

# REGION 5

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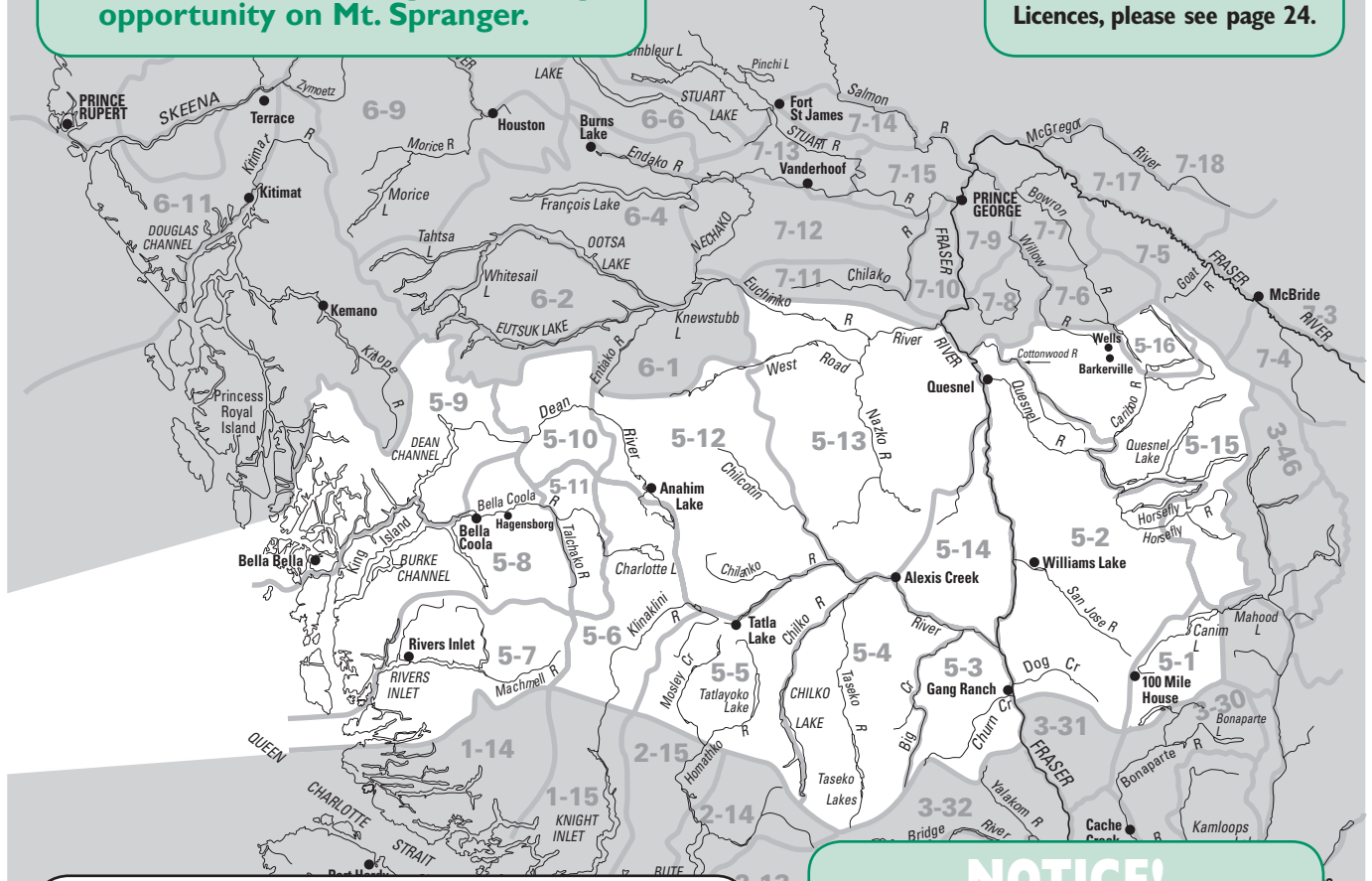
## Major Regulation Changes for 2016 - 2018

1. **Compulsory Inspection required for all moose harvested in Management Units 5-3 to 5-6 and 5-10 to 5-14.**
2. **Increased mountain goat hunting opportunity on Mt. Spranger.**



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### COMPULSORY INSPECTION CENTRES

Qualified Compulsory Inspectors will provide this service at the locations listed below. Please see the Ministry website or contact the regional office for more information. [www.gov.bc.ca/hunting](http://www.gov.bc.ca/hunting).

