

REGION 4

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prior to your hunt.



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

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.

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Major Regulation Changes for 2016 - 2018

1. Increased bag limit for wolves.
2. Reduced antlerless white-tailed deer bag limit.
3. Added Compulsory Inspection requirements for wolf, bobcat, moose and West Kootenay elk (see page 21 for details).
4. Closed the wolverine hunting season.
5. Converted multiple motor vehicle for hunting closed areas to Access Management Areas.

NOTICE! TO HUNTERS

Hunters can produce their own maps through iMap BC available at www.data.gov.bc.ca/dbc/geographic/.

Hunters are reminded that restrictions apply to Recreation Sites (e.g., Cranbrook Community Forest). See Recreation Sites and Trails on page 11.

Region 4 Motor Vehicle Prohibition Maps are no longer published in the Hunting and Trapping Regulations Synopsis, they will be available online at www.env.gov.bc.ca/kootenay/eco/accessmaps.htm OR by contacting the regional office at 250-489-8540.

Recreation Access Management Plans

A copy of the following plans is located online at www.recplans.gov.bc.ca/

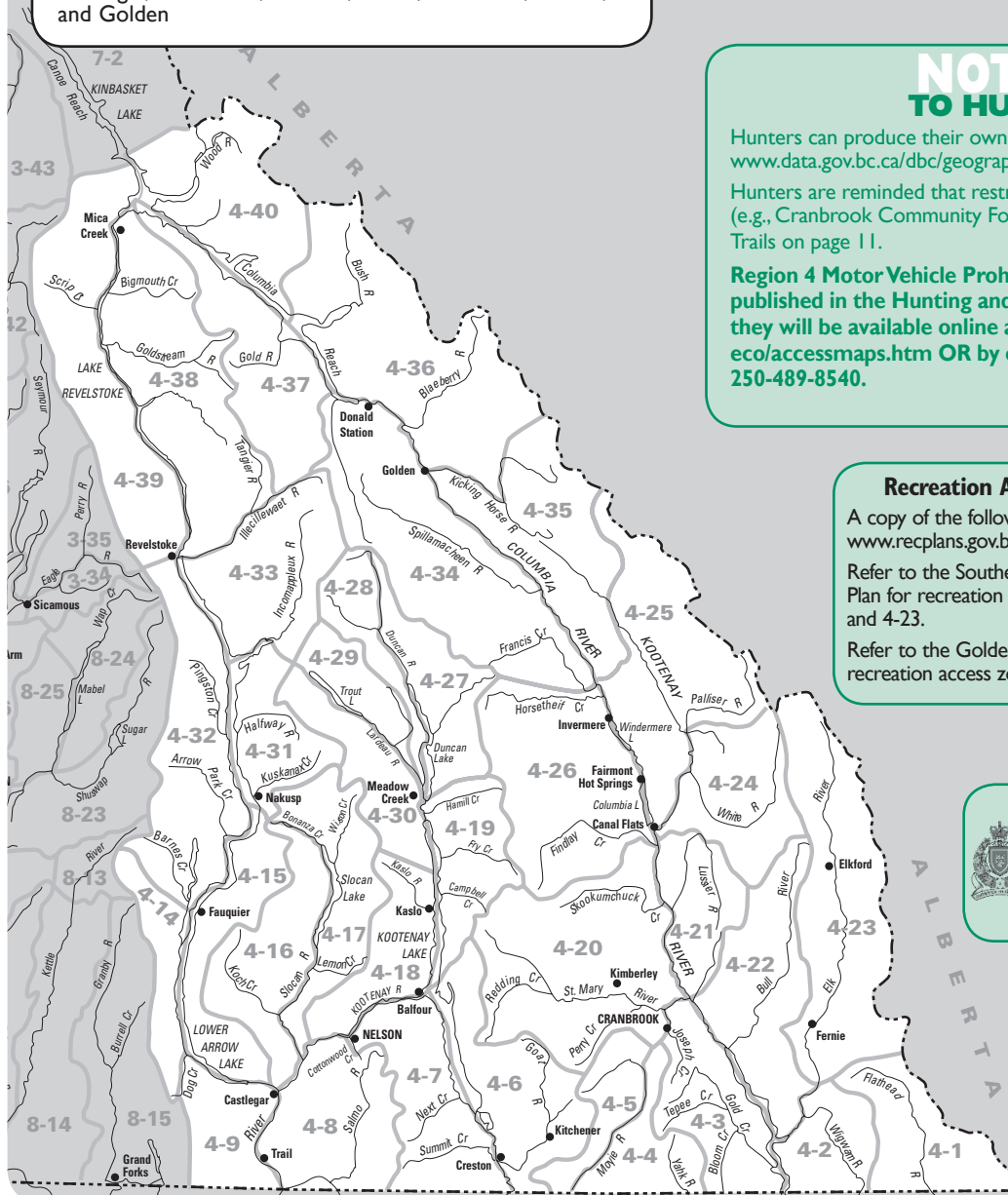
Refer to the Southern Rocky Mountain Management Plan for recreation access zoning in MUs 4-1, 4-2, 4-22 and 4-23.

