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PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
ORDER OF THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND LANDS

**ESTABLISHING RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ZONES AND OBJECTIVES SET BY GOVERNMENT
IN THE AREA COVERED BY THE OKANAGAN-SHUSWAP LAND AND RESOURCE
MANAGEMENT PLAN IN THE OKANAGAN SHUSWAP FOREST DISTRICT**
(Section 3 of the Forest Practices Code of British Columbia Act)

I, the Honourable Pat Bell, Minister Agriculture and Lands, hereby make this order.

Establishment of resource management zones

- 1 The following areas shown on the attached maps, 1 through 8, are established as resource management zones:
 - (a) enhanced levels of coarse woody debris area shown on map 1;
 - (b) intensive recreation areas shown on map 2;
 - (c) regionally significant trail corridors shown on map 3;
 - (d) tourism areas shown on map 4;
 - (e) elk areas shown on map 5;
 - (f) marten areas shown on map 6;
 - (g) fisher areas shown on map 7;
 - (h) Okanagan-Shuswap Land and Resource Management Plan area shown on map 8.

Objective set by government for the enhanced levels of coarse woody debris area

- 2 The objective for the enhanced levels of coarse woody debris area shown on Map 1 is to provide increased conservation of soil, wildlife and biodiversity at the stand level by retaining enhanced levels of coarse woody debris in harvested areas.

Objective set by government for intensive recreation areas

- 3 The objective for intensive recreation areas shown on Map 2 is to maintain the attributes that provide for the diverse range of quality recreational experiences.

Objective set by government for regionally significant trail corridors

- 4 The objective for regionally significant trail corridors shown on Map 3 is to maintain the attributes that provide for a diverse range of quality recreational experiences.

Objective set by government for tourism areas

- 5 The objective for tourism areas shown on Map 4 is to maintain foreground visual quality.

Objective set by government for elk areas

- 6 The objective for elk areas shown on Map 5 is to maintain congregation areas and movement corridors between summer and winter ranges.

Objective set by government for marten areas

- 7 The objective for marten areas shown on Map 6 is to maintain forage, cover and connectivity for marten.

Objective set by government for fisher areas

- 8 The objective for fisher areas shown on Map 7 is to maintain forage, cover and connectivity for fisher.

Objectives set by government for the Okanagan-Shuswap Land and Resource Management Plan area

- 9 The objectives for the Okanagan-Shuswap Land and Resource Management Plan area shown on Map 8 are:
 - (a) to provide increased conservation of soil, wildlife and biodiversity at the stand level by retaining basic levels of coarse woody debris in harvested areas;
 - (b) to restore a natural landscape appearance to those sites within established scenic areas that have been visually impacted by past forest development;
 - (c) to maintain resources and values associated with timber and silviculture, Mule Deer; Big Horn Sheep, Mountain Goat, recreation, visual landscapes, and access when planning and implementing forest health operations;
 - (d) to minimize adverse impacts caused by access construction, such as a road, on the following resource values: Big Horn Sheep; Grizzly Bear; Mountain Caribou; Mountain Goat; Mule Deer; grasslands and low elevation forests (Ecosystem - Natural Disturbance Type 4); walk-in lakes; intensive recreation areas; regionally significant trail corridors;
 - (e) to provide increased conservation of water, fish, wildlife, and biodiversity associated with streams classified as S4, S5, and S6 as those classifications are defined in section 47 of the Forest Planning and Practices Regulation made under the Forest and Range Practices Act, by maintaining enhanced riparian reserves over a total of 10,000 hectares of timber harvesting land base, and an enhanced level of riparian management zone retention;
 - (f) to maintain Williamson's Sapsucker breeding sites.

Effective date of this order

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 - (1) This order is effective January 31, 2006.
 - (2) Despite section 16 (2) of the *Forest and Range Practices Act*, the 4 month period referred to in that provision does not apply to this order, and instead a forest stewardship plan or amendment must comply with this order if the plan or amendment is submitted for approval after the effective date of this order.
 - (3) Pursuant to section 8 of the *Forest and Range Practices Act*, an approved forest stewardship plan must be amended to take this order into account,

- (a) on or before 6 months after the effective date of this order, if the plan was approved on or before the effective date, or
 - (b) on or before 4 months after the effective date of this order, if the plan was submitted for approval before the effective date and approved after.
- (4) This order does not apply to forest development plans or amendments, range stewardship plans or amendments, or woodlot licence plans or amendments.

The Honourable Pat Bell
Minister of Agriculture and Lands

Date