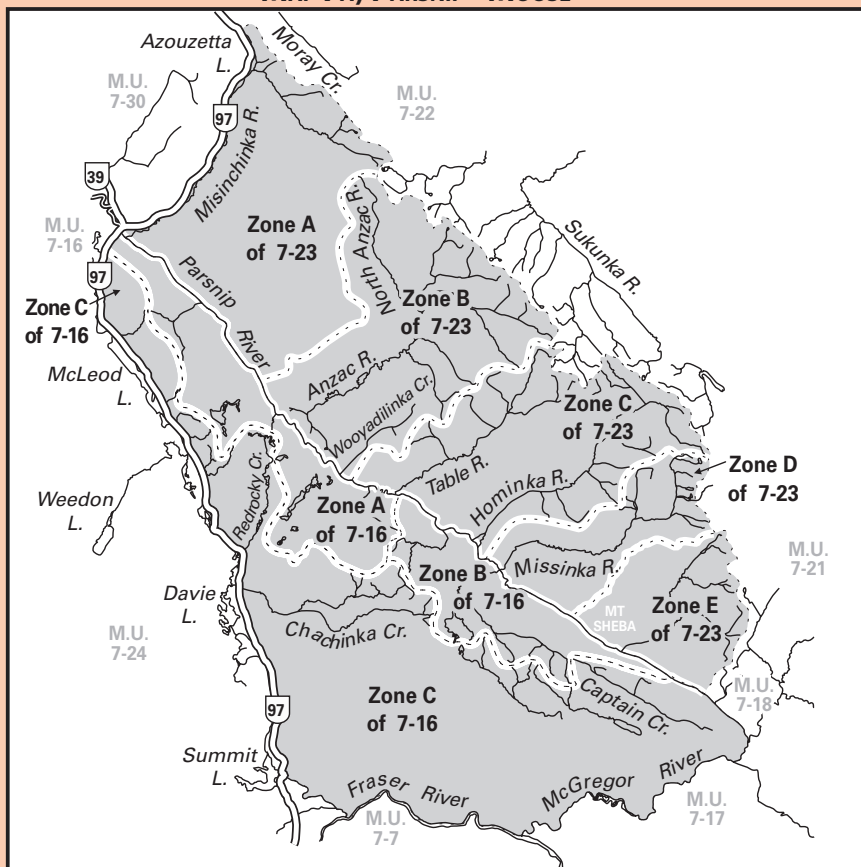
MAP 6L) FRANCOIS LAKE - MULE (BLACK-TAILED) DEER



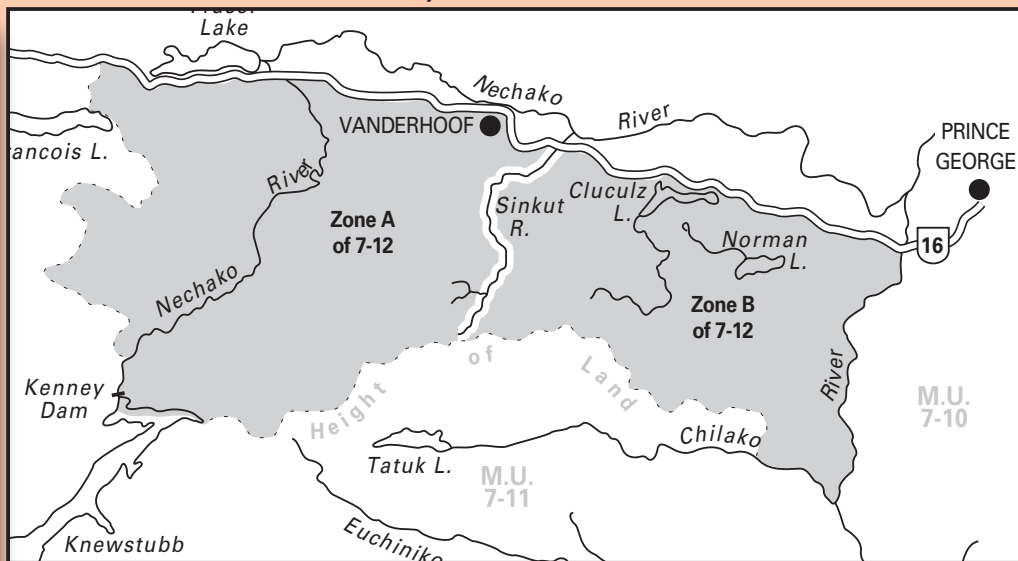
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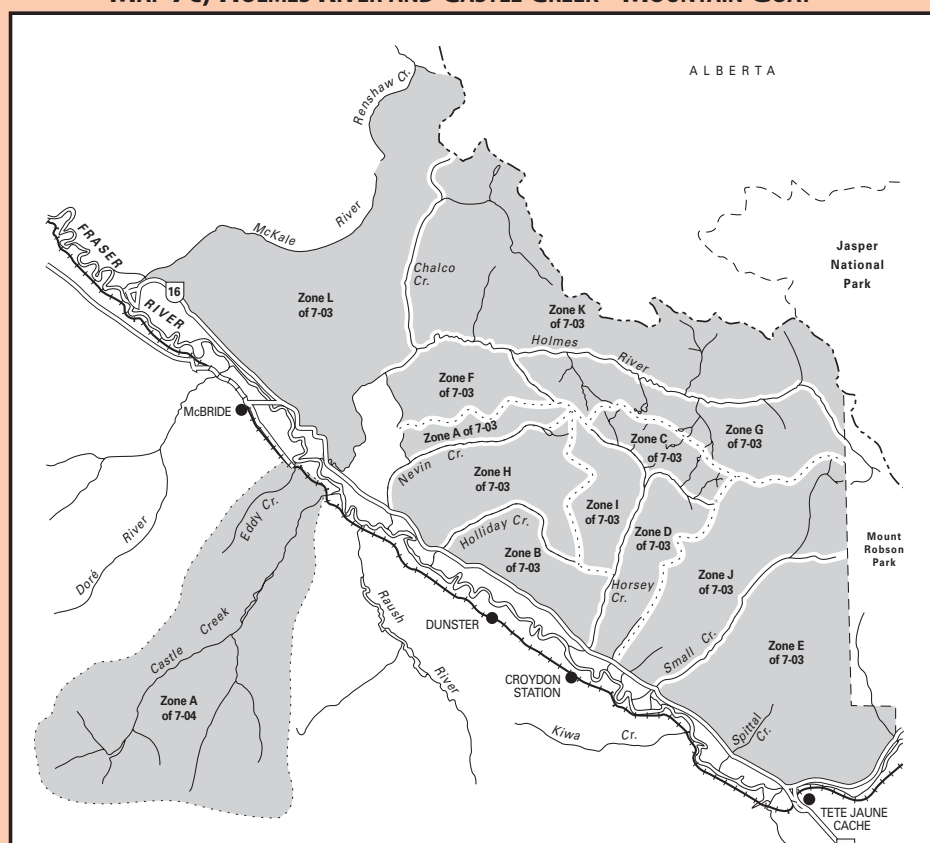
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