Refer to the Golden Backcountry Recreation Plan for recreation access zoning in MUs 4-34, 4-36 and 4-40.

**REPORT ALL POACHERS/
POLLUTERS (RAPP)**
Please see Notice on
page 26 for details



**For information on
Wildlife Permits and
Commercial Licences,
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REGION 4

Kootenay

REGIONAL BAG LIMITS

Bobcat: The bag limit for Bobcat is one.

Cougar: The bag limit for Cougar is two, except in MUs 4-1 to 4-5, 4-9 to 4-27, 4-32 to 4-37 and 4-40 where the bag limit is one.

Coyote: No bag limit (NBL).

Wolf: The bag limit for wolf is three.

Deer: The aggregate bag limit in the Kootenay Region is two. The bag limit for mule (black-tailed) deer is one. **The bag limit for white-tailed is two; one may be antlerless and one may be a buck.**

Grouse: The daily aggregate bag limit for grouse: blue (dusky), spruce (Franklin), and ruffed is 5.

Turkey: The regional aggregate bag limit for turkey is two. Only one turkey may be taken in the spring and only one turkey may be taken in the fall.

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► Several animals have been radio-collared for research in the Kootenay Region. These animals provide data on survival rates, habitat use, and migratory behaviour. If you harvest a radio-collared animal, please return the collar to the Ministry office in Cranbrook or Nelson to ensure the necessary information is collected.

No Shooting Areas:

► **The discharge of firearms is prohibited on or within 50m of either side of the Whiteswan FSR from Inlet Creek Campground on Whiteswan FSR to White River bridge crossing and the Whiteswan FSR/White-Moscow main junction to the Moscow/Home Basin Campground junction. Total road length approximately 4.9km.**

► See firearms restrictions as outlined in the No Hunting or Shooting Areas section and region's maps on pages 52-54.

ACCESS RESTRICTIONS

► Access Permits are required for hunting or fishing activities on the Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area. For more details on acquiring permits visit www.crestonwildlife.ca or call 250-402-6900.

► 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 road and vehicle restrictions. These signs are for the benefit of hunters, but it is the hunters' responsibility to recognize closures whether a sign is in place or not.

► **That portion in MU 4-22 within the following described boundaries: DD5116 or DL 132 including sand peninsula. Motorized use prohibited all year. Excluding public beaches**

#1 and #2, public access by land, water or air is prohibited April 15 to July 15. Dogs must be leashed April 1 to July 31. Boat launch ramp open only for launching watercraft not for use to access foreshore. "Waldo Cove Road" is open year round.

► Public access is prohibited beyond 3 m of either side of Sulphur Creek Road in mineral lick area (MU 4-22) year round.

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

(1) Access Management Areas (AMAs) - designated areas where vehicle use is managed to reduce damage to fish and wildlife habitat and/or to protect fish and wildlife populations from harassment or over harvest:

★ **Motor Vehicle Closed Areas:** The operation of all motor vehicles is prohibited in these areas year round, unless indicated otherwise.

(2) Motor Vehicles for Hunting Closed Areas (formerly known as VAHCs) - designated areas where the operation of all motor vehicles to hunt, transport wildlife, transport equipment and supplies which are intended for or in support of hunting, or to transport hunters to or from the location of wildlife is prohibited. An authorized trapper is exempt from this prohibition with respect to the trapping of furbearing animals.

* **Year Round Motor Vehicles for Hunting Closed Areas** unless otherwise indicated.

◆ **Seasonal Motor Vehicles for Hunting Closed Areas** - open Mar. 1 - 31 and July 1 - Aug. 31

▼ **Seasonal Motor Vehicles for Hunting Closed Areas** - open Dec. 1 - Mar. 31 and July 1 - Aug. 31

(3) Region-wide Snowmobiles for Hunting Closed Area: The use of snowmobiles to hunt, to transport wildlife, or to transport hunters to or from the location of wildlife is prohibited in the entire Kootenay Region during the period Apr. 1-Nov. 30. An authorized trapper is exempt from this prohibition with respect to the trapping of furbearing animals.

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MU 4-1

★ McDougall Wildlife Sanctuary (Map D1)
★ Upper Flathead
★ East Flathead

MU 4-2

★ Wigwam Flats-Mt. Broadwood /Sportsman Ridge
★ **Galton Range**
★ Upper Wigwam River drainage
◆ The watershed of an unnamed tributary of Lodgepole Creek (locally known as Windfall Creek) upstream of 34.8 km on the Windfall Creek Road.

MU 4-3

◆ Purcell Creek watershed upstream of the Linklater Creek Bypass Road
◆ Elizabeth Lake (Map D2)
★ Linklater Creek

MU 4-4

▼ the northerly watershed above Hawkins Creek Road west of an unnamed stream flowing south-westerly into Hawkins Creek from Mt. Mahon approximately 2 km northwest of the confluence of Canuck Creek and Hawkins Creek and including the western slopes of Mt. Mahon and the Manson Creek watershed.

