

REGION 3 – THOMPSON



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

Clearwater, Kamloops, Lillooet, and Merritt

Compulsory Inspection (CI) Centres

Compulsory Inspection for hunter harvest will now be provided by both qualified Compulsory Inspectors, for species other than mountain goats and mountain sheep, at the locations specified below and by appointment, for all species, at the Region 3 Ministry of Forests Kamloops office. See the Ministry website at www.gov.bc.ca/hunting for more information.

CI Locations:

- Kamloops
- Merritt
- Salmon Arm

STAY UP TO DATE

Check website www.gov.bc.ca/hunting for in-season changes prior to your 2022-2024 hunt.

RAPP

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

Refer to page 2 for more information

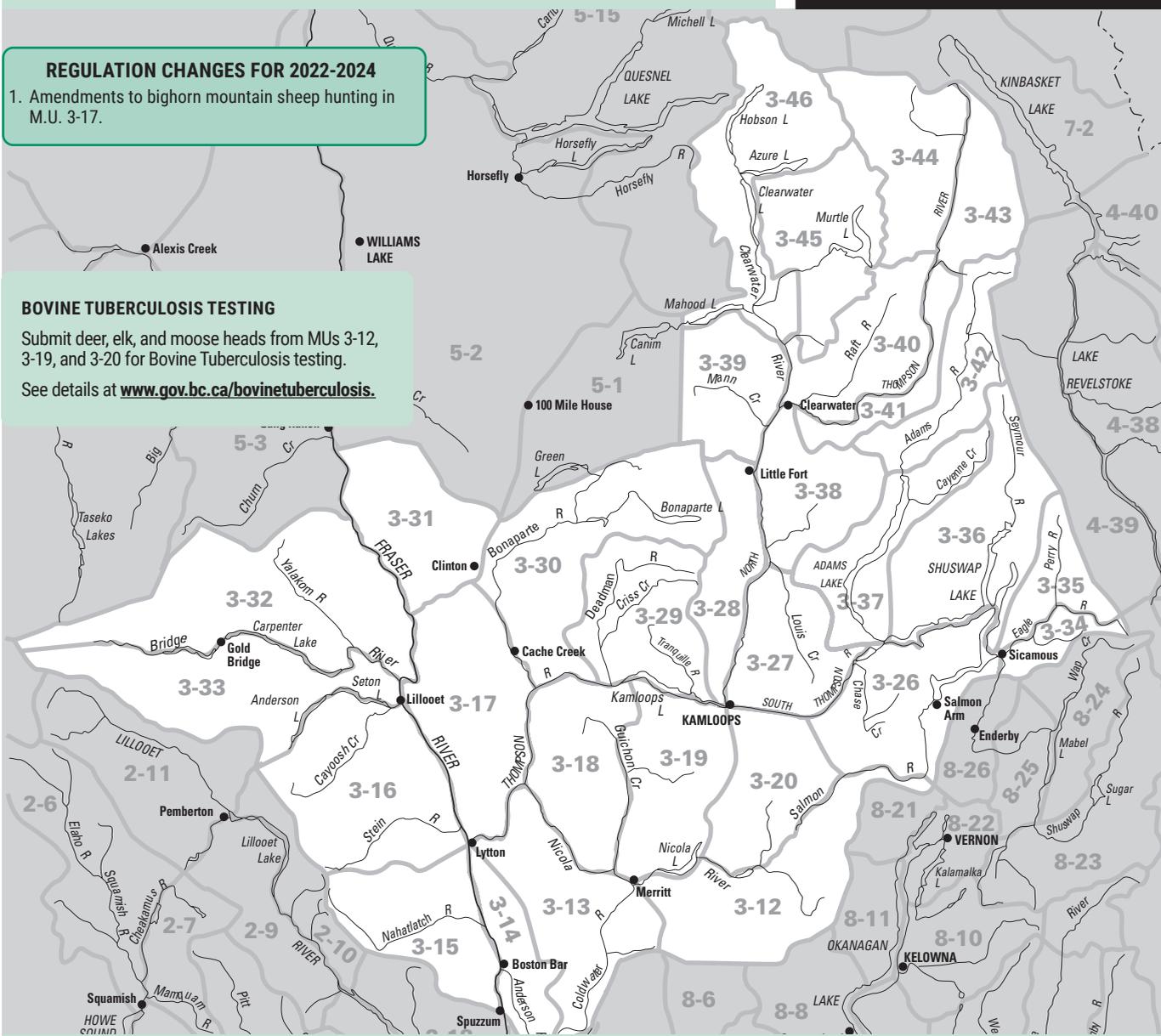
REGULATION CHANGES FOR 2022-2024

1. Amendments to bighorn mountain sheep hunting in M.U. 3-17.

BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS TESTING

Submit deer, elk, and moose heads from MUs 3-12, 3-19, and 3-20 for Bovine Tuberculosis testing.

See details at www.gov.bc.ca/bovinetuberculosis.



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>

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REGIONAL BAG LIMITS

Deer: The aggregate bag limit for deer is 3. The bag limit for mule (black-tailed) deer is 1. Antlerless mule (black-tailed) deer are under LEH only. The bag limit for white-tailed deer is 2, either sex.

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 Hunting and Trapping Regulations Synopsis; they will be available online at <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/recreation/motor-vehicle-prohibitions/snowmobiling-in-bc/snowmobile-closures>.
- » Information signs are posted at the points of closure for the benefit of hunters, but it is the hunter's responsibility to recognize closures whether a sign is in place or not. Contact Kamloops Regional Office for details.
- ★ **Motor Vehicle Closed Areas** (See page 10):
