

# REGION 3

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[www.gov.bc.ca/hunting](http://www.gov.bc.ca/hunting) for in-season changes prior to your hunt.



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

**For information on Wildlife Permits and Commercial Licences, please see page 24.**

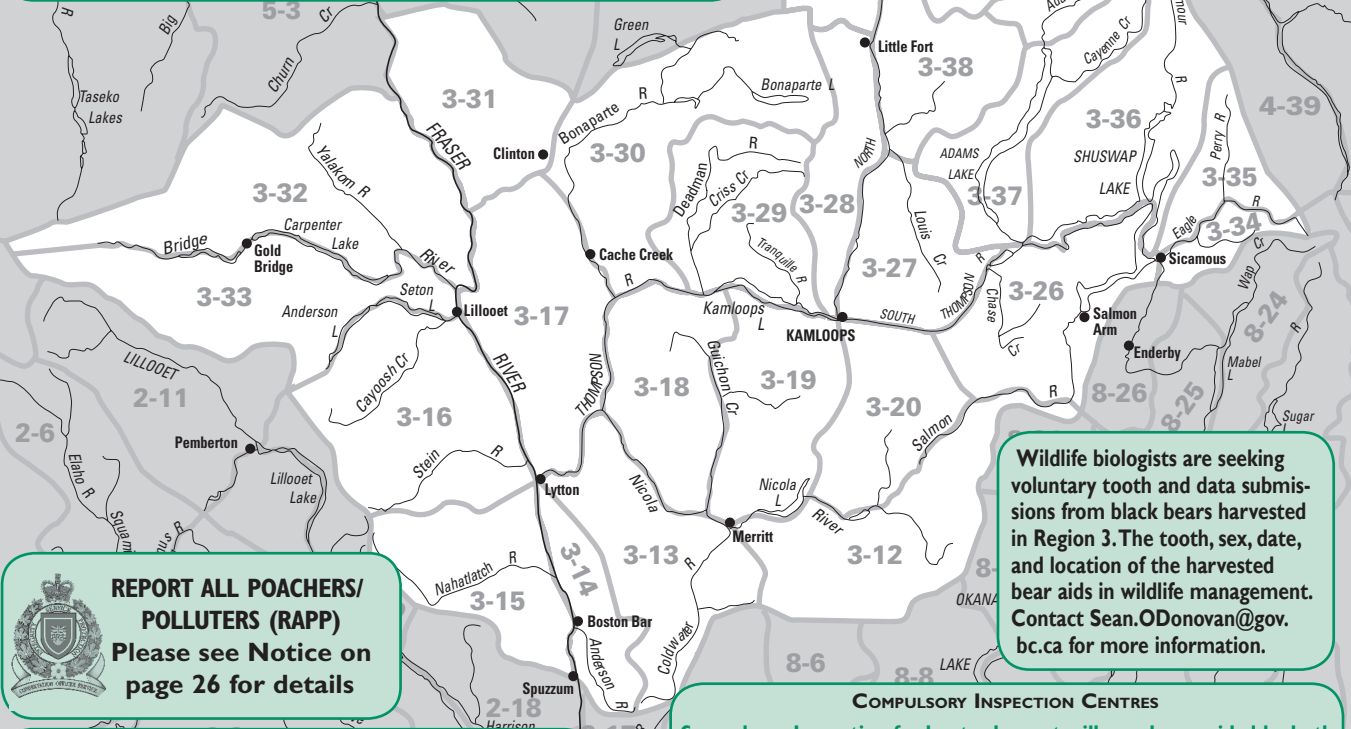
**Regulation Changes for 2020-2022**


1. Harmonized coyote seasons region-wide.
2. Expansion of the ATV for Hunting Closure in MU 3-17.

**NOTICE! TO HUNTERS**

The Stake Lake cross country ski trails are closed to unauthorized vehicles, motorbikes, all terrain vehicles and snowmobiles – effective all year.. See <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/recreation/camping-hiking/sites-trails/legislative-authority/recreation-orders> for more information.

The discharge of firearms and bows is prohibited on that portion of Lac du Bois Grasslands Protected Area or Crown lands that are within the City of Kamloops municipal boundary. Hunters can view a map of the municipal restriction at [www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parkpgs/lacdubois\\_grass/lacdubois.pdf](http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parkpgs/lacdubois_grass/lacdubois.pdf).



