

# REGION 5 – CARIBOO



## CONTACT INFORMATION

### Fish and Wildlife Regional Office:

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### Conservation Officer Service

Call 1-877-952-7277 for recorded information or to make an appointment at any of the following Field Offices:

100 Mile House, Bella Coola, Quesnel, and Williams Lake

### Compulsory Inspection (CI) Centres

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

### CI Locations:

- 100 Mile House
- Alexis Creek
- Quesnel
- Williams Lake

## STAY UP TO DATE

Check website [www.gov.bc.ca/hunting](http://www.gov.bc.ca/hunting) for in-season changes prior to your 2024-2026 hunt.

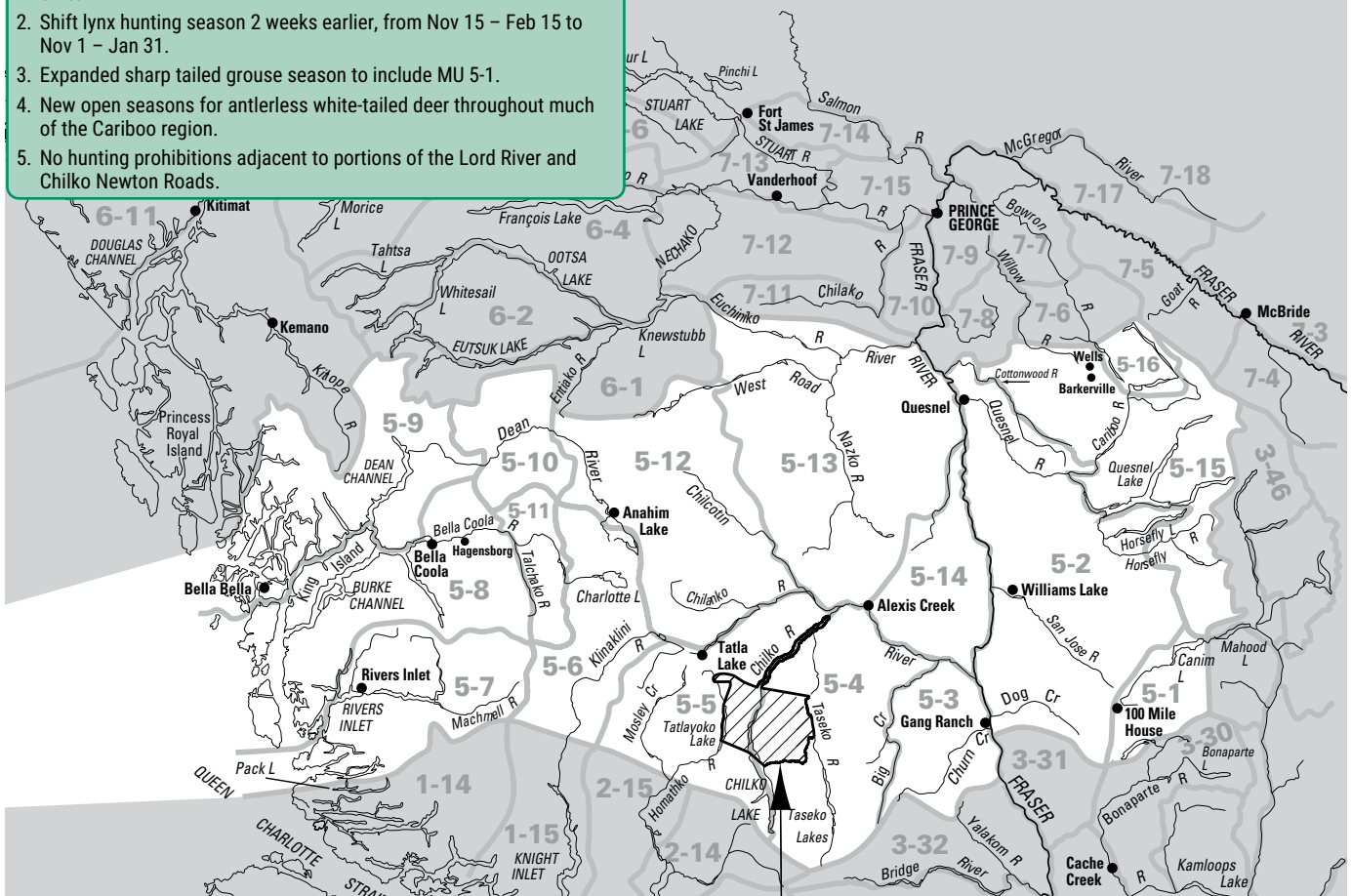
## RAPP

**Report All Poachers and Polluters**  
Conservation Officer 24 hour hotline  
1-877-952-RAPP (7277)

Refer to page 2 for more information

## REGULATION CHANGES FOR 2024-2026

1. Hunting Closure of the Niagara Mountain Goat Population in MU 5-15.
2. Shift lynx hunting season 2 weeks earlier, from Nov 15 – Feb 15 to Nov 1 – Jan 31.
3. Expanded sharp tailed grouse season to include MU 5-1.
4. New open seasons for antlerless white-tailed deer throughout much of the Cariboo region.
5. No hunting prohibitions adjacent to portions of the Lord River and Chilko Newton Roads.