- ★ The operation of all motor vehicles, excluding snowmobiles is prohibited in Region 3 above 1,700 m elevation, except on existing roads and trails. See page 3 for definition of existing road or trail.
- ★ Above the elevation of 1800 m in the Mt Hewitt-Bostock and Stoyoma Mountain area (MUs 3-13, 3-14) from May 1 - Nov 30 inclusive (except for Cabin Lake Rd). See Map C1.
- ★ Skull Mountain Special Resource Management Zone (MU 3-28) other than indicated open roads (see Map C13) or under permit Sept 1 - Dec 10.
- ★ Lac du Bois - Dewdrop in MUs 3-28 and 3-29. See Map C14.
- ★ Dewdrop/Rosseau WMA (MU 3-29). See Map C15.
- ★ Above 1920 m elevation in MU 3-16 and 3-32 in the following areas:
 - Cayoosh Mountain Range
 - Shulaps Mountain Range

- China Head Mountain (excluding Yalakom-Big Bar Road)
- Nine Mile Ridge
- Red Mountain - French Mountain
- Hogback Mountain

For a map of these areas please visit: www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/recreation/fishing-hunting/hunting/regulations-synopsis.

- ★ Clinton Creek Watershed (MU 3-31). See Map C19. An authorized trapper is exempt from this restriction with respect to the trapping of furbearing animals (restricted to Clinton Creek Access Road).
- ★ Spruce Lake area in MU 3-32. See Map C20.
- ★ Watersheds of Miledge, Chappell and Lempriere Creeks above 1700 m in MU 3-44 (snowmobiles are permitted in designated area between Dec 1 and May 31). See Map C22.
- ★ Texas Creek watershed (MU 3-16), upstream of 3 km on the Texas Creek Forest Service Road closed from Apr 15 - Nov 30.
- ▲ **Motor Vehicles for Hunting Closed Areas** (See page 10):
 - Greenstone Mountain Burn (MU 3-19) (except for Duffy Lake Road, Beaton Lake Road and Greenstone Mountain Road). See Map C5.
- ※ **Snowmobiles for Hunting Closed Areas** (See page 10):
 - year-round in MU 3-45, 3-46, and Apr 1 - Dec 14 in MU 3-28. An authorized trapper is exempt from this restriction with respect to the trapping of furbearing animals.
- ◆ **ATV for Hunting Closed Areas** (See page 10):
 - from Sept 1 - Dec 10 in MUs 3-28, 3-29, 3-30, and that portion of MU 3-17 shown on Map C3.