 **REPORT ALL POACHERS/ POLLUTERS (RAPP)**  
 Please see Notice on page 26 for details

**Bovine Tuberculosis Testing**  
 Submit deer, elk and moose heads from MUs 3-12, 3-19 and 3-20 for Bovine Tuberculosis testing.  
 See details at [www.gov.bc.ca/bovinetuberculosis](http://www.gov.bc.ca/bovinetuberculosis).

**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:  
 Clearwater, Kamloops, Lillooet, and Merritt

Wildlife biologists are seeking voluntary tooth and data submissions from black bears harvested in Region 3. The tooth, sex, date, and location of the harvested bear aids in wildlife management. Contact Sean.ODonovan@gov.bc.ca for more information.

**COMPULSORY INSPECTION CENTRES**

Compulsory inspection for hunter harvest will now be provided by both qualified Compulsory Inspectors, for species other than mountain goats and mountain sheep, at the locations specified below and by appointment, for all species, at the Region 3 Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development Kamloops office. Please see the Ministry website at [www.gov.bc.ca/hunting](http://www.gov.bc.ca/hunting) for more information.

**CI Locations: Kamloops, Merritt, Salmon Arm**

**Thompson Region**  
 1259 Dalhousie Drive  
 Kamloops BC V2C 5Z5: ..... (250) 371-6200

## REGIONAL BAG LIMITS

**Deer:** The aggregate bag limit for deer is 3. The bag limit for mule (black-tailed) deer is 1. Antlerless mule (black-tailed) deer are under LEH only. The bag limit for white-tailed deer is two, either sex.

## ACCESS MANAGEMENT AREAS

▶ 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 <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/recreation/snowmobiling-in-bc>

▶ Information signs are posted at the points of closure for the benefit of hunters, but it is the hunter's responsibility to recognize closures whether a sign is in place or not. Contact Kamloops Regional Office for details.

### ★ Motor Vehicle Closed Areas (See page 12):

- ★ The operation of all motor vehicles, excluding snowmobiles is prohibited in Region 3 above 1,700 metre elevation, except on existing roads and trails. See page 3 for definition of existing road or trail.
- ★ Above the elevation of 1800 m in the Mt Hewitt-Bostock and Stoyoma Mountain area (MUs 3-13, 3-14) from May 1 to Nov 30 inclusive (except for Cabin Lake Rd). See Map C1.
- ★ Skull Mountain Special Resource Management Zone (MU 3-28) other than indicated open roads (see Map C13) or under permit Sept. 1 to Dec. 10.
- ★ Lac du Bois - Dewdrop in MUs 3-28 and 3-29. See Map C14.
- ★ Dewdrop/Rosseau WMA (MU 3-29). See Map C15.
- ★ Porcupine Meadows Park (MU 3-29). See Map C16.
- ★ Above 1920 m elevation in MU 3-16 and 3-32 in the following areas:
  - Cayoosh Mountain Range

- Shulaps Mountain Range
- China Head Mountain (excluding Yalakom-Big Bar Road)
- Nine Mile Ridge
- Red Mountain - French Mountain
- Hogback Mountain

For a map of these areas please visit:

**[www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/recreation/fishing-hunting/hunting/regulations-synopsis](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/recreation/fishing-hunting/hunting/regulations-synopsis)**

- ★ Clinton Creek Watershed (MU 3-31). See Map C19. An authorized trapper is exempt from this restriction with respect to the trapping of furbearing animals (restricted to Clinton Creek Access Road).
- ★ Spruce Lake area in MU 3-32. See Map C20.
- ★ Watersheds of Miledge, Chappell and Lempriere Creeks above 1700 metres in MU 3-44 (snowmobiles are permitted in designated area between Dec. 1 and May 31). See Map C22.
- ★ Texas Creek watershed (MU 3-16), upstream of 3 km on the Texas Creek Forest Service Road closed from Apr. 15 to June 30.

▲ **Motor Vehicles for Hunting Closed Areas (See page 12):** The operation of all motor vehicles, including **electric bicycles**, to hunt, transport wildlife, transport equipment and supplies which are intended for or in support of hunting, or transport hunters to and from the location of wildlife is prohibited in the Greenstone Mountain Burn (MU 3-19) (except for Duffy Lake Road, Beaton Lake Road and Greenstone Mountain Road). See Map C5.

