

REGION 3

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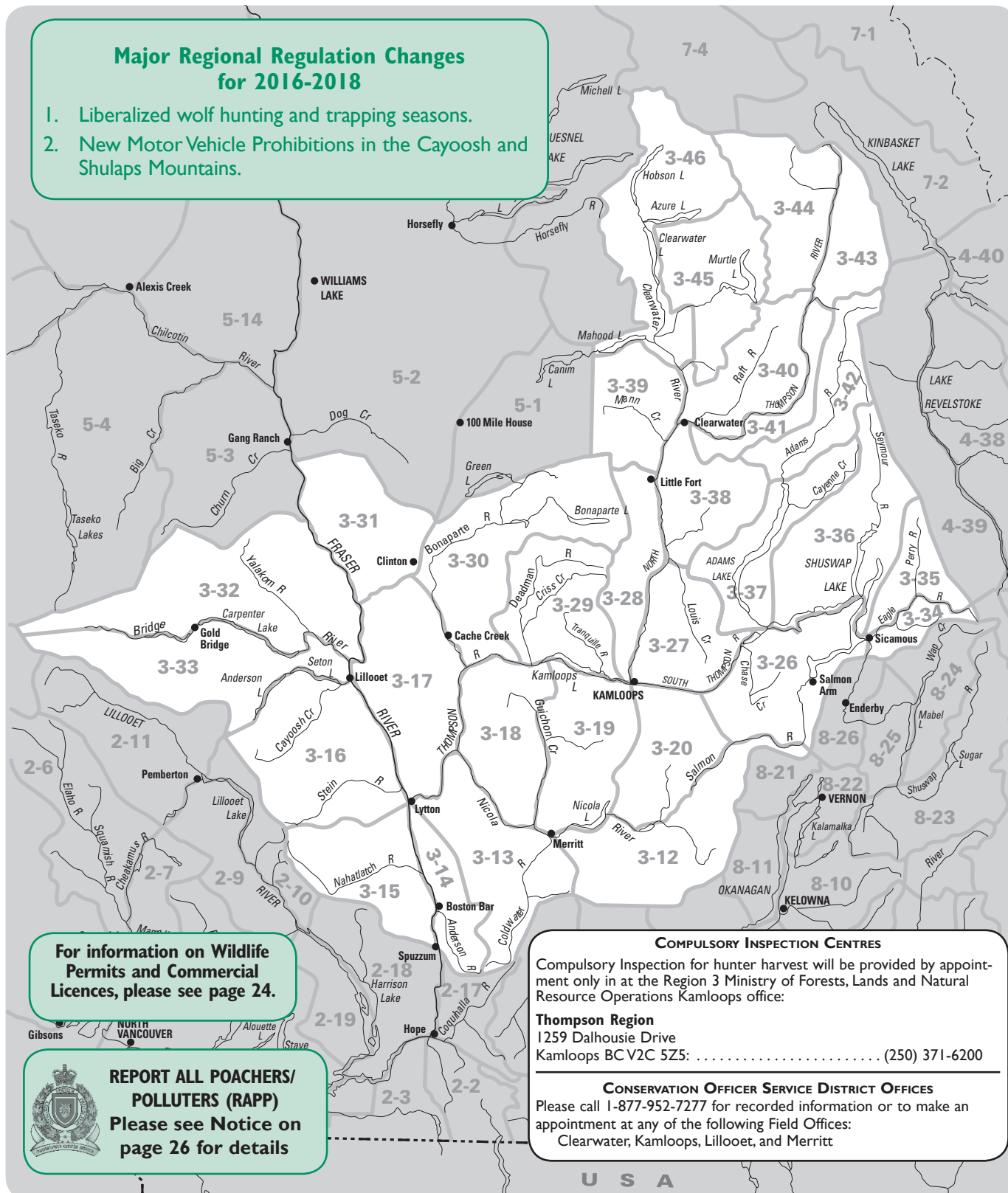
These M.U. boundaries are approximate only. For a more precise definition consult the BC Recreational Atlas, 6th edition.

Major Regional Regulation Changes for 2016-2018

1. Liberalized wolf hunting and trapping seasons.
2. New Motor Vehicle Prohibitions in the Cayoosh and Shulaps Mountains.

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Thompson



**For information on Wildlife
Permits and Commercial
Licences, please see page 24.**



**REPORT ALL POACHERS/
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 Please see Notice on
 page 26 for details

COMPULSORY INSPECTION CENTRES

Compulsory Inspection for hunter harvest will be provided by appointment only in at the Region 3 Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations Kamloops office:

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CONSERVATION OFFICER SERVICE DISTRICT OFFICES

Please call 1-877-952-7277 for recorded information or to make an appointment at any of the following Field Offices:
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REGIONAL BAG LIMITS

Deer: The aggregate bag limit for deer is 3. 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 two, either sex.

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.

► Information signs are posted at the points of closure for the benefit of hunters, but it is the hunter's responsibility to recognize the closures whether a sign is in place or not. Contact Kamloops Regional Office for details.

★ **Motor Vehicle Closed Areas:** The operation of all motor vehicles is prohibited in the following areas:

★ The operation of all motor vehicles, excluding snowmobiles is prohibited in Region 3 above 1,700 metre elevation, except on existing roads and trails. See page 3 for definition of existing road or trail.

★ Above the elevation of 1800 m in the Mt Hewitt-Bostock and Stoyoma Mountain area (MUs 3-13, 3-14) from May 1 to Nov 30 inclusive (except for Cabin Lake Rd). See Map C1.

★ Skull Mountain Special Resource Management Zone (MU 3-28) other than indicated open roads (see Map C17) or under permit Sept. 1 to Dec. 10.

★ Lac du Bois - Dewdrop in MUs 3-28 and 3-29. See Map C16.

★ Dewdrop/Rosseau WMA (MU 3-29). See Map C18.

★ Porcupine Meadows Park (MU 3-29). See Map C13.

★ Above 1920 m elevation in MU 3-16 and 3-32 in the following areas:

- **Cayoosh Mountain Range**

- **Shulaps Mountain Range**

- China Head Mountain (excluding Yalakom-Big Bar Road)

- Nine Mile Ridge

- Red Mountain - French Mountain

- Hogback Mountain

For a map of these areas please visit: <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/recreation/fishing-hunting/hunting/regulations-synopsis>

★ Clinton Creek Watershed (MU 3-31). See Map C14.

★ Spruce Lake area in MU 3-32. See Map C15.

★ Watersheds of Miledge, Chappell and Lempriere Creeks above 1700 m in MU 3-44 (snowmobiles are permitted in designated area between Dec. 1 and May 31). See Map C19.

★ Texas Creek watershed (MU 3-16), upstream of 3 km on the Texas Creek Forest Service Road closed from Apr. 15 to June 30.

▲ **Motor Vehicles for Hunting Closed Areas:**

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

▲ Greenstone Mountain Burn (MU 3-19) (except for Duffy Lake Road, Beaton Lake Road and Greenstone Mountain Road). See Map C3.

▼ **Snowmobiles for Hunting Closed Areas:**

The use of snowmobiles to hunt wildlife, transport wildlife, transport equipment or supplies which are intended for or in support of hunting or transport hunters to or from the location of wildlife is prohibited: year round in 3-45, 3-46, and April 1 to Dec 14 in MU 3-28. An authorized trapper is exempt from this restriction with respect to the trapping of furbearing animals.

NOTICE TO HUNTERS

► Cattle grazing takes place on both public and private land. To keep cattle in the correct pasture, it is important that hunters leave gates and fences as they are found. Hunters should read the Access Restrictions section for more information about private property.

► Hunters should note firearms restrictions in the No Hunting and No Shooting Areas section page 13 and regional maps.

► Hunting and the discharge of firearms are prohibited in MU 3-45 (Wells Gray Park).

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.

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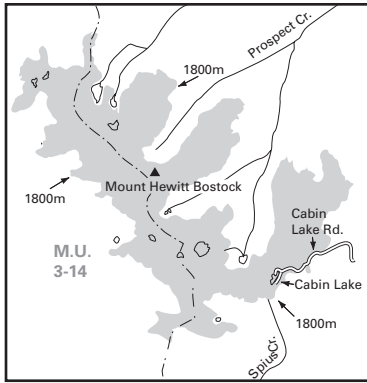
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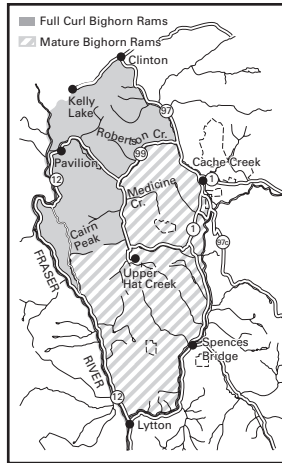

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THOMPSON GENERAL OPEN SEASONS