NOTICE TO HUNTERS

- » Cattle grazing takes place on both public and private land. To keep cattle in the correct pasture, it is important that hunters leave gates and fences as they are found. Hunters should read the Access Restrictions section for more information about private property.

- » Hunters should note firearms restrictions in the No Hunting and No Shooting Areas section page 10 and regional maps.
- » Hunting and the discharge of firearms are prohibited in MU 3-45 (Wells Gray Park).

MOTOR VEHICLE PROHIBITIONS IN RESPONSE TO 2021 WILDFIRES

- ★ Approximately 560,000 hectares within the Thompson-Okanagan region have been closed year-round to all motor vehicles to mitigate concerns from the wildfires of 2021. Some roads are exempted from the closure. See Maps at www2.gov.bc.ca/motorvehicleprohibitions.
- **White Rock Lake:** in portions of MUs 3-12, 3-20, and 3-26.
- **Lytton Creek/George Road:** in portions of MUs 3-13, 3-14, 3-17, and 3-18.
- **July Mountain:** in portions of MU 3-13.
- **Mowhokam Creek:** in portions of MU 3-14.
- **Mckay Creek:** in portions of MUs 3-17 and 3-32.
- **Tremont Creek:** in portions of MUs 3-18 and 3-19.
- **Sparks Lake:** in portions of MUs 3-28, 3-29, and 3-30.
- **Two Mile Road:** in portions of MU 3-34.
- **Hunakwa Lake/Crazy Creek Gorge:** in portions of MU 3-36.
- **Momich Lake:** in portions of MUs 3-36 and 3-37.

NOTICE TO HUNTERS!

The Stake Lake cross country ski trails are closed to unauthorized vehicles, motorbikes, all terrain vehicles and snowmobiles – effective all year. See <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/recreation/camping-hiking/sites-trails/legislative-authority/recreation-orders> for more information.

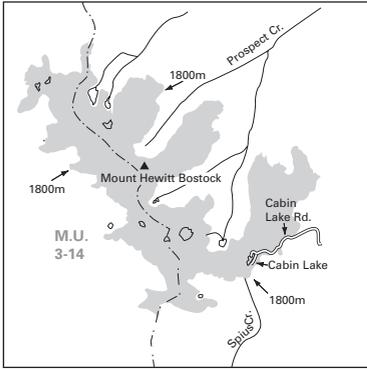
The discharge of firearms and bows is prohibited on that portion of Lac du Bois Grasslands Protected Area or Crown lands that are within the City of Kamloops municipal boundary. Hunters can view a map of the municipal restriction at https://bcparks.ca/explore/parkpgs/lacdubois_grass/protected_area_map.pdf.

