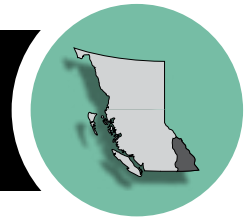


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CONTACT INFORMATION

Fish and Wildlife Regional Office:

205 Industrial Road (closed to the public)
Cranbrook BC V1C 7G5
Call (250) 426-1766 to contact office staff

401-333 Victoria Street
Nelson BC V1L 4K3
(250) 354-6333

Conservation Officer Service

Call 1-877-952-7277 for recorded information or to make an appointment at any of the following Field Offices:

Castlegar, Cranbrook, Creston, Fernie, Golden, Invermere, and Nelson

Compulsory Inspection (CI) Centres

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

CI Locations:

- Castlegar
- Cranbrook
- Creston
- Nakusp
- Radium Hot Springs
- Revelstoke
- Sparwood (all species except thinhorn sheep)
- Trail

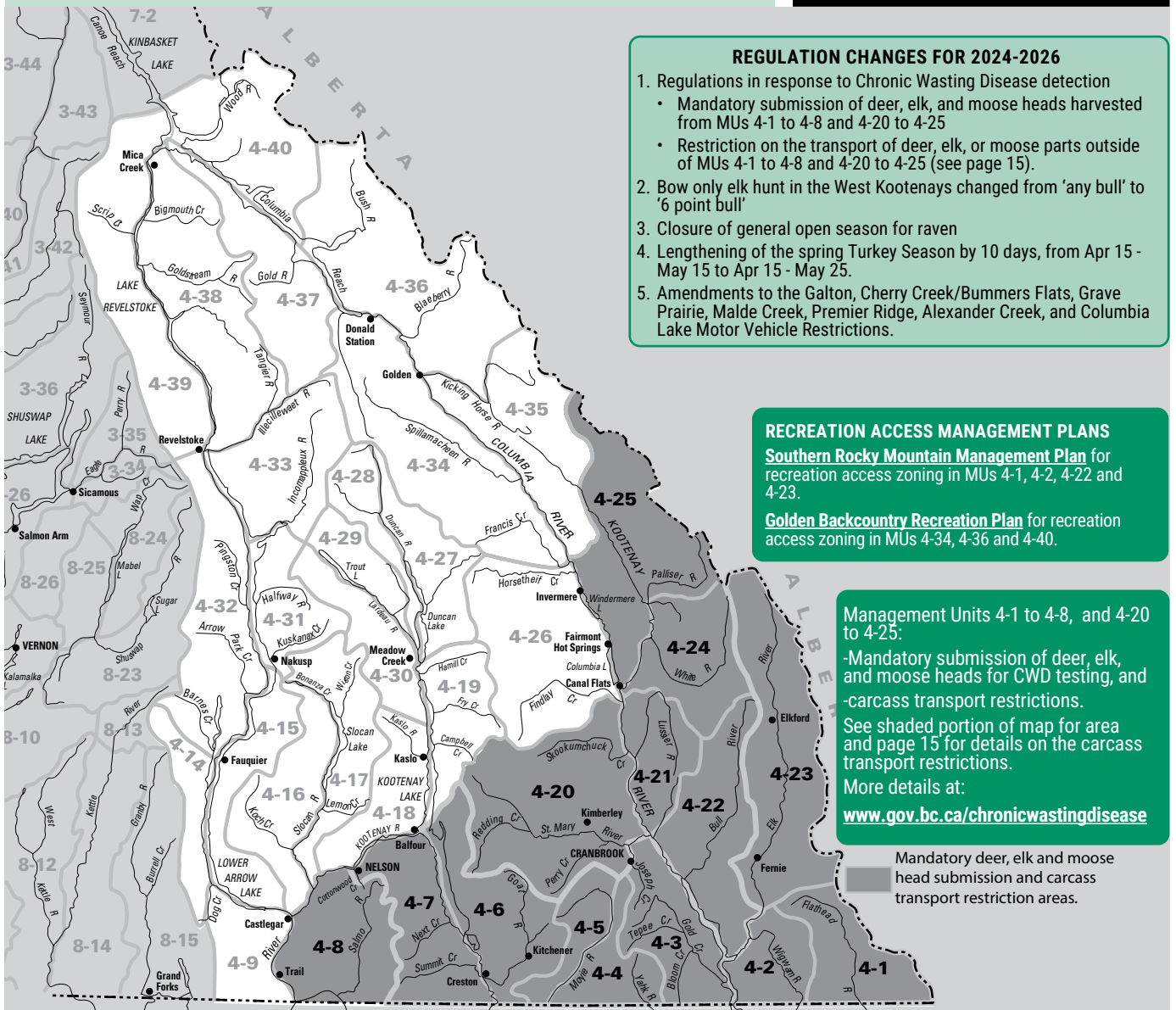
STAY UP TO DATE

Check website www.gov.bc.ca/hunting for in-season changes prior to your 2024-2026 hunt.