▼ **Snowmobiles for Hunting Closed Areas (See page 12):** The use of snowmobiles to hunt wildlife, transport wildlife, transport equipment or supplies which are intended for or in support of hunting or transport hunters to or from the location of wildlife is prohibited: year-round in 3-45, 3-46, and April 1 to Dec 14 in MU 3-28. An authorized trapper is exempt from this restriction with respect to the trapping of furbearing animals.

◆ **ATV for Hunting Closed Areas:** The operation of all ATVs, including **electric bicycles**, to hunt wildlife, transport wildlife, transport equipment and supplies which are intended for or in support of hunting, or transport hunters to and from the location of wildlife is prohibited in from September 1 to December 10 in MUs 3-28, 3-29, 3-30, **and that portion of MU 3-17 shown on Map C3.**

## NOTICE TO HUNTERS

▶ Cattle grazing takes place on both public and private land. To keep cattle in the correct pasture, it is important that hunters leave gates and fences as they are found. Hunters should read the Access Restrictions section for more information about private property.

▶ Hunters should note firearms restrictions in the No Hunting and No Shooting Areas section page 13 and regional maps.

▶ Hunting and the discharge of firearms are prohibited in MU 3-45 (Wells Gray Park).

## BC PARKS

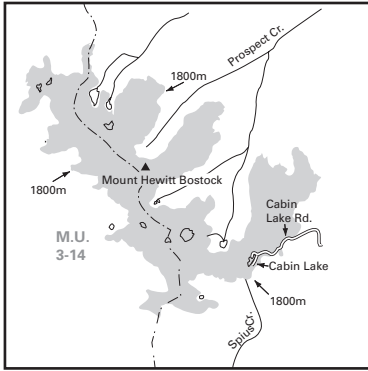
▶ Please refer to Site & Access Restrictions section on Page 11 for more information.