THOMPSON GENERAL OPEN SEASONS

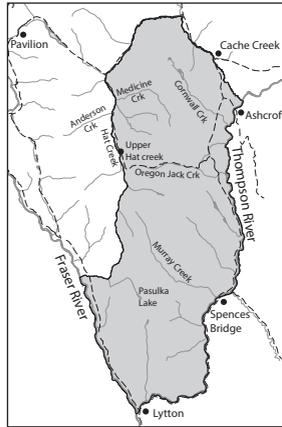
SPECIES	MANAGEMENT UNIT	CLASS	SEASON DATES	BAG LIMIT	
MULE DEER (Black-tailed)	3-15, 3-16, 3-32, 3-33	▲4 Point Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	Refer to Regional Bag Limits on p. 33 and the Deer Bag Limits article on p. 14	
	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44	▲4 Point Bucks	Sept 10 - Sept 30		
	3-46	▲4 Point Bucks	Sept 20 - Sept 30		
	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44, 3-46	Bucks	Oct 1 - Oct 31		
	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44, 3-46	▲4 Point Bucks	Nov 1 - Dec 10		
*Youth Only	3-12 to 3-14, 3-17 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-31, 3-34 to 3-44	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9		
Bow Only	3-12 to 3-14, 3-17 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-31, 3-34 to 3-44	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9		
▲ See Definitions Section: Mule deer. The antlers must accompany the species licence. * Season restricted to hunters under the age of 18.					
WHITE-TAILED DEER	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44	Bucks	Sept 10 - Dec 10		Refer to Regional Bag Limits on p. 33 and the Deer Bag Limits article on p. 14
	3-46	Bucks	Sept 20 - Dec 10		
	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44, 3-46	Antlerless	Oct 10 - Oct 31		
	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44, 3-46	Either Sex	Nov 1 - Nov 30		
	Youth Only*	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	
Bow Only	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9		
* Restricted to hunters under the age of 18.					
MOOSE	3-34 to 3-38, 3-40 to 3-44, 3-46	*Spike-fork Bulls	Sept 20 - Oct 31	1	
	3-15 to 3-17, 3-31 to 3-33	*Spike-fork Bulls	Oct 15 - Nov 15		
	3-12 to 3-14, 3-18 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-30, 3-39	*Spike-fork Bulls	Nov 1 - Nov 15		
* See Definitions Section: Moose. Antlers must accompany the species licence. Compulsory Inspection required for all moose harvested through the general open season.					
BIGHORN MOUNTAIN SHEEP	3-31, +3-32	Full Curl Bighorn Rams	Sept 10 - Oct 20	1	
	*3-17	Mature Bighorn Rams	Sept 10 - Oct 20		
* A portion of MU 3-17 only. See Map C2. + A portion of MU 3-32 is closed to Mountain Sheep hunting. See Map C21. Compulsory Inspection required.					
BLACK BEAR	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Sept 1 - Nov 30	2	
	3-46		Sept 20 - Nov 30		
	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44, 3-46		Apr 1 - June 30		
WOLF	3-12 to 3-16, 3-18 to 3-20		Sept 10 - June 15	3	
	3-17, 3-26 to 3-44		No closed season	NBL	
COYOTE	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Sept 1 - June 30	NBL	
COUGAR	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-33		Nov 15 - Mar 31	2	
	3-34 to 3-44		Sept 10 - Mar 31		
Hunters may not hunt a cougar kitten or any cougar in its company. See Definitions Section: Cougar kitten. Compulsory Inspection required.					
BOBCAT	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Nov 15 - Feb 15	1	
Compulsory Reporting required					
LYNX	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Nov 15 - Feb 15	1	
Compulsory Reporting required					
RACCOON	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		No Closed Season	NBL	
SNOWSHOE HARE	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Aug 1 - Apr 30	10 (daily)	
COLUMBIAN GROUND SQUIRREL	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		No Closed Season	NBL	
The open season for Columbian Ground Squirrel restricted to private land only. Hunters must obtain permission from landowners before hunting on private land.					
GROUSE: DUSKY (Blue), RUFFED & SPRUCE	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Sept 10 - Nov 30	5 each (15 each)	
	3-46		Sept 20 - Nov 30		
For Dusky, Spruce, and Ruffed grouse, the daily aggregate bag limit is 10; the aggregate possession limit is 30.					
SHARP-TAILED GROUSE	*3-30, 3-31		Sept 10 - Nov 30	5 (10)	
* There is no open season for sharp-tailed grouse in that portion of MU 3-30 south of the Scottie Creek Forest Service Road (5040 FSR). See Map C18					
PTARMIGAN	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Sept 1 - Nov 30	5 (15)	
CHUKAR PARTRIDGE	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Oct 1 - Nov 30	5 (15)	
GRAY PARTRIDGE (Hungarian)	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Oct 1 - Nov 30	3 (9)	
PHEASANT (Cocks)	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Oct 1 - Nov 30	2 (6)	
DOVE: MOURNING, EURASIAN COLLARED	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Sept 1 - Sept 30	5 (15)	
BAND-TAILED PIGEONS	3-13 to 3-17		Sept 15 - Sept 30	5 (15)	
COMMON SNIPE	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Sept 8 - Dec 23	10 (30)	
COOTS	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Sept 8 - Dec 23	10 (30)	
DUCKS	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Sept 8 - Dec 23	8 (24)	
Restricted daily bag limits of 4 Pintails, 4 Canvasbacks, 2 Goldeneye, and 2 Harlequin are in effect - see page 12					
GEESE: SNOW & ROSS'S	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Sept 8 - Dec 23	5 (15)	
GEESE: WHITE-FRONTED	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Sept 8 - Dec 23	5 (15)	
GEESE: CANADA & CACKLING	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Sept 8 - Sept 20	10 (30)	
	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Oct 1 - Dec 23		
	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Mar 1 - Mar 10		

