

Management of Mountain Goats under the Forest and Range Practices Act

Overview of Tools

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FRPA Tools for Managing Mountain Goat

- Ungulate Winter Range
- FPPR Section 7 Notices
- Regionally Important Wildlife / Wildlife Habitat Areas
- Wildlife Habitat Features



Ungulate Winter Range

- Areas defined as critical for the winter survival of ungulates
- Consistent with current government policy around impacts to the THLB (TSR or LRMP)
- Within UWR boundaries ability to establish
 - general wildlife measures and/or
 - objectives
- Only able to manage activities regulated by FRPA

Ungulate Winter Range

- Desired conditions document being prepared for goats
 - Will serve as a tool to guide UWR development
- UWR plans currently approved for Mountain Goat
 - Soo TSA
 - TFL 45
 - Cranbrook TSA
 - Invermere TSA
 - Peace arm

http://wlapwww.gov.bc.ca/wld/uwr/ungulate_app.html

Forest Planning and Practices Regulation Section 7 - Notices

- Developed for areas where no UWRs are approved, but intention for UWR management
- Indicators of the amount of area, distribution of area and attributes of area required for winter survival
- Consistent with current government policy around impacts to the THLB (TSR or LRMP)

FPPR Section 7 - Notices

- Require licensees to prepare results or strategies in their Forest Stewardship Plans consistent with the objective in regulation
 - Interim planning tool until UWRs are established
- Section 7 requirements turned off once UWRs are established
- Mountain Goats are addressed in numerous section 7 Notices.

Regionally Important Wildlife / Wildlife Habitat Areas

- Mountain Goats included in IWMS Volume 1
 - 11 approved WHAs for Mountain Goat
- Under FPC “Identified Wildlife” included both species at risk and regionally important wildlife
- Under FRPA 2 distinct categories have been created:
 - species at risk – red + blue
 - regionally important wildlife – yellow

Regionally Important Wildlife / Wildlife Habitat Areas

- Category of regionally important wildlife has not been finalized
 - expected that Mountain goat will be included
- Inclusion in the category will allow WHAs to be established for Mountain Goat
 - Natal areas / escape terrain
- Draft species account has been prepared
 - needs to be updated with most recent science

Wildlife Habitat Features

- Government Actions Regulation sec. 11 identifies a number of features and allows for the Minister of MWLAP to identify localized features
- Specific to goat the following have been proposed as WHFs:
 - a significant mineral lick or wallow
 - natal areas
- Once approved by the Minister these WHFs cannot be damaged or rendered ineffective
 - Reliance on professionals

Wildlife Habitat Features

- 3 documents have been produced to provide guidance to the identification of these and other features as well as direction for the management of these areas:
 - Coast forest region
 - Northern interior forest region
 - Southern interior forest region
- Documents have been sent to MWLAP regions for review and will be circulated to COFI and the CFPAs in the near future

Summary

- Tools available under FRPA for managing Mountain Goat:
 - Ungulate winter range
 - FPPR section Notices
 - Regionally important wildlife / WHAs
 - Wildlife habitat features
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