RAPP

Report All Poachers and Polluters
Conservation Officer 24 hour hotline
1-877-952-RAPP (7277)

Refer to page 2 for more information



REGULATION CHANGES FOR 2024-2026

1. Regulations in response to Chronic Wasting Disease detection
 - Mandatory submission of deer, elk, and moose heads harvested from MUs 4-1 to 4-8 and 4-20 to 4-25
 - Restriction on the transport of deer, elk, or moose parts outside of MUs 4-1 to 4-8 and 4-20 to 4-25 (see page 15).
2. Bow only elk hunt in the West Kootenays changed from 'any bull' to '6 point bull'
3. Closure of general open season for raven
4. Lengthening of the spring Turkey Season by 10 days, from Apr 15 - May 15 to Apr 15 - May 25.
5. Amendments to the Galton, Cherry Creek/Bummers Flats, Grave Prairie, Malde Creek, Premier Ridge, Alexander Creek, and Columbia Lake Motor Vehicle Restrictions.

RECREATION ACCESS MANAGEMENT PLANS

[Southern Rocky Mountain Management Plan](#) for recreation access zoning in MUs 4-1, 4-2, 4-22 and 4-23.

[Golden Backcountry Recreation Plan](#) for recreation access zoning in MUs 4-34, 4-36 and 4-40.

Management Units 4-1 to 4-8, and 4-20 to 4-25:

- Mandatory submission of deer, elk, and moose heads for CWD testing, and
- carcass transport restrictions.

See shaded portion of map for area and page 15 for details on the carcass transport restrictions.

More details at:

www.gov.bc.ca/chronicwastingdisease

Mandatory deer, elk and moose head submission and carcass transport restriction areas.

M.U. boundaries are approximate. For detailed maps visit <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/recreation/fishing-hunting/hunting/regulations-synopsis#mgmtunits>

REGIONAL BAG LIMITS

Bobcat: The bag limit for Bobcat is 1.

Cougar: The bag limit for Cougar is 2, 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 1.

Coyote: No bag limit (NBL).

Wolf: The bag limit for wolf is 3.

Deer: The aggregate bag limit in the Kootenay Region is 2. The bag limit for mule (black-tailed) deer is 1. The bag limit for white-tailed is 2; 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 3. Only one turkey may be taken in the spring and only two turkey may be taken in the fall.

NOTICE TO HUNTERS

- » It is unlawful to intentionally feed or bait ungulates or turkeys in the Kootenay Region.
- » Region 4 Motor Vehicle Prohibition Maps online at <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/recreation/motor-vehicle-prohibitions> OR by contacting the regional office at 250-426-1766.
- » 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 FSR/White-Moscow main junction to the Moscow/Home Basin Campground junction. Total road length approximately 4.9 km.
- » See firearms restrictions as outlined in the No Hunting and No Shooting Areas section and region's maps on pages 40-41.

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 is closed to snowmobiles 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 gov.bc.ca/snowmobileclosures.

- » 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 DD5116 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 - July 15. Dogs must be leashed April 1 - 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, page 9).

★ **Motor Vehicle Closed Areas** (See page 10): Year-round, unless indicated otherwise.

Motor Vehicles for Hunting Closed Areas (See page 10): designated areas where 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 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

◆ closed Apr 1 - June 30 and Sept 1 - Feb 28

✖ closed Sept 1 - June 30

▲ closed Apr 1 - June 30 and Sept 1 - Nov 30

⚡ closed Sept 1 - Nov 30

Region-wide Snowmobiles for Hunting Closed Area

(See page 10): 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 from Apr 1 - Nov 30. An authorized trapper is exempt from this prohibition with respect to the trapping of furbearing animals.

MU 4-1

★ McDougall Wildlife Sanctuary (Map D1)

★ Upper Flathead

★ East Flathead

MU 4-2

★ 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

MU 4-3

◆ Purcell Creek watershed upstream of the Linklater Creek Bypass Road

◆ Elizabeth Lake (Map D2)

★ Linklater Creek (AMA)

⚡ Linklater Creek (MVHCA)

MU 4-4

▲ the northerly watershed above Hawkins Creek Road west of an unnamed stream flowing southwesterly 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.

MU 4-5

▲ Irishman Cr watershed upstream of Hwy 3/95

✖ Lamb Creek

MU 4-6

★ Channel Road northwest of the pullout located at 49° 12' 21" N and 116° 35' 41" W, seasonal closure from Mar 15 - Apr 30 and Aug 15 - Oct 15.