## NOTICE TO HUNTERS!

On June 26, 2014, the Supreme Court of Canada granted the Tsilhqot'in Nation a declaration of Aboriginal title, see the hatched area on the map above. For the purposes of hunting, titled land should be treated the same as private land. Hunters are advised not to enter the Tsilhqot'in title area and to contact the Xenigwet'in band office for guidance on authorized and prohibited activities on title lands.



M.U. boundaries are approximate. For detailed maps visit <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/recreation/fishing-hunting/hunting/regulations-synopsis#mgmtunits>

## REGIONAL BAG LIMITS

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

**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.

## NOTICE

It is unlawful to intentionally feed or bait ungulates in the Cariboo Region within 200 m of a dwelling, school yard, or playground.

## FIREARMS RESTRICTED AREAS

Hunting is prohibited within 400m of those portions of the Chilko Newton Road and the Elkin Creek Lord River FSR that lie within declared Aboriginal Title Lands - see Maps E11 and E12

**No Shooting Areas:** note the Highway No Shooting Areas outlined in the No Hunting and No Shooting Areas section on page 10.

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

- 100 Mile House (MU 5-2) - see Map E1.
- Rose Lake (MU 5-2) - see Map E2.
- Gibraltar Mines (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 (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 (MU 5-9) - see Map E9.
- 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 (MU 5-15) - see Map E24.

## QUARTER MILE SINGLE PROJECTILE (FIREARM) CLOSED AREAS

The discharge of a firearm using a single projectile within 400 m (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.
- » West Fraser Road (MU 5-13) - south from the City of Quesnel limits to the intersection of this road and Grouse Road (located just northwest of Rudy Johnson Bridge), see Map E19.
- » Tibbles Road - see Map E20.
- » West Fraser Road (MU 5-14) - see description under MU 5-13. See Map E19.

## 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 synopsis, they will be available online at [gov.bc.ca/snowmobileclosures](http://gov.bc.ca/snowmobileclosures).

Information signs are posted at the points of closure for most road and vehicle restrictions. These signs are for the benefit of hunters. 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, page 9):

★ **Motor Vehicle Closed Areas** (See page 10): The operation of all motor vehicles, excluding snowmobiles, is prohibited year-round in Region 5 above 1700 m elevation, except on existing roads and trails. See page 3 for definition of existing road or trail.

★ **Motor Vehicle Closed Areas** (See page 10): The operation of all motor vehicles is prohibited year-round in these areas unless otherwise indicated.

▲ **Motor Vehicles for Hunting Closed Areas** (See page 10): The operation of all motor vehicles, including electric bicycles, 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** (See page 10): year-round in these areas unless otherwise indicated.

■ **ATVs and Snowmobiles for Hunting Closed Areas** (See page 10): The operation of snowmobiles and ATVs (including motorcycles and electric bicycles) for the purpose of hunting, to transport wildlife, to transport firearms or equipment and supplies which are intended for or in support of hunting, or to transport 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 Act* and *Trespass Act*.
- ★ Knife Creek Vehicle Restricted Area - see Map E6.

### MU 5-3

- 4:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. from Sept 1 - Nov 30.
- ▲ 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 Vehicle Closed Area except on designated roads. Access for commercial purposes other than hunting is allowed. Snowmobiles allowed Dec 1 - May 1 - see Map E8.
- ✳ Gaspard-Churn Creek except for commercial activities other than hunting; and snowmobiles allowed Dec 1 - May 1 - see Map E7.
- ★ Red Mountain and French Mountain Motor Vehicle Closed Area above the 1920 m elevation.

### MU 5-4

- 4:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. from Sept 1 - Nov 30.
- ▲ 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 - Oct 31 only.
- Taseko Lake and Chilko Lake ATV and Snowmobile Restricted Area. See Map E10.

### MU 5-5

- 4:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. from Sept 1 - Nov 30.
- ▲ Valteau Creek - see Map E16.
- ★ Chilko-Newton Rd., from Henry's Crossing to Gwe Da Ts'ih Campground, Sept 1 - Oct 31.

### MU 5-6

- 4:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. from Sept 1 - Nov 30.