**CI Locations:** Williams Lake, Bella Coola

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Bella Coola, Quesnel, 100 Mile House and Williams Lake

## NOTICE TO HUNTERS

In 2011, 44 VHF radio and GPS collars were put on Caribou in the Itcha and Ilgachuz Mountains in Region 5, MU 5-12. Up to 20 collars were put on adult bulls. Hunters are asked not to shoot collared animals. GPS collars are light brown with a black battery pack at base; VHF collars are white. The purpose of this study is to gather information on bull and cow numbers, population trends, habitat use and caribou distribution on the landscape in response to the Mountain Pine Beetle epidemic. If found, please return to the Ministry office in Williams Lake (250-398-4530).

## REGIONAL BAG LIMITS

► **Deer:** The bag limit for mule (black-tailed) deer is 2, but only one may be a buck. Antlerless mule (black-tailed) deer are under Limited Entry Hunting only. The bag limit for white-tailed deer is 1.

► **Wolf:** The bag limit for wolf is 3, except in MU's 5-1 to 5-6, 5-12 to 5-15 where there is no bag limit.

► **Bobcat:** The bag limit for bobcat is 1.

## COMPULSORY INSPECTION & REPORTING

► In addition to those species requiring Compulsory Inspection or Compulsory Reporting provincially, all caribou taken in Region 5 must be Compulsory Inspected. **All moose taken in MUs 5-3 to 5-6 and 5-10 to 5-14 must be Compulsory Inspected.** See page 21 for requirements.

## FIREARMS RESTRICTED AREAS

► No Shooting Areas: note the Highway No Shooting Areas outlined in the No Hunting or Shooting Areas section on page 13.

► **No Shooting Areas** The discharge of firearms is prohibited in the following areas:

- ☞ 100 Mile House No Shooting Area (MU 5-2)- see Map E1.
- ☞ Rose Lake No Shooting Area (MU 5-2)- see Map E2.
- ☞ Gibraltar Mines No Shooting Area (MU 5-2)- see Map E4.
- ☞ Reidemann Wildlife Sanctuary (Alkali Lake)(MU 5-2) - no hunting, trapping or discharge of firearms - see Map E5.
- ☞ Williams Lake and Williams Lake River No Shooting Area (MU 5-2)- see Map E3.
- ☞ Nekite River Spawning Channel (MU 5-7)- Hunting and the discharge of firearms is prohibited within 100 m of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans spawning channel.
- ☞ Snootli Creek Park (MU 5-8)
- ☞ Ocean Falls No Shooting Area (MU 5-9)- see Map E19.
- ☞ Stum Lake (MU 5-13) - Between Mar. 1 and Aug. 31, hunting, trapping and the discharge of firearms is prohibited within the Stum (Pelican) Lake Park. The area includes all of Stum Lake below the high water mark and all of the islands.
- ☞ Wells No Shooting Area (MU 5-15)- see Map E26.

☞ **Quarter Mile Single Projectile (Firearm) Closed Areas** The discharge of a firearm using a single projectile within 400 metres (1/4 mile) on either side of the road allowance is prohibited in the following areas. Use of firearms using shot permitted:

- ☞ Robertson Road and any side roads (MU 5-2) from its intersection with Hwy 97 at D.L. 61 (Cariboo Land District) north to its intersection with Hwy 97 at the village

of McLeese Lake.

- ☞ Tatlayoko Road (MU 5-5) - either side of the mid-line south from Eagle Lake Road to its end.
- ☞ Horn-Bluff Lakes Road (MU 5-5) - see Map E13.
- ☞ Hwy 20 - Between Bella Coola and the westerly boundary of Tweedsmuir Park (MU 5-8) - see Map E17.
- ☞ West Fraser Road (MU 5-13)- south from the City of Quesnel limits to the intersection of this road and Grouse Road (located just north west of Rudy Johnson Bridge), see Map E21.
- ☞ Tibbles Road - see Map E18.
- ☞ West Fraser Road (MU 5-14) - see description under MU 5-13. See Map E21.

## ACCESS MANAGEMENT AREAS

► Approximately one million hectares of Crown Land has been closed to snowmobile use to support Mountain Caribou recovery in the Thompson, Kootenay, Cariboo, and Omineca regions. Snowmobile closure maps with boundaries, legal access trails, prohibited dates, and identified riding areas are no longer published in the Hunting and Trapping Regulations Synopsis, they will be available online at [www.snowmobile.gov.bc.ca](http://www.snowmobile.gov.bc.ca).

► Information signs are posted at the points of closure for most road and vehicle restrictions. These signs are for the benefit of hunters, but it is the hunter's responsibility to recognize closures whether a sign is in place or not.

► **Symbol Key:** Use the following symbols to determine what type of motor vehicle prohibition is in place in the following regional MUs (see also Site and Access Restrictions section, pages 11-12):

### ★ Motor Vehicle Closed Areas

The operation of all motor vehicles is prohibited year round in these areas unless otherwise indicated.

### ▲ Motor Vehicles for Hunting Closed Areas:

The operation of all motor vehicles for the purpose of hunting, to transport wildlife, to transport equipment, firearms and supplies which are intended for or in support of hunting or to transport hunters to and from the location of wildlife is prohibited in these areas.

### ✕ ATVs and Snowmobile Closed Areas

The operation of snowmobiles and ATVs (including motorcycles) is prohibited year round in these areas unless otherwise indicated.

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port a hunter to or from the location of wildlife is prohibited in these areas.

### MU 5-2

- Access to Mount Polley mine site is prohibited under the *Mines and Trespass Acts*.
- ▲ **Moffat Lake-Spokin FSR (Road #7968-06), side road at 14km of 2300 road (Rideau Lake Rd.)**
- ★ Knife Creek Vehicle Restricted Area - see Map E6.

### MU 5-3

- From 4:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
- ▲ Gaspard-West Churn Forest Service (3200) Road - restricted south of the junction of this road and Stobart Creek (bridge).
- ▲ Gaspard-Churn Creek Forest Service (2800) Road (including any side roads) - restricted south of Kilometre 35 of this Road.
- ★ Churn Creek Protected Area - motor vehicles prohibited except on designated roads. Access for commercial purposes other than hunting is allowed. Snowmobiles allowed Dec. 1 to May 1 - see Map E7.
- ✕ Gaspard-Churn Creek except for commercial activities other than hunting; and snowmobiles allowed Dec. 1 to May 1 - see Map E8.
- ★ Red Mountain & French Mountain - motor vehicles prohibited above the 1920 m elevation.

### MU 5-4

- From 4:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
- ▲ Groundhog FSR and any side roads, southerly from the 15.5 km point.
- ▲ Rocky Lake-5800 FSR and any side roads, westerly from the intersection of Rocky Lake-5800 FSR and Groundhog Creek.
- ▲ Battlement Ridge Mining Road - entire road, Sept. 1 to Oct. 31 only.
- Taseko-Chilko ATV and Snowmobile Restricted Area. See Map E9.

### MU 5-5

- From 4:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
- ▲ Valteau Creek - see Map E12.
- ★ Potato Mountain - Snowmobiles allowed Dec. 1 to Mar. 31, except in Ts'il'os Park. See Map E11.

### MU 5-6

- From 4:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

### MU 5-8

- ▲ Nusatsum-Noeick Forest Service Road and any side roads - southerly and westerly from Kilometre 15 to South Bentinck Arm.

### MU 5-12

- ▲ Upper Dean River Main Haul Road northerly from 66.5 km.
- ▲ Beef Trail Road.
- ★ Corkscrew Road - Except for industrial forestry purposes.



- MU 5-12 (entire management unit) from Sept. 1 to Dec. 5.

**MU 5-13**

- MU 5-13 (entire management unit) from Sept. 1 to Dec. 5.

**MU 5-12 and 5-13**

- ★ Itcha Ilgachuz - trails open as indicated on Map E28 (does not apply to a person who uses or operates a motor vehicle, except a snowmobile, for a commercial purpose other than hunting).

**MU 5-14**

- From 4:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
- ★ Junction - Roads open as shown on Map E20. Commercial vehicles allowed for purposes other than hunting.
- ▲ Doc English - access is restricted to designated roads; portions of this area are private land and for safety reasons, hunters are requested not to hunt in these areas - see Map E22.

**MU 5-15**

- ★ Eureka Peak - this restriction applies to the operation of all motor vehicles for any purpose. Snowmobiles allowed Dec 1 to Apr 30. - see Map E23
- ▲ Spanish No-Name Lake Forest Service Road - northerly and easterly from the No-Name Lake Forest Service Recreational Site.
- ▲ Crooked Lake Forest Service Road (South side of Crooked Lake) and

any side roads from its point of commencement to its termination.

**BC PARKS**

- ▶ Please refer to Site & Access Restrictions section for more information.
- ▶ Hunting is prohibited in some BC Parks (Parks, Protected Areas, Recreation Areas, and Conservancies) and is permitted in others during an open season and within specific time periods. Hunting is prohibited in Ecological Reserves. Before hunting in a BC Park, hunters must verify that hunting in that area during that time is permitted. For more information on hunting regulations within BC Parks please phone your regional Ministry office or visit the Fish and Wildlife Branch website at [www.gov.bc.ca/hunting](http://www.gov.bc.ca/hunting).