★ 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.

MU 4-7

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

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

The Kootenay Region offers people a diversity of wildlife and habitats which provides significant opportunities for everyone to enjoy being outdoors and recreating on the land. Every person should have a stewardship mindset to take care and be mindful of the impact they may have on the living and non-living components. Biologists have a few important reminders for hunters in the Kootenay Region:

- Chronic Wasting Disease was confirmed in white-tailed deer and mule deer populations in the Kootenay Region in January 2024.
- An emergency response has been initiated to prevent spread and access samples to better understand the extent of the outbreak.
- A high risk boundary that includes MUs 4-1 to 4-8 and 4-20 to 4-25 has been defined based on animal movement and proximity to CWD cases in BC, Alberta and Montana.
- Mandatory testing is expanded to include deer, elk and moose harvested within the high risk boundary and samples must be submitted to a designated freezer before leaving this area. For freezer locations see www.gov.bc.ca/CWDdropoff
- Brain tissue and spinal column (except for the tail) from deer, elk and moose harvested within the high risk boundary cannot be transport outside of this boundary. It is recommended to leave these parts at or near the kill site or dispose of them at a landfill before leaving the area.
- We encourage hunters to continue hunting in the affected areas; hunting can help to suppress transmission and spread by removing infected animals from the landscape. It is estimated that less than 1% of cervids currently have CWD in these areas.
- Hunting is the most important tool for managing CWD as it helps to suppress disease prevalence and provides essential information to support science-based management of CWD.
- For more information visit: www.gov.bc.ca/chronicwastingdisease

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MU 4-9

- ▲ the watersheds of Malde, Goodeve, Morris and Shepard Creeks and the Cambridge Creek watershed upstream of the 750 m elevation
- ◆ Tiger Creek watershed upstream of the Gopher Creek Crossing

MU 4-14

- ± commencing on the north side of Peter Creek bridge crossing and includes both Faith and Peter Creek watersheds

MU 4-15

- ▲ Commencing at 11 km on the Rialto Cr FSR and above the 760 m 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),
 - commencing at 23 km on the Rusty Cr. FSR and including Twobit, Sunshine, Gladstone Hutchinson and Sangrida watersheds above 750 m.

MU 4-18

- ※ Grohman Creek Motor Vehicle for Hunting Closed Area
- ★ Marsden Face during the period Dec 1 - 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.

MU 4-20

- ★ Wycliffe Conservation Properties District Lots 6034, 6667 and 7318
- ★ Baribeau Creek Watershed upstream from 1.0 km on the Baribeau Creek Road snowmobiles and trappers are exempt
- ◆ the watershed of Bradford Creek
- ◆ the watershed of an unnamed creek (locally 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 km from its confluence with Greenland Creek
- ★ Cherry Creek
- ◆ the watershed of Copper Creek upstream of the Skookumchuck Forest Access Rd crossing
- ◆ the watershed of Buhl Creek from 0.5 km 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
- ★ portions of Lewis Creek. See Map at gov.bc.ca/motorvehicleprohibitions.
- ※ Island Pond

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

- ★ White River and Bull River

MU 4-22

- ★ Baynes Lake area (Map D11)
- ★ Powerplant area
- ★ the Pickering Hills and Sheep Mtn. areas excludes Lot 3, Plan 12040, District Lot 325, Kootenay land District

- ★ the watershed of North Galbraith Creek and of that portion of the watershed of Galbraith Creek south and east of their confluence
- ◆ the watershed of Big Tower, Little Tower, Swanson 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 and of Big Sand Creek upstream of its confluence with Whimster Creek
- ◆ the watersheds of Iron, Lime, and Oveson Creek
- ◆ the watershed of Quinn Creek upstream of its confluence with Alpine Creek, including the watershed of Alpine Creek

MU 4-23

- ◆ Barnes Lake (snowmobiles allowed)
- ★ Chauncey-Todhunter area
- ★ Grave Prairie area
- ★ Corbin Creek
- ★ Weigert Creek (snowmobiles allowed)
- ★ Upper Elk Valley/Fording River (snowmobiles allowed). Snowmobiles prohibited above 1900 m on Mt. Bleasdel/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 Nilksuka 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 m 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 hp is prohibited within the Columbia Wetlands Wildlife Management Area (MUs 4-25, 4-26, 4-34, and 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 26T1689 of DL 2566 located at Spillimacheen
- Spillimacheen Forest Service Road # 7752.01 located at Parsons
- Canyon Creek Road located at Nicholzen
- The Dogtooth Rd located at Golden (Map D21)

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
- ◆ 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
- ◆ North fork of Dry Creek watershed upstream from 19.6 km on Dry Creek Rd
- ◆ 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 m 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 Thorald 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 Lardeau 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 - Dec 10.