### MU 5-8

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

### 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 - Nov 30.

### MU 5-13

- MU 5-13 (entire management unit) from Sept 1 - Nov 30.

### MU 5-12 and 5-13

- ★ Itcha Ilgachuz - trails open as indicated on Map E26 (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

- 4:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. from Sept 1 - Nov 30.
- ★ Junction - Roads open as shown on Map E21. Commercial vehicles allowed for purposes other than hunting.

### MU 5-15

- ★ Eureka Peak - Motor Vehicle Closed Area applies to the operation of all vehicles for any purpose - see Map E22. Snowmobiles are allowed in portions of the Eureka Peak motor vehicle closure from Dec 1 - Apr 30 - see <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/recreation/motor-vehicle-prohibitions/snowmobiling-in-bc/snowmobile-closures>.
- ▲ 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.

## NOTICE TO BLACK BEAR HUNTERS

There is no open season for black bears in the Mussel Inlet Special Management Area (MU 5-9)

## CARIBOO GENERAL OPEN SEASONS

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	Refer to Regional Bag Limits on p. 43 and the Deer Bag Limits article on p. 14	
	5-1 to 5-6, 5-10 to 5-15	★4 Point Bucks	Sept 10 - Sept 30		
	5-1 to 5-6, 5-10 to 5-15	★4 Point Bucks	Nov 1 - Nov 10		
	5-1 to 5-6, 5-10 to 5-15	★4 Point Bucks	Nov 21 - Nov 30		
	5-7 to 5-9	Bucks	Sept 10 - Nov 30		
	5-1 to 5-15	Bucks	Oct 1 - Oct 31		
	Bow Only	5-1 to 5-3, 5-7 to 5-9, 5-12 to 5-14	Bucks		Sept 1 - Sept 9
	Bow Only	5-1 to 5-6, 5-13 and 5-14	Bucks		Dec 1 - Dec 10
Bow Only	▲5-8, 5-11	Bucks	Dec 1 - Dec 24		
★ See Definitions section: Mule (Black-tailed) deer. The antlers must accompany the species licence. ▲ A portion of MU 5-11 only. See Map E18.					
WHITE-TAILED DEER	5-1 to 5-6, 5-12 to 5-15	Bucks	Sept 10 - Nov 30	Refer to Regional Bag Limits on p. 43 and the Deer Bag Limits article on p. 14	
	5-1 to 5-6, 5-12 to 5-15	Antlerless	Oct 10 - Oct 31		
*Youth Only	5-1 to 5-6, 5-12 to 5-15	Either Sex	Nov 1 - Nov 30		
*Youth Only	5-1 to 5-6, 5-12 to 5-15	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9		
Bow Only	5-1 to 5-6, 5-12 to 5-15	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9		
Bow Only	5-1, 5-2, 5-13, 5-14	Bucks	Dec 1 - Dec 10		
* Restricted to hunters under the age of 18.					
BIGHORN MOUNTAIN SHEEP	5-2	Full Curl Bighorn Rams	Sept 10 - Oct 20	1	
Compulsory Inspection required.					
MOUNTAIN GOAT	*5-5 to 5-9, 5-11, 5-15		Sept 1 - Oct 31	1	
* See Maps E15, E23. See LEH. Mountain goat populations are sensitive to harvest. Hunters are requested to select male mountain goat. 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		
	5-11		Sept 10 - Nov 30		
	5-11		Apr 1 - May 31		
* Parts of MU 5-9, 6-3, and 6-11 are closed to black bear hunting. See Map F14 (Skeena Section, Page 52). Open season for black bear within 1km of Korich River, Kainet River, Lard River and Salmon Bay is Apr 1 - Apr 30 and Oct 16 - Nov 30.					
WOLF	5-7 to 5-9		Apr 1 - June 15	3	
	5-7 to 5-9		Aug 1 - Mar 31		
	5-10, 5-11		Sept 1 - Mar 31		
	5-1 to 5-6, 5-12 to 5-15		No Closed Season		
COYOTE	5-1 to 5-15		Sept 1 - Mar 31	NBL	
LYNX	5-1 to 5-9, 5-12 to 5-15		Nov 1 - Jan 31	1	
Compulsory Inspection required.					
COUGAR	5-1 to 5-9, 5-12 to 5-15		Sept 10 - Apr 30	2	
	5-11		Nov 15 - Mar 31		
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 Inspection required.					
RACCOON	5-1 to 5-15		No Closed Season	NBL	
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	5-1 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 E7 and E25.					
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; private land only		Mar 1 - Mar 31	5	
	5-1 to 5-9, 5-12 to 5-15; private land only		Apr 1 - May 31		
COMMON SNIPE	5-1 to 5-15		Sept 13 - Dec 25	10 (30)	
COOTS	5-1 to 5-15		Sept 13 - Dec 25	10 (30)	
DUCKS	5-1 to 5-15		Sept 13 - Dec 25	8 (24)	
Daily aggregate bag limit for ducks is 8: max of 4 Pintails, 4 Canvasbacks, 2 Goldeneyes (Barrow's and Common in aggregate) and 2 Harlequins - see page 12.					
GEESE: SNOW & ROSS'S	5-1 to 5-15		Sept 13 - Dec 25	5 (15)	
GEESE: WHITE-FRONTED	5-1 to 5-15		Sept 13 - Dec 25	5 (15)	
GEESE: CANADA & CACKLING	5-1 to 5-15		Sept 13 - Dec 25	10 (30)	

