These M.U. boundaries are approximate only. For a more precise definition consult the BC Recreational Atlas, 6th edition.

Compulsory Inspection Centres
Qualified Compulsory Inspectors will provide this service at the locations listed below. Please see the Ministry website at www.gov.bc.ca/hunting or contact the regional office for more information.

CI Locations: Creston, Revelstoke, Radium Hot Springs, Sparwood, Cranbrook, Fruitvale, Nakusp
Ministry Regional Office, Cranbrook: (250) 489-8540
Nelson: (250) 354-6333

Conservation Officer Service District Offices
Please call 1-877-952-7277 for recorded information or to make an appointment at any of the following Field Offices: Castlegar, Cranbrook, Creston, Fernie, Invermere, Nelson, and Golden

Major Regulation Changes for 2018-2020

1. Replaced general open season for mountain sheep in MU 4-22 with LEH
2. Lengthened cougar hunting season in portions of the East Kootenays
3. Shortened lynx hunting season
4. Motor Vehicle Prohibitions on Channel Road, in the Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area
5. Closure of the spike-bull elk and Sept 1-19 antlerless elk bow only seasons
6. Island Pond, Lamb Creek, Linklater Creek, Soowa Mtn, and White/Bull River Motor vehicle prohibitions (enacted in the fall of 2017 in response to wildfires).

NOTICE!

Hunters can produce their own maps through iMap BC available at www.data.gov.bc.ca/dbc/geographic.

Hunters are reminded that restrictions apply to Recreation Sites (i.e., Cranbrook Community Forest). See Recreation Sites and Trails on page 11.

Region 4 Motor Vehicle Prohibitions on Channel Road, in the Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area, and 4-23.

Recreation Access Management Plans
Refer to the Southern Rocky Mountain Management Plan for recreation access zoning in MUs 4-1, 4-2, 4-22 and 4-23.

Refer to the Golden Backcountry Recreation Plan for recreation access zoning in MUs 4-34, 4-36 and 4-40.

Report all poachers/polluters (RAPP)
Please see Notice on page 26 for details

For information on Wildlife Permits and Commercial Licences, please see page 24.
REGIONAL BAG LIMITS

Bobcat: The bag limit for Bobcat is one.
Cougar: The bag limit for Cougar is two, except in MUs 4-1 to 4-5, 4-9 to 4-27, 4-32 to 4-37 and 4-40 where the bag limit is one.
Coyote: No bag limit (NBL).
Wolf: The bag limit for wolf is three.

Deer: The aggregate bag limit in the Kootenay Region is two. The bag limit for mule (black-tailed) deer is one. The bag limit for white-tailed deer is two; one may be antlerless and one may be a buck.

Grouse: The daily aggregate bag limit for grouse: blue (dusky), spruce (Franklin), and ruffed is 5.
Turkey: The regional aggregate bag limit for turkey is two. Only one turkey may be taken in the spring and only one turkey may be taken in the fall.

NOTICE TO HUNTERS

Region 4 Motor Vehicle Prohibition Maps online at www.env.gov.bc.ca/kootenay/eco/accessmaps.htm or by contacting the regional office at 250-489-8540.
Several animals have been radio-collared for research in the Kootenay Region. These animals provide data on survival rates, habitat use, and migratory behaviour. If you harvest a radio-collared animal, please return the collar to the Ministry office in Cranbrook or Nelson to ensure the necessary information is collected.

No Shooting Areas:

The discharge of firearms is prohibited on or within 50 m of either side of the Whiteswan FSR from Inlet Creek Campground on Whiteswan FSR to White River bridge crossing and the Whiteswan FS/White-Moscow main junction to the Moscow/Home Base Campground junction. Total road length approximately 4.9 km.

See firearms restrictions as outlined in the No Hunting or Shooting Areas section and region’s maps on pages 52-54.

ACCESS RESTRICTIONS

Access Permits are required for hunting or fishing activities on the Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area. For more details on acquiring permits visit www.crestonwildlife.ca or call 250-402-6900.

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 www.snowmobile.gov.bc.ca.

Information signs are posted at the points of closure for road and vehicle restrictions. These signs are for the benefit of hunters, but it is the hunters’ responsibility to recognize closures whether a sign is in place or not.

That portion in MU 4-22 within the following described boundaries: D5116 or DL 132 including sand peninsula. Motorized use prohibited all year. Excluding public beaches #1 and #2, public access by land, water or air is prohibited April 15 to July 15. Dogs must be leashed April 1 to July 31. Boat launch ramp open only for launching watercraft not for use to access foreshore. “Waldo Cove Road” is open year round.

Public access is prohibited beyond 3 m of either side of Sulphur Creek Road in mineral lick area (MU 4-22) year round.