MU 4-30

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

MU 4-32

- ◆ the watershed on the northeast 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.

KOOTENAY GENERAL OPEN SEASONS

| SPECIES | MANAGEMENT UNIT | CLASS | SEASON DATES | BAG LIMIT |
|---|---|--------------------|------------------------|--|
| MULE DEER (Black-tailed) | 4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40 | ▲ 4 Point Bucks | Sept 10 - Nov 10 | Refer to Regional Bag Limits p. 37 and Deer Bag Limits p. 14 |
| *Youth Only | 4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40 | Bucks | Sept 1 - Sept 9 | |
| Bow Only | 4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40 | Bucks | Sept 1 - Sept 9 | |
| ▲ See Definitions for Mule (black-tailed) deer. Antlers must accompany the species licence. See regional bag limit on page 37. * Restricted to hunters under the age of 18. Mandatory submission of deer heads for CWD testing in highest risk areas. See details at: www.gov.bc.ca/chronicwastingdisease . See transport restrictions Page 15 | | | | |
| WHITE-TAILED DEER | 4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40 | Bucks | Sept 10 - Nov 30 | Refer to Regional Bag Limits on p. 37 and the Deer Bag Limits article on p. 14 |
| | 4-28 to 4-31, 4-38, 4-39 | Antlerless | Oct 10 - Oct 31 | |
| | 4-1 to 4-6, 4-20 to 4-26, 4-34 to 4-37, 4-40 | Antlerless | Oct 21 - Oct 31 | |
| *Youth Only | 4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40 | **Either Sex | Nov 1 - Nov 30 | |
| *Youth Only | 4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40 | Bucks | Sept 1 - Sept 9 | |
| Bow Only | 4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40 | Bucks | Sept 1 - Sept 9 | |
| Bow Only | 4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40 | **Either Sex | Dec 1 - Dec 20 | |
| * Restricted to hunters under the age of 18. ** The bag limit for white tailed deer is 2; one may be antlerless and one may be a buck. Mandatory submission of deer heads for CWD testing in highest risk areas. See details at: www.gov.bc.ca/chronicwastingdisease . See transport restrictions Page 15 | | | | |
| ELK | 4-1 to 4-7, 4-20 to 4-26, 4-34 to 4-36, 4-40 | ▲ 6 Point Bulls | Sept 10 - Oct 20 | 1 |
| | 4-8, 4-9, 4-14 to 4-19, 4-27 to 4-33, 4-37, 4-38 | ▲ 6 Point Bulls | Sept 10 - Oct 5 | |
| Bow Only | 4-1 to 4-7, 4-20 to 4-26, 4-34 to 4-36, 4-40 | Bulls | Sept 1 - Sept 9 | |
| Bow Only | 4-8, 4-9, 4-14 to 4-19, 4-27 to 4-33, 4-37, 4-38 | ▲ 6 Point Bulls | Sept 1 - Sept 9 | |
| ▲ See Definitions section: Bull. Antlers must accompany the species licence. Compulsory Inspection required for MUs 4-08, 4-09, 4-14 to 4-19, 4-27 to 4-33, 4-37 and 4-38. Mandatory submission of elk heads for CWD testing in highest risk areas. See details at: www.gov.bc.ca/chronicwastingdisease . See transport restrictions Page 15 | | | | |
| MOOSE | 4-7 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-18, 4-27 to 4-33, 4-36 to 4-40 | ★ Spike-fork Bulls | Sept 20 - Oct 31 | 1 |
| | 4-1 to 4-6, 4-19 to 4-26, 4-34, 4-35 | ★ Spike-fork Bulls | Oct 15 - Oct 31 | |
| Bow Only | 4-7 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-18, 4-27 to 4-33, 4-36 to 4-40 | ★ Spike-fork Bulls | Sept 1 - Sept 19 | |
| Bow Only | 4-1 to 4-6, 4-19 to 4-26, 4-34, 4-35 | ★ Spike-fork Bulls | Sept 1 - Oct 14 | |
| All individuals with a moose species licence must submit a Mandatory Hunter Report by January 15th. See page 16 for more details. Mandatory submission of moose heads for CWD testing in highest risk areas. See details at: www.gov.bc.ca/chronicwastingdisease . See transport restrictions Page 15 | | | | |
