

# REGION 4

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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.  
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### Major Regulation Changes for 2014 - 2016

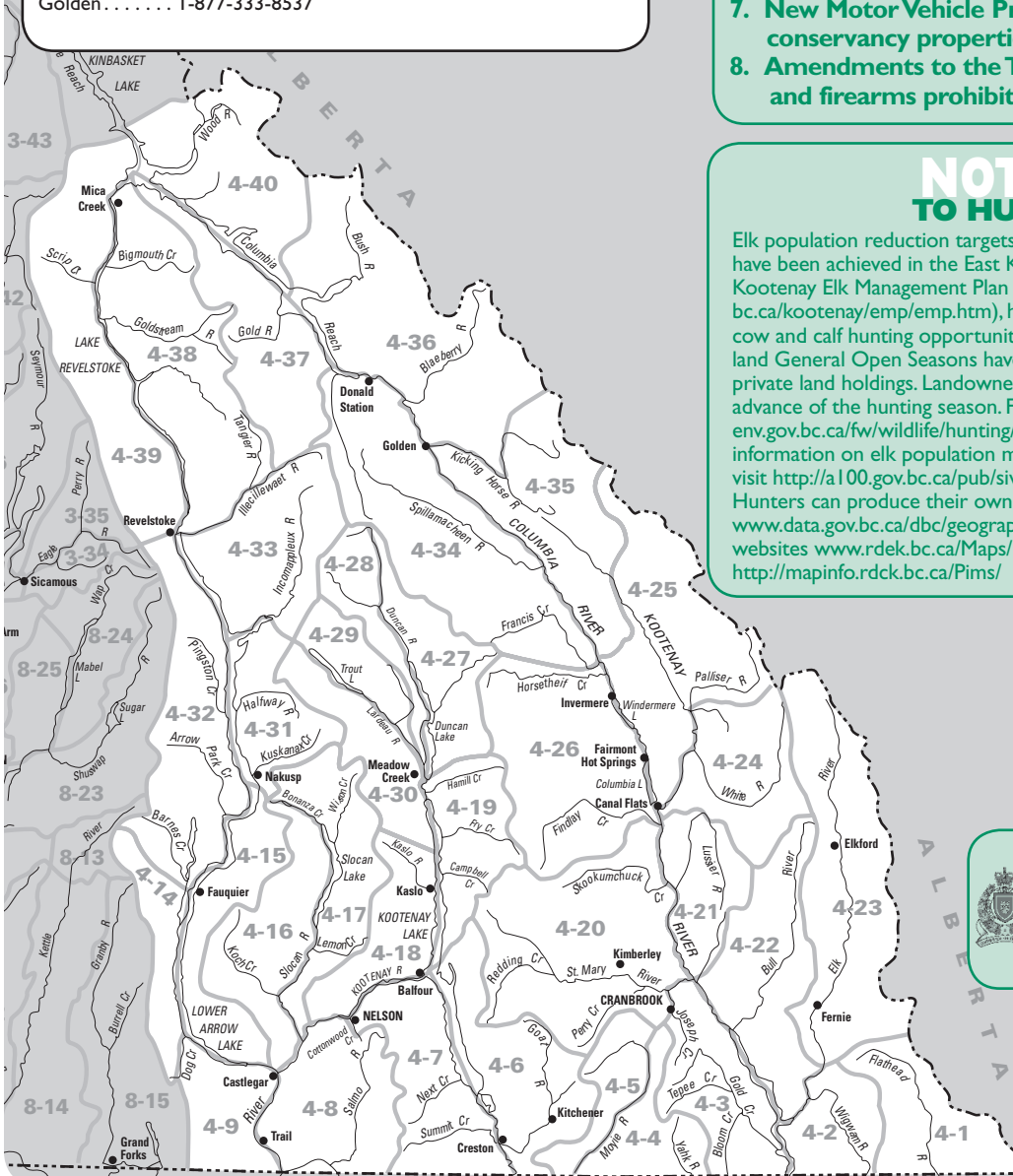
1. Conversion of Mt. Goat General Open Seasons in MUs 4-27, 4-34 to Limited Entry Hunting only.
2. Expanded spike-fork moose hunting opportunities.
3. Any Mule Deer buck seasons replaced with a 4 pt buck season.
4. Modifications to agricultural zone elk hunting opportunities.
5. Revised cougar seasons and female quota.
6. Two week extension to lynx hunt season.
7. New Motor Vehicle Prohibitions on conservancy properties.
8. Amendments to the Teck Greenhills hunting and firearms prohibited area.

## NOTICE TO HUNTERS

Elk population reduction targets to address agricultural concerns have been achieved in the East Kootenay Trench, as per the Kootenay Elk Management Plan (available at [www.env.gov.bc.ca/kootenay/emp/emp.htm](http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/kootenay/emp/emp.htm)), hence there will be very restricted cow and calf hunting opportunities for 2014 and 2015. Private land General Open Seasons have been established for a few select private land holdings. Landowners must be contacted well in advance of the hunting season. For more information see [www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/hunting/regulations/maps.html](http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/hunting/regulations/maps.html). For more information on elk population monitoring in the East Kootenays visit <http://a100.gov.bc.ca/pub/siwe/details.do?id=4428>. Hunters can produce their own maps through iMap BC available at [www.data.gov.bc.ca/dbc/geographic/](http://www.data.gov.bc.ca/dbc/geographic/) or through Regional District websites [www.rdek.bc.ca/Maps/Mapsmain.htm](http://www.rdek.bc.ca/Maps/Mapsmain.htm) or <http://mapinfo.rdek.bc.ca/Pims/>

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

For information on Wildlife Permits and Commercial Licences, please see page 63.



**REGIONAL BAG LIMITS**

**Bobcat:** The bag limit for Bobcat is one.

**Cougar:** The bag limit for Cougar is one, **except in MUs 4-6 to 4-8, 4-28 to 4-31, 4-38, and 4-39 where the bag limit is two.**

**Coyote:** No bag limit (NBL).

**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; **both may be antlerless**, but only 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.

**NOTICE TO HUNTERS**

▶ **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: see firearms restrictions as outlined in the No Hunting or Shooting Areas section and region's maps on pages 51-56.

