Region 7A – Omineca

Contact Information

Fish and Wildlife Regional Office:

2000 Ospika Blvd S
Prince George BC V2N 4W5
(250) 614-7400

Conservation Officer Service

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

Burns Lake, Mackenzie, Prince George, and Vanderhoof

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/compulsory-inspection** or contact the regional office for more information.

CI Locations: By appointment only.

- Prince George
- Vanderhoof

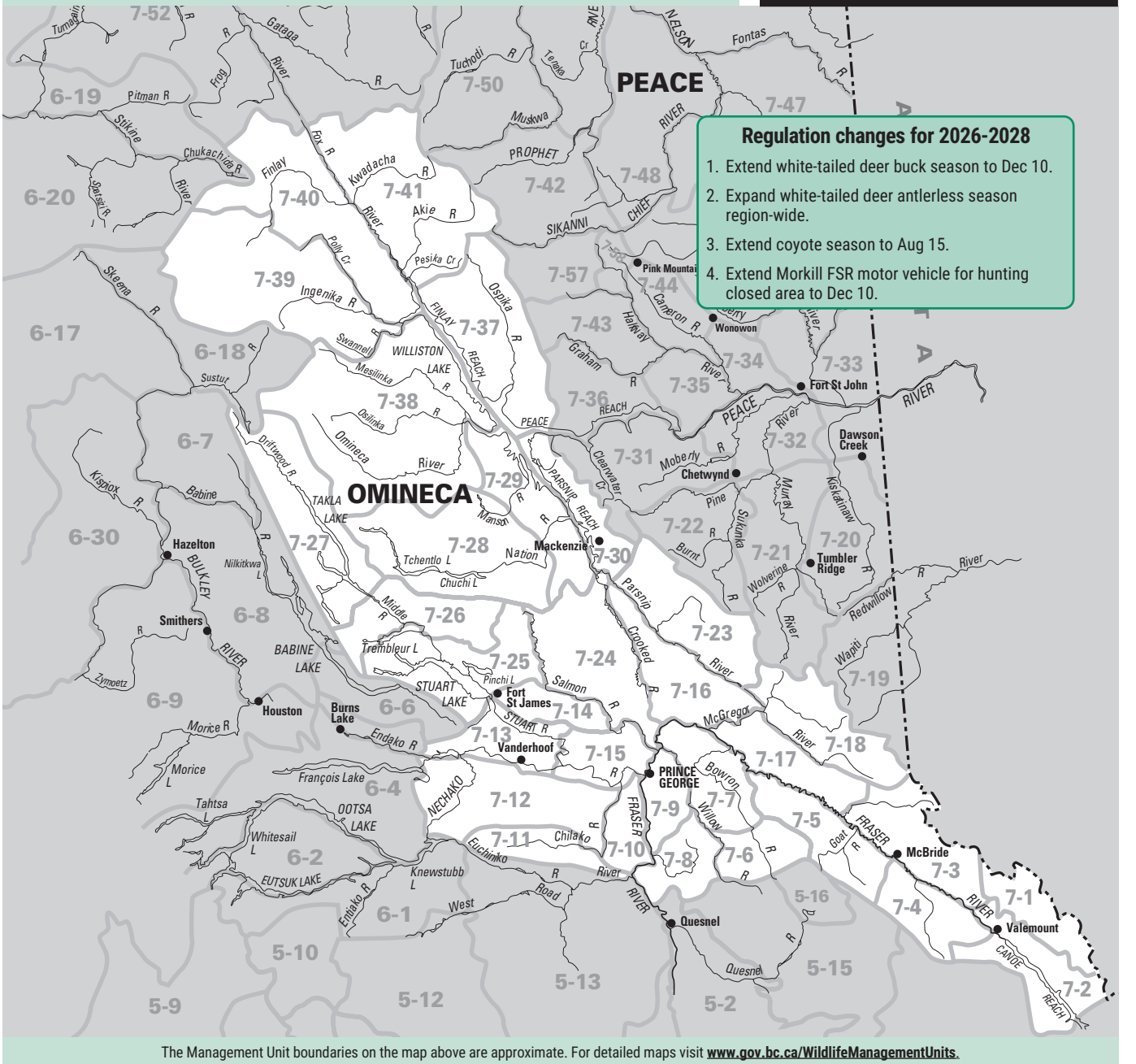
Stay up to date

Check website **www.gov.bc.ca/hunting** for in-season changes prior to your 2026-2028 hunt.

RAPP

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

Refer to page 2 for more information



The Management Unit boundaries on the map above are approximate. For detailed maps visit **www.gov.bc.ca/WildlifeManagementUnits**.