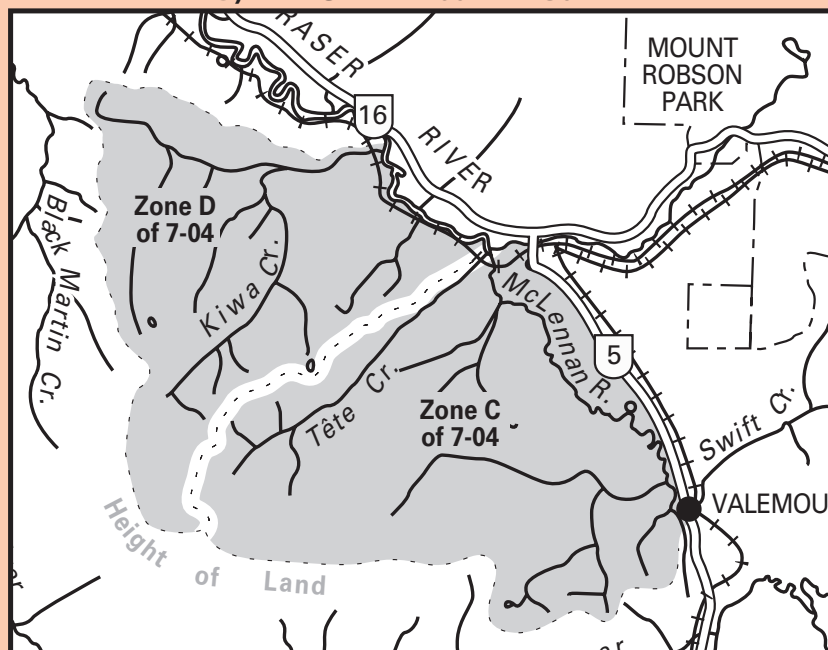
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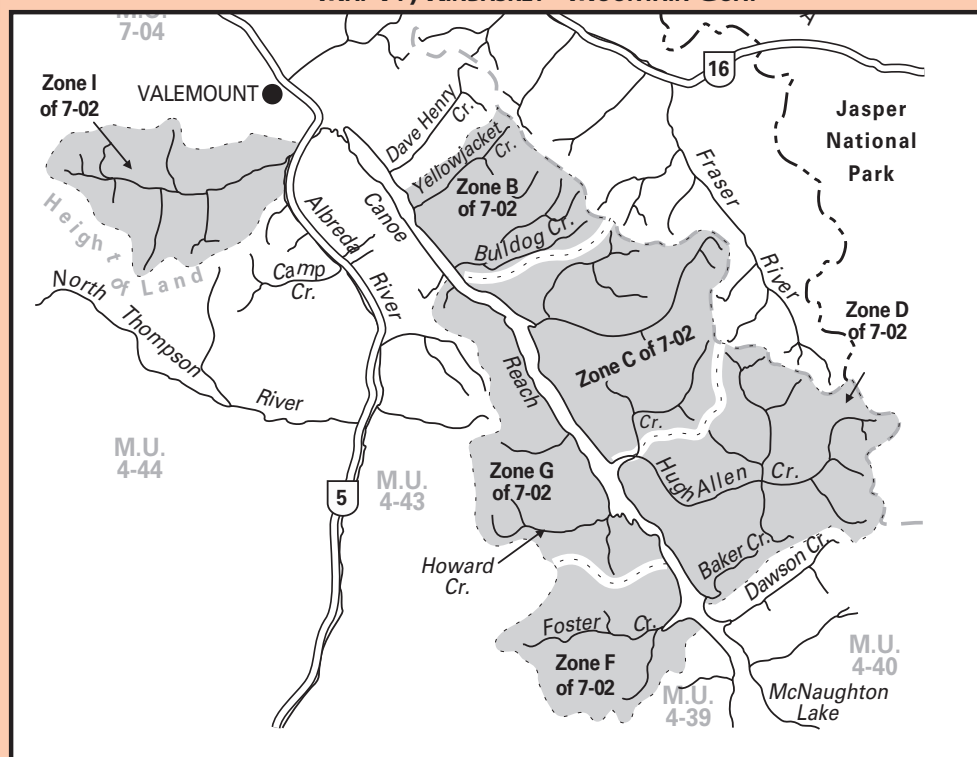
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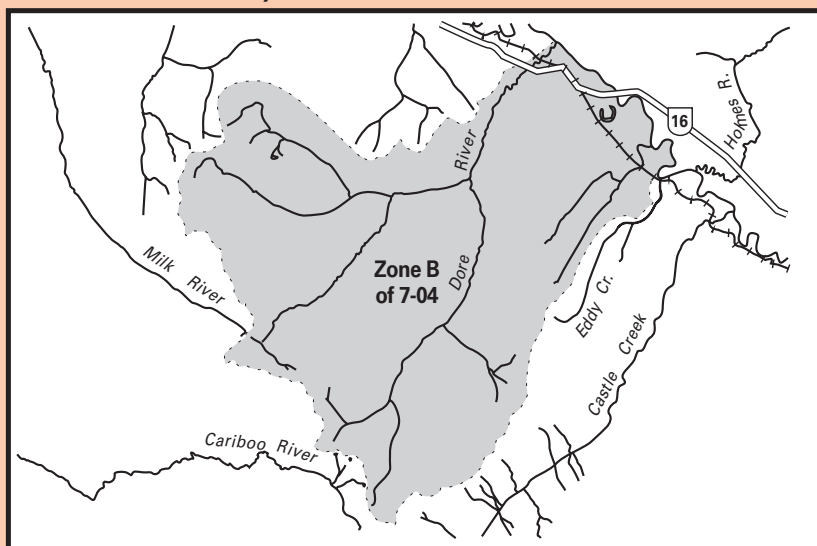
MAP 7D) KIWA CREEK - MOUNTAIN GOAT