## THOMPSON GENERAL OPEN SEASONS

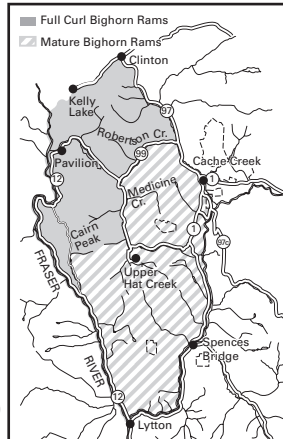
SPECIES	MANAGEMENT UNIT	CLASS	SEASON DATES	BAG LIMIT
MULE DEER (Black-tailed)	3-15, 3-16, 3-32, 3-33	▲4 Point Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44	▲4 Point Bucks	Sept 10 - Sept 30	
	3-46	▲4 Point Bucks	Sept 20 - Sept 30	
	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44, 3-46	Bucks	Oct 1 - Oct 31	
	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44, 3-46	▲4 Point Bucks	Nov 1 - Dec 10	
	3-12 to 3-14, 3-17 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-31, 3-34 to 3-44	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	
Youth Only*	3-12 to 3-14, 3-17 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-31, 3-34 to 3-44	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	
Bow Only	3-12 to 3-14, 3-17 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-31, 3-34 to 3-44	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	
▲ See Definitions Section: Mule Deer. The antlers must accompany the species licence. * Season restricted to hunters under the age of 18.				
WHITE-TAILED DEER	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44	Bucks	Sept 10 - Dec 10	2
	3-46	Bucks	Sept 20 - Dec 10	
	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44, 3-46	Antlerless	Oct 10 - Oct 31	
	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44, 3-46	Either Sex	Nov 1 - Nov 30	
	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	
Youth Only*	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	
Youth Only*	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	
Bow Only	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	
* Restricted to hunters under the age of 18.				
MOOSE	3-34 to 3-38, 3-40 to 3-44, 3-46	※Spike-fork Bulls	Sept 20 - Oct 31	1
	3-15 to 3-17, 3-31 to 3-33	※Spike-fork Bulls	Oct 15 - Nov 15	
	3-12 to 3-14, 3-18 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-30, 3-39	※Spike-fork Bulls	Nov 1 - Nov 15	
※ See Definitions Section: Moose. Antlers must accompany the species licence. Compulsory Inspection required for all moose harvested through the general open season.				
BIGHORN MOUNTAIN SHEEP	3-17*, 3-31, 3-32+	Full Curl Bighorn Rams	Sept 10 - Oct 20	1
	3-17*	Mature Bighorn Rams	Sept 10 - Oct 20	
* A portion of 3-17 only. See Map C2. + A portion of MU 3-32 is closed to Mountain Sheep hunting. See Map C21. Compulsory Inspection required.				
BLACK BEAR	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Sept 1 - Nov 30	2
	3-46		Sept 20 - Nov 30	
	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44, 3-46		Apr 1 - June 30	
WOLF	3-12 to 3-16, 3-18 to 3-20		Sept 10 - June 15	3
	3-17, 3-26 to 3-44		No closed season	NBL
COYOTE	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Sept 1 - June 30	NBL
COUGAR	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-33		Nov 15 - Mar 31	2
	3-34 to 3-44		Sept 10 - Mar 31	
Hunters may not hunt a cougar kitten or any cougar in its company. See Definitions Section: Cougar kitten. Compulsory Inspection required.				
BOBCAT	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Nov 15 - Feb 15	1
LYNX	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Nov 15 - Feb 15	1
RACCOON	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		No Closed Season	NBL
SNOWSHOE HARE	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Aug 1 - Apr 30	10 (daily)
COLUMBIAN GROUND SQUIRREL	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		No Closed Season	NBL
The open season for Columbian Ground Squirrel restricted to private land only. Hunters must obtain permission from landowners before hunting on private land.				
GROUSE: DUSKY (Blue), RUFFED & SPRUCE	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Sept 10 - Nov 30	5 each (15 each)
	3-46		Sept 20 - Nov 30	
For Dusky, Spruce and Ruffed grouse, the daily aggregate bag limit is 10; the aggregate possession limit is 30.				
SHARP-TAILED GROUSE	*3-30, 3-31		Sept 10 - Nov 30	5 (10)
*There is no open season for sharp-tailed grouse in that portion of MU 3-30 south of the Scottie Creek Forest Service Road (5040 FSR). See Map C18				
PTARMIGAN	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Sept 1 - Nov 30	5 (15)
CHUKAR PARTRIDGE	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Oct 1 - Nov 30	5 (15)
GRAY PARTRIDGE (Hungarian)	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Oct 1 - Nov 30	3 (9)
PHEASANT	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44	Cocks	Oct 1 - Nov 30	2 (6)
DOVE: MOURNING, EURASIAN COLLARED	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Sept 1 - Sept 30	5 (15)
BAND-TAILED PIGEONS	3-13 to 3-17		Sept 15 - Sept 30	5 (15)
COOTS, COMMON SNIPE	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Sept 10, 2020 - Dec 23, 2020	10 each (30 each)
DUCKS	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Sept 10, 2020 - Dec 23, 2020	8 (24)
Restricted daily bag limits of 4 Pintails, 4 Canvasbacks, 2 Goldeneye and 2 Harlequin are in effect - see page 17.				
GEESE: SNOW, ROSS'S and WHITE-FRONTED	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Sept 10, 2020 - Dec 23, 2020	5 (15)
GEESE: CANADA and CACKLING	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Sept 10, 2020 - Sept 20, 2020	10 (30)
	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Oct 1, 2020 - Dec 23, 2020	
	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Mar 1, 2021 - Mar 10, 2021	
WATERFOWLER HERITAGE DAYS: (Waterfowler Heritage Days are restricted to hunters under the age of 18. See Waterfowler Heritage Days section.)				
DUCKS and GEESE	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Sept 5, 2020 - Sept 6, 2020	★

★ Daily bag and possession limits are same as general open seasons described above. See page 17 for more details.

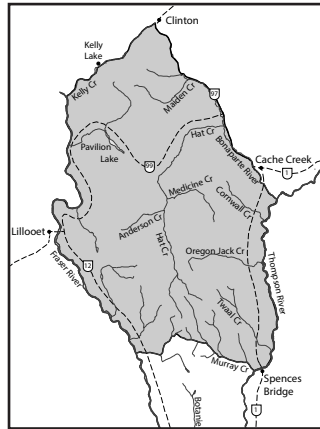
Migratory Game Bird Seasons for 2021/2022 are currently under review. Check <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/recreation/fishing-hunting/hunting/regulations-synopsis> for updates.