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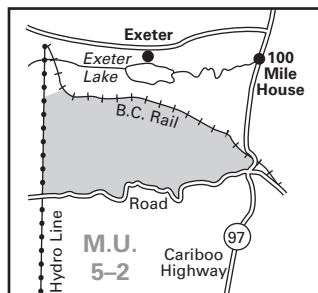
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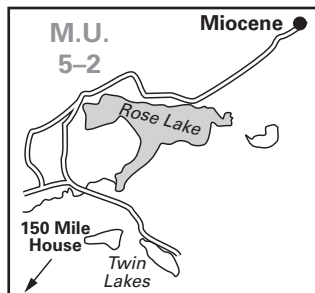
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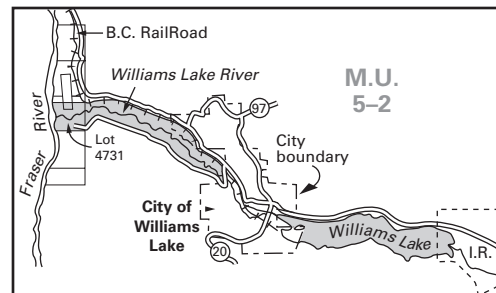
SPECIES	MANAGEMENT UNIT	CLASS	SEASON DATES	BAG LIMIT
MULE DEER (Black-tailed)	5-4, 5-5, 5-6, 5-15	★4 Point Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
	5-1 to 5-6, 5-10 to 5-15	★4 Point Bucks	Sept 10 - Sept 30	1
	5-1 to 5-6, 5-10 to 5-15	★4 Point Bucks	Nov 1 - Nov 10	1
	5-1 to 5-6, 5-10 to 5-15	★4 Point Bucks	Nov 21 - Nov 30	1
	5-7 to 5-9	Bucks	Sept 10 - Nov 30	1
	5-1 to 5-15	Bucks	Oct 1 - Oct 31	1
	5-1 to 5-3, 5-7 to 5-9, 5-12 to 5-14	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
Bow Only Season	5-1 to 5-6, 5-13 and 5-14	Bucks	Dec 1 - Dec 10	1
Bow Only Season	5-8, 5-11▲	Bucks	Dec 1 - Dec 24	1
★ See Definitions section: Mule (Black-tailed) Deer. The antlers must accompany the species licence. ▲ A portion of 5-11 only. See Map E16.				
WHITE-TAILED DEER	5-1 to 5-6, 5-12 to 5-15	Bucks	Sept 10 - Nov 30	1
Youth Only Season*	5-1 to 5-6, 5-12 to 5-15	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
Bow Only Season	5-1 to 5-6, 5-12 to 5-15	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
Bow Only Season	5-1, 5-2, 5-13, 5-14	Bucks	Dec 1 - Dec 10	1
* Restricted to hunters under the age of 18.				
BIGHORN MOUNTAIN SHEEP	5-2, 5-4★	Full Curl Bighorn Rams	Sept 10 - Oct 20	1
★ See Map E10. Compulsory Inspection required.				
MOUNTAIN GOAT	*5-5 to 5-9, 5-11, 5-15		Sept 1 - Oct 31	1
* See Maps E11, E15, E25. See LEH. Mountain goat populations are sensitive to harvest. Hunters are requested to select male mountain goat. Compulsory Inspection required.				
CARIBOU	5-12	★5 point Bulls	Sept 1 - Oct 15	1
★ See Definitions section: Caribou. The antlers must accompany the species licence. Compulsory Inspection required.				
BLACK BEAR	5-1 to 5-10, 5-12 to 5-15		Sept 1 - Nov 30	2
	5-1 to 5-10, 5-12 to 5-15		Apr 1 - June 30	2
	5-11		Sept 10 - Nov 30	2
	5-11		Apr 1 - May 31	2
WOLF	5-7, 5-8, 5-9		Apr 1 - June 15	3
	5-7, 5-8, 5-9		Aug 1 - Mar 31	3
	5-10, 5-11		Sept 1 - Mar 31	3
	5-1 to 5-6, 5-12 to 5-15		No Closed Season	NBL
COYOTE	5-1 to 5-15		Sept 1 - Mar 31	NBL
LYNX	5-1 to 5-9, 5-12 to 5-15		Nov 15 - Feb 15	1
Compulsory Reporting required.				
COUGAR	5-1 to 5-9, 5-12 to 5-15		Sept 10 - Apr 30	2
	5-11		Nov 15 - Mar 31	2
Hunters may not hunt a cougar kitten or any cougar in its company. See Definitions section: cougar kitten. Compulsory Inspection required.				
BOBCAT	5-1 to 5-9, 5-12 to 5-15		Dec 1 - Dec 31	1
Compulsory Reporting required.				
SNOWSHOE HARE	5-1 to 5-9, 5-12 to 5-15		Aug 1 - Apr 30	10 (daily)
COLUMBIAN GROUND SQUIRREL	5-1 to 5-9, 5-12 to 5-15		No Closed Season	NBL
The open season for Columbian Ground Squirrel is restricted to private land only. Hunters must obtain permission from landowners before hunting on private land.				
GROUSE: SOOTY/DUSKY (Blue),				
RUFFED & SPRUCE	5-1 to 5-15		Sept 10 - Nov 30	10 (30)
For Sooty/Dusky, Spruce and Ruffed grouse, the daily aggregate bag limit is 10; the aggregate possession limit is 30.				
SHARP-TAILED GROUSE	5-2 to 5-6, 5-12 to 5-14		Sept 10 - Nov 30	5 (10)
See closed areas in MUs 5-3 and 5-14, Maps E8 and E27.				
PTARMIGAN	5-3 to 5-6, 5-10 to 5-12, 5-15		Sept 1 - Nov 1	5 (15)
CHUKAR PARTRIDGE	5-3		Sept 10 - Nov 20	5 (15)
RAVEN	5-1 to 5-9, 5-12 to 5-15		Mar 1 - Mar 31	5
	5-1 to 5-9, 5-12 to 5-15		Apr 1 - May 31	5
Hunting of raven is limited to private land only.				
COOTS, COMMON SNIPE	5-1 to 5-15		Sept 15 - Dec 25	10 each (30 each)
DUCKS	5-1 to 5-15		Sept 15 - Dec 25	8 (24)
Restricted daily bag limits of 4 Pintails, 4 Canvasbacks, 2 Goldeneye and 2 Harlequin are in effect - see page 17.				
GEESE: SNOW and ROSS'S,	5-1 to 5-15		Sept 15 - Dec 25	5 (15)
GEESE: WHITE-FRONTED	5-1 to 5-15		Sept 15 - Dec 25	5 (15)
GEESE: CANADA & CACKLING	5-1 to 5-15		Sept 15 - Dec 25	10 (30)
WATERFOWLER HERITAGE DAYS: (Waterfowler Heritage Days are restricted to hunters under the age of 18. See Waterfowler Heritage Days section.)				
DUCKS and GEESE	5-1 to 5-15	Sept 10, 2016 - Sept 11, 2016	Sept 9, 2017 - Sept 10, 2017	★
★ Daily bag and possession limits are same as general open seasons described above. See page 17 for more details.				



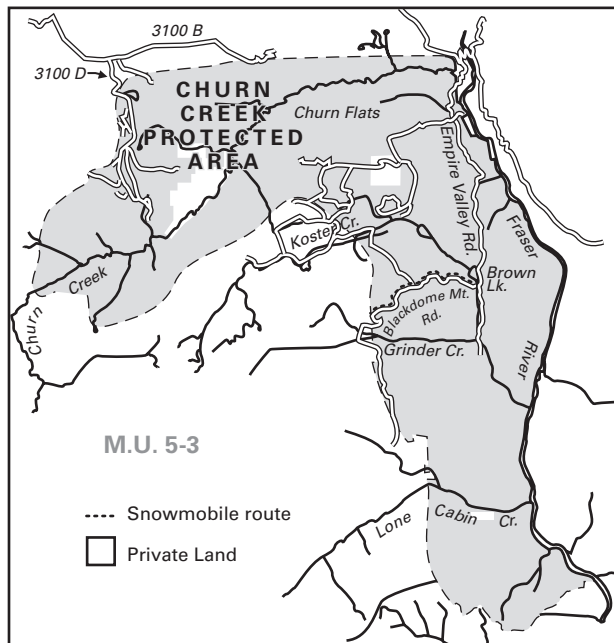
**Map E1** 100 Mile House No Shooting Area (situated in MU 5-2).



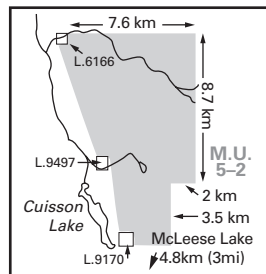
**Map E2** Rose Lake No Shooting Area (situated in MU 5-2).



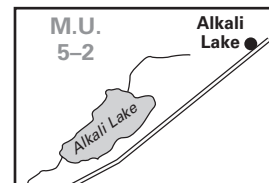
**Map E3** Williams Lake and Williams Lake River No Shooting Area (situated in MU 5-2).



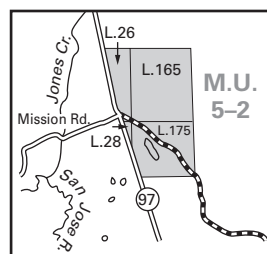
**Map E7** Churn Creek Protected Area (situated in MU 5-3). Motor vehicles prohibited except on designated roads.



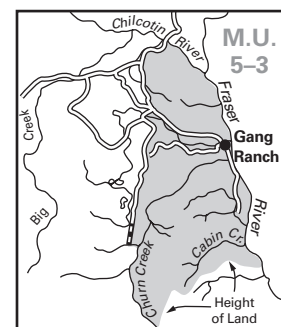
**Map E4** Gibraltar Mines No shooting Area (situated in MU 5-2).



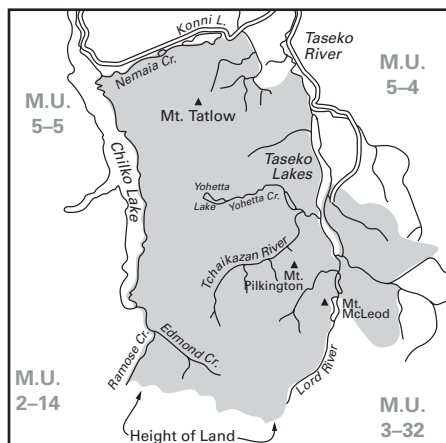
**Map E5** Reidemann Wildlife Sanctuary (situated in MU 5-2). No Shooting, Hunting or Trapping Area.



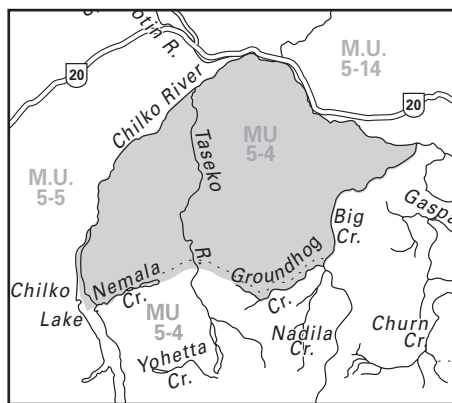
**Map E6** Knife Creek Motor Vehicle Closed Area (situated in MU 5-2). Road shown as dashed line is open.



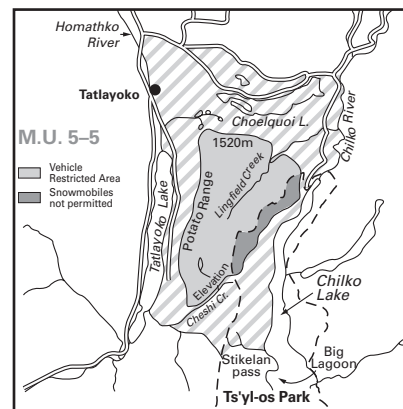
**Map E8** Gaspard - Churn Creek ATV and Snowmobile Closed Area and sharp-tailed grouse closed area (situated in MU 5-3).



**Map E9** Taseko-Chilko Lake ATVs and Snowmobiles for Hunting Closed Area (situated in MU 5-4).

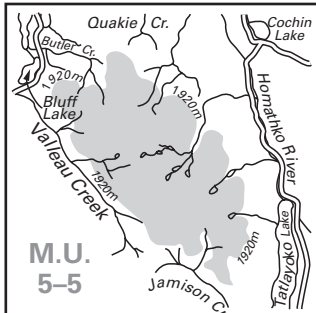


**Map E10** Open area for Bighorn Sheep hunting in MU 5-4. The remainder of MU 5-4 is closed to Bighorn Sheep hunting.

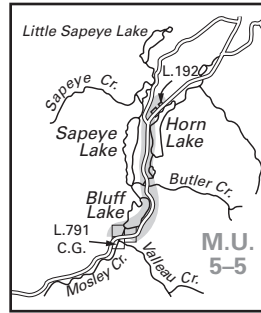


**Map E11** Potato Mountain Goat Closed Area and Motor Vehicle Closed Area (situated in MU 5-5). Vehicle restriction includes all areas above 1520 m elevation in this area, year round. Snowmobiles allowed Dec 1 to Mar 31 except in Ts'il'os Park.

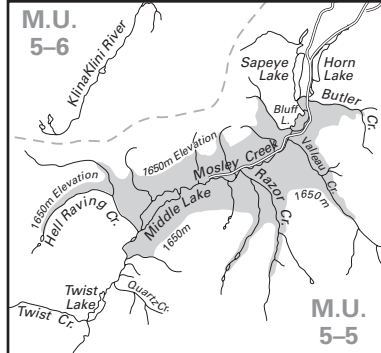




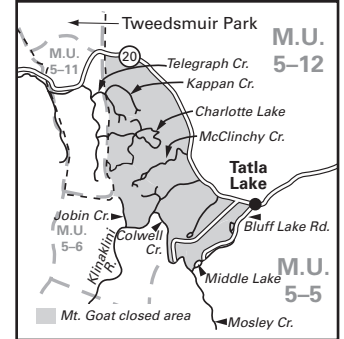
**Map E12** Valleau Creek Motor Vehicle Closed Area (situated in MU 5-5).



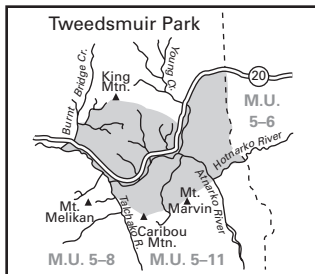
**Map E13** Horn-Bluff Lakes Quarter Mile Single Projectile Closed Area (situated in MU 5-5).



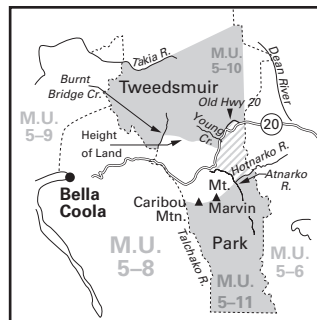
**Map E14** Bluff-Middle Lake Moose Closed Area (situated in MU 5-5).



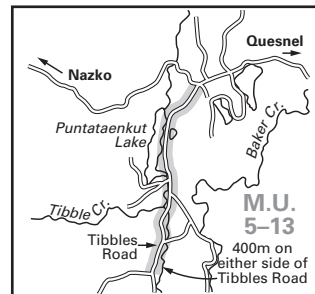
**Map E15** Perkins Peak - Kappen Mtn Mountain Goat Closed Area. Jobin-McClinch & Cherry Creek Mtn. Goat LEH Areas (situated in MUs 5-5, 5-6).



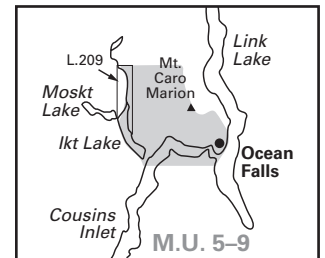
**Map E16** Tweedsmuir Park Bow Only Area. The bow and arrow only season for mule (black-tailed) deer bucks is Dec 1- Dec 24 (situated in MU 5-11). See Map E17 for Tweedsmuir Park No Hunting Areas.



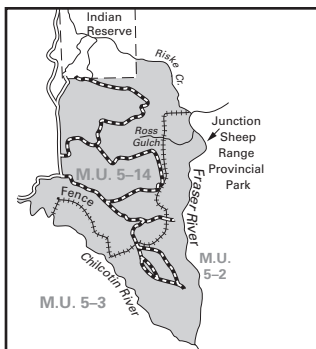
**Map E17** Tweedsmuir Park No Hunting Areas (situated in MUs 5-10, 5-11, 6-1, 6-2). Hatched areas shows LEH Bull Moose hunting area. See Map F1 on page 67 for more details.



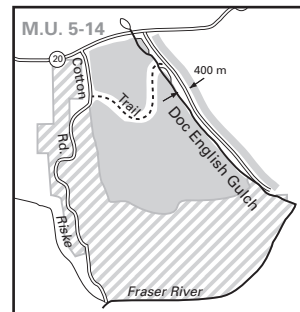
**Map E18** Tibbles Road Quarter Mile Single Projectile Closed Area (situated in MU 5-13).



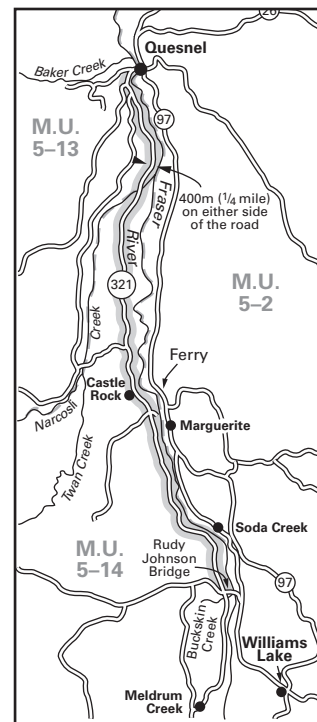
**Map E19** Ocean Falls No Shooting Area (situated in MU 5-9).