MAP 7F) KINBASKET - MOUNTAIN GOAT



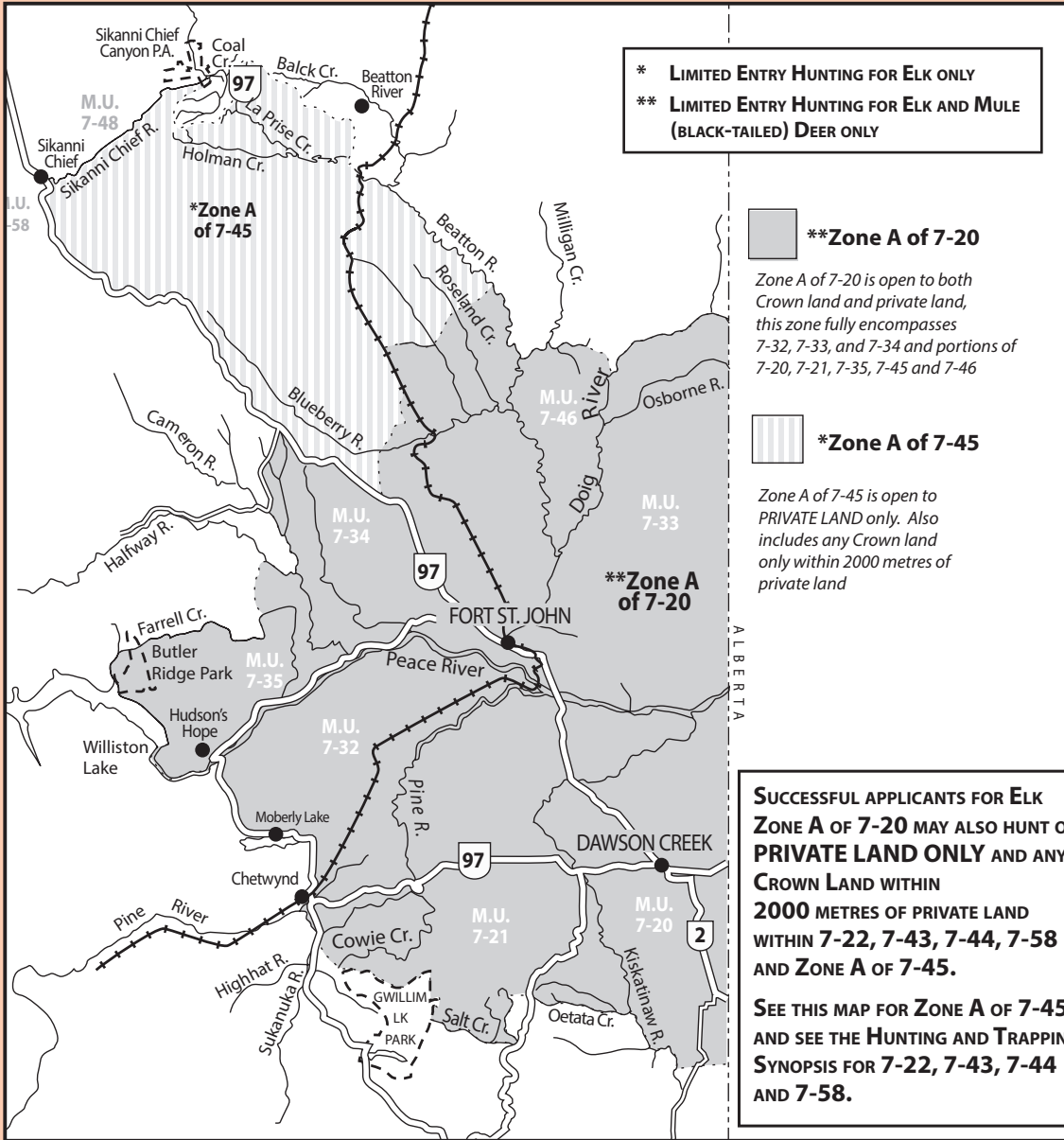
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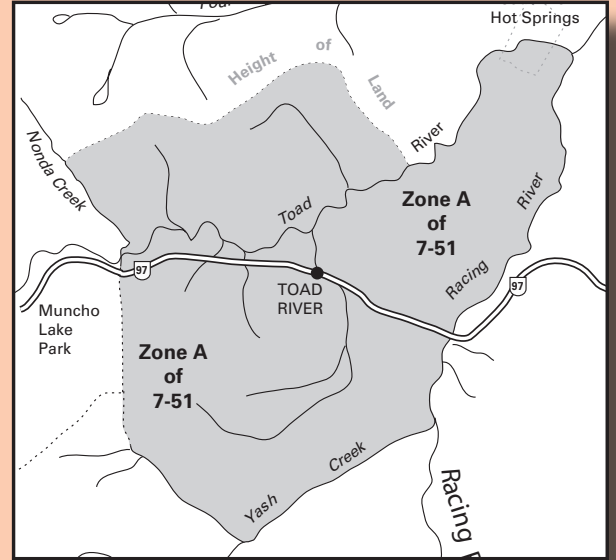
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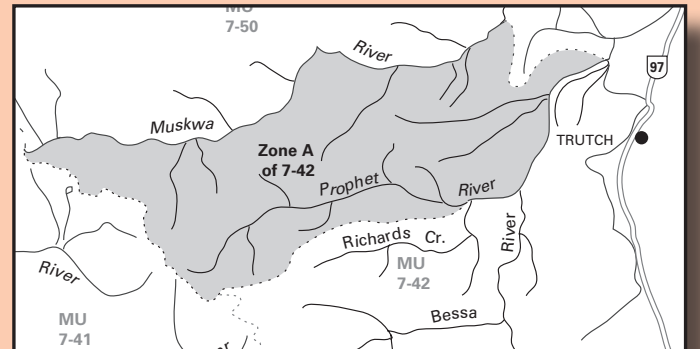
MAP 7G) PEACE RIVER - ELK AND MULE (BLACK-TAILED) DEER