| ★ See Definitions section: Moose. Antlers and an incisor tooth must accompany the species licence. Compulsory Inspection required. | | | | |
| MOUNTAIN GOAT | 4-28 to *4-30, 4-37 (open season north and west of Windy Creek), 4-39, 4-40 | | Sept 10 - Nov 30 | 1 |
| * Portion of MU 4-30 only (Map D24). Compulsory Inspection required. | | | | |
| BLACK BEAR | 4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40 | | Sept 10 - Nov 30 | 2 |
| | 4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40 | | Apr 1 - June 30 | |
| | ▲ 4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40 | | Aug 1 - Aug 31 | |
| Bow Only | 4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40 | | Sept 1 - Sept 9 | |
| ▲ Restricted to private land only, hunter must obtain permission from landowners prior to access. | | | | |
| WOLF | ▲ 4-5 to 4-8, 4-17, 4-18, 4-20, 4-27 to 4-31, 4-33, 4-37 to 4-40 | | Sept 1 - Jun 15 | NBL |
| | ▲ 4-1 to 4-4, 4-9, 4-14 to 4-16, 4-19, 4-21 to 4-26, 4-32, 4-34 to 4-36 | | Sept 10 - Jun 15 | 3 |
| ▲ In those portions of MUs 4-2, 4-3, 4-20 to 4-22, 4-24 to 4-26, 4-34 to 4-37 and 4-40 in the East Kootenay Trench and MUs 4-4 to 4-7, below 1100 m in elevation, there is no closed season. | | | | |
| COYOTE | 4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40 | | Sept 10 - Mar 31 | NBL |
| LYNX | 4-1, 4-2, 4-6 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-19, 4-21 to 4-40 | | Nov 15 - Dec 31 | 1 |
| | 4-3 to 4-5, 4-20 | | Dec 1 - Dec 31 | |
| Compulsory Inspection is required. | | | | |
| BOBCAT | 4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40 | | Nov 15 - Feb 15 | 1 |
| Compulsory Inspection is required. | | | | |
| COUGAR | 4-1 to 4-5, 4-20 to 4-26, 4-34 to 4-36 | | Sept 10 - Feb 28 | 1 |
| | 4-6 to 4-8, 4-28 to 4-31, 4-38, 4-39 | | Sept 10 - Mar 31 | 2 |
| | 4-9 to 4-19, 4-27, 4-32, 4-33, 4-37, 4-40 | | Sept 10 - Mar 31 | 1 |
| Hunters may not hunt a cougar kitten or any cougar in its company. See Definitions section: cougar kitten. Compulsory Inspection required. | | | | |
| COLUMBIAN GROUND SQUIRREL | 4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40 | | No Closed Season | NBL |
| The open season for Columbian Ground Squirrel is restricted to private land only. Hunters must obtain permission from landowners before hunting on private land. | | | | |
| SNOWSHOE HARE | 4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40 | | Aug 1 - Apr 30 | 10 (daily) |
| RACCOON | 4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40 | | Sept 10 - Mar 31 | NBL |
| SKUNK | 4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40 | | Aug 1 - Apr 30 | NBL |
| GROUSE: DUSKY (Blue), RUFFED & SPRUCE | 4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40 | | 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 (Cocks) | 4-6, 4-7 | | Oct 15 - Nov 30 | 3 (daily) |
| Possession Limit: 6; Season Limit: 12 | | | | |
| PTARMIGAN | 4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40 | | Sept 10 - Nov 30 | 10 (30) |
| TURKEY | 4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40 | Bearded | Apr 15 - May 25 | 1 |
| | 4-1 to 4-4, 4-14 to 4-24, 4-26 to 4-40 | Any turkey | Oct 1 - Oct 15 | *2 |
| | 4-5 to 4-9, 4-25 | Any turkey | Oct 1 - Nov 30 | |
| | ▲ 4-7 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-18 | Any turkey | Dec 1 - Dec 31 | |
| Bow Only | 4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40 | Bearded | Sept 1 - Sept 30 | |

