

Aug 14, 2024 - ELUA / ELUC / Deferral Areas and related shapes now appearing in MTO Map Viewers

Mining related orders under the *Environment and Land Use Act* (ELUA) have been established in the Province. Each order has **unique** requirements that are in effect in a specified area during a defined time period.

Mining related ELUA orders may prevent the acquisition of new titles and/or may restrict existing title holders from engaging in mining activities, with exceptions allowed for reclamation, monitoring, protection, control, or treatment efforts. A list of the mining related ELUA orders can be found under '**Other acts, regulations and orders related to mining activities/Environment and Land Use Act**' on Mining legislation page:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/mineral-exploration-mining/mining-legislation>

In MTO, two new map layers are now being displayed in the CWM map viewers only. These new map layers contain shapes related to ELUA orders (mining related and others).

The new map layers are found under the “Administrative Boundaries” folder. The layers are called:

- FADM – Special Protection Area (turned on by default)
 - This dataset contains information on areas of the Province with special protections/requirements defined by legislation. This dataset contains mining related ELUA orders and other shapes (eg. Great Bear Rainforest)
- FADM – Designated Areas.
 - This layer defines areas protected from harvesting activities by Order-in-Council as per part 13 of the Forest Act.

The “**FADM – Special Protection Area**” shapes show up in gold/orange. When you identify information from this layer, the name of the area is displayed.

The “**FADM – Designated Areas**” shapes show up in a pink colour. When you identify information from this layer, you get the BC Regulation number of the Order that created the area.

For detailed instructions on viewing the mining related ELUA orders in MTO and BC Laws, please see ([Viewing Environment and Land Use Orders in Mineral Titles Online](#))

Note: For large areas, you may have to zoom in to a larger scale in order to receive search results.