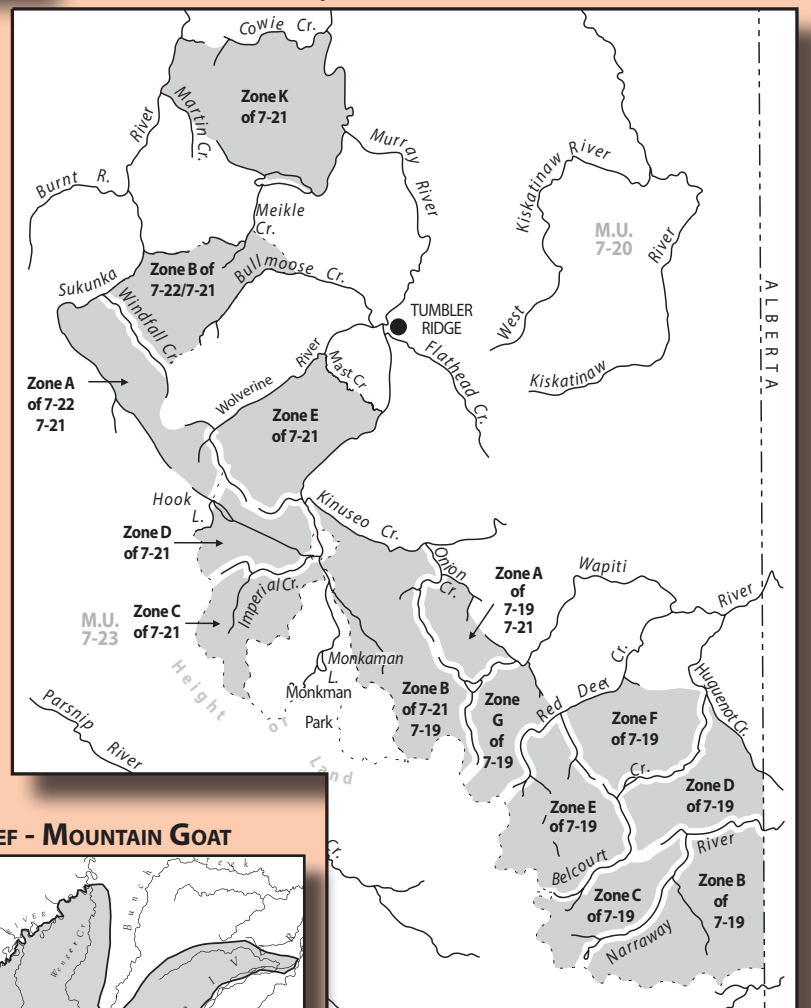
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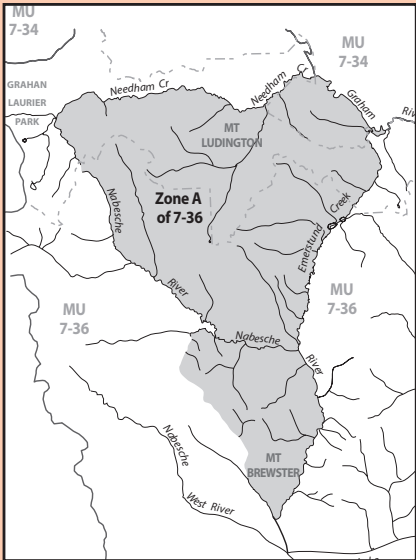
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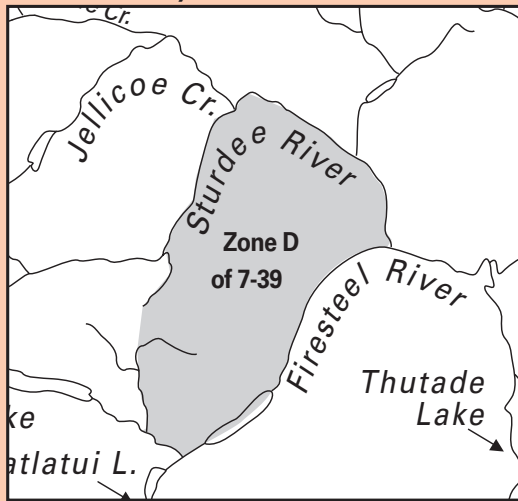
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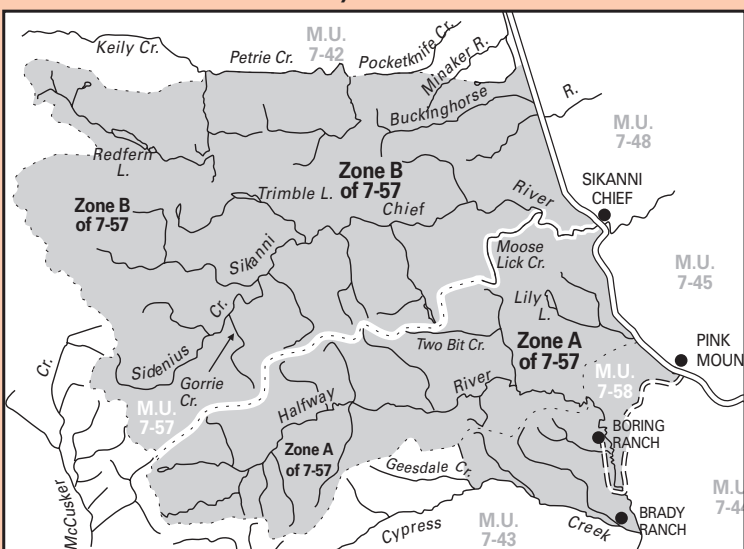
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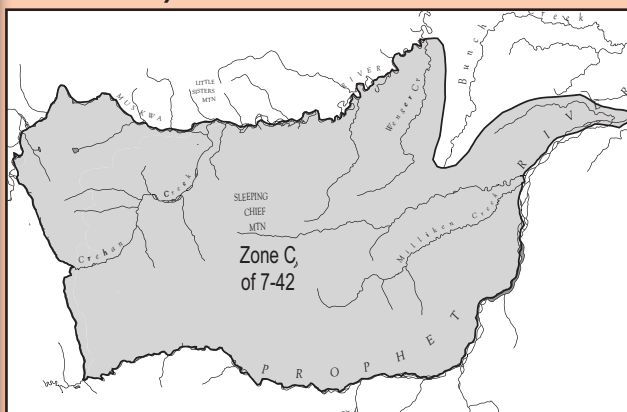
MAP 7K) EDOZADELLEY - CARIBOU