Symbol Key: Use the following symbols to determine what type of motor vehicle prohibition is in place in the following areas (see also Site and Access Restrictions section, pages 11-12).

Access Management Areas (AMAs) - designated areas where vehicle use is managed to reduce damage to fish and wildlife habitat and/or to protect fish and wildlife populations from harassment or over harvest.
Motor Vehicle Closed Areas: The operation of all motor vehicles is prohibited in these areas year round, unless indicated otherwise.

Motor Vehicles for Hunting Closed Areas (formerly known as VAHGs) - designated areas where the operation of all motor vehicles to hunt, transport wildlife, transport equipment and supplies which are intended for or in support of hunting, or to transport hunters to or from the location of wildlife is prohibited. An authorized trapper is exempt from this prohibition with respect to the trapping of furbearing animals.

Year Round Motor Vehicles for Hunting Closed Areas unless otherwise indicated.

Seasonal Motor Vehicles for Hunting Closed Areas:

Closed April 1-June 30 and Sept. 1-Feb. 28

Closed Sept. 1-June 30 (enacted due to 2017 wildfires. Road access being assessed and may be subject to change)

Closed April 1-June 30 and Sept. 1-Nov. 30

Region-wide Snowmobiles for Hunting Closed Areas: The use of snowmobiles to hunt, to transport wildlife, or to transport hunters to or from the location of wildlife is prohibited in the entire Kootenay Region during the period Apr. 1-Nov. 30. An authorized trapper is exempt from this prohibition with respect to the trapping of furbearing animals.

McDouall Wildlife Sanctuary (Map D1)
Upper Flathead
East Flathead

Wigwam Flats-Mt.Broadwood /Sportsman Ridge
Galton Range

Upper Wigwam River drainage

The watershed of an unnamed tributary of Lodgepole Creek (locally known as Windfall Creek) upstream of 34.8 km on the Windfall Creek Road.

Soowa Mountain

Purcell Creek watershed upstream of the Linklater Creek Bypass Road
Elizabeth Lake (Map D2)
Linklater Creek (AMA)

Linklater Creek (MVHA)

the northerly watershed above Hawkins Creek Road west of an unnamed stream flowing south-western into Hawkins Creek from Mt Mahon approximately 2 km northwest of the confluence of Canuck Creek and Hawkins Creek and including the western slopes of Mt Mahon and the Manson Creek watershed.

Irishman Cr watershed upstream of Hwy 3/95

Lamb Creek


the watershed of Leadville Creek upstream of the 8 km on the Leadville Creek Road.
Snowmobiles and trappers are exempt.

the southern and eastern facing slopes of the Sanca Creek Watershed above the Sanca Creek Forestry Road.

Topaz Creek watershed upstream of Midgely Mountain Road at the 1425 metre (4700 ft) elevation.

all areas north of Com Creek in the Com Creek watershed, upstream of Acorn Creek, including Buckworth Creek, closed from Sept 1 to June 1. Com Creek FSR is open.

the watersheds of Malde, Goodeve, Morris and Shepard Creeks and the Cambridge Creek watershed upstream of the 750 metre elevation.

Tiger Creek watershed upstream of the Gopher Creek Crossing.

commencing on the north side of Peter Creek bridge crossing and includes both Faith and Peter Creek watersheds, Sept 1 to Nov 30

Commencing at 11 km on the Rialto Cr FSR and above the 760 metre contour in the watersheds of Tulip Creek in the west to Rialto Creek in the east including all watersheds in between (Syringa, Allendale, Yarrow and several unnamed) and including areas within Syringa Provincial Park.

Deer Creek Road:
	commencing at 19 km on the Deer Cr FSR including all roads/trails on Cougar Ridge, Sept 1 to Nov 30
	commencing at 23 km on the Rusty Cr FSR and including Twobit, Sunshine, Gladstone Hutchison and Sangria watersheds above 750 m Sept 1 to Nov 30.

Grohman Creek closed year round to use of motor vehicles for the purpose of hunting

Marsden Face during the period Dec 1 to April 15.
	the watershed of Sproule Creek and commencing at the start of the Sproule Creek FSR, and not including that portion of the Smallwood FSR located within the Sproule Creek watershed.