MU 4-5

▼ Irishman Cr watershed upstream of Hwy 3/95

MU 4-6

★ **the watershed of Leadville Creek upstream of the 8 km on the Leadville Creek Road. Snow machine and trappers are exempt.**
★ **the southern and eastern facing slopes of the Sanca Creek Watershed above the Sanca Creek Forestry Road.**

MU 4-7

▼ Topaz Creek watershed upstream of Midgely Mountain Road at the 1425 m (4700 ft) elevation
★ all areas north of Corn Creek in the Corn Creek watershed, upstream of Acorn Creek, including Buckworth Creek, closed from Sept 1 to June 1. Corn Creek FSR is open.

MU 4-9

▼ the watersheds of Malde, Goodeve, Morris and Shepard Creeks and the Cambridge Creek watershed upstream of the 750 m elevation
◆ Tiger Creek watershed upstream of the Gopher Creek Crossing

MU 4-14

* commencing on the north side of Peter Creek bridge crossing and includes both Faith and Peter Creek watersheds, Sept. 1 to Nov. 30

MU 4-15

▼ Commencing at 11 km on the Rialto Cr FSR and above the 760 metre contour in the watersheds of Tulip Creek in the west to Rialto Creek in the east including all watersheds in between (Syringa, Allendale, Yarrow and several unnamed) and including areas within Syringa Provincial Park.
* Deer Creek Road:

- commencing at 19 km on the Deer Cr. FSR including all roads/trails on Cougar Ridge), Sept 1 to Nov 30
- commencing at 23 km on the Rusty Cr. FSR and including Twobit, Sunshine, Gladstone Hutchinson and Sangrida watersheds above 750 m Sept 1 to Nov 30.

MU 4-18

* Grohman Creek closed year round to use of motor vehicles for the purpose of hunting
★ Marsden Face during the period Dec 1 to April 15
◆ the watershed of Sproule Creek and commencing at the start of the Sproule Creek FSR, and not including that portion of the Smallwood FSR located within the Sproule Creek Watershed.

MU 4-20

★ Wydliffe Conservation Properties District Lots 6034, 6667 and 7318
★ Baribeau Creek watershed upstream from 1.0 km on the Baribeau Creek Road snowmobiles

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and trappers are exempt

- ◆ the watershed of Bradford Creek
- ◆ the watershed of an unnamed creek (locally known as Patrick Creek) flowing into Dewar Creek between Mt. Patrick and Mt. Manson upstream of the Dewar Creek access road
- ◆ the watershed of Skookumchuck Creek upstream from a point downstream 1 kilometre from its confluence with Greenland Creek
- ★ Cherry Creek
- ◆ the watershed of Copper Creek upstream of the Skookumchuck Forest Access Rd crossing
- ◆ the watershed of Buhl Creek from 0.5 kilometre upstream of the Skookumchuck Creek Bridge crossing near the confluence of Buhl Creek with Skookumchuck Creek

MU 4-21

- ◆ the watershed of the easterly headwaters of Coyote Creek
- ★ Premier Ridge

MU 4-22

★ Baynes Lake area (Map D15)

- ★ Powerplant area
- ★ the Pickering Hills and Sheep Mtn. areas excludes Lot 3, Plan 12040, District Lot 325, Kootenay land District
- ★ the watershed of North Galbraith Creek and of that portion of the watershed of Galbraith Creek south and east of their confluence
- ◆ the watershed of Big Tower, Little Tower, Swanson Creek, **Harrison Creek** and Haynes Creek. **The main Harrison Creek FSR open to motorized use for hunting. All roads leading off main Harrison Creek FSR above 67 km are closed to motorized use for hunting. All other roads within this MVHC remain closed to motorized use for hunting.**
- ◆ the watershed of Burton Creek upstream of 3.5 km on Burton Creek FSR
- ◆ the watershed of McDermid Creek
- ★ **the watersheds of Little Sand Creek above the Galloway Road and of Big Sand Creek upstream of its confluence with Whimpster Creek and the watershed of Iron and Lime Creek**
- ◆ the watershed of Quinn Creek upstream of its confluence with Alpine Creek, including the watershed of Alpine Creek

MU 4-23

- ★ Barnes Lake (except snowmobiles)
- ★ Chauncey-Todhunter area
- ★ Grave Prairie area
- ★ Corbin Creek
- ★ Weigert Creek (except snowmobiles)
- ★ Upper Elk Valley/Fording River (snowmobiles allowed). **Snowmobiles prohibited above 1900 m on Mt. Bleasdel/Abby Ridge.** Snowmobiles continue to be allowed elsewhere within this AMA. Roads shown as open lines are open year round.
- ★ **Alexander Creek Access Management Area.**

MU 4-24

- ★ that portion of the Mutton Creek watershed upstream of the westerly boundary of Whiteswan Lake Park
- ◆ Blackfoot Creek watershed upstream from 38 km on the Blackfoot Creek Road
- ◆ Fenwick Creek watershed upstream from 50 km on the Fenwick Creek Road
- ◆ Elk Creek watershed upstream from the White Rock Forestry Access Road