MAP 7M) PEACE - BISON



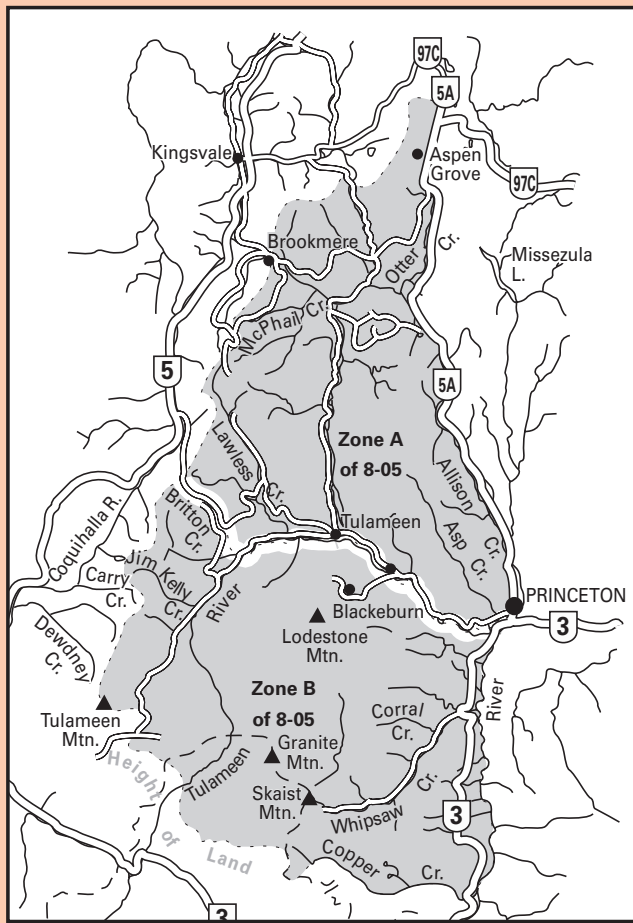
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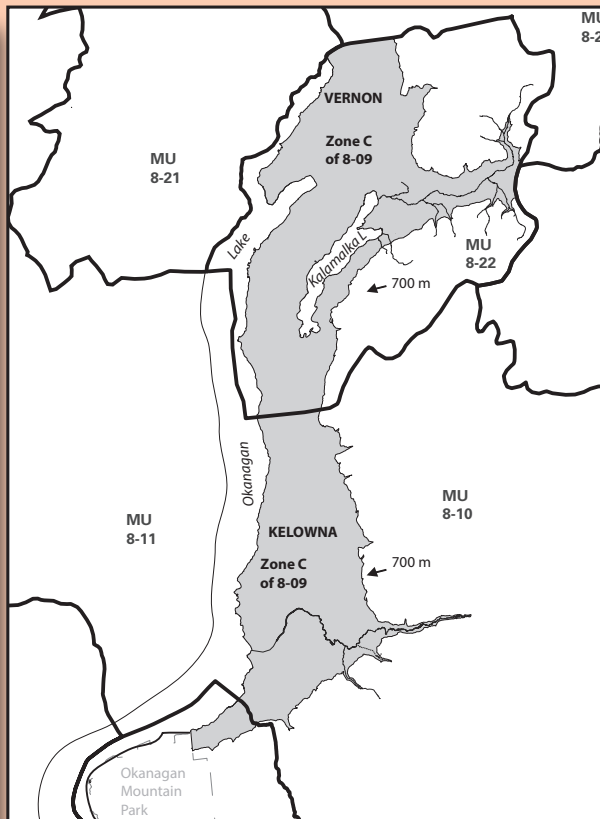
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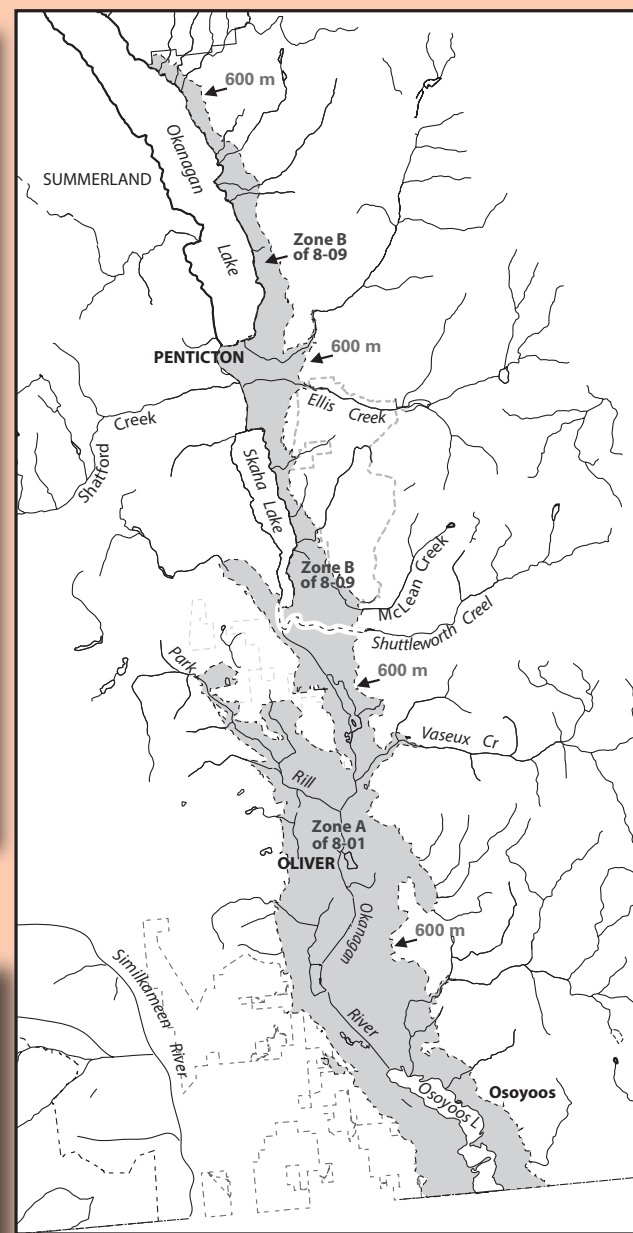
MAP 8A) OKANAGAN - MULE (BLACK-TAILED) DEER



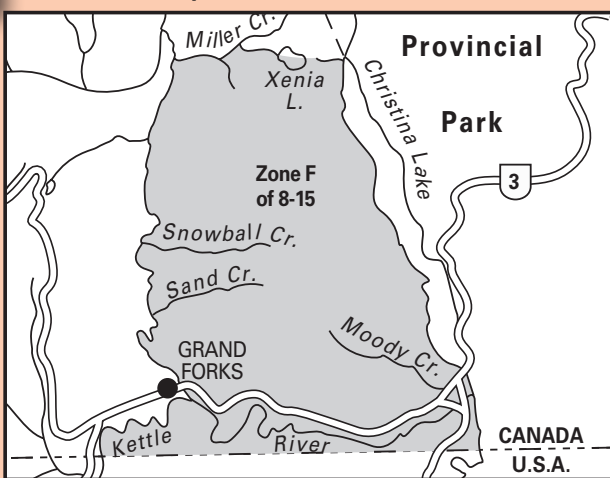
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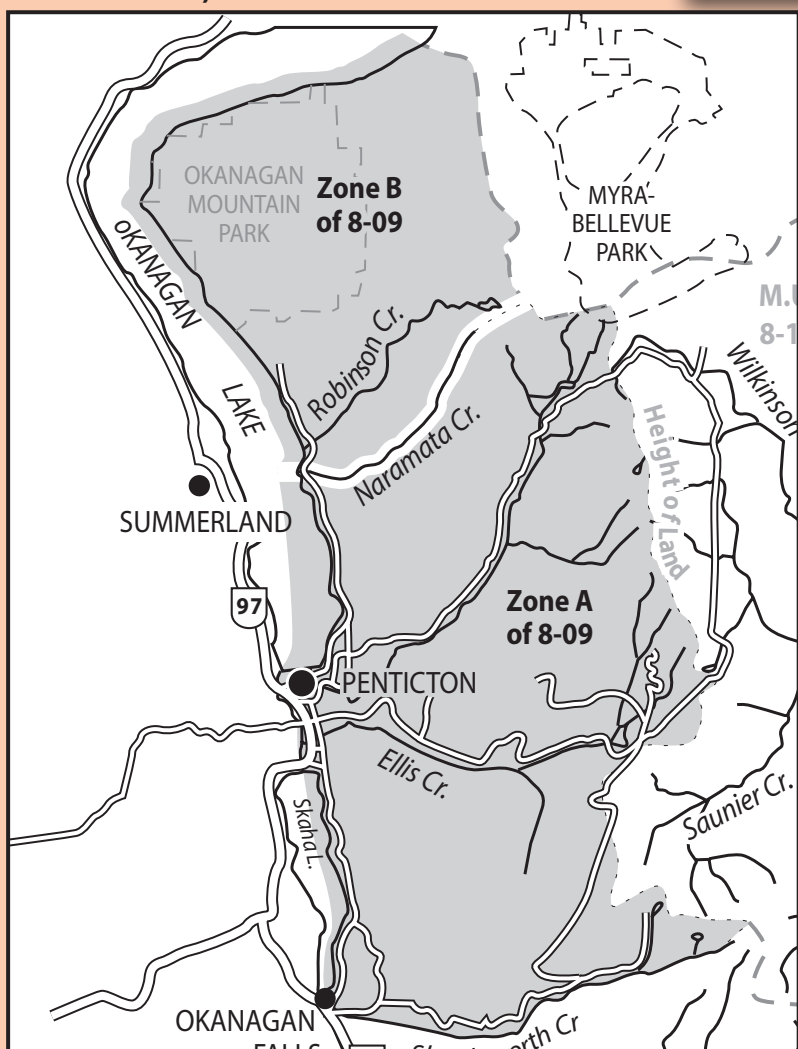
MAP 8C) SOUTH OKANAGAN - MULE (BLACK-TAILED) DEER