**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](http://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](http://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. Maps are available for many of the motorized access closures and restrictions at

[www.env.gov.bc.ca/kootenay/eco/access.htm](http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/kootenay/eco/access.htm).

▶ See definitions of "ATV", "motor vehicle" and "snowmobile" in Definitions section.

▶ Public access by land or air is prohibited in the Baynes Lake area (MU 4-22) April 15 to June 30. Dogs must be leashed April 1 to April 14 and July 1 to Aug. 1. See Map D54. The boat launch and all portions of the sand peninsula south of the boat launch are open.

▶ Public access is prohibited beyond 3 m of either side of Sulphur Creek Road in mineral lick area (MU 4-22) year round. See Map D51.

▶ **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). See maps on pages 51-56 for additional information:

**(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:

★ **MotorVehicle 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.

**MU 4-1**

- ★ McDougall Wildlife Sanctuary. (Map D1)
- ★ Upper Flathead (Map D2)
- ★ East Flathead (Map D3)

**MU 4-2**

- ★ Wigwam Flats-Mt. Broadwood /Sportsman Ridge (Map D4)
- ★ Galton Range (Map D6)
- ★ Upper Wigwam River drainage. See Map D5.
- ◆ 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 D9)
- ★ Linklater Creek (Map D10)

**MU 4-4**

▼ the northerly watershed above Hawkins Creek Road west of an unnamed stream flowing southwesterly 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**

- ▼ Leadville Creek watershed upstream of 8 km on the Leadville Creek Road
- ▼ watersheds of 4 unnamed creeks (upstream of the Sanca Creek Road) flowing south into Sanca Creek from Sherman Mtn.

**MU 4-7**

▼ Topaz Creek watershed upstream of Midgety 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 (Map D14)  
★ Marsden Face during the period Dec 1 to April 15 (Map D15)  
◆ 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**

★ **Wycliffe Conservation Properties District Lots 6034, 6667 and 7318**

★ Baribeau Creek watershed upstream from 1.0 km on the Baribeau Creek Road snowmobiles 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. See Map D23  
◆ 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 (Map D24) from Dec 1 to April 30

**MU 4-22**

- ★ Baynes Lake area (Map D54)
- ★ Powerplant area (Map 28)
- ★ the Pickering Hills and Sheep Mtn. areas shown on Maps D26 and D27

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- ◆ the watershed of Big Tower, Little Tower, Swanson Creek and Haynes Creeks
- ◆ the watershed of Iron Creek and Lime Creek
- ◆ 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
- ◆ 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) (Map D33)
- ★ Chauncey-Todhunter area (Map D29)
- ★ Grave Prairie area (Map D34)
- ★ Corbin Creek (Map D38)
- ★ Weigert Creek (except snowmobiles) (note Map D31)
- ★ Upper Elk Valley/Fording River (snowmobiles allowed) (Map D35)
- ★ Alexander Creek Access Management Area (Map D39)

**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 D40)

**MU 4-25**

- ★ Stoddart Creek area (Map D41)
- ★ Columbia Lake area. (Map D42).
- ◆ 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 (Map D59)**

- ★ that portion of the watershed of Goldie Creek upstream of 1525 metre elevation
- ★ Dutch Creek-Findlay. (Map D52)
- ◆ the watershed 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
- ◆ the watershed of Dutch Creek upstream of its confluence with Whitetail Creek

**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 shown on Map D56

**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 Creek area (See Map D58)
- ★ Lang Creek area (See Map D58)

**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 cougar taken in Region 4 must be Compulsory Inspected within 4 days of the date of kill, and all wolf taken in Region 4 must be Compulsory Reported. See page 21.

**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, Wildlife and Habitat Management Branch website at [www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/hunting/regulations/](http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/hunting/regulations/).

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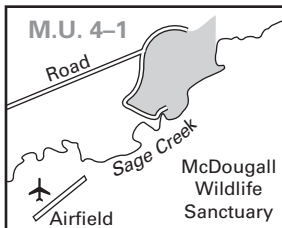
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## KOOTENAY GENERAL OPEN SEASONS

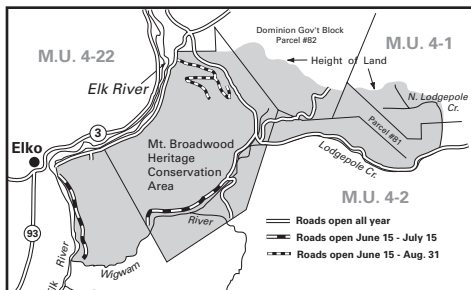
SPECIES	MANAGEMENT UNIT	CLASS	SEASON DATES	BAG LIMIT
<b>MULE DEER (Black-tailed)</b>	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40	▲4 Point Bucks	Sept 10 - Nov 10	1
Youth Only Season*	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
Bow Only Season	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
▲ See Definitions section: 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.				
<b>WHITE-TAILED DEER</b>	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	2
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. Both may be antlerless, but only one may be a buck.				
<b>ELK</b>	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-38, 4-40	▲6 Point Bulls	Sept 10 - Oct 20	1
	*4-2 to 4-5, **4-6, **4-7, *4-20 to 4-22, ***4-23, *4-24, *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
Senior/Youth▼	**4-6, **4-7	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 Map D7 for details.				
** Restricted to only portions of 4-6 and 4-7. See Map D8 for details.				
*** Restricted to only portions of 4-23 only. See Map D9A for details.				
▲ See Definitions section: Elk. The antlers must accompany the species licence				
▼ Restricted to hunters under the age of 18 and those 65 years of age or older.				
+ Restricted to select Private Land Lots within MUs 4-20 and 4-22. Visit <a href="http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/hunting/regulations/maps.html">www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/hunting/regulations/maps.html</a> for details				
<b>MOOSE</b>	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 must accompany the species licence.				
Compulsory Inspection is no longer required for Moose harvested in Region 4				
<b>BIGHORN MOUNTAIN SHEEP</b>	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 D53).				
▲ In that portion of MU 4-25, excluding Mt. Assiniboin Park. See Map D46.				
<b>MOUNTAIN GOAT</b>	4-28 to *4-30, 4-36, 4-37, 4-39, 4-40		Sept 10 - Nov 30	1
* Portion of MU 4-30 only. See Map D57.				
<b>BLACK BEAR</b>	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.				
<b>WOLF</b>	▲ 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 - Mar 31	2
	▲ 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		Apr 1 - Jun 15	2
▲ 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.				
<b>COYOTE</b>	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Sept 10 - Mar 31	NBL
<b>WOLVERINE</b>	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Nov 1 - Jan 31	1
<b>LYNX</b>	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Nov 15 - Dec 31	1
Compulsory inspection is required, see page 21 for details. Hunters are requested to avoid shooting lynx with collars.				
<b>BOBCAT</b>	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Nov 15 - Feb 15	1
<b>COUGAR</b>	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.				
<b>COLUMBIAN GROUND SQUIRREL</b>	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.				
<b>SNOWSHOE HARE</b>	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Aug 1 - Apr 30	10 (daily)
<b>RACCOON</b>	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Sept 10 - Mar 31	NBL
<b>SKUNK</b>	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Aug 1 - Apr 30	NBL