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

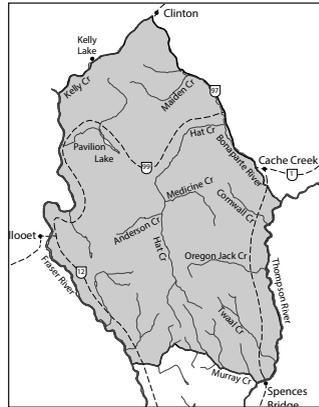
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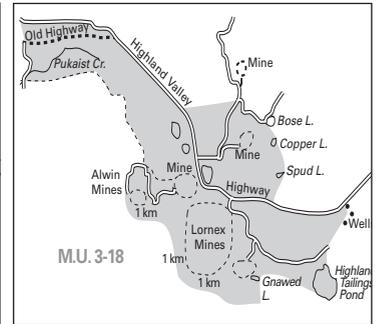
Map C1 Stoyoma Mountain Motor Vehicle Closed Area (MUs 3-13 and 3-14) above 1800 m elevation from May 1 - Nov 30, except on Cabin Lake Rd.



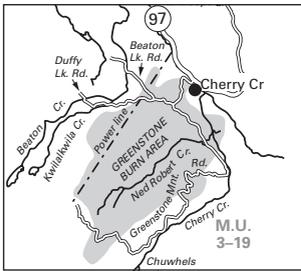
Map C2 Mature bighorn sheep hunting Area (MU 3-17).



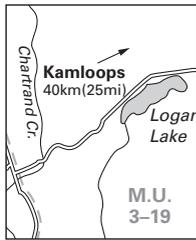
Map C3 ATV for Hunting Closed Area (portion of MU 3-17).



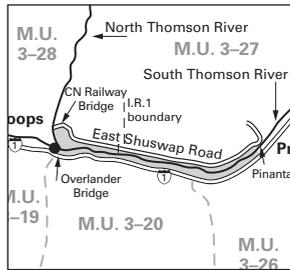
Map C4 Highland Valley No Shooting Area (MU 3-18).



Map C5 Greenstone Mt. Burn Motor Vehicle for Hunting Closed Area (MU 3-19). Roads shown as open lines are open year-round.



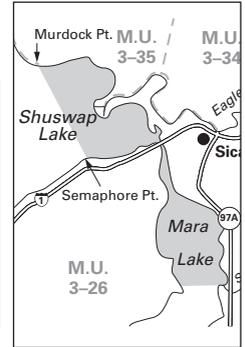
Map C6 - No Shooting Area (MU 3-19).



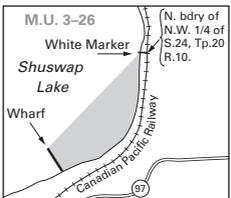
Map C7 Kamloops - No Shooting or Hunting Area (MUs 3-19, 3-20, 3-26, 3-27, and 3-28).



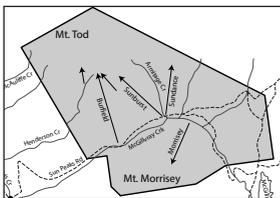
Map C8 Blind Bay - No Shooting Area (MU 3-26).



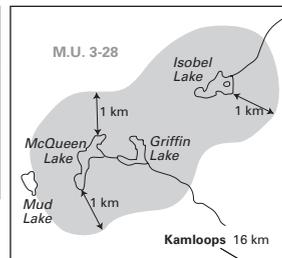
Map C9 Sicamous - No Shooting or Hunting Area (MU 3-26).