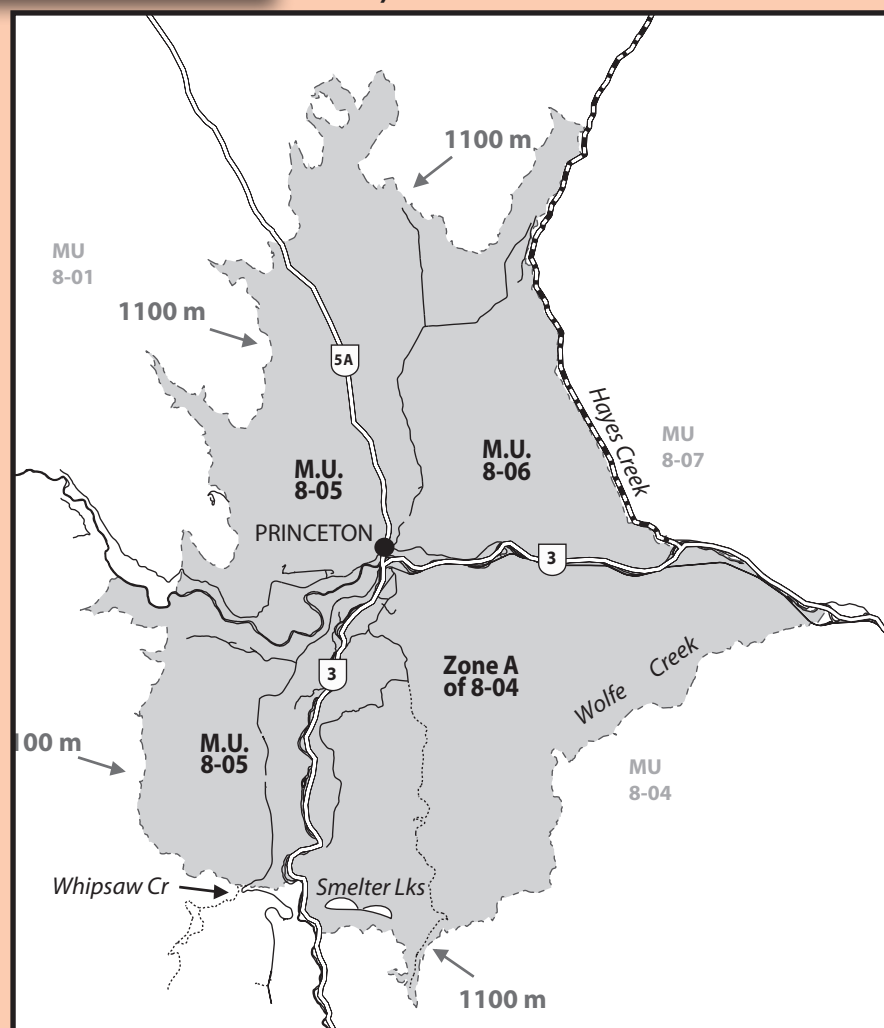
MAP 8D) GRANDBY - MOUNTAIN SHEEP



MAP 8E) OKANAGAN - MOUNTAIN SHEEP



MAP 8F) OKANAGAN - ANTLERLESS ELK



INDIGENOUS HUNTERS IN BC

The Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development's first priority for wildlife management is to ensure the long-term conservation of wildlife populations and their habitats. The Ministry recognizes that First Nations play an important role in wildlife management and may have or establish Aboriginal or treaty rights protected by section 35(1) of the Constitution Act, 1982 to harvest wildlife for food, social and ceremonial purposes in their traditional territories.

Harvesting wildlife under Aboriginal and treaty rights must be sustainable, and harvesting methods must not jeopardize public safety or the use and enjoyment of property. The Ministry also recognizes that First Nations may have traditional governance structures that manage their members' sustainable harvest of wildlife. The Ministry continues to work with First Nations and stakeholders to manage wildlife resources within the province.

Persons registered under the *Indian Act* (Canada) residing in British Columbia are not required to have a hunting licence or species licences. However, First Nation individuals are required to have a federal Firearms Licence and comply with hunting regulations related to public health, public safety and conservation. Any hunting of wildlife species for sale or barter, in whole or in part, is not legal, except as authorized by regulation or where there is a demonstrated Aboriginal or treaty right to do so.

In situations where conservation of a particular wildlife population is of concern and compliance with hunting regulations is required by individuals exercising Aboriginal or Treaty rights – which may include the requirement for Limited Entry Hunting (LEH) authorizations – there will be prior consultation with the affected First Nations in accordance with Ministry policy and procedures. Before harvesting wildlife, First Nation members should inquire with the appropriate First Nation's officials and with the Ministry regional office about any specific conservation requirements that may apply to them.

First Nation members who wish to hunt outside their traditionally used territory or treaty areas must comply with the Hunting Regulations which can be found in both the LEH and Hunting and Trapping Regulations Synopses (except for the licencing exemption described above). This includes making application for an LEH authorization via the LEH draw. A Fish and Wildlife ID with active BC resident and hunting credentials is required to submit an application for LEH.

For the purpose of entering the LEH draw, persons residing in B.C. registered under the *Indian Act* (Canada) will be granted a free Fish and Wildlife ID upon proving status and residency. Proof of status includes a Secure Certificate of Indian Status issued by the Government of Canada, or a letter from the Band Office or First Nation Government confirming status. The LEH application fee must be paid in order to enter the LEH draw.

If a First Nation member is in doubt regarding a traditional hunting area or practice, or regulations that may apply, they should contact the appropriate First Nation's officials and the Ministry regional office to discuss specific situations.

The B.C. Government is responsible for balancing hunting opportunities for all British Columbians, while managing for conservation and ensuring adequate priority is accorded to First Nations' harvest for food, social or ceremonial purposes within their traditionally used and treaty areas. First Nations may take responsibility for managing their members' harvest. The Province encourages mutual courtesy and respect between Indigenous and non-Indigenous hunters.

Aboriginal Title in BC

On June 26, 2014, the Supreme Court of Canada granted the Tsilhqot'in Nation a declaration of Aboriginal title to a defined area of land located in the South Chilcotin, Cariboo Region of British Columbia. As a result of the Supreme Court of Canada decision, the status of these lands has changed and as title holder, the Tsilhqot'in Nation can determine use of and control access to the declared title lands. The Nation has announced that the title area is not publicly available for hunting at this time.

Métis Hunters

All Métis individuals intending to hunt in British Columbia are required, under the *Wildlife Act*, to hold a valid hunting licence and comply with all hunting regulations. This includes obtaining applicable species licences and complying with Limited Entry Hunting Regulations.

NOTICE TO MOUNTAIN GOAT HUNTERS

Minimizing the female (nanny) harvest of Mountain Goats has been identified as an important conservation action. Previously, the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations has addressed concerns with the harvest of females through voluntary compliance among hunters to select a male Mountain Goat (billy). While the proportion of females in the harvest has decreased, there continues to be concerns over the high harvest of female mountain goats in some areas. In order to address this concern, a regulation has been implemented that states **"It is unlawful to hunt a female Mountain Goat accompanying a kid or a female Mountain Goat in a group that contains one or more kids."**

This regulation does not protect all female Mountain

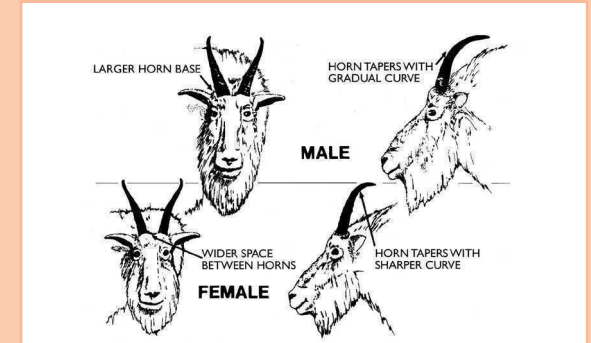
Goats as a solitary female Mountain Goat, or a female Mountain Goat within a group of goats that does not contain kids, would still be legal to harvest.

For more information on how to select a billy, you can borrow the video *"Is it a Billy or is it a Nanny?"* from any of the Ministry regional offices, or from the Fish and Wildlife Branch in Victoria.

The same video is also available from the BC Wildlife Federation. To test yourself on mountain goat sex identification go to www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/hunting/docs/goat_orientation_08Utah.pdf.

The recently completed *"Management Plan for the Mountain Goat in British Columbia"* contains detailed

information on managing Mountain Goats in BC, and is available for downloading at www.env.gov.bc.ca/eirs/bdp/biodiversity_publications_index/



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THE WILD SHEEP SOCIETY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA HORN CURL EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Wild Sheep Society of British Columbia has partnered with the British Columbia Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations to develop an education program for hunters relating to horn curl restrictions that apply to the harvest of wild sheep in the province.

The Society and the Ministry have become increasingly concerned about the number of illegal sheep kills occurring in British Columbia, in some cases resulting from a lack of diligence. In some cases illegal kills may result in increasing hunting restrictions (such as Limited Entry seasons in place of general open seasons) or the complete closure of a season.

In an attempt to limit the number of illegal sheep harvested in British Columbia, the Wild

Sheep Society has created a horn curl education program, with the support of the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations.

The Society's horn curl education program is divided into two sections: an education component, and a test component.

Both the Society and the Ministry highly recommend that all sheep hunters review the horn curl education program and participate in the horn curl test. Even for experienced sheep hunters this will provide a helpful review.

Please review the Education Page for the Horn Curl Education Program and take the Horn Curl Test at <http://wildsheepsociety.homestead.com/HornCurlTest.html>



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