Regional Bag Limits

» **Deer**: The bag limit for mule (black-tailed) deer in region 7A is 1. The bag limit for white-tailed deer in region 7A is 2, only one of which may be a buck, and one of which may be antlerless.

» **Grouse**: The regional daily aggregate bag limit for grouse: blue (dusky), spruce (Franklin), ruffed is 10. The regional daily bag limit for ptarmigan is 10.

Access Management Areas

» Region 7A Motor Vehicle Prohibition maps are available online at **www.gov.bc.ca/ominecaaccess.**

» 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 are available online at **www.gov.bc.ca/snowmobileclosures**.

» Vanderhoof Access Management Plan is available at **www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/crown-land-water/land-use-planning/regions/omineca/vanderhoof-lrmp/vanderhoof-amp**

» There are a number of restrictions and prohibitions in this Region. See definitions of "motor vehicle", "ATV" and "snowmobile" in Definitions section.

» Information signs may be 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.

» **Symbol Key**: Use the following symbols to determine what type of motor vehicle prohibition is in place in the following regional MUs (see also Site and Access Restrictions section, page 9 and regional maps).

★ **Motor Vehicle Closed Areas** (See page 10).

▲ **Motor Vehicles for Hunting Closed Areas** (See page 10): The operation of all motor vehicles, including electric bicycles, for the purpose of hunting, to transport wildlife, to transport equipment, firearms, and supplies which are intended for or in support of hunting or to transport hunters to and from the location of wildlife is prohibited in these areas.

◆ **ATVs for Hunting Closed Areas** (See page 10): The operation of ATVs (including motorcycles and electric bicycles) for the purpose of hunting, to transport wildlife, to transport firearms, or 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 in these areas.

● **Snowmobiles for Hunting Closed Areas** (See page 10): The operation of snowmobiles for the purpose of hunting, to transport wildlife, to transport firearms or equipment and supplies which are intended for or in support of hunting, or to transport hunters to and from the location of wildlife is prohibited in these areas.

MUs 7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, and 7-37 to 7-39

● from Mar 31 - Nov 30.

MUs 7-3 and 7-17

▲ Morkill Forest Road during the periods Apr 15 - June 30 and Aug 15 - Dec 10.

MUs 7-7 to 7-15 and 7-24 to 7-29

◆ 4:30 am to 8:00am from Aug 15 - 31

◆ 5:30 am to 9:00am from Sept 1 - 30

◆ 6:30 am to 10:00am from Oct 1 to Nov 15

MU 7-18

● access road to Kakwa Recreation Area due north of Buchanan Creek (MU 7-18)

MUs 7-38, 7-39, and 7-40

◆ the entire area of MUs 7-38, 7-39

★ Finlay area (MUs 7-38, 7-39, 7-40) above 1450 m elevation. Authorized trappers exempt from restriction. Other commercial vehicles allowed, provided they stay on existing mining and logging roads. Closure does not apply on the road surface of the Omineca Mining Road through Lawyers Pass from Aiken Lake to the south shore of the Toodoggone River or on the road to Johanson Lake.

Notice to Hunters

» Hunters, while returning from hunting, are required to keep the antlers of a bull moose taken in the Omineca region, and the species licence under which the moose was taken together and available for inspection by an officer.

» A few white moose have been noticed in the Omineca region. Hunters are requested not to shoot a white moose due to their uniqueness and viewing value to all people who enjoy wildlife.

Notice to hunters!

McLeod Lake Indian Band asks hunters to respect their Treaty Settlement Lands. Access to these lands require permission from the local Band Office and it is the hunter's responsibility to be aware of these Treaty Settlement Lands/ Indian Reserves. For more information visit **www.mlib.ca/departments/land-stewardship/hunter-information/.**

For persons hunting in MUs 7-29 (north of Nation River), 7-37 or 7-38 you will be within the traditional territory of the Tsay Keh Dene Nation (TKDN). For persons hunting in MUs 7-39 to 7-41 you will be within either the traditional territory of the Kwadacha or Tsay Keh Dene Nation depending on your location. Before you hunt, please check at the appropriate Nation's office, by phone or email, to receive important information pertinent to safety and environmental concerns. TKDN offers a voluntary Licensed Hunter Registration System for those hunting in TKDN territory. This system informs the Nation of hunting and harvest statistics while providing a safety and communication resource for hunters. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the department of Lands and Resources at fw.coordinator@tkdb.ca or (250) 562-8882. **www.tsaykeh.com/departments/lrto/**

If you will be hunting in Kwadacha Nation's traditional territory, it is strongly encouraged that you contact the Lands and Resources Officer (LRO) in Kwadacha at (250) 471-2302 or email **lands@kwadacha.com.** We ask that you visit **www.kwadacha.com** website and fill out both the Notification to Hunt and Hunter Harvest Surveys and submit to the LRO, so that safety and open communication between hunters and the Dane Nan Yé Dāh Land Guardians is established.