- ◆ the watershed of Nilksuka Creek upstream of the North White River haul road
- ◆ Grave Creek watershed upstream from 48 km on the Main Grave Creek Road
- ◆ the watershed of Nine Mile Creek upstream of 1300 metre elevation
- ◆ the watershed of the middle fork of White River upstream of the first bridge crossing

MUs 4-25, 4-26, 4-34 and 4-35

- Use of a conveyance of any description which is powered by a motor which exceeds a rating of 10 horsepower is prohibited within the Columbia Wetlands Wildlife Management Area (MUs 4-25, 4-26, 4-34, 4-35). Boats operating on NAVIGABLE portions of the Columbia River are exempt from the regulation, and the following rights of way are also excluded from this regulation:
 - Horsethief Creek Forest Service Road #5467.01 located at Radium
 - Plan 22153 of DL 11383 located at Brisco
 - Plan 26T1689 of DL 2566 located at Spillimacheen
 - Spillimacheen Forest Service Road # 7752.01 located at Parsons
 - Canyon Creek Road located at Nicholzen
 - The Dogtooth Rd located at Golden (Map D22)

MU 4-25

- ★ Stoddart Creek area
- ★ Columbia Lake area
- ◆ Albert River watershed upstream from 52.5 km on the Albert River Road
- ◆ Cross River watershed upstream from 27.3 km on the Cross River Road, and on side roads further than 100 m road distance from the Cross River main line between 20.4 km and 27.3 km
- ◆ the watershed of Pedley Creek
- ◆ North fork of Dry Creek watershed upstream from 19.6 km on Dry Creek Rd
- ◆ the upper watersheds of Madias Creek and Tatley Creek upstream from the easterly boundary of the Columbia Lake Indian Reserve

MU 4-26

- ★ Hoodoo Conservation Property
- ★ that portion of the watershed of Goldie Creek upstream of 1525 metre elevation
- ★ Dutch Creek-Findlay
- ★ **the watersheds of Dutch Creek and the unnamed drainage between the drainages of Dutch Creek and Brewer Creek above the Dutch/Brewer Creek forest access road and the drainages of Brewer Creek upstream of and including the watershed of Thorald Creek**
- ◆ Crown land in the watershed of Lavington Creek upstream of the northerly boundary of subplot 137, Kootenay Land District

MU 4-29

- ◆ the easterly watershed of the Lardeau River between the northerly boundaries of District Lots 7527 and 9378, Kootenay Land District and the northerly height of land of Lake Creek (including the Lake Creek watershed), from Oct. 20 to Dec.10.

MU 4-30

- ★ the Duncan-Lardeau area, highway 31 is open year round

MU 4-32

- ◆ the watershed on the north east side of Barnes Creek upstream of the 30 km marker on east Barnes Creek Main, south of the height of land

with Keefer Lake and south of the height of land with Fife Creek. The closure on the Fife Creek side commences at the height of land on Branch 40 by way of Fife Creek FSR

MU 4-34

★ Holt and Lang Creek area. The Holt Creek closure begins at approximately 4.8 km on Holt Creek Road. The Lang Creek closure begins at approximately 3.4 km on the Lang Creek Road

MU 4-35

- ◆ the drainages of Ice River and the easterly watershed of Beaverfoot River upstream of Ice River

MU 4-38

- ◆ the watershed of Downie Creek including the Sorcerer Creek drainage, upstream of the 15 km sign on the Downie Creek FSR

COMPULSORY INSPECTION

► **In addition to those species requiring Compulsory Inspection or Compulsory Reporting provincially, all moose, elk (West Kootenay only), cougar, lynx, bobcat and wolf taken in Region 4 must be Compulsory Inspected 30 days of the kill (within 4 days of the date of kill for cougar). See page 21.**

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KOOTENAY GENERAL OPEN SEASONS