* The aggregate bag limit for turkey is 3, only one may be taken in the spring and two in the fall. ▲ Restricted to private land only, must have permission from landowners prior to access.

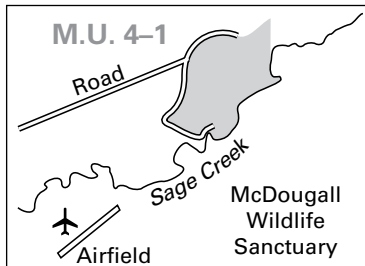
KOOTENAY GENERAL OPEN SEASONS

| SPECIES | MANAGEMENT UNIT | CLASS | SEASON DATES | BAG LIMIT |
|--|--------------------------|-------|------------------|-----------|
| DOVE: MOURNING, EURASIAN COLLARED | 4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40 | | Sept 1 - Sept 30 | 5 (15) |
| COMMON SNIPE | 4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40 | | Sept 8 - Dec 23 | 10 (30) |
| COOTS | 4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40 | | Sept 8 - Dec 23 | 10 (30) |
| DUCKS | 4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40 | | Sept 8 - Dec 23 | 8 (24) |
| <i>Daily aggregate bag limit for ducks is 8: max of 4 Pintails, 4 Canvasbacks, 2 Goldeneyes (Barrow's and Common in aggregate) and 2 Harlequins - see page 12.</i> | | | | |
| GEESE: SNOW & ROSS'S | 4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40 | | Sept 8 - Dec 23 | 5 (15) |
| GEESE: WHITE-FRONTED | 4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40 | | Sept 8 - Dec 23 | 5 (15) |
| GEESE: CANADA & CACKLING | 4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40 | | Sept 8 - Dec 23 | 10 (30) |

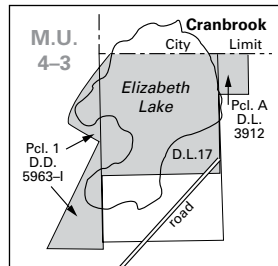
Notes:

- The Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area opens to hunting for coots, common snipe, ducks, and geese on Oct. 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.

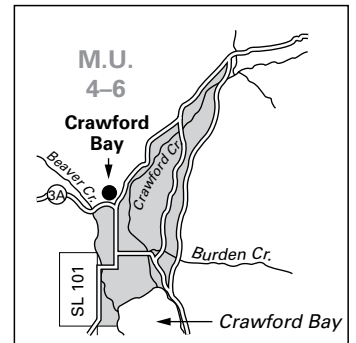
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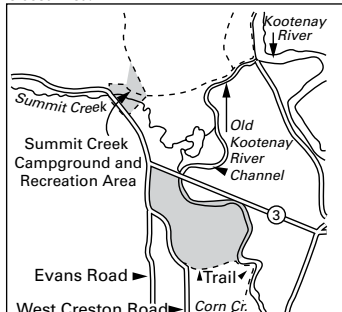
Map D1 McDougall Wildlife Sanctuary (MU 4-1). No Shooting, Hunting, or Trapping Area and Motor Vehicle Closed Area.



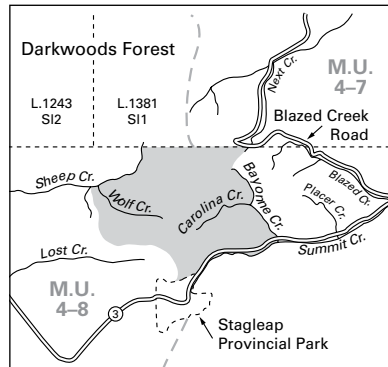
Map D2 Elizabeth Lake No Hunting, Shooting, or Trapping Area and Motor Vehicle Closed Area (MU 4-3).



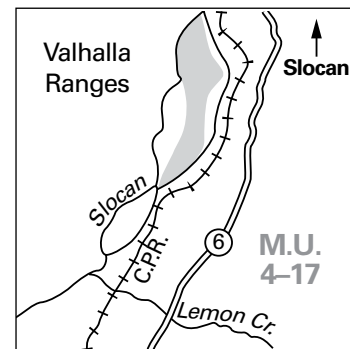
Map D3 Crawford Bay No Shooting Area (MU 4-6).



Map D4 Summit Creek Campground and Recreation Area and Corn Creek Marsh No Hunting Areas (MU 4-7).



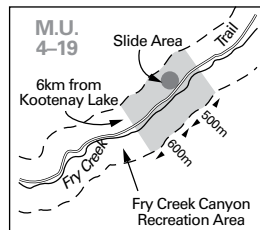
Map D5 Selkirk No Shooting Area (MUs 4-7 and 4-8). Watch for mountain caribou.



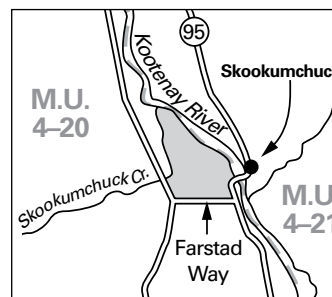
Map D6 Walter Clough Wildlife Management Area No Shooting or Hunting Area (MU 4-17).



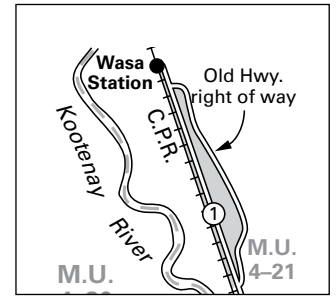
Map D7 Argenta Marsh Wildlife Management Area No Shooting or Hunting Area (MU 4-19).