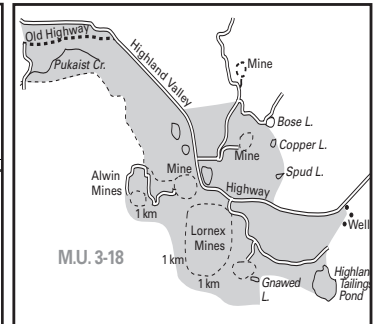
**Map C1** Stoyoma Mountain Motor Vehicle Closed Area (MUs 3-13 and 3-14) above 1800 m elevation from May 1 - Nov 30, except on Cabin Lake Rd.



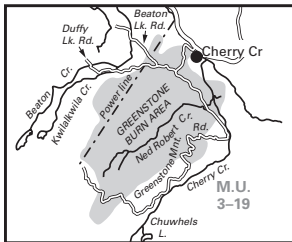
**Map C2** Full Curl bighorn and Mature bighorn sheep hunting areas (MU 3-17).



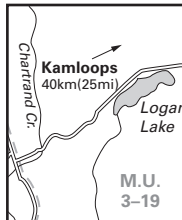
**Map C3** ATV for Hunting Closed Area (portion of MU 3-17).



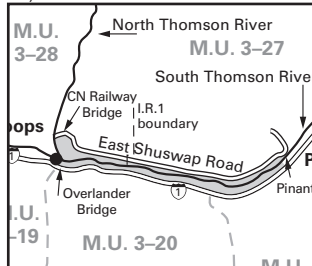
**Map C4** Highland Valley No Shooting Area (MU 3-18).



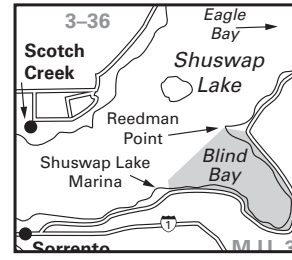
**Map C5** Greenstone Mt. Burn Motor Vehicle for Hunting Closed Area (MU 3-19). Roads shown as open lines are open year-round.



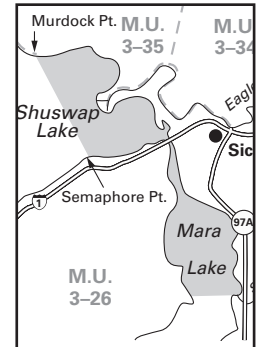
**Map C6** - No Shooting Area (MU 3-19).



**Map C7** Kamloops - No Shooting or Hunting Area (MUs 3-19, 3-20, 3-26, 3-27 and 3-28).



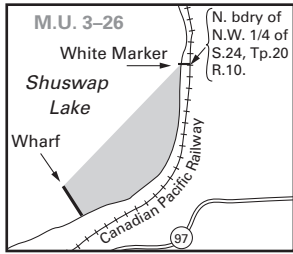
**Map C8** Blind Bay - No Shooting Area (MU 3-26).



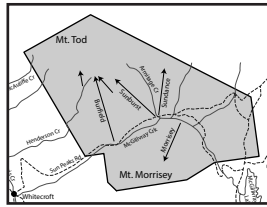
**Map C9** Sicamous - No Shooting or Hunting Area (MU 3-26).



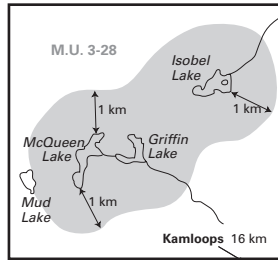
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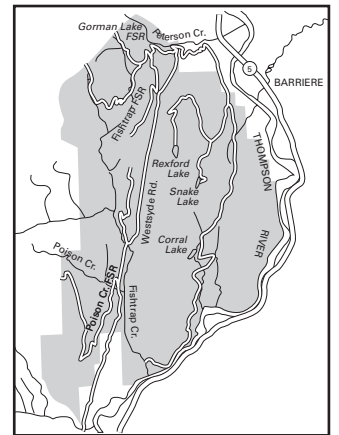
**Map C10** Salmon Arm - No Shooting or Hunting Area (MU 3-26).