SPECIES	MANAGEMENT UNIT	CLASS	SEASON DATES	BAG LIMIT
MULE DEER (Black-tailed)	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40	▲4 Point Bucks	Sept 10 - Nov 10	1
Youth Only Season*	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
Bow Only Season	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
▲ See Definitions section: Mule (black-tailed) deer. The antlers must accompany the species licence. See regional bag limit on page 48.				
* Restricted to hunters under the age of 18.				
WHITE-TAILED DEER	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40	Bucks	Sept 10 - Nov 30	1
	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40	Antlerless	Oct 10 - Oct 31	1
Youth Only Season*	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40	Either Sex	Nov 1 - Nov 30	2**
Youth Only Season*	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
Bow Only Season	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
Bow Only Season	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40	Either Sex	Dec 1 - Dec 20	2**
* Restricted to hunters under the age of 18. ** The bag limit for white tailed deer is 2; one may be antlerless and one may be a buck.				
ELK	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-38, 4-40	▲6 Point Bulls	Sept 10 - Oct 20	1
	*(4-2 to 4-7, 4-20 to 4-25)	▲Spike Bulls	Sept 10 - Sept 19	1
	+(4-20, 4-22) - limited to 4 private properties	Antlerless	Sept 20-Sept 30	1
Senior/Youth▼	+(4-20, 4-22) - limited to 4 private properties	Antlerless	Sept 10-Sept 19	1
Bow Only Season	*(4-6, 4-7, 4-23)	Antlerless	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
Bow Only Season	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-38, 4-40	Bulls	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
Bow Only Season	*(4-2 to 4-5, 4-20 to 4-22, 4-24, 4-25)	Antlerless	Sept 1 - Sept 19	1
* Restricted to only portions of these MUs. See Maps D4, D6 and D8 for details				
+ Restricted to 4 Private Land Lots within MUs 4-20 and 4-22. Visit www.gov.bc.ca/huntingmaps.html for details				
▼ Restricted to hunters under the age of 18 and those 65 years of age or older. ▲ See Definitions section: Elk. The antlers must accompany the species licence				
Compulsory Inspection required for MUs 4-08, 4-09, 4-14 to 4-17, 4-31 to 4-33, 4-38				
MOOSE	4-7 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-18, 4-27 to 4-33, 4-36 to 4-40	★Spike-fork Bulls	Sept 20 - Oct 31	1
	4-1 to 4-6, 4-19 to 4-26, 4-34, 4-35	★Spike-fork Bulls	Oct 15 - Oct 31	1
Bow Only Season	4-7 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-18, 4-27 to 4-33, 4-36 to 4-40	★Spike-fork Bulls	Sept 1 - Sept 19	1
Bow Only Season	4-1 to 4-6, 4-19 to 4-26, 4-34, 4-35	★Spike-fork Bulls	Sept 1 - Oct 14	1
★ See Definitions section: Moose. Antlers and an incisor tooth must accompany the species licence. Compulsory Inspection required.				
BIGHORN MOUNTAIN SHEEP	4-1, 4-2, 4-21 to 4-24, ▲4-25, ★4-35	Full Curl Bighorn Rams	Sept 10 - Oct 25	1
★ See Mountain Sheep closed area in MU 4-35 (Map D29) ▲ In that portion of MU 4-25, excluding Mt. Assiniboine Park (Map D24). Compulsory Inspection required.				
MOUNTAIN GOAT	4-28 to *4-30, 4-36, 4-37, 4-39, 4-40		Sept 10 - Nov 30	1
* Portion of MU 4-30 only (Map D27). Compulsory Inspection required.				
BLACK BEAR	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Sept 10 - Nov 30	2
	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Apr 1 - June 30	2
	▲ 4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Aug 1 - Aug 31	2
Bow Only Season	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Sept 1 - Sept 9	2
▲ Restricted to private land only, hunter must obtain permission from land owners prior to access.				
WOLF	▲ 4-5 to 4-8, 4-17, 4-18, 4-20, 4-27 to 4-31, 4-33, 4-37 to 4-40		Sept 1 - Jun 15	NBL
	▲ 4-1 to 4-4, 4-9, 4-14 to 4-16, 4-19, 4-21 to 4-26, 4-32, 4-34 to 4-36		Sept 10 - Jun 15	3
▲ In those portions of MUs 4-2, 4-3, 4-20 to 4-22, 4-24 to 4-26, 4-34 to 4-37 and 4-40 in the East Kootenay Trench and MUs 4-4 to 4-7, below 1100 m in elevation, there is no closed season.				
Compulsory inspection required.				
COYOTE	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Sept 10 - Mar 31	NBL
LYNX	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Nov 15 - Dec 31	1
Compulsory inspection is required.				
BOBCAT	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Nov 15 - Feb 15	1
Compulsory inspection required.				
COUGAR	4-1 to 4-4, 4-21 to 4-26, 4-34 to 4-36		▲ Sept 10-Jan 31	1
	4-5, 4-20		Sept 10-Feb 28	1
	4-6 to 4-8, 4-28 to 4-31, 4-38, 4-39		Sept 10-Mar 31	2
	4-9 to 4-19, 4-27, 4-32, 4-33, 4-37, 4-40		Sept 10-Mar 31	1
Pursuit Only*	4-1 to 4-4, 4-21 to 4-26, 4-34 to 4-36		Nov 15 - Feb 28	0
Hunters may not hunt a cougar kitten or any cougar in its company. See Definitions section: cougar kitten.				
▲ Note the cougar season in MUs 4-3, 4-4 and 4-26 will close 72 hours after the regional manager has published that since April 1, of the license year, the total number of female cougars killed in these MUs has reached 15. Excessive female harvest in other MUs may result in season closures.				
* Persons participating in the Pursuit Only season are reminded that they must have a hunting licence, they may not carry a firearm, and it is an offence to kill a cougar during a Pursuit Only season.				
Compulsory Inspection required.				
COLUMBIAN GROUND SQUIRREL	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		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.				
SNOWSHOE HARE	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Aug 1 - Apr 30	10 (daily)
RACCOON	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Sept 10 - Mar 31	NBL
SKUNK	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Aug 1 - Apr 30	NBL