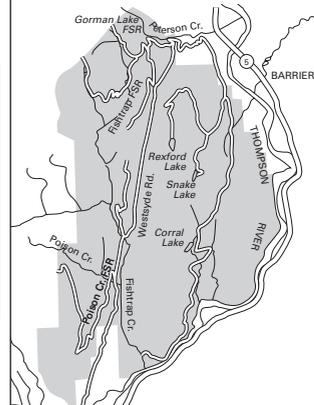
Map C10 Salmon Arm - No Shooting or Hunting Area (MU 3-26).



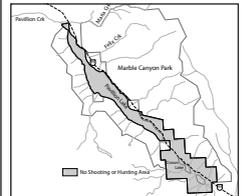
Map C11 Sun Peaks - No Shooting or Hunting Area 400 m from existing ski lift, run, facility or development of the Sun Peaks Resort (MU 3-27).



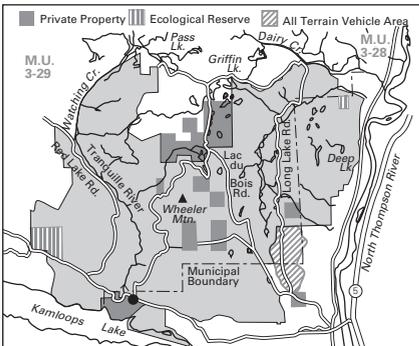
Map C12 McQueen Lake - No Shooting Area (MU 3-28).



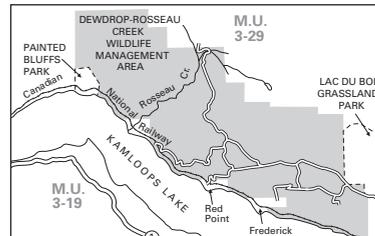
Map C13 Skull Mountain Motor Vehicle Closed Area (MU 3-28). Roads shown as open lines are open year-round. All other roads closed from Sept 1 - Dec 10.



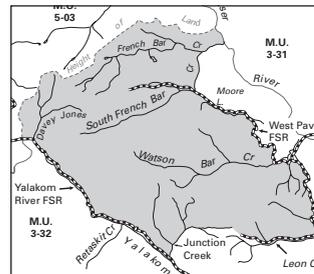
Map C23 Marble Canyon Provincial Park - No Shooting or Hunting Area (MU 3-17).



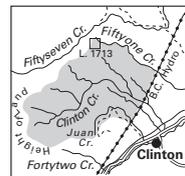
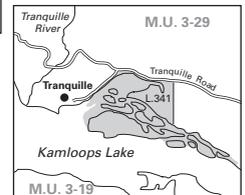
Map C14 Lac du Bois Grasslands Park (MUs 3-28 and 3-29). Vehicle access restricted to highlighted roads except as posted.



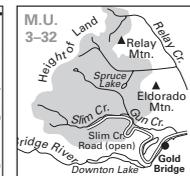
Map C15 Dewdrop/Rosseau Motor Vehicle Closed Area (MU 3-29). Roads shown as open lines are open year-round.



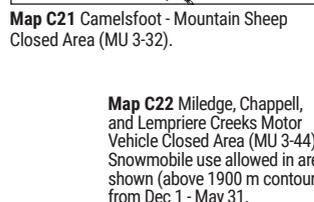
Map C17 Tranquille Wildlife Management Area - No Shooting or Hunting Area (Lac du Bois Grasslands Provincial Park in MU 3-29).



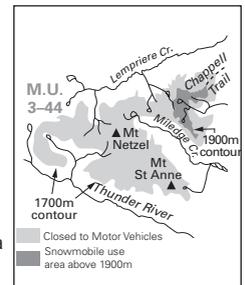
Map C18 Sharp-tailed Grouse closed area (MU 3-30).



Map C20 Spruce Lake Motor Vehicle Closed Area (Spruce Lake Protected Area in MU 3-32). Closed from June 1 - Nov 30. Roads shown as open lines are open year-round.



Map C21 Camelsfoot - Mountain Sheep Closed Area (MU 3-32).



Map C22 Mileed, Chappell, and Lempiere Creeks Motor Vehicle Closed Area (MU 3-44). Snowmobile use allowed in area shown (above 1900 m contour) from Dec 1 - May 31.