

**Government Actions Regulation Order**

**File:** # FOR-12440-11/CAYOOSH GAR S.17

**Date:** February 2, 2012

**Order to Identify the Nlháxten/Cayoosh Wildland Area as a  
Cultural Heritage Resource, Resource Feature in the Cascades District**

Pursuant to Section 5 (1) (e) of the *Government Actions Regulation* (GAR) of the *Forest and Range Practices Act*, I hereby identify the Nlháxten/Cayoosh Wildland Area (see attached) cultural heritage resource as a resource feature. The Nlháxten/Cayoosh Wildland Area is a location of a traditional societal practice that is of historical, cultural and archaeological significance to the Lil'wat First Nation and other Interior Salish Aboriginal people that is currently not regulated under the *Heritage Conservation Act*.



Kevin Dickenson,  
Regional Executive Director  
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Date Signed: FEB 3, 2012

## **Supporting Information**

### **Nlháxten/Cayoosh Wildland Area**

#### **Forest Management Direction from the Land Use Planning Agreement Between the Lil'wat Nation and the Province of British Columbia**

File:

The following supporting information is supplied by MFLNRO as background information and support to the order establishing the Nlháxten/Cayoosh Wildland Area (a cultural heritage resource) as a Resource Feature in the Cascades District. This supporting information is not part of the order.

The Land Use Planning Agreement between the Lil'wat Nation and the Province of British Columbia (2008) provides forest management direction for the Nlháxten/Cayoosh Wildland Area. The following information comes from this land use agreement and is intended to assist forest professionals in understanding the purpose, objectives and sensitivities of this area.

Wildland zones, including the Nlháxten/Cayoosh Wildland Area, have been identified for their high wildlife habitat value, remote wilderness characteristics, and cultural and spiritual values to First Nations.

The Nlháxten/Cayoosh Wildland Area has a cultural emphasis where the primary management intent is to:

- Provide for the continuation of land and resources to support Lil'wat cultural activities and traditional renewable resource harvesting activities, including, but not limited to:
  - gathering traditional foods;
  - gathering plants used for medicinal and ceremonial purposes;
  - hunting, trapping, and fishing;
  - cutting selected trees for ceremonial or artistic purposes;
  - conducting, teaching or demonstrating ceremonies of traditional, spiritual or religious significance;
  - seeking cultural or spiritual inspiration;
  - constructing and using shelters such as camps, longhouses and pithouses essential to the pursuit of the above activities; and
  - cultural burning.
- Maintain the areas for the benefit, education and enjoyment of present and future generations.
- Enable sustainable economic development activity consistent with Lil'wat social, cultural and ceremonial uses and where appropriate to the zoning and management directions.

- Enable other consistent uses, as appropriate, and subject to the zoning and management directions.
- Conduct activities in a manner that maintains the quality of plant and animal habitats.

The Land Use Agreement provides the following implementation direction for forest management in the Nlháxten/Cayoosh Wildland Area:

- Commercial timber harvesting and hydro electric power generation, including “run-of-the-river” Independent Power Producers (IPPs) are not permitted in these zones.
- No new road construction will be permitted for forestry or early exploration. If no feasible alternative is available, road access for advanced exploration or subsurface development will be considered, subject to Deeper Consultation with the Lil’wat Nation, and if appropriate, accommodation.
- All development activities, including subsurface mineral exploration and development, in the Cultural Wildland subzone will be undertaken in a manner that recognizes and seeks to accommodate the cultural interests and values of the Lil’wat Nation and will be subject to Deeper Consultation.

#### Documents:

1. Land Use Planning Agreement between the Lil’wat Nation and the Province of British Columbia (April 11, 2008), File # 17550-25/S2S-LILW

[http://archive.ilmb.gov.bc.ca/slrp/lrmp/surrey/s2s/docs/S2SLRMP\\_G2G\\_Agreements/S2SG2\\_G\\_Lilwat\\_BC\\_Agreement.pdf](http://archive.ilmb.gov.bc.ca/slrp/lrmp/surrey/s2s/docs/S2SLRMP_G2G_Agreements/S2SG2_G_Lilwat_BC_Agreement.pdf)

2. Map of area:

Nlhaxten/Cayoosh Wildland Area (August 30, 2011) File # FOR-12440-11/CAYOOSH GAR S.17

[ftp://ftp.geobc.gov.bc.ca/publish/Regional/Surrey/LilwatLandUse/maps/Nlhaxten-Cayoosh\\_Wildland\\_Feb02\\_2012.pdf](ftp://ftp.geobc.gov.bc.ca/publish/Regional/Surrey/LilwatLandUse/maps/Nlhaxten-Cayoosh_Wildland_Feb02_2012.pdf)