KOOTENAY GENERAL OPEN SEASONS

SPECIES	MANAGEMENT UNIT	CLASS	SEASON DATES	BAG LIMIT
GROUSE: DUSKY (Blue), RUFFED & SPRUCE	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Sept 1 - Nov 30	5 (15)
<i>For Dusky, Spruce and Ruffed grouse, the daily aggregate bag limit is 5; the aggregate possession limit is 15.</i>				
PHEASANT	4-6, 4-7	Cocks	Oct 15 - Nov 30	Daily Limit: 3
<i>Possession Limit: 6; Season Limit: 12</i>				
PTARMIGAN	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Sept 10 - Nov 30	10 (30)
RAVEN	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		No Closed Season	5
TURKEY	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40	Bearded	Apr 15 - May 15	1
Bow Only Season	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40	Bearded	Sept 1 - Sept 30	*1
Bow or Shot Only Season	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40	Any turkey	Oct 1 - Oct 15	*1
<i>* The aggregate bag limit for turkey is 2, only one may be taken in the spring and one in the fall.</i>				
MOURNING DOVES	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Sept 1 - Sept 30	5 (15)
COOTS, COMMON SNIPE	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Sept 10 - Dec 23	10 each (30 each)
DUCKS	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Sept 10 - Dec 23	8 (24)
<i>Restricted daily bag limits of 4 Pintails, 4 Canvasbacks, 2 Goldeneye and 2 Harlequins are in effect - see page 17.</i>				
GEESE: SNOW and ROSS'S	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Sept 10 - Dec 23	5 (15)
GEESE: WHITE-FRONTED	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Sept 10 - Dec 23	5 (15)
GEESE: CANADA and CACKLING	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40*		Sept 10 - Dec 23	10 (30)
<i>* Kootenay River Canada Goose closed area in portions of MUs 4-3, 4-20, 4-21 and 4-22 (Map D3).</i>				
<i>Hunters please note that Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area opens to hunting for coots, snipe, ducks and geese on October 1.</i>				
<i>Access permit is required for hunting activities in the Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area for more information, phone 250-402-6900 or www.crestonwildlife.ca</i>				
WATERFOWLER HERITAGE DAYS: (Waterfowler Heritage Days are restricted to hunters under the age of 18. See Waterfowler Heritage Days section.)				
DUCKS and GEESE	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		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.				

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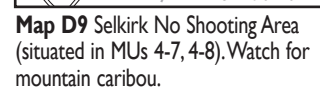
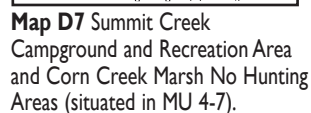
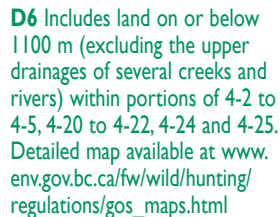
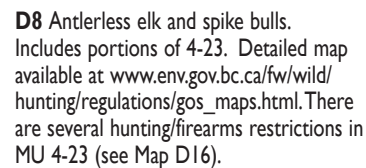
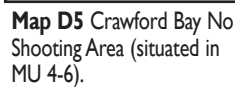
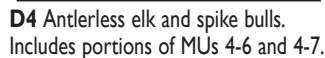
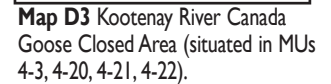
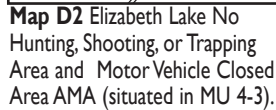
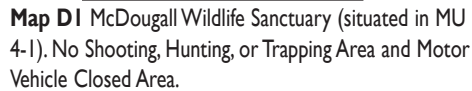
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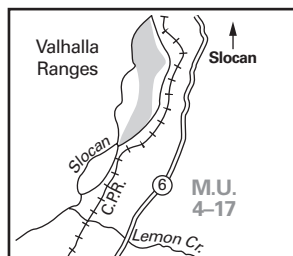
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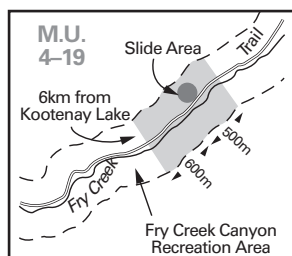




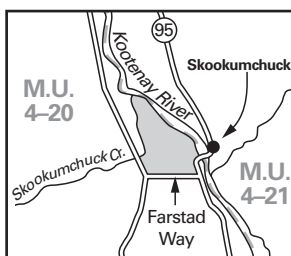
Map D10 Walter Clough Wildlife Management Area No Shooting or Hunting Area (situated in MU 4-17).