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Banff Creek watershed upstream from 1.0 km on the Banff Creek Road snowmobiles and trappers are exempt.
	the watershed of Bradford Creek.
	the watershed of an unnamed creek (locally
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known as Patrick Creek) flowing into Dewar Creek between Mt. Patrick and Mt. Manson upstream of the Dewar Creek access road

◆ the watershed of Skookumchuck Creek upstream from a point downstream 1 kilometre from its confluence with Greenwood Creek

★ Cherry Creek

◆ the watershed of Copper Creek upstream of the Skookumchuck Forest Access Rd crossing

◆ the watershed of Buhl Creek from 0.5 kilometre upstream of the Skookumchuck Creek Bridge crossing near the confluence of Buhl Creek with Skookumchuck Creek:

MU 4-21

◆ the watershed of the easterly headwaters of Coyote Creek

★ Premier Ridge

★ Island Pond

MUs 4-22, 4-23 and 4-24

★ White River and Bull River

MU 4-22

★ Baynes Lake area (Map D15)

★ Powerplant area

★ the Pickering Hills and Sheep Mtn. areas excludes Lot 3, Plan 12040, District Lot 325, Kootenay land District

★ the watershed of North Gaibral Creek and of that portion of the watershed of Galbraith Creek south and east of their confluence

◆ the watershed of Big Tower-Little Tower, Swan Island Creek, Harrison Creek and Haynes Creek. The main Harrison Creek FSR open to motorized use for hunting. All roads leading off main Harrison Creek FSR above 67 km are closed to motorized use for hunting. All other roads within this MVHC remain closed to motorized use for hunting.

◆ the watershed of Burton Creek upstream of 3.5 km on Burton Creek FSR

◆ the watershed of McDermid Creek

◆ the watersheds of Little Sand Creek above the Galloway Road and of Big Sand Creek upstream of its confluence with Whirnister Creek

◆ the watershed of Iron and Lime Creek.

◆ the watershed of Quinn Creek upstream of its confluence with Alpine Creek, including the watershed of Alpine Creek

MU 4-23

★ Barnes Lake (except snowmobiles)

★ Chauncey-Fodhunter area

★ Grave Prairie area

★ Corbin Creek

★ Wegera Creek (except snowmobiles)

★ Upper Elk Valley/Fording River (snowmobiles allowed). Snowmobiles prohibited above 1900 m on Mt. Beadell/Abby Ridge. Snowmobiles continue to be allowed elsewhere within this AMA.

★ Alexander Creek Access Management Area.

MU 4-24

★ that portion of the Mutton Creek watershed upstream of the westerly boundary of Whiteswan Lake Park

★ Blackfoot Creek watershed upstream from 38 km on the Blackfoot Creek Road

★ Fenwick Creek watershed upstream from 50 km on the Fenwick Creek Road

★ Elk Creek watershed upstream from the White Rock Forestry Access Road

◆ the watershed of Niluska Creek upstream of the North White River haul road

◆ Grave Creek watershed upstream from 48 km on the Main Grave Creek Road

◆ the watershed of Nine Mile Creek upstream of 1300 metre elevation

◆ the watershed of the middle fork of White River upstream of the first bridge crossing

MUs 4-25, 4-26, 4-34 and 4-35

◆ Use of a conveyance of any description which is powered by a motor which exceeds a rating of 10 horsepower is prohibited within the Columbia Wetlands Wildlife Management Area (MUs 4-25, 4-26, 4-34, 4-35). Boats operating on Navigable portions of the Columbia River are exempt from the regulation, and the following rights of way are also excluded from this regulation:

★ Horsethief Creek Forest Service Road #5467.01 located at Radium

◆ Plan 22153 of DL 11383 located at Brisco

◆ Plan 2671689 of DL 2566 located at Spillimacheen

◆ Spillimacheen Forest Service Road # 7752.01 located at Parsons

◆ Canyon Creek Road located at Nicholsen

◆ The Dogtooth Rd located at Golden (Map D22)

NOTE: Boats operating within the Columbia Wetland Wildlife Management Area are subject to the Vessel Operation Restriction Regulation (SOR/2007-127); Schedule 2 (Part 2, Items 100 & 100.1), Schedule 6 (Part 1, Item 23) and Schedule 7 (Part 2, Item 10), under the Canada Shipping Act. http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/SOR-2008-120/index.html

MU 4-25

★ Stoddart Creek area

★ Columbia Lake area

★ Albert River watershed upstream from 52.5 km on the Albert River Road

★ Cross River watershed upstream from 27.3 km on the Cross River Road, and on side roads further than 100 m road distance from the Cross River main line between 20.4 km and 27.3 km

◆ the watershed of Pedley Creek

◆ the upper watersheds of Madias Creek and Tatley Creek upstream from the easterly boundary of the Columbia Lake Indian Reserve

MU 4-26

★ Hoodoo Conservation Property

★ that portion of the watershed of Goldie Creek upstream of 1525 metre elevation

★ Dutch Creek-Findlay

★ the watersheds of Dutch Creek and the unnamed drainage between the drainages of Dutch Creek and Brewer Creek above the Dutch/Brewer Creek forest access road and the drainages of Brewer Creek upstream of and including the watershed of Thorold Creek

◆ Crown land in the watershed of Lavington Creek upstream of the northerly boundary of sublot 137, Kootenay Land District

MU 4-29

◆ the easterly watershed of the Larder Lake River between the northerly boundaries of District Lots 7527 and 9378, Kootenay Land District and the northerly height of land of Lake Creek (including the Lake Creek watershed), from Oct. 20 to Dec. 10.