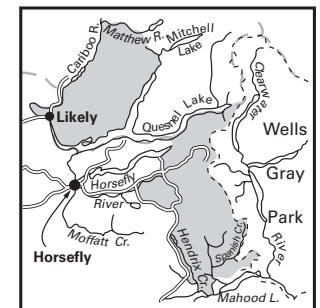
**Map E20** Junction Motor Vehicle Closed Area (situated in MU 5-14), except commercial vehicles allowed. Road shown as dashed lines are open Apr 1 to Nov 30.



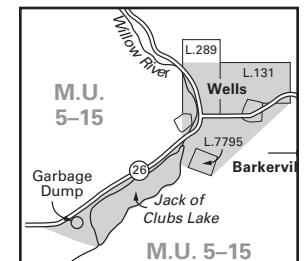
**Map E22** Doc English Gulch Motor Vehicles for Hunting Closed Area (situated in MU 5-14). Trails highlighted in white are open. Portions of hatched area are private land & for safety reasons, hunters are requested not to hunt in these areas.



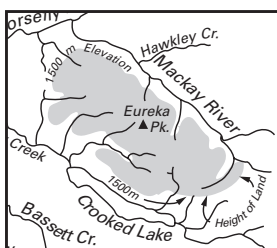
**Map E21** West Fraser Road Quarter Mile Single Projectile Closed Area (situated in MUs 5-13, 5-14).



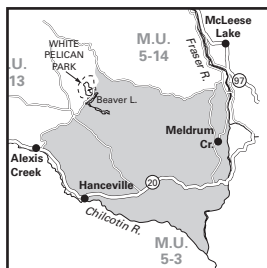
**Map E25** Goose Range and Eureka-Deception Mountain Goat Closed Areas (situated in MU 5-15). See LEH synopsis for area open to LEH.



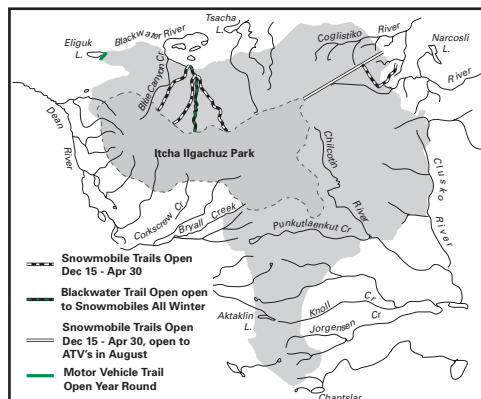
**Map E26** Wells No Shooting Area (situated in MU 5-15).



**Map E23** Eureka Peak Motor Vehicle Closed Area (situated in MU 5-15). Check the LEH synopsis for areas open to Limited Entry Hunting. Snowmobiles allowed Dec 1 to Apr 30.



**Map E27** Sharp-tailed Grouse Closed Area (situated in MU 5-14).



**Map E28** Itcha Ilgachuz Motor Vehicle Closed Area (situated in MU 5-12 & 5-13). Closed year round to the operation of motor vehicles except: ATV trail to the north-eastern edge of Itcha Ilgachuz Park open in August; snowmobile trails open from Dec 15-Apr 30 except the Blackwater Trail which is open to snowmobiles as soon as passable; motor vehicle track on the north western edge open all year. Commercial vehicles are exempt for purposes other than hunting.

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## NOTICE TO BEAR HUNTERS

In order to ensure the sustainability of bear hunting, bear hunters are requested to:

1. Be patient. Don't shoot the moment you see a bear!
2. Observe carefully and select an adult, male bear, especially a male grizzly bear. Bears can look deceptively large. Adult males have larger home ranges and will tend to be encountered less frequently than females and younger males.
3. Be aware that there is no open season on any bear (grizzly bear or black bear) less than two years old or any bear in its company (e.g., the sow). Take the time to ensure that cubs are not nearby.
4. Be aware there is no open season on white (Kermode) or

### Small/Young Bears

- Appear to be "all legs".
- Frequently look over shoulder or turn around.
- More streamlined, pointed head.
- Ears look larger and closer together.
- Neck appears longer and thinner.
- Ears-to-nose lines form a skinny triangle



blue (Glacier) colour phases of the black bear:

5. Contact the nearest Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations office immediately for important information if you shoot an ear-tagged or radio collared bear. See Ear Tags and Collars section, page 14.

**All grizzly bear hunting is under Limited Entry Hunting (LEH). See LEH synopsis for more information and an article on how to identify black bears and grizzly bears.**

### Large/Adult Male Bears

- Stocky legs
- Massive body with belly that hangs closer to the ground
- Slower, more deliberate movements
- Large, rounded head (like a basketball)
- Ears look smaller
- Thicker neck
- Ear-to-nose lines form an equilateral triangle