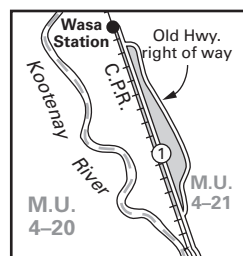
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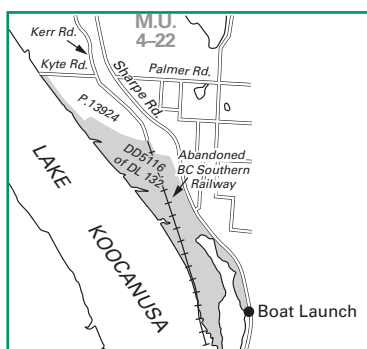
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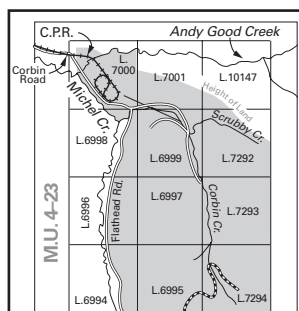
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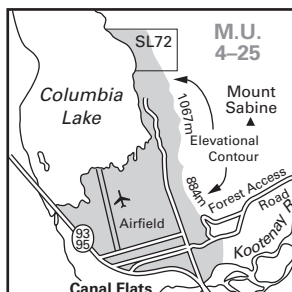
Map D14 Wasa Slough Wildlife Sanctuary (situated in MU 4-21) No Shooting, Hunting or Trapping Area.



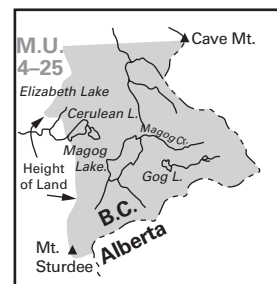
Map D15 Baynes Lake (MU 4-22). That portion of MU 4-22 within the following described boundaries: DD5116 of DLI32 including sand peninsula. Motorized use prohibited all year. Excluding public beaches #1 and #2, public access by land, water or air is prohibited April 15 to July 15. Dogs must be leashed April 1 to July 31. Boat launch ramp open only for launching watercraft not for use to access foreshore. "Waldo Cove Road" is open year round.



Map D17 Teck Coal Limited Coal Mountain Mine No Shooting Area (situated in MU 4-23).

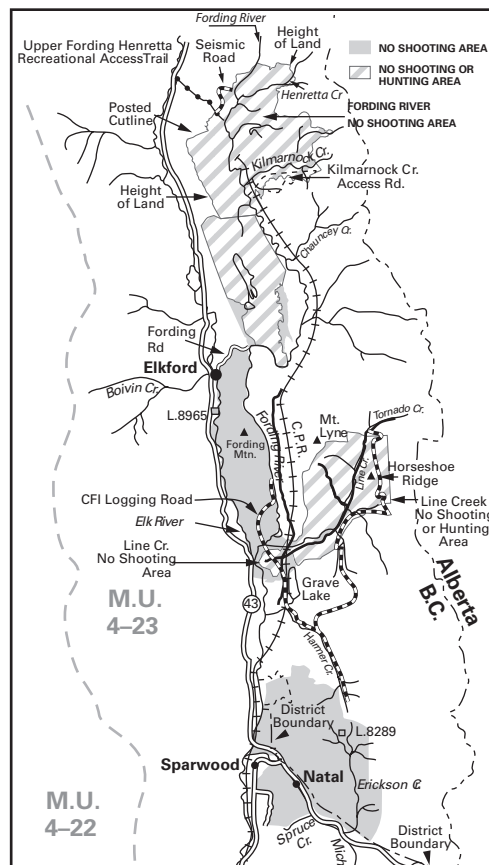


Map D18 Canal Flats Firearms Using Shot Only Area (situated in MU 4-25).

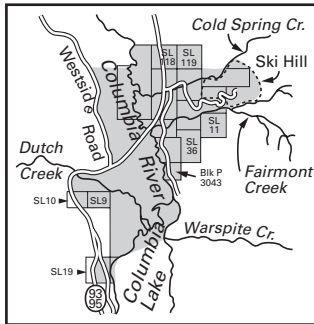


Map D19 Mount Assiniboine Park No Hunting Area (situated in MU 4-25).

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Map D16 Teck, Fording River, Natal Ridge, Sparwood Ridge, Greenhills, Fording Mountain, Line Creek and McGillivray No Shooting Areas and Line Creek No Shooting or Hunting Area (situated in MU 4-23). Mine No Shooting Areas and No Shooting or Hunting Areas are situated on private property and permission from companies is required prior to entry. Detailed maps for each mine are available at gate houses.