Nak'azdli Whut'en is requesting the assistance of hunters to ensure that all parts of wildlife harvested within the Nak'azdli Whut'en Traditional Territory are used. Nak'azdli Whut'en requests that hunters contact the Land Guardians (250-996-0088) to arrange for sharing portions of any wildlife harvest that would otherwise be left in the field (e.g., hides, organs) in MUs 7-13 to 7-15, 7-24 to 7-26, 7-28, 7-29, and 7-38. Nak'azdli Whut'en also encourages hunters to contact the Yinka Huwunline office prior to beginning your trip in these MUs.

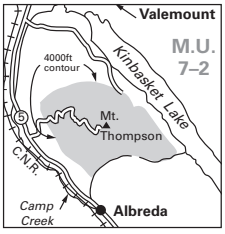
Wildlife Management Update from the Omineca Region

Results from population monitoring since 2020 suggest that moose numbers have stabilized in the southern and central parts of the region and have slightly increased west of Prince George. While the recent trends are positive, numbers are still well below densities observed in the early 2000s. Research on the factors influencing moose population dynamics continues (**www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/plants-animals-ecosystems/wildlife/wildlife-conservation/moose/moose-conservation/moose-research**) and moose habitat work has provided moose-friendly approaches to forest harvesting, including Ungulate Winter Ranges (UWRs) for moose where forest harvesting is paired with management requirements to maintain or improve moose habitat. Inventory work continues for elk, mule deer, thinhorn sheep, mountain goat, caribou, grizzly bear, wolf, lynx, fisher, and marten. Collaborations among Ministry biologists, First Nations, and stakeholders are further investigating limiting factors and monitoring approaches for mountain goats, elk, and thinhorn sheep in the region. Harvesting a collared animal is not illegal if taken lawfully. If you harvest a collared animal, please report it to the RAPP line to confirm whether the animal is safe to eat due to the possible presence of wildlife immobilization drugs in the meat and return the collar to the Conservation Officer Service or any Ministry office. BC strives to maintain the health of wildlife populations in collaboration with our partners for the benefit of all British Columbians. Our goals are to ensure that Indigenous hunters can exercise their right to hunt within their Traditional Territories and to promote licensed hunter and trapper opportunities, including resident experience and a sustainable guide-outfitter industry.

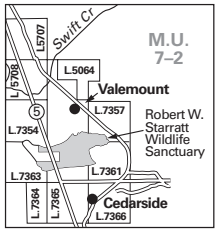
Omineca General Open Seasons

SPECIES	MANAGEMENT UNIT	CLASS	SEASON DATES	BAG LIMIT
MULE DEER (Black-tailed)	7-2 to 7-11, 7-15 to 7-18, 7-23, 7-26 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41	Bucks	Oct 1 - Oct 31	Refer to Regional Bag Limits on p. 56 and the Deer Bag Limits article on p. 14
	7-12 to 7-14, 7-24, 7-25	★4 Point Bucks	Oct 1 - Nov 15	
	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41	★4 Point Bucks	Sept 10 - Sept 30	
	7-2 to 7-11, 7-15 to 7-18, 7-23, 7-26 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41	★4 Point Bucks	Nov 1 - Nov 30	
*Youth Only	7-2 to 7-11, 7-15 to 7-18, 7-23, 7-26 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41	Bucks	Sept 10 - Sept 30	
*Youth Only	7-12 to 7-14, 7-24, 7-25	Either Sex	Oct 1 - Oct 19	
*Youth Bow Only	7-12 to 7-14, 7-24, 7-25	Antlerless	Sept 1 - Sept 9	
Bow Only	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	
★ See Definitions section: Mule (black-tailed) Deer. The antlers must accompany the species licence. * Restricted to hunters under the age of 18.				
WHITE-TAILED DEER	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41	Bucks	Sept 10 - Dec 10	Refer to Regional Bag Limits on p. 56 and the Deer Bag Limits article on p. 14
	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41	Antlerless	Oct 10 - Oct 31	
*Youth Only	7-2 to 7-5, 7-7 to 7-10, 7-12, 7-13, 7-15, 7-17	Either Sex	Nov 1 - Nov 30	
*Youth Only	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41	Bucks	Sept 1 – Sept 9	
Bow Only	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41	Bucks	Sept 1 – Sept 9	
* Restricted to hunