

Kootenay Business Area Wildlife Habitat Features

On May 29, 2018 the Minister of Environment & Climate Change Strategy signed an Order identifying **fourteen** wildlife habitat features in the Kootenay Boundary region, as listed in the table below.

| LIST OF WILDLIFE HABITAT FEATURES – KOOTENAY BOUNDARY REGION | |
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| 1. a nest of a Bald Eagle | 8. an American Badger burrow |
| 2. a nest of an Osprey | 9. a Grizzly Bear den |
| 3. a nest of a Flammulated Owl | 10. a significant mineral lick |
| 4. a nest of a Western Screech-Owl <i>macfarlanei</i> subspecies | 11. a significant wallow |
| 5. a nest of a Great Blue Heron | 12. a bat hibernaculum |
| 6. a nest of a Lewis's Woodpecker | 13. a bat nursery roost |
| 7. a nest of a Williamson's Sapsucker | 14. a hot spring or thermal spring |

The order defines a “**wildlife habitat feature**” as a feature used by one or more wildlife species to meet their life history requirements where special management is necessary to ensure that these features are protected and remain functional.

It is important that Licensees, Permittees, and Contractors (LPC) carrying out forest or range activities not damage or render ineffective a *wildlife habitat feature*.

- ***Where measures to protect a wildlife habitat feature have been specified within a project plan, the holder of an agreement or contract will conduct primary forest activities and other related activities in accordance with the measures specified in the project plan.***
- ***Where an LPC encounters a wildlife habitat feature, not previously identified and accommodated for in an existing project plan, the LPC must...***



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Upon reporting of an unidentified wildlife habitat feature, an LPC shall discuss a course of action with a BCTS representative to prevent damaging or rendering the feature ineffective.

Clear definitions and descriptions, as well as suggested management strategies for consideration when carrying out primary forest or range activities can be found in the field guide, at the following link:

https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/environment/natural-resource-policy-legislation/legislation-regulation/frpa-pac/wildlife-habitat-features/whf_field_guide_kootenay_boundary.pdf

Please note the list of wildlife features in the table above may be expanded from time to time to reflect new information that indicates potential threats from forest or range activities on localized features. Updates will be included in the link above and/or discussed at operational pre-works.