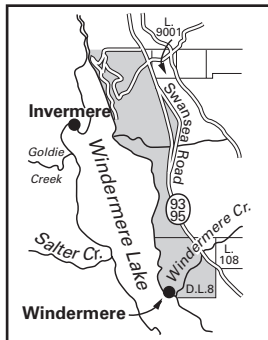
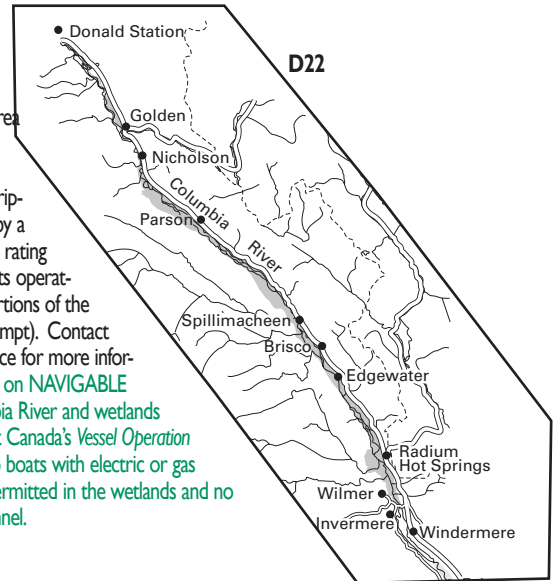


Map D20 Fairmont No Shooting Area (situated in MU 4-25)

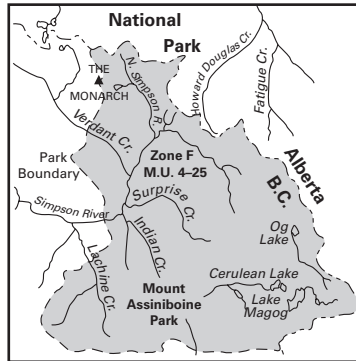


Map D21 Sunshine Meadows No Hunting Area (situated in MU 4-25).

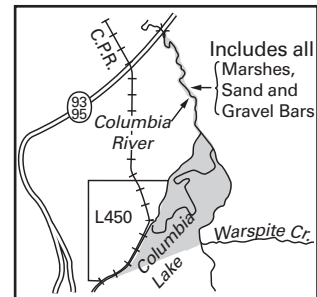
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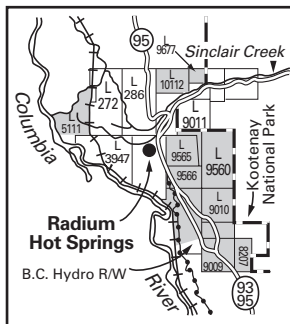
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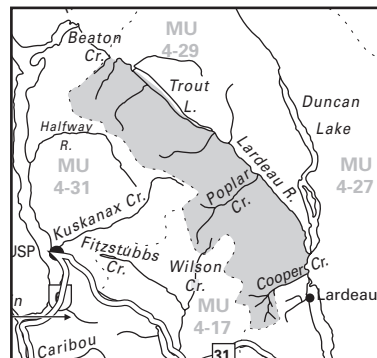
Map D24 Mt. Assiniboine Park Mountain Sheep Limited Entry Hunting only Area (situated in MU 4-25). Note a portion of this zone is closed to hunting (see map online).



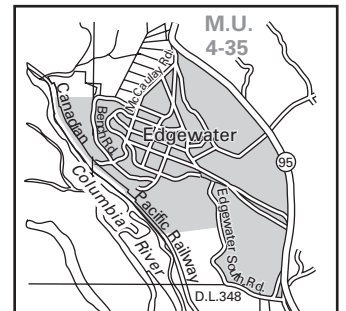
Map D25 Columbia Lake and River Wildlife Sanctuary (situated in MUs 4-25, 4-26) No Shooting, Hunting or Trapping Area.



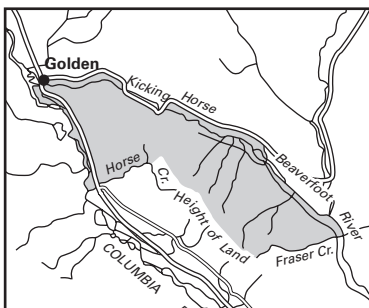
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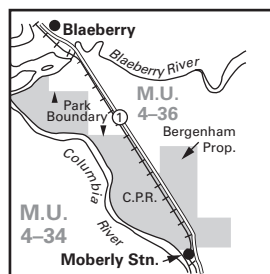
Map D27 Lardeau - Mountain Goat 4-30 Season (situated in MU 4-30).



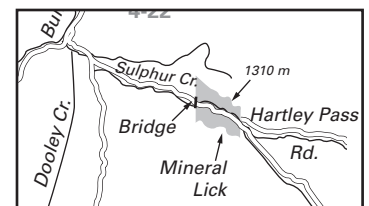
Map D28 Edgewater No Shooting or Hunting Area (situated in MU 4-35).



Map D29 Kicking Horse River Mountain Sheep Closed Area (MU 4-35).



Map D30 Bergenham and Moberly Marsh Wildlife Sanctuaries (situated in MU 4-36) No Shooting, Hunting or Trapping Areas.



Map D31 Sulphur Creek (MU 4-22). Between Sulphur Creek Bridge and the junction of Sulphur Creek Road and Hartley Pass Road, public access is prohibited beyond 3 m of either side of Sulphur Creek Road and up to 1310 m elevation level of either side of that road.

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 BC 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 BC), partly because of their vulnerability to disease.

Wild sheep in general, both bighorn sheep and thimhorn 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 FLNRO 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.wild-sheepfoundation.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.

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