MU 4-30

★ the Duncan-Lardeau area, highway 31 is open year round

MU 4-32

★ the watershed on the north east side of Barnes Creek upstream of the 30 km marker on east Barnes Creek. Main, south of the height of land with Keefer Lake and south of the height of land with Fife Creek. The closure on the Fife Creek side commences at the height of land on Branch 40 by way of Fife Creek FSR

MU 4-34

★ Holt and Lang Creek area. The Holt Creek closure begins at approximately 4.8 km on Holt Creek Road. The Lang Creek closure begins at approximately 3.4 km on the Lang Creek Road.

MU 4-35

★ the drainages of Ice River and the easterly watershed of Beaverfoot River upstream of Ice River.

MU 4-38

★ the watershed of Downie Creek including the Sorcerer Creek drainage, upstream of the 15 km sign on the Downie Creek FSR

COMPULSORY INSPECTION

See page 21 for provincial and regional Compulsory Inspection and Compulsory Reporting requirements.

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### Kootenay General Open Seasons

**Species** | **Management Unit** | **Class** | **Season Dates** | **Bag Limit**
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**Grouse: Dusky (Blue), Ruffed & Spruce** | 4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40 | Cocks | Sept 1 - Nov 30 | 5 (15)
For Dusky, Spruce and Ruffed grouse, the daily aggregate bag limit is 5; the aggregate possession limit is 15.

**Pheasant** | 4-6, 4-7 | | Oct 15 - Nov 30 | Daily Limit: 3
Possession Limit: 6; Season Limit: 12

**Ptarmigan** | 4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40 | | | 10 (30)

**Raven** | 4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40 | | | 5

**Turkey** | 4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40 | Bearded | Apr 15 - May 15 | 1
Bearded | Sept 1 - Sept 30 | 1
Any turkey | Oct 1 - Oct 15 | 1

* The aggregate bag limit for turkey is 2, only one may be taken in the spring and one in the fall.

**Dove: Mourning, Eurasian Collared** | 4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40 | | Sept 1 - Sept 30 | 5 (15)

**Coots, Common Snipe** | 4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40 | | Sept 10 - Dec 23 | 10 each (30 each)

**Ducks** | 4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40 | | Sept 10 - Dec 23 | 8 (24)

**Geese: Snow and Ross’s** | 4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40 | | Sept 10 - Dec 23 | 5 (15)

**Geese: Canada and Cackling** | 4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40* | | Sept 10 - Dec 23 | 10 (30)

* Kootenay River Canada Goose closed area in portions of MUs 4-3, 4-20, 4-21 and 4-22 (Map D3).

Hunters please note that Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area opens to hunting for coots, snipe, ducks and geese on October 1.
Access permit is required for hunting activities in the Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area for more information, phone 250-402-6900 or www.crestonwildlife.ca

**Waterfowler Heritage Days:** (Waterfowler Heritage Days are restricted to hunters under the age of 18. See Waterfowler Heritage Days section.)

**Ducks and Geese** | 4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40 | | | 10 each (30 each)

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Map D20 Fairmont No Shooting Area (MU 4-25).

Map D21 Sunshine Meadows No Hunting Area (MU 4-23).

Map D22 Columbia Wetlands Wildlife Management Area (MU 4-25). Closed to use of any conveyance of any description which is powered by a motor which exceeds a rating of 10 horsepower (Boats operating on NAVIGABLE portions of the Columbia River are exempt). Contact Cranbrook Ministry office for more information.

Map D23 Windermere No Shooting Area (MU 4-25).

Map D24 Mt. Assiniboine Park Mountain Sheep Limited Entry Hunting only Area (MU 4-25). Note a portion of this zone is closed to hunting (see map online).

Map D25 Columbia Lake and River Wildlife Sanctuary (MUs 4-25, 4-26) No Shooting, Hunting or Trapping Area.

Map D26 Radium No Shooting or Hunting Area (MUs 4-25 and 4-35).

Map D27 Lardeau - Mountain Goat 4-30 Season (MU 4-30).

Map D28 Edgewater No Shooting or Hunting Area (MU 4-35).

Map D29 Kicking Horse River Mountain Sheep Closed Area (MU 4-35).

Map D30 Bergenham and Moberly Marsh Wildlife Sanctuaries (MU 4-36) No Shooting, Hunting or Trapping Areas.

Map D31 Sulphur Creek (MU 4-22), Between Sulphur Creek Bridge and the junction of Sulphur Creek Road and Hartley Pass Road, public access is prohibited beyond 3 metres of either side of Sulphur Creek Road and up to 1310 metre elevation level of either side of that road.