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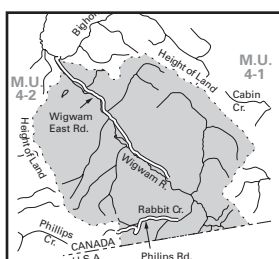
SPECIES	MANAGEMENT UNIT	CLASS	SEASON DATES	BAG LIMIT
<b>GROUSE: DUSKY (Blue), RUFFED &amp; SPRUCE</b>	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Sept 1 - Nov 30	5 (15)
<i>For Dusky, Spruce and Ruffed grouse, the daily aggregate bag limit is 5; the aggregate possession limit is 15.</i>				
<b>PHEASANT</b>	4-6, 4-7	Cocks	Oct 15 - Nov 30	Daily Limit: 3
<i>Possession Limit: 6; Season Limit: 12</i>				
<b>PTARMIGAN</b>	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Sept 10 - Nov 30	10 (30)
<b>RAVEN</b>	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		No Closed Season	5
<b>TURKEY</b>	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40	Bearded	Apr 15 - May 15	1
<b>Bow Only Season</b>	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40	Bearded	Sept 1 - Sept 30	*1
<b>Bow or Shot Only Season</b>	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>				
<b>MOURNING DOVES</b>	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Sept 1 - Sept 30	5 (15)
<b>COOTS, COMMON SNIPE</b>	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Sept 10 - Dec 23	10 each (30 each)
<b>DUCKS</b>	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>				
<b>GEESE: SNOW and ROSS'S</b>	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Sept 10 - Dec 23	5 (15)
<b>GEESE: WHITE-FRONTED</b>	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Sept 10 - Dec 23	5 (15)
<b>GEESE: CANADA and CACKLING</b>	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, see Map D12.</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>				
<b>WATERFOWLER HERITAGE DAYS:</b> (Waterfowler Heritage Days are restricted to hunters under the age of 18. See Waterfowler Heritage Days section.)				
<b>DUCKS and GEESE</b>	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Sept 6, 2014 - Sept 7, 2014   Sept 5, 2015 - Sept 6, 2015	★
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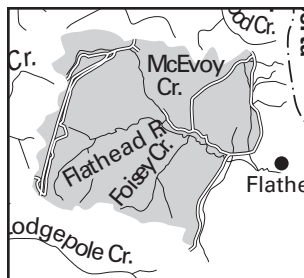
**Map D1** Mc Dougall Wildlife Sanctuary (situated in MU 4-1). No Shooting, Hunting, or Trapping Area and Motor Vehicle Closed Area.



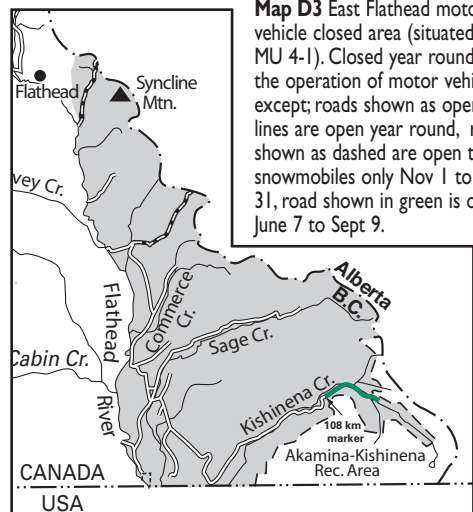
**Map D4** Wigwam Flats - Mt. Broadwood/ Sportsman Ridge Motor Vehicle Closed Area (situated in MU 4-2), except roads noted on the map.



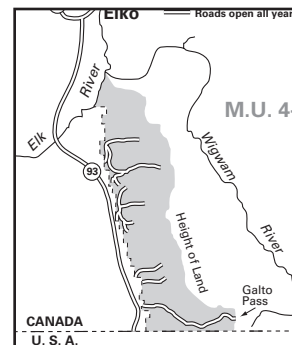
**Map D5** Upper Wigwam Motor Vehicle Closed Area (MU 4-2, except roads shown as open lines year round).



**Map D2** Upper Flathead Motor vehicle closed area (situated in MU 4-1). Closed year round to the operation of motor vehicles, except that snowmobiles are allowed Nov 1 to May 31. Roads shown are open year round.



**Map D3** East Flathead motor vehicle closed area (situated in MU 4-1). Closed year round to the operation of motor vehicles, except; roads shown as open lines are open year round, roads shown as dashed are open to snowmobiles only Nov 1 to May 31, road shown in green is open June 7 to Sept 9.

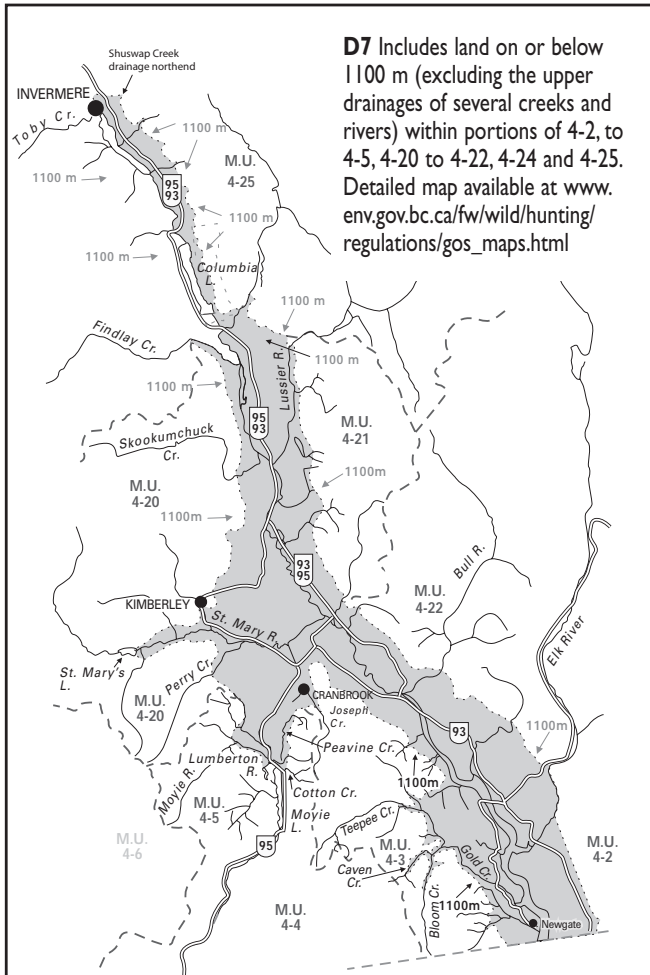


**Map D6** Galton Range Motor Vehicle Closed Area (situated in MU 4-2), except roads shown as open lines are open year round.

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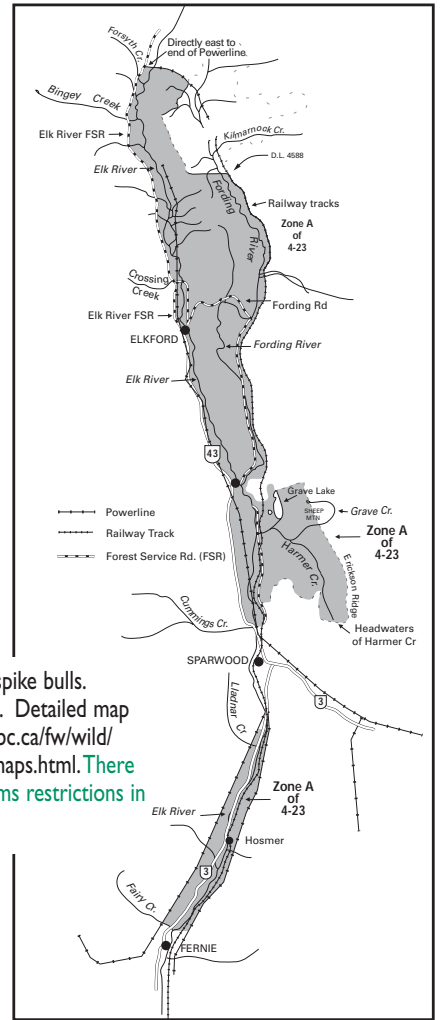
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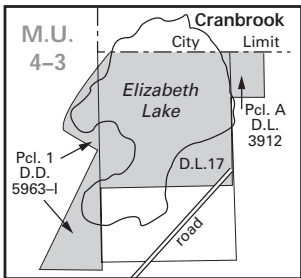
**D7** Includes land on or below 1100 m (excluding the upper drainages of several creeks and rivers) within portions of 4-2, to 4-5, 4-20 to 4-22, 4-24 and 4-25. Detailed map available at [www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wild/hunting/regulations/gos\\_maps.html](http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wild/hunting/regulations/gos_maps.html)



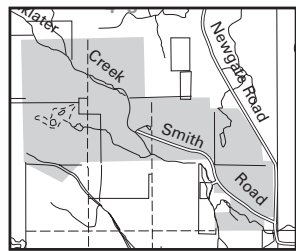
**D8** Antlerless elk and spike bulls. Includes portions of MUs 4-6 and 4-7.



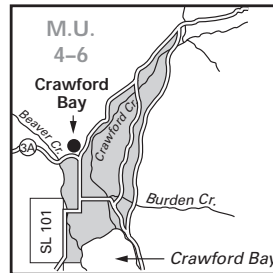
**D9A** Antlerless elk and spike bulls. Includes portions of 4-23. Detailed map available at [www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wild/hunting/regulations/gos\\_maps.html](http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wild/hunting/regulations/gos_maps.html). There are several hunting/firearms restrictions in MU 4-23 (see Map D35).



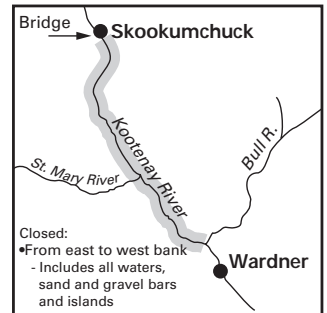
**Map D9** Elizabeth Lake No Hunting, Shooting, or Trapping Area and Motor Vehicle Closed Area AMA (situated in MU 4-3).



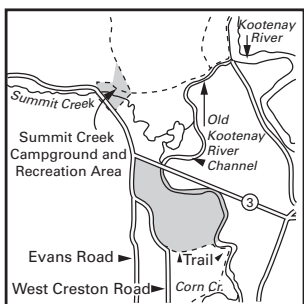
**Map D10** Linklater Creek Motor Vehicle Closed Area AMA (situated in MU 4-3). Roads shown as open lines are open year round.



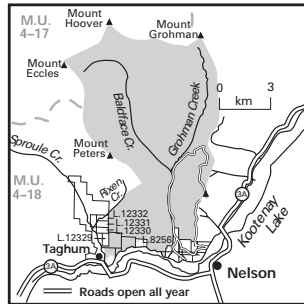
**Map D11** Crawford Bay No Shooting Area (situated in MU 4-6).



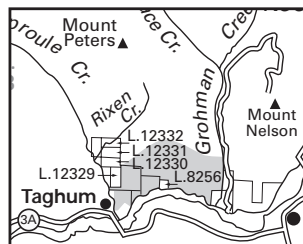
**Map D12** Kootenay River Canada Goose Closed Area (situated in MUs 4-3, 4-20, 4-21, 4-22).