Visit <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/migratory-game-bird-hunting.html> for further information on Migratory Game Bird regulations in B.C.

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### Notice to hunters:

The Cariboo Region overlaps the Traditional Territories of the four member nations of the Northern Secwepemc te Qelmucw (Xat'sül Cmetem' (Soda Creek)), Stswëcem'c Xgât'tem (Canoe/Dog Creek), T'ëxelc (Williams Lake First Nation) and Tsq'ëscen (Canim Band), and independent Secwepemc communities: Esk'etemc, High Bar, Whispering Pines/Clinton Indian Band; the six member nations of the Tsilhqot'in Nation (Tl'etinqox, Tl'esqox, ?Esdilagh, Tsideldel, Xeni Gwet'in and Yunešit'in), Ulkatcho First Nation, three member nations of the Southern Dakeh Nation Alliance (Lhoosk'uz Dene, Lhtako Dene and Nazko First Nation), Nuxalk, Wuikinuxm, Gitga'at, Heiltsuk, Gwa'Sala-'Nakwaxda'xw, Xwémalhkwu (Homalco), and Nanwakolas Council member nation Da'naxda'xw/Awaetlala.

Members of these First Nations exercise their aboriginal rights to hunt, fish, and trap throughout their territory in the region and hunters are asked to be respectful of these traditional practices. Culturally sensitive areas are located throughout the Cariboo and hunters are asked to minimize their impacts to the land through responsible hunting and camping practices and packing out what is packed in. Indigenous Nations monitor activities within their traditional territories and may connect with hunters to share information and foster positive relations between resident hunters and indigenous communities.

If you are interested in learning more about Indigenous traditional values and stewardship practices, hunters may contact local First Nation offices directly.

### Notice to Hunters - Report Feral Pigs

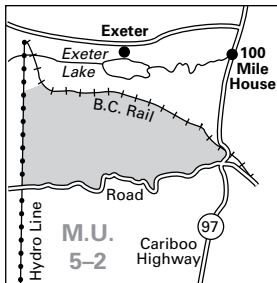
In B.C., feral pigs are previously domesticated pigs, or their descendants, and have been reported in low numbers across the province, including in the Cariboo Region. Feral pigs are destructive to crops and private property. They can prey upon livestock such as goats and sheep and can spread diseases and parasites to people, livestock, and wildlife. Feral pigs can also affect ecosystem processes from the soil up, by extensive digging and their wallows can affect pond and wetland structure. They also compete with native wildlife for food, as well as feed on reptiles, eggs of ground nesting birds, and small mammals.

Please report feral pig sightings in the Cariboo Region via the webform available on the B.C. Inter-Ministry Invasive Species Working Group website: [www.gov.bc.ca/invasive-species](http://www.gov.bc.ca/invasive-species).

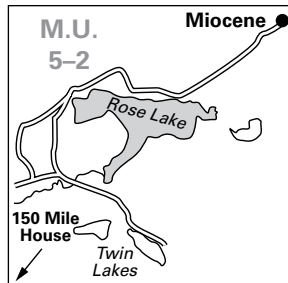
### Notice to Hunters – Report Elk Sightings

Historically elk ranged across much of the grasslands and forests of the Cariboo Region and were a critical species supporting predator-prey systems and were highly valued by First Nations for traditional uses. Elk are becoming more numerous and increasing their range in the Cariboo-Chilcotin, with increased reports of sightings and increased counts during population inventories.

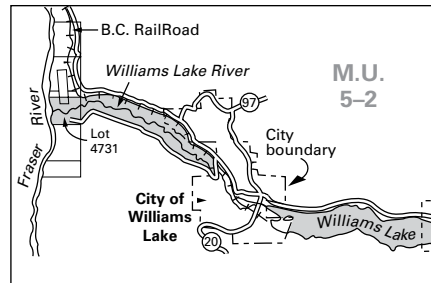
The Cariboo Region is currently undertaking elk management planning and reports of elk observations will support this process. Please report Elk sightings to the FrontCounter BC Williams Lake Office at (250) 398-4574.