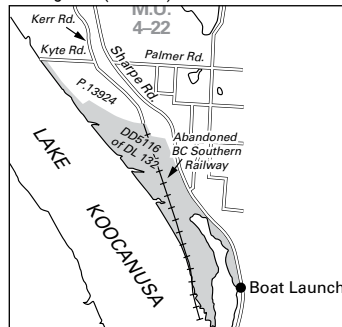
Map D8 Fry Creek No Shooting Area (MU 4-19).



Map D9 Skookumchuck Pulp Mill No Shooting Area (MU 4-20).



Map D10 Wasa Slough Wildlife Sanctuary (MU 4-21) No Shooting, Hunting or Trapping Area.

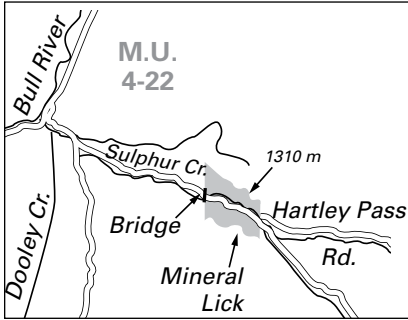


Map D11 Baynes Lake (MU 4-22). That portion of MU 4-22 within the following described boundaries: DD5116 of DL132 including sand peninsula. Motorized use prohibited all year. Excluding public beaches #1 and #2, public access by land, water or air is prohibited Apr 15 - July 15. Dogs must be leashed Apr 1 - July 31. Boat launch ramp open only for launching watercraft not for use to access foreshore. "Waldo Cove Road" is open year-round.

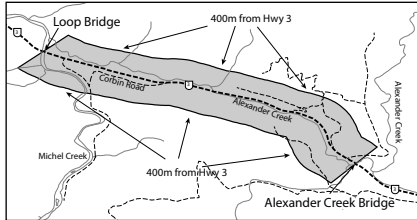
Hunters are reminded that restrictions apply to Recreation Sites (e.g., Cranbrook Community Forest). See Recreation Sites and Trails on page 9.

Region 4 Motor Vehicle Prohibition Maps 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/motor-vehicle-prohibitions/region-4> OR by contacting the regional office at 250-489-8540.

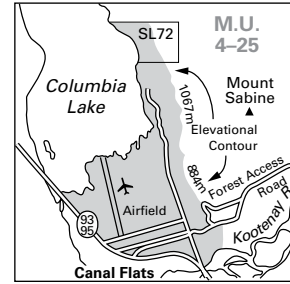
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Map D12 Sulphur Creek (MU 4-22). Between Sulphur Creek Bridge and the junction of Sulphur Creek Road and Hartley Pass Road, public access is prohibited beyond 3 m of either side of Sulphur Creek Road and up to 1310 m elevation level of either side of that road.



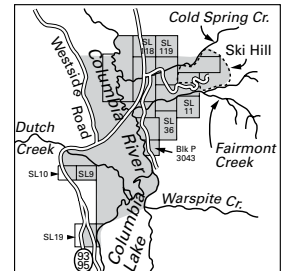
Map D14 Hwy 3 No Hunting/Shooting Area (MU 4-23)



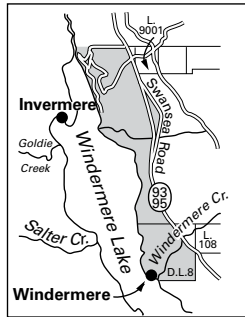
Map D17 Canal Flats Firearms Using Shot Only Area (MU 4-25).



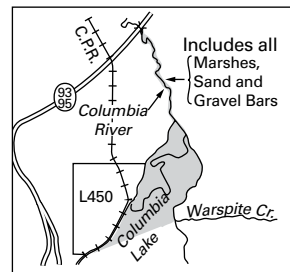
Map D18 Sunshine Meadows No Hunting Area (MU 4-25).



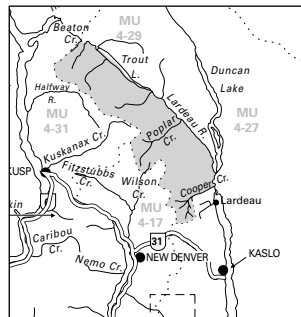
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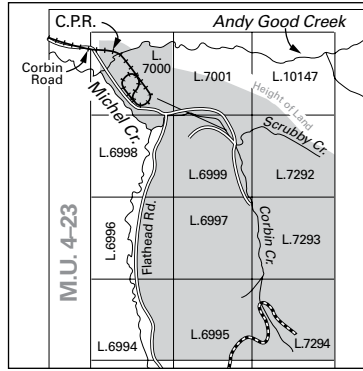
Map D20 Windermere No Shooting Area (MU 4-25).