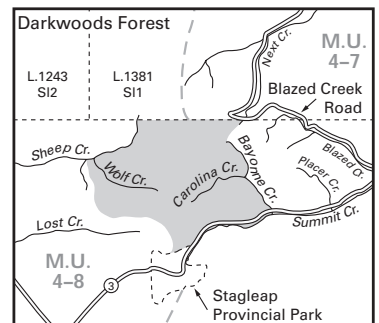
**Map D13** Summit Creek Campground and Recreation Area and Corn Creek Marsh No Hunting Areas (situated in MU 4-7).



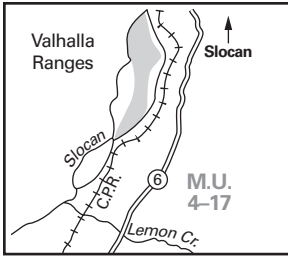
**Map D14** Grohman Creek Motor Vehicle Hunting Closed Area (situated in MU 4-18) closed year round to use of motor vehicles for the purpose of hunting.



**Map D15** Mardsen Face area closed to all motor vehicles from Dec 1 to Apr. 15



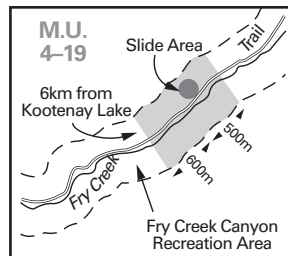
**Map D16** Selkirk No Shooting Area (situated in MUs 4-7, 4-8). Watch for mountain caribou.



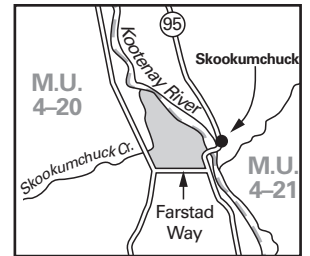
**Map D19** Walter Clough Wildlife Management Area No Shooting or Hunting Area (situated in MU 4-17).



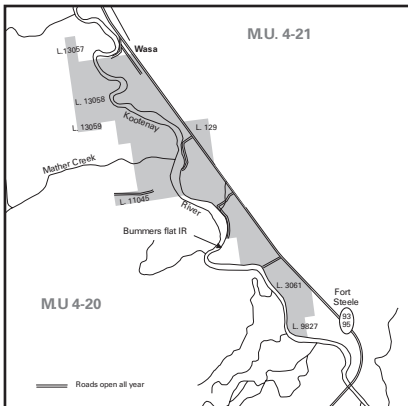
**Map D20** Argenta Marsh Wildlife Management Area No Shooting or Hunting Area (situated in MU 4-19).



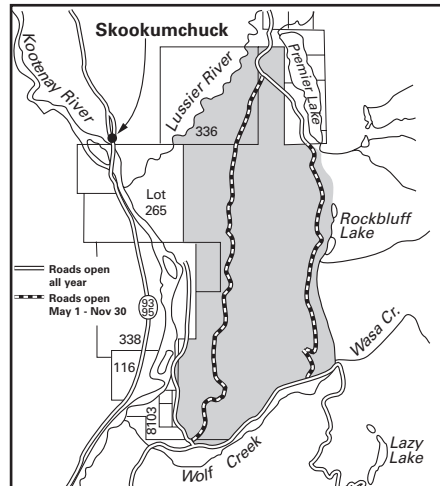
**Map D21** Fry Creek No Shooting Area (situated in MU 4-19).



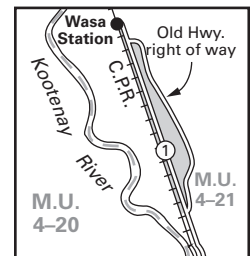
**Map D22** Skookumchuck Pulp Mill No Shooting Area (situated in MU 4-20).



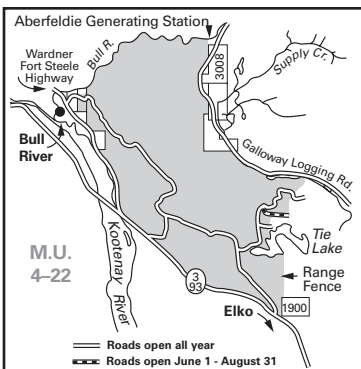
**Map D23** Cherry Creek/ Bummers Flats Motor Vehicle Closed Area AMA (situated in MUs 4-20, 4-21). Roads shown as open lines and CPR right-of-way are open year round.



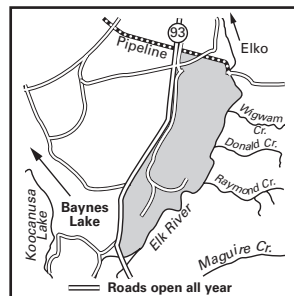
**Map D24** Premier Ridge Motor Vehicle Closed Area AMA (situated in MU 4-21). Roads shown as dashed lines are open May 1 to Nov 30, and roads shown as open lines are open year-round.



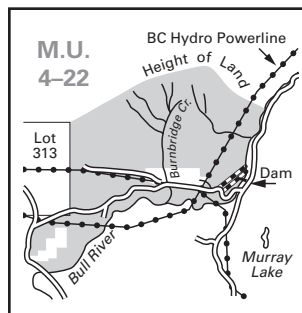
**Map D25** Wasa Slough Wildlife Sanctuary (situated in MU 4-21) No Shooting, Hunting or Trapping Area.



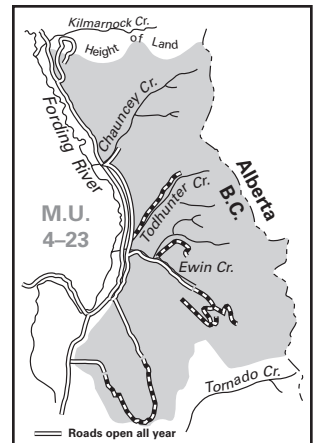
**Map D26** Pickering Hills Motor Vehicle Closed Area AMA (situated in MU 4-22). Excludes Lot 3, Plan 12040, District Lot 325, Kootenay Land District.