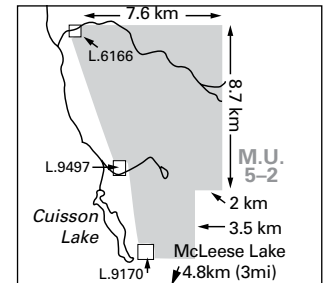
**Map E1** 100 Mile House No Shooting Area (MU 5-2).



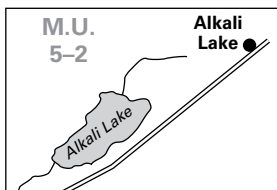
**Map E2** Rose Lake No Shooting Area (MU 5-2).



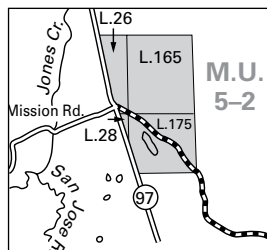
**Map E3** Williams Lake and Williams Lake River No Shooting Area (MU 5-2).



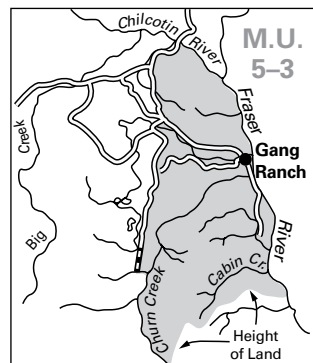
**Map E4** Gibraltar Mines No shooting Area (MU 5-2).



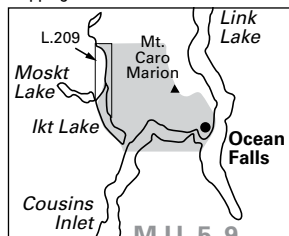
**Map E5** Reidemann Wildlife Sanctuary (MU 5-2). No Shooting, Hunting or Trapping Area.



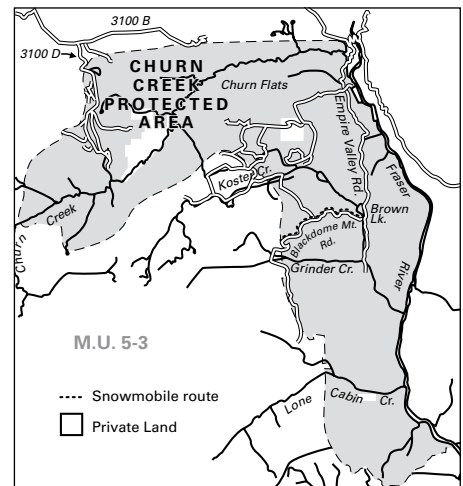
**Map E6** Knife Creek Motor Vehicle Closed Area (MU 5-2). Road shown as dashed line is open.



