

Plan Area Summary

	Existing (Ha)	Proposed (Ha)	Total Area (Ha)
Managed Snowmobile Zone			
Existing Areas (Miledge, Allan, Clemina)	8,700	0	8,700
Reopen portion of Westridge	0	560	560
Develop Oasis, Robina and North Thompson valley bottom	0	6,900	6,900
Family areas at Westridge (low elevation easy riding on trails in timbered areas)	0	3,600	3,600
Horsey Creek Proposal	0	21,000	21,000
Total	8,700	32,060	40,760
North Thompson Snowmobile Destination Area			
Includes Clemina, Robina, Allen, Oasis, North Thompson Valley bottom, Miledge	0	65,000	65,000
Area no longer under Heli-ski tenure includes Clemina, Robina, Allen, Oasis (except for several specific forested runs), part of north Thompson Valley Bottom		Approx. 55,000	55,000
Non Motorized Backcountry Recreation			
At Westridge near YORA cabin	0	340	340
At Robina near YORA cabin	0	500	500
Total	0	840	840
Snowmobile Assisted Skiing/boarding Area			
Westridge (Presently no access due to snowmobile closure)	0	328	328
Crystal Ridge Proposed (needs trail access development)	0	2,307	2,307
Total	0	2,635	2,635
Snow Cat-ski Zone			
Snowcat now	1,840		1,840
Snowcat proposed (overlays downhill ski area map reserve)	0	1,640	1,640
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New Managed Total	1,840	3,280	5,120
Guided Snowmobiling Zone			
Includes part of Dixon Glacier and Westridge which are currently Closed to snowmobiling	0	12,200	12,200
Backcountry and Helicopter Ski Zone			
Various locations - Total	0	105,828	105,828
Snowmobile Closure Zones			
Mountain Caribou	Approx. 20,000	79,000	101,000
Recreation	2,300	109,700	112,000
Total	22,300	188,700	213,000
Controlled Recreation Area			
Various locations - total		17,447	17,447
Totals			
Total Plan Area			697,000
Recreational Snowmobile Closures *			213,000
Area open to Recreational Snowmobiling *			484,000

* NOTE : These gross numbers do not reflect the actual area that is useable for snowmobiling because much of the terrain is unsuitable (i.e. forested slopes, steep alpine, glaciated with crevasses or inaccessible - this could be as much as 80% of the mountain terrain). It is difficult to accurately estimate the potential snowmobile area inside and outside the snowmobile closures. This was a key consideration in the stakeholder negotiation process and the majority of the area that is closed is either not suitable for snowmobiling or accessible to advanced riders only. There are several locations that are suitable and were used by more advanced riders that will be closed until the end of April including: the McAndrew Lake area in the North Thompson, Adolph Creek and Thunder lakes (previously closed by local agreement). Snowmobile opportunities have been expanded by reducing the closure area on Westridge and proposing improved access and management at Oasis and Robina. Respect for all user groups is encouraged where uses overlap.