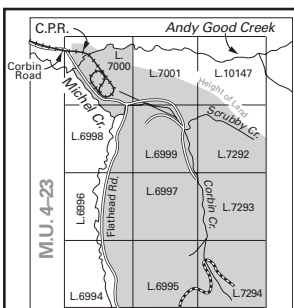
**Map D27** Sheep Mountain Motor Vehicle Closed Area AMA (situated in MU 4-22).



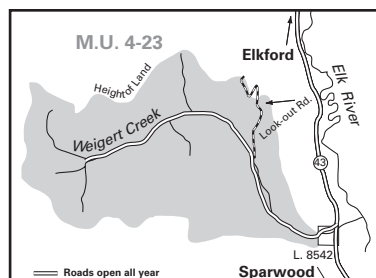
**Map D28** Powerplant Motor Vehicle Closed Area AMA (situated in MU 4-22). Roads shown as open lines are open year-round; roads shown as dashed lines are open May 1 to Nov 30.



**Map D29** Chauncey-Todhunter Motor Vehicle Closed Area AMA (situated in MU 4-23). Roads shown as dashed lines are open June 16 to Aug 31; roads shown as open lines are open year-round.



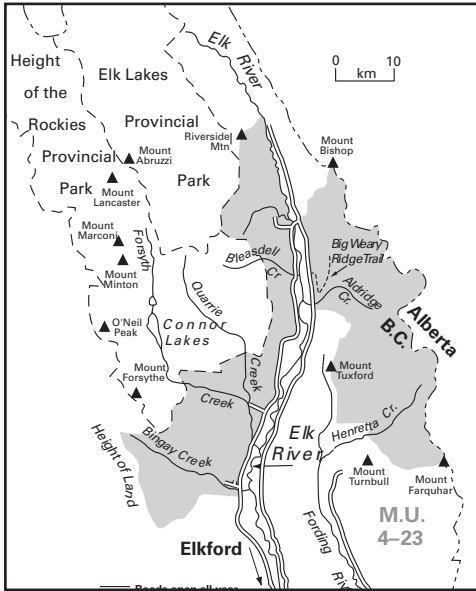
**Map D30** Teck Coal Limited Coal Mountain Mine No Shooting Area (situated in MU 4-23).



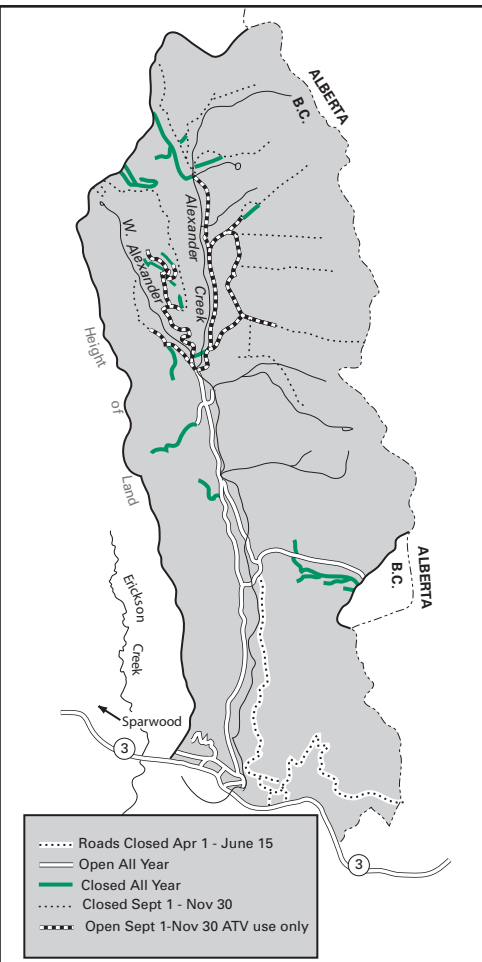
**Map D31** Weigert Creek Motor Vehicle Closed Area AMA (situated in MU 4-23). Snowmobiles allowed. Roads shown as open lines open year-round. Road shown as dashed open July 1 to Aug 31 to ATV use only.

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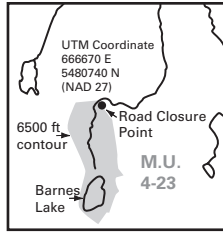
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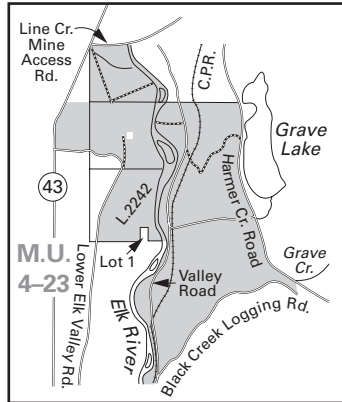
**Map D32** Upper Elk Valley - Fording River Motor Vehicle Closed Area AMA (situated in MU 4-23). Snowmobiles allowed. Roads shown as open lines are open year-round. Big Weary Ridge Trail open July 1 to Aug 31 to ATV use only.



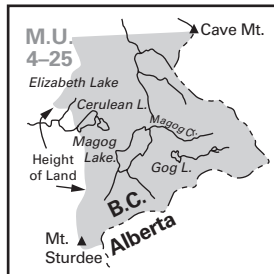
**Map D37** Alexander Creek Motor Vehicle Closed Area AMA (situated in MU 4-23). Snowmobiles allowed. See restriction on using snowmobiles for hunting on page 48.



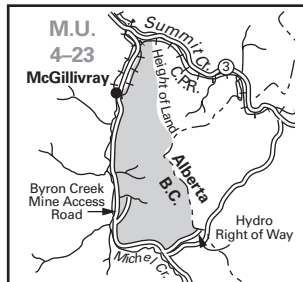
**Map D33** Barnes Lake Motor Vehicle Closed Area AMA (situated in MU 4-23). Snowmobiles allowed.