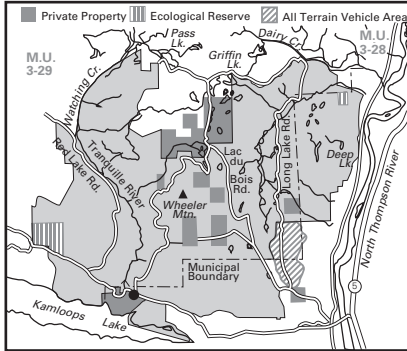
**Map C11** Sun Peaks - No Shooting or Hunting Area 400 metres from existing ski lift, run, facility or development of the Sun Peaks Resort (MU 3-27).



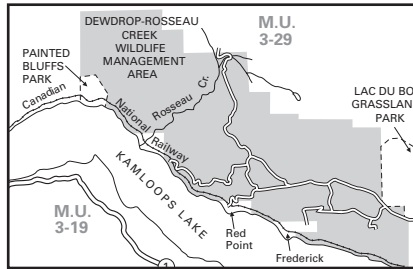
**Map C12** McQueen Lake - No Shooting Area (MU 3-28).



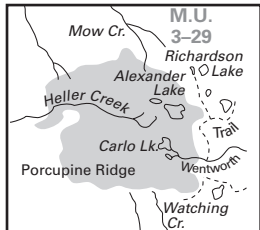
**Map C13** Skull Mountain Motor Vehicle Closed Area (MU 3-28). Roads shown as open lines are open year-round. All other roads closed from Sept. 1 to Dec. 10.



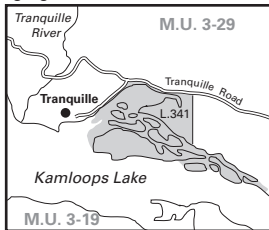
**Map C14** Lac du Bois Grasslands Park (MUs 3-28 and 3-29). Vehicle access restricted to highlighted roads except as posted.



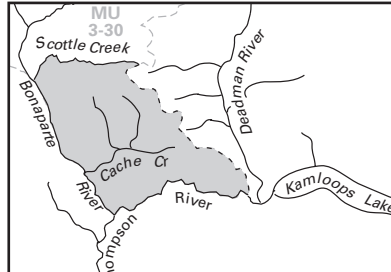
**Map C15** Dewdrop/Rosseau Motor Vehicle Closed Area (MU 3-29). Roads shown as open lines are open year-round.



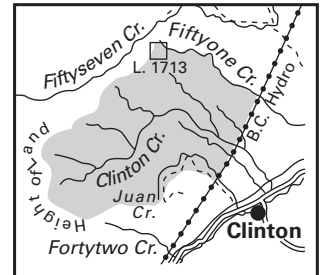
**Map C16** Porcupine Meadows Park (formerly Porcupine Ridge AMA) Motor Vehicle Closed Area. Snowmobiles allowed from Dec 15 to April 15.



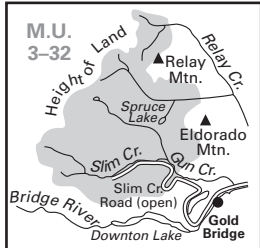
**Map C17** Tranquille Wildlife Management Area - No Shooting or Hunting Area (Lac du Bois Grasslands Provincial Park in MU 3-29)



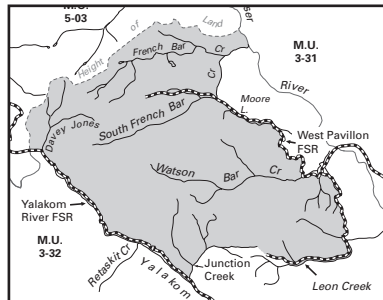
**Map C18** Sharp-tailed Grouse closed area (MU 3-30).



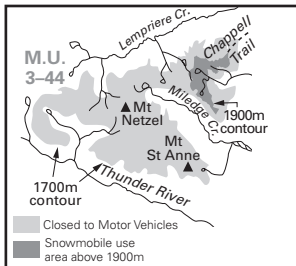
**Map C19** Clinton Creek Motor Vehicle Closed Area (MU 3-31).



**Map C20** Spruce Lake Motor Vehicle Closed Area (Spruce Lake Protected Area in MU 3-32). Closed from June 1 to Nov 30. Roads shown as open lines are open year-round.



**Map C21** Camelsfoot - Mountain Sheep Closed Area (MU 3-32).



**Map C22** Milede, Chappell & Lempriere Creeks Motor Vehicle Closed Area (MU 3-44). Snowmobile use allowed in area shown (above 1900 metre contour) from Dec 1 to May 31.