**Map E7** Gaspard - Churn Creek ATV and Snowmobile Closed Area and sharp-tailed grouse closed area (MU 5-3).

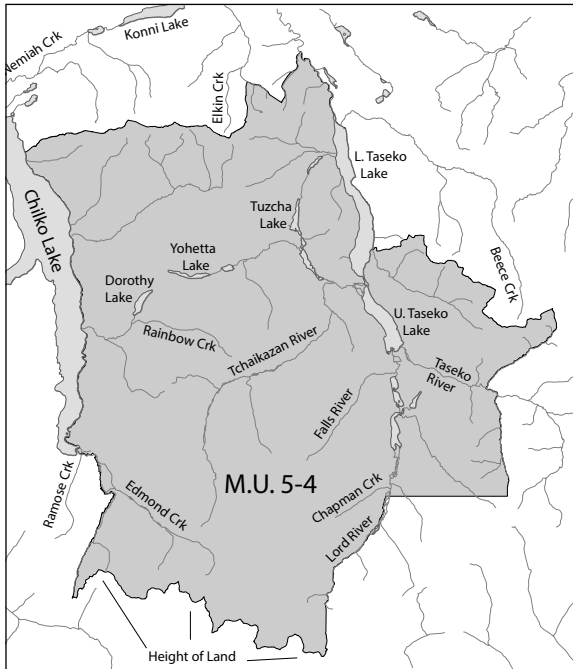


**Map E9** Ocean Falls No Shooting Area (MU 5-9).

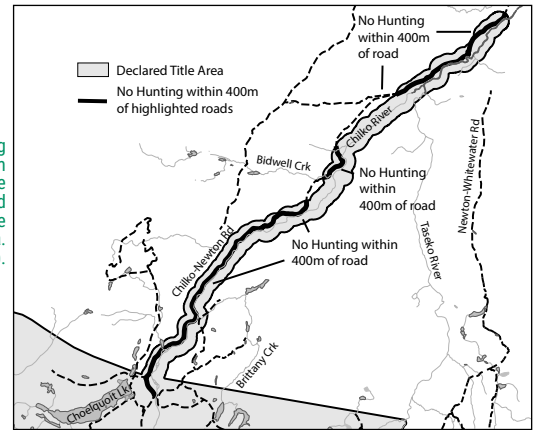


**Map E8** Churn Creek Protected Area (MU 5-3). Motor Vehicle Closed Area except on designated roads.

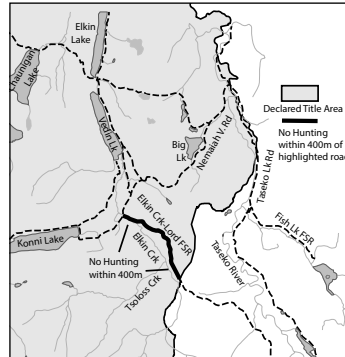




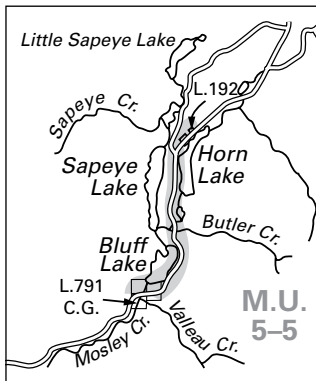
**Map E10** Taseko-Chilko Lake ATVs and Snowmobiles for Hunting Closed Area (MU 5-4).



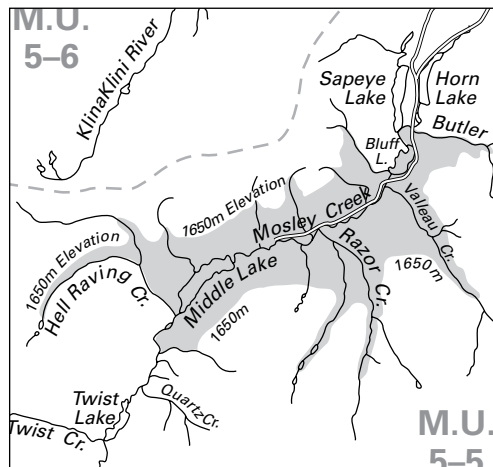
**Map E11** No Hunting Area within 400m of the portion of the Chilko-Newton Road that lies within the Declared Title Area. (MU 5-4 and 5-5).



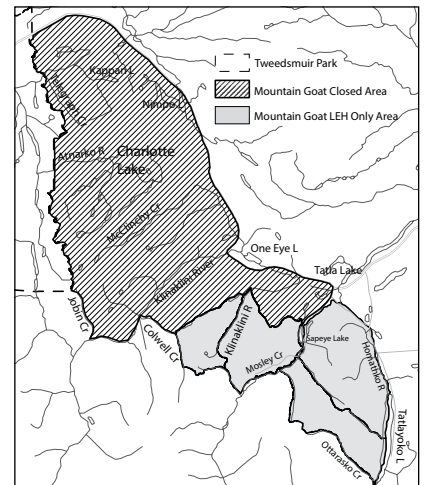
**Map E12** No Hunting Area within 400m of the portion of the Elkin Creek-Lord River Forest Service Road that lies within the Declared Title Area. (MU 5-4).



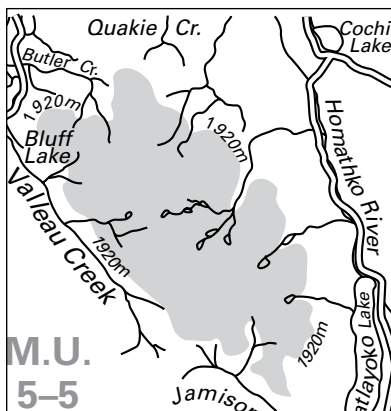
**Map E13** Horn-Bluff Lakes Quarter Mile Single Projectile Closed Area (MU 5-5).



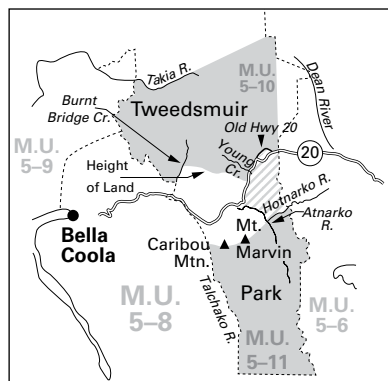
**Map E14** Bluff-Middle Lake Moose Closed Area (MU 5-5).