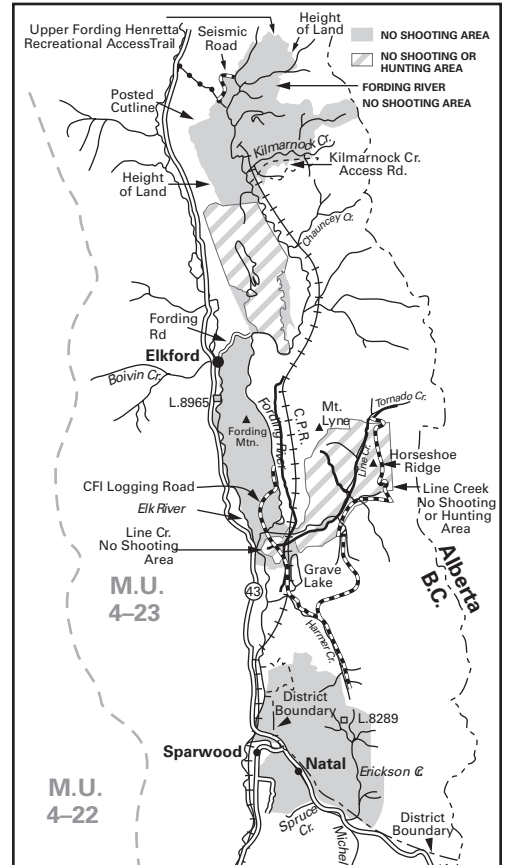
**Map D34** Grave Prairie Motor Vehicle Closed Area (situated in MU 4-23). Roads shown as open lines are open year-round; roads shown as dashed lines are open May 15 to Sept 30.



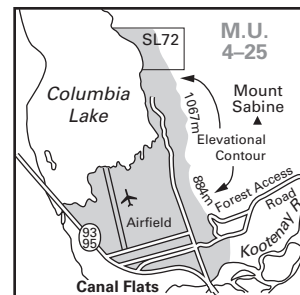
**Map D36** Mount Assiniboine Park No Hunting Area (situated in MU 4-25).



**Map D38** Corbin Creek Motor Vehicle Closed Area AMA (situated in MU 4-23). Roads shown as open lines are open year round.



**Map D35** 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 D39** Canal Flats Firearms Using Shot Only Area (situated in MU 4-25).

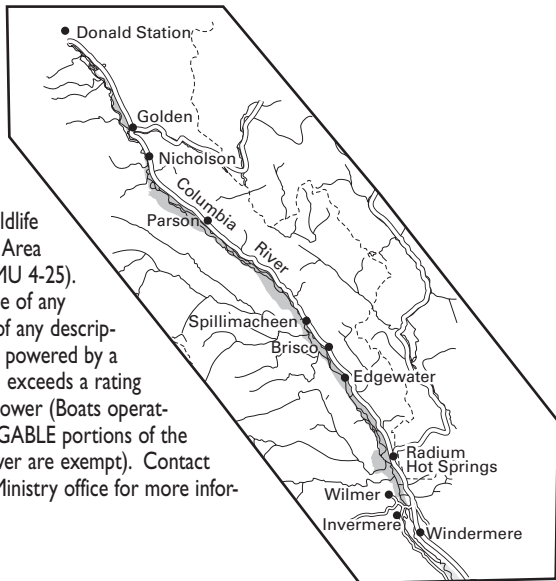
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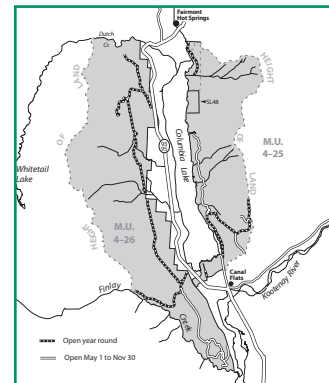
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**Map D40**  
Columbia Wetlands Wildlife Management Area (situated in MU 4-25). Closed to use of any conveyance of any description which is powered by a motor which exceeds a rating of 10 horsepower (Boats operating on NAVIGABLE portions of the Columbia River are exempt). Contact Cranbrook Ministry office for more information.



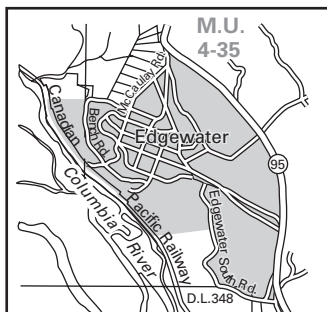
**Map D41** Stoddart Creek Motor Vehicle Closed Area AMA (situated in MU 4-25). Road shown as open lines is open year-round.



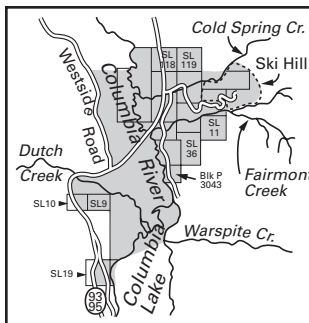
**Map D42** Columbia Lake Motor Vehicle Closed Areas (situated in MU 4-25). Roads shown as open lines are open May 1 to Nov 30; roads shown as dashed lines are open year-round.



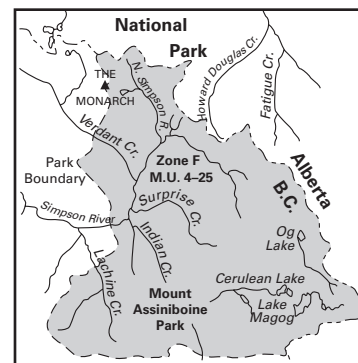
**Map D43** Sunshine Meadows No Hunting Area (situated in MU 4-25).



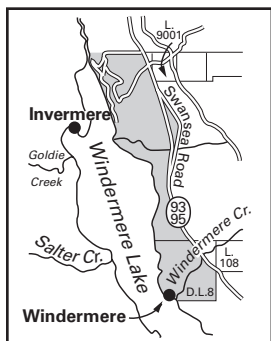
**Map D44** Edgewater No Shooting or Hunting Area (situated in MU 4-35).



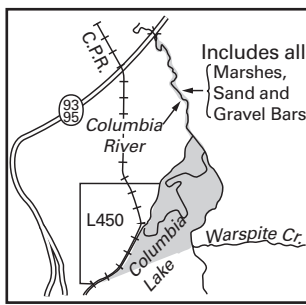
**Map D45** Fairmont No Shooting Area (situated in MU 4-25)



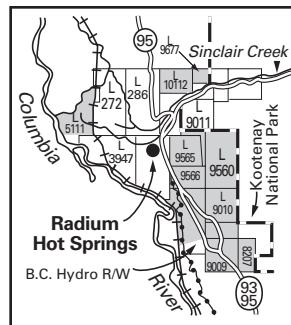
**Map D46** Mt. Assiniboine Park Mountain Sheep Limited Entry Hunting only Area (situated in MU 4-25). Note a portion of this zone is closed to hunting see Map D32.