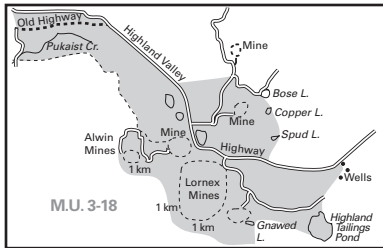
SPECIES	MANAGEMENT UNIT	CLASS	SEASON DATES	BAG LIMIT
MULE DEER (Black-tailed)	3-15, 3-16, 3-32, 3-33	▲4 Point Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44	▲4 Point Bucks	Sept 10 - Sept 30	1
	3-46	▲4 Point Bucks	Sept 20 - Sept 30	1
	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44, 3-46	Bucks	Oct 1 - Oct 31	1
	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44, 3-46	▲4 Point Bucks	Nov 1 - Dec 10	1
	3-12 to 3-14, 3-17 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-31, 3-34 to 3-44	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
Youth Only Season*	3-12 to 3-14, 3-17 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-31, 3-34 to 3-44	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
Bow Only Season	3-12 to 3-14, 3-17 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-31, 3-34 to 3-44	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
▲ See Definitions section: Mule Deer. The antlers must accompany the species licence. * Season restricted to hunters under the age of 18.				
WHITE-TAILED DEER	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44	Bucks	Sept 10 - Dec 10	2
	3-46	Bucks	Sept 20 - Dec 10	2
	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44, 3-46	Antlerless	Oct 10 - Oct 31	2
	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44, 3-46	Either Sex	Nov 1 - Nov 30	2
Youth Only Season*	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	2
Youth Only Season	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	2
Bow Only Season	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	2
* Restricted to hunters under the age of 18.				
MOOSE	3-34 to 3-44, 3-46	*Spike-fork Bulls	Sept 20 - Oct 31	1
	3-15 to 3-17, 3-31 to 3-33	*Spike-fork Bulls	Oct 15 - Nov 15	1
	3-12 to 3-14, 3-18 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-30	*Spike-fork Bulls	Nov 1 - Nov 15	1
* See Definitions section: Moose. Antlers must accompany the species licence				
BIGHORN MOUNTAIN SHEEP	3-17*, 3-31, 3-32+	Full Curl Bighorn Rams	Sept 10 - Oct 20	1
	3-17*	▲Mature Bighorn Rams	Sept 10 - Oct 20	1
* A portion of 3-17 only. See Map C2. + A portion of MU 3-32 is closed to Mountain Sheep hunting. See map C20. ▲ See Definitions section: Mountain Sheep. Compulsory Inspection required.				
BLACK BEAR	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Sept 1 - Nov 30	2
	3-46		Sept 20 - Nov 30	2
	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44, 3-46		Apr 1 - June 30	2
WOLF	3-12 to 3-16, 3-18 to 3-20		Sept 10 - June 15	3
	3-17, 3-26 to 3-44		No closed season	NBL
COYOTE	3-17, 3-31, 3-32		Sept 1 - June 30	NBL
	3-12 to 3-16, 3-18 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-30, 3-33 to 3-44		Sept 1 - Mar 31	NBL
COUGAR	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-33		Nov 15 - Mar 31	2
	3-34 to 3-44		Sept 10 - 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	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Nov 15 - Feb 15	1
LYNX	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Nov 15 - Feb 15	1
RACCOON	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		No Closed Season	NBL
SNOWSHOE HARE	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Aug 1 - Apr 30	10 (daily)
COLUMBIAN GROUND SQUIRREL	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		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: DUSKY (Blue), RUFFED & SPRUCE	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Sept 10 - Nov 30	5 each (15 each)
	3-46		Sept 20 - Nov 30	5 each (15 each)
For Dusky, Spruce and Ruffed grouse, the daily aggregate bag limit is 10; the aggregate possession limit is 30.				
SHARP-TAILED GROUSE	*3-30, 3-31		Sept 10 - Nov 30	5 (10)
* Restricted to portions of MU 3-30 see Map C21				
PTARMIGAN	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Sept 1 - Nov 30	5 (15)
CHUKAR PARTRIDGE	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Oct 1 - Nov 30	5 (15)
GRAY PARTRIDGE (Hungarian)	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Oct 1 - Nov 30	3 (9)
PHEASANT	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44	Cocks	Oct 1 - Nov 30	2 (6)
MOURNING DOVES	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Sept 1 - Sept 30	5 (15)
BAND-TAILED PIGEONS	3-13 to 3-17		Sept 15 - Sept 30	5 (15)
COOTS, COMMON SNIPE	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Sept 10 - Dec 23	10 each (30 each)
DUCKS	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Sept 10 - Dec 23	8 (24)
Restricted daily bag limits of 4 Pintails, 4 Canvasbacks, 2 Goldeneye and 2 Harlequin are in effect - see page 17.				
GEESSE: SNOW, ROSS'S and WHITE-FRONTED	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Sept 10 - Dec 23	5 (15)
GEESSE: CANADA and CACKLING	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Sept 10 - Sept 20	10 (30)
	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Oct 1 - Dec 23	10 (30)
	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Mar 1 - Mar 10	10 (30)
WATERFOWLER HERITAGE DAYS: (Waterfowler Heritage Days are restricted to hunters under the age of 18. See Waterfowler Heritage Days section.)				
DUCKS and GEESSE	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44	Sept 3, 2016 - Sept 4, 2016	Sept 2, 2017 - Sept 3, 2017	★
★ Daily bag and possession limits are same as general open seasons described above. See page 17 for more details.				



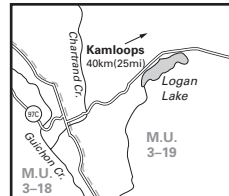
Map C1 Stoyoma Mountain Motor Vehicle Closed Area (situated in MUs 3-13, 3-14) above 1800 m elevation from May 1 - Nov 30, except on Cabin Lake Rd.



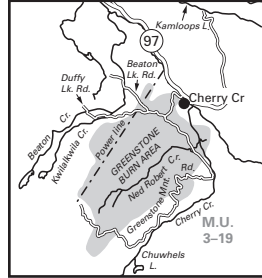
Map C2 Full Curl bighorn and Mature bighorn sheep hunting areas (situated in MU 3-17).



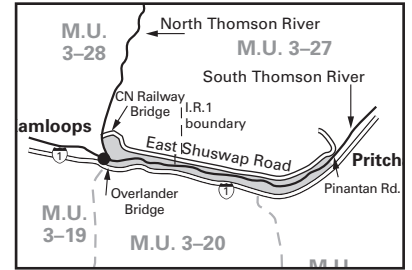
Map C5 Highland Valley - No Shooting Area (situated in MU 3-18).



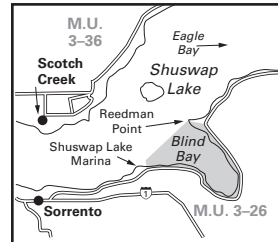
Map C7 Logan Lake - No Shooting Area (situated in MU 3-19).



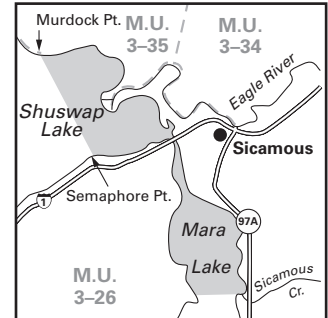
Map C3 Greenstone Mt. Burn Motor Vehicle for Hunting Closed Area (situated in MU 3-19). Roads shown as open lines are open year round.



Map C4 Kamloops - No Shooting or Hunting Area (situated in MUs 3-19, 3-20, 3-26, 3-27 and 3-28).



Map C6 Blind Bay - No Shooting Area (situated in MU 3-26).



Map C8 Sicamous - No Shooting or Hunting Area (situated in MU 3-26).

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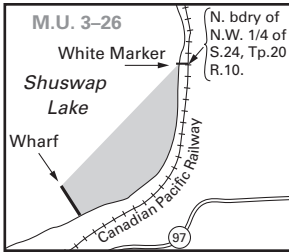
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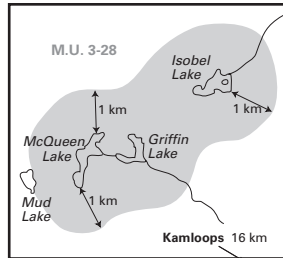
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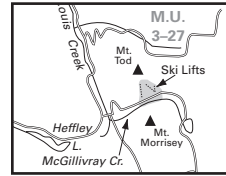




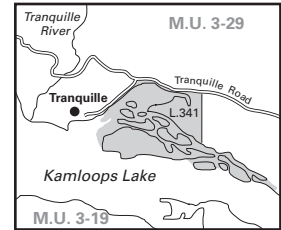
Map C9 Salmon Arm - No Shooting or Hunting Area (situated in MU 3-26).



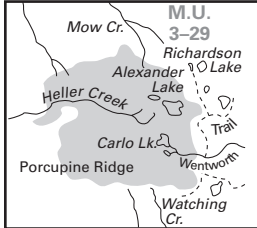
Map C10 McQueen Lake - No Shooting Area (situated in MU 3-28).



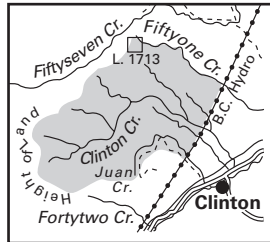
Map C11 Sun Peaks - No Shooting or Hunting Area 400m from existing Ski Lifts (situated in MU 3-27).



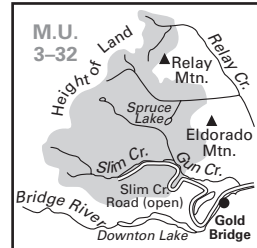
Map C12 Tranquille Wildlife Management Area - No Shooting or Hunting Area (situated in Lac du Bois Grasslands Provincial Park in MU 3-29)



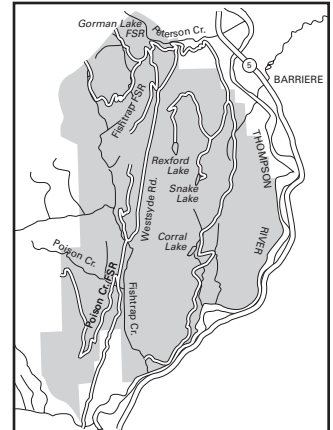
Map C13 Porcupine Meadows Park (formerly Porcupine Ridge AMA) Closed to motor vehicles. Snowmobiles allowed from Dec 15 to April 15.



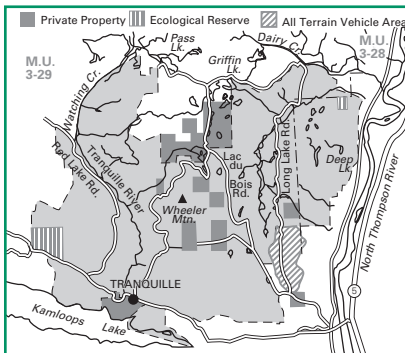
Map C14 Clinton Creek Motor Vehicle Closed Area (situated in MU 3-31).



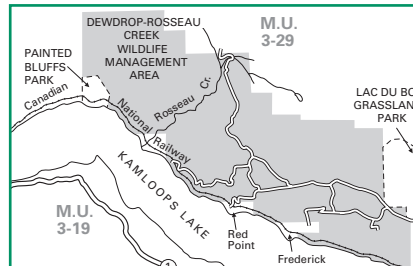
Map C15 Spruce Lake Motor Vehicle Closed Area (situated in Spruce Lake Protected Area in MU 3-32). Closed from June 1 to Nov 30. Roads shown as open lines are open year-round.



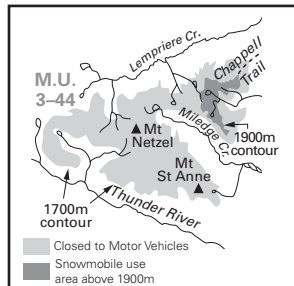
Map C17 Skull Mountain Motor Vehicle Closed Area (situated in MU 3-28). Roads shown as open lines are open year-round. All other roads closed to motor vehicles from Sept. 1 to Dec. 10.



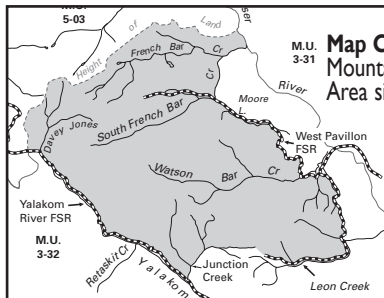
Map C16 Lac du Bois Grasslands Park (situated in MUs 3-28, 3-29). Vehicle access restricted to high-lighted roads except as posted.



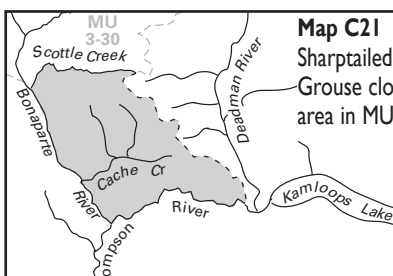
Map C18 Dewdrop/Rosseau Motor Vehicle Closed Area (MU 3-29). Roads shown as open lines are open year-round.



Map C19 Mileage, Chappell & Lempriere Creeks Motor Vehicle Closed Area (situated in MU 3-44). Snowmobile use allowed in area shown (above 1900 m contour) from Dec 1 to May 31.



Map C20 Camelsfoot - Mountain Sheep Closed Area situated in MU 3-32.



Map C21 Sharptailed Grouse closed area in MU 3-30.



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