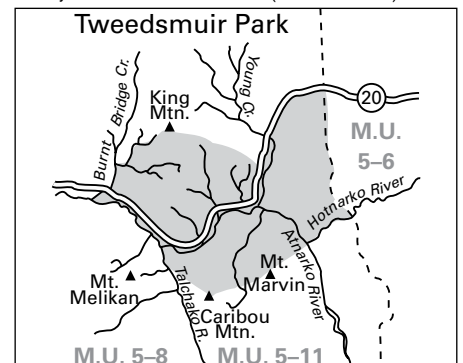
**Map E15** Kappen Mtn/Jobin McInch Mountain Goat Closed Areas: Ottarasko Mtn, Nait Mtn, Perkins Peak and Cherry Creek Mtn. Goat LEH Areas (MUs 5-5 and 5-6).



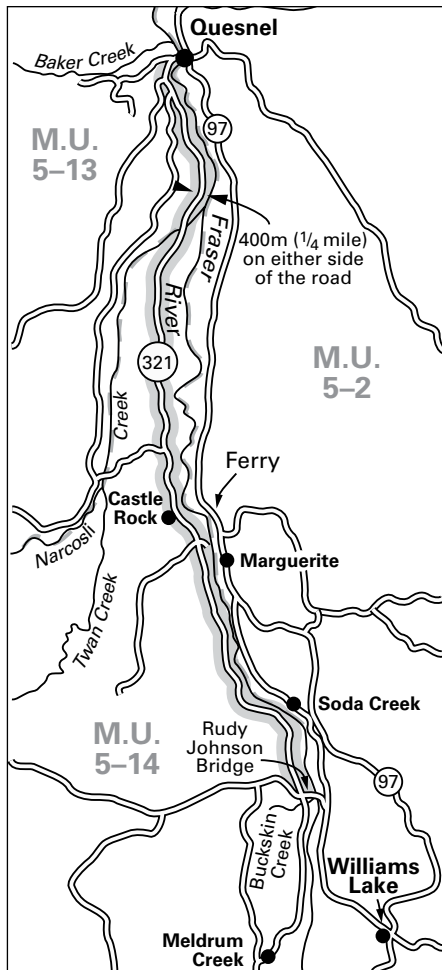
**Map E16** Valleau Creek Motor Vehicle Closed Area (MU 5-5).



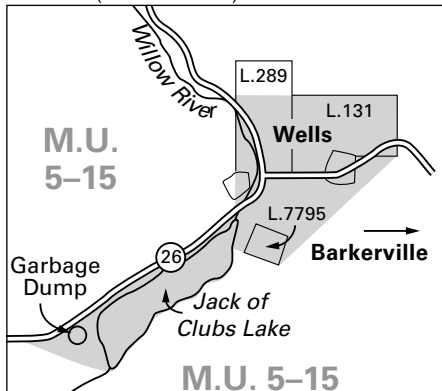
**Map E17** Tweedsmuir Park No Hunting Areas (MUs 5-10, 5-11, 6-1, and 6-2). Hatched areas shows LEH Bull Moose hunting area. See Map F1 on page 51 for more details.



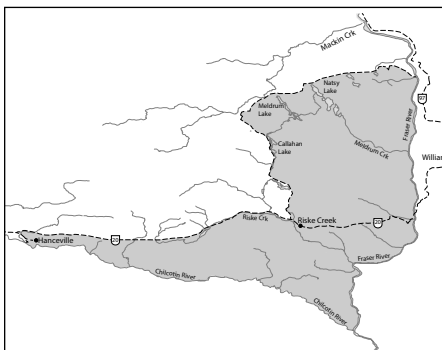
**Map E18** Tweedsmuir Park Bow Only Area. The bow and arrow only season for mule (black-tailed) deer bucks is Dec 1 - Dec 24 (MU 5-11). See Map E16 for Tweedsmuir Park No Hunting Areas.



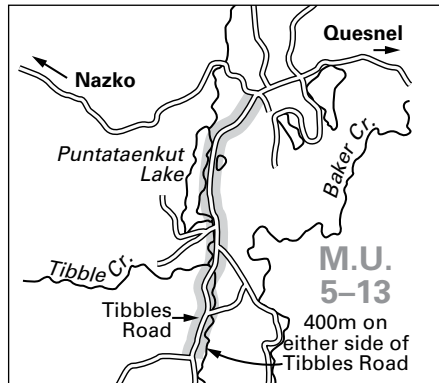
**Map E19** West Fraser Road Quarter Mile Single Projectile Closed Area (MUs 5-13 and 5-14).