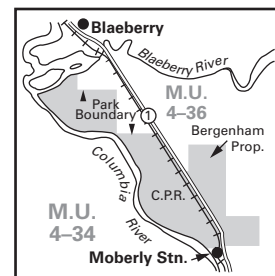
**Map D47** Windermere No Shooting Area (situated in MU 4-25).



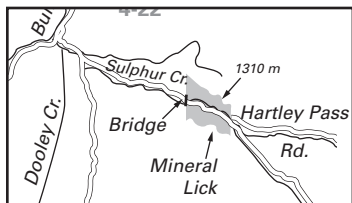
**Map D48** Columbia Lake and River Wildlife Sanctuary (situated in MUs 4-25, 4-26) No Shooting, Hunting or Trapping Area.



**Map D49** Radium No Shooting or Hunting Area (situated in MUs 4-25 and 4-35).



**Map D50** Bergenham and Moberly Marsh Wildlife Sanctuaries (situated in MU 4-36) No Shooting, Hunting or Trapping Areas.

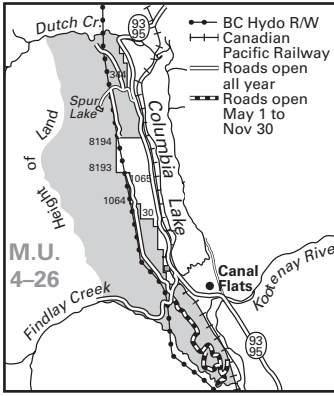


**Map D51** Sulphur Creek (MU 4-22). Between Sulphur Creek Bridge and the junction of Sulphur Creek Road and Hartley Pass Road, public access is prohibited beyond 3 m of either side of Sulphur Creek Road and up to 1310 m elevation level of either side of that road.

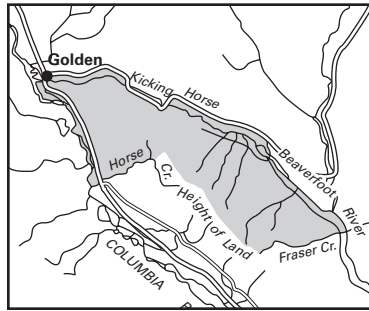
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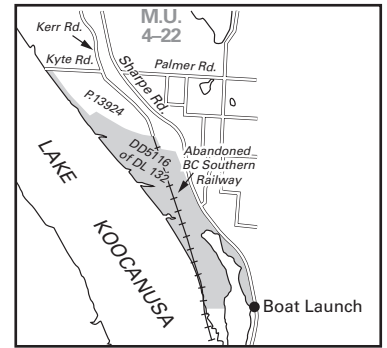
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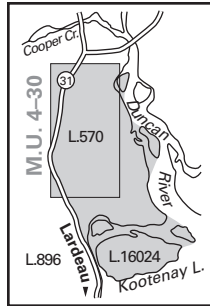
**Map D52** Dutch Creek-Findlay Flats Motor Vehicle Closed Area AMA (situated in MU 4-26). Roads shown as open lines are open year-round; roads shown as dashed lines are open May 1 to Nov 30.



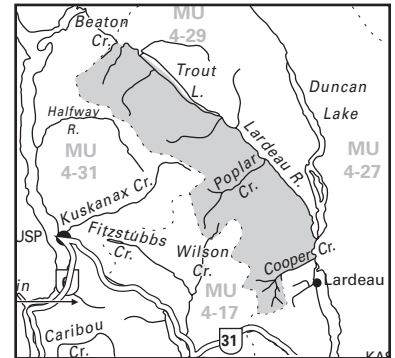
**Map D53** Kicking Horse River Mountain Sheep Closed Area (MU 4-35).



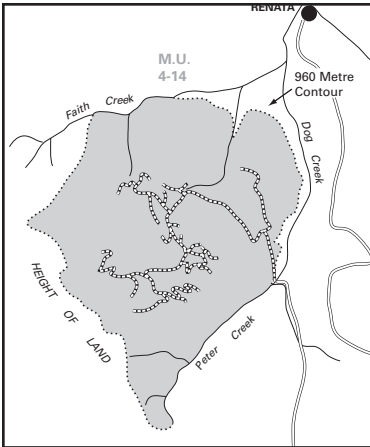
**Map D54** Baynes Lake (MU 4-22). Public access by land or air is prohibited Apr 15 to June 30. Dogs must be leashed Apr 1 to 15 and July 1 to Aug 1. The boat launch and all portions of the sand peninsula south of the boat launch are open.



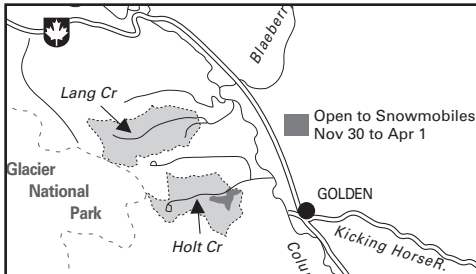
**Map D56** Duncan - Lardeau Motor Vehicle Closed Area AMA (situated in MU 4-30). Highway 31 is open year round.



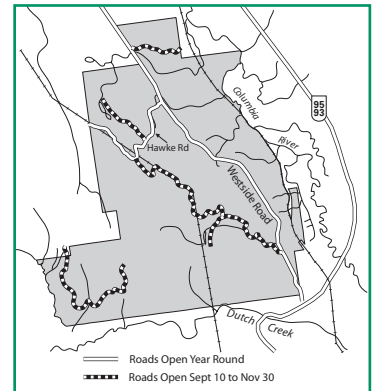
**Map D57** Lardeau - Mountain Goat 4-30 Season (situated in MU 4-30).



**Map D55** Dog Creek - Motor Vehicle Hunting Closed Area (situated in MU 4-14). Closed Sept 1 to Nov 30.



**Map D58** Lang and Holt Creek - Motor Vehicle Closure (situated in MU 4-34). 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.



**Map D59** Hoodos Motor Vehicle Closed Area (situated in MU 4-26).

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