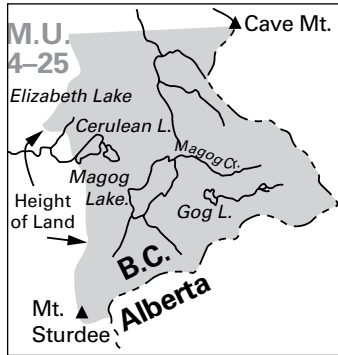
Map D23 Columbia Lake and River Wildlife Sanctuary (MUs 4-25 and 4-26) No Shooting, Hunting or Trapping Area.



Map D24 Lardeau - Mountain Goat 4-30 Season (MU 4-30).

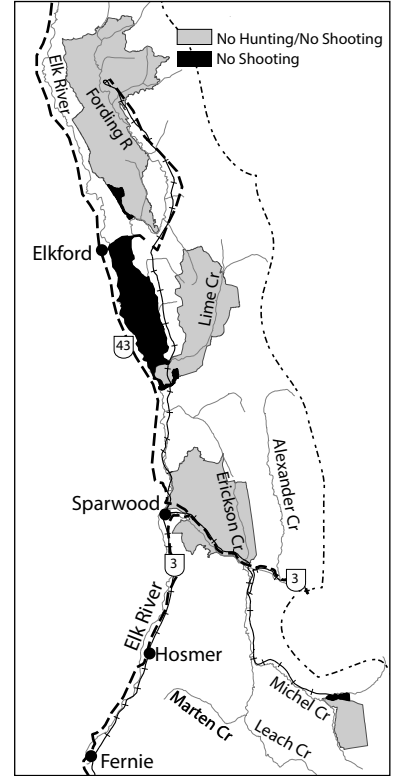
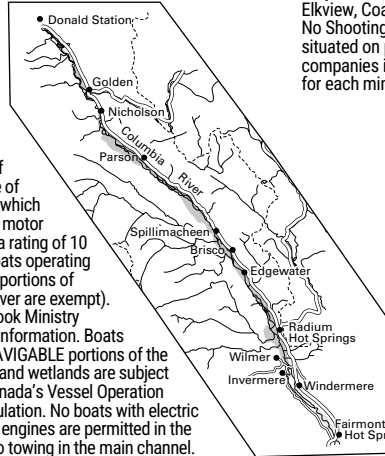


Map D13 Teck Coal Limited Coal Mountain Mine No Shooting Area (MU 4-23).

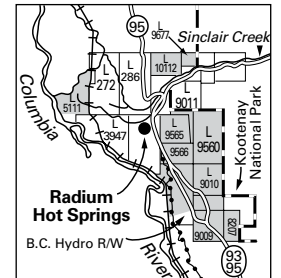


Map D15 Mount Assiniboine Park No Hunting Area (MU 4-25).

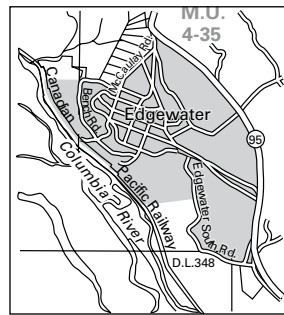
Map D21 Columbia Wetlands Wildlife Management Area (MU 4-25). Closed to use of any conveyance which is powered by a motor which exceeds a rating of 10 horsepower (Boats operating on NAVIGABLE portions of the Columbia River are exempt). Contact Cranbrook Ministry office for more information. Boats operating on NAVIGABLE portions of the Columbia River and wetlands are subject to Transport Canada's Vessel Operation Restriction Regulation. No boats with electric or gas powered engines are permitted in the wetlands and no towing in the main channel.



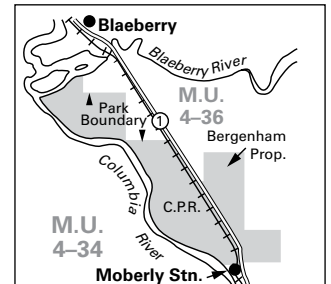
Map D16 Fording River, Greenhills, Line Creek, Elkview, Coal Mountain Operations No Hunting/No Shooting and No Shooting Areas (MU 4-23) are situated on private property and permission from companies is required prior to entry. Detailed maps for each mine are available at gate houses.



Map D22 Radium No Shooting or Hunting Area (MUs 4-25 and 4-35).



Map D25 Edgewater No Shooting or Hunting Area (MU 4-35).



Map D26 Bergenham and Moberly Marsh Wildlife Sanctuaries (MU 4-36) No Shooting, Hunting or Trapping Areas.