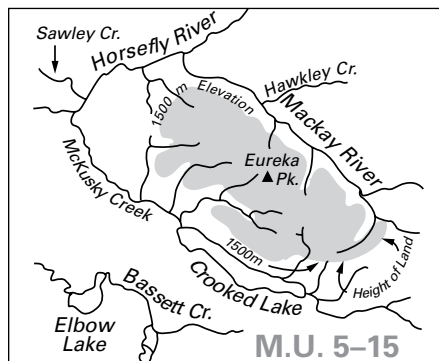
**Map E24** Wells No Shooting Area (MU 5-15).



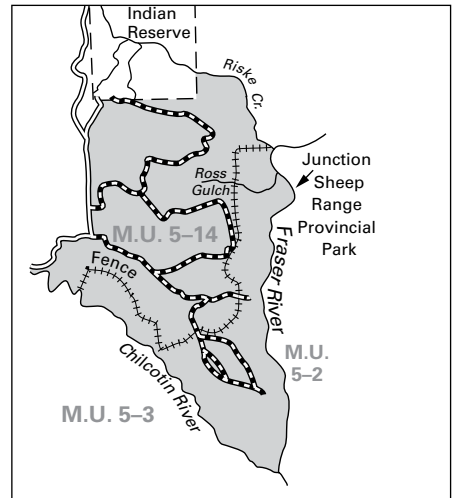
**Map E25** Sharp-tailed Grouse Closed Area (MU 5-14).



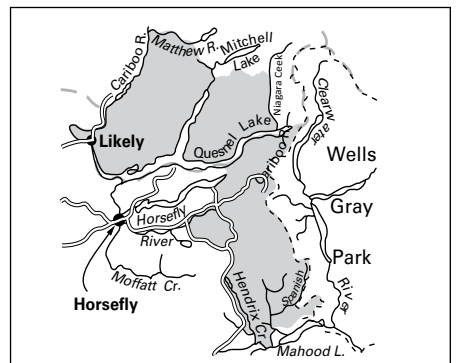
**Map E20** Tibbles Road Quarter Mile Single Projectile Closed Area (MU 5-13).



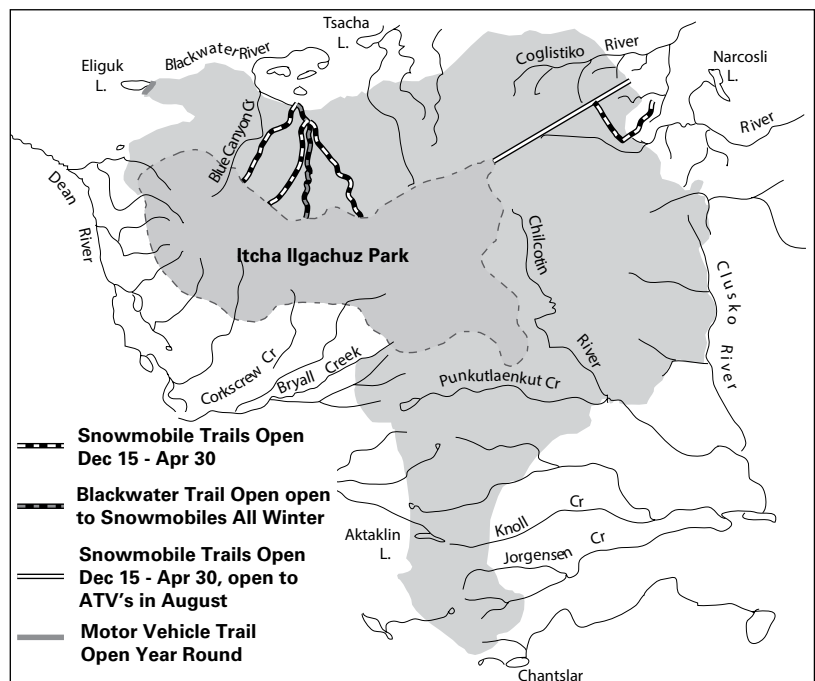
**Map E22** Eureka Peak Motor Vehicle Closed Area (MU 5-15). Check the LEH synopsis for areas open to Limited Entry Hunting. Snowmobiles are allowed in portions of the Eureka Peak motor vehicle closure from Dec 1 - Apr 30. To view areas where snowmobiles are allowed go to <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/recreation/motor-vehicle-prohibitions/snowmobiling-in-bc/snowmobile-closures>



**Map E21** Junction Motor Vehicle Closed Area (MU 5-14), except commercial vehicles allowed. Road shown as dashed lines are open Apr 1 - Nov 30.



**Map E23** Niagara, Goose Range and Eureka-Deception Mountain Goat Closed Areas (MU 5-15). See LEH synopsis for area open to LEH.



**Map E26** Itcha Ilgachuz Motor Vehicle Closed Area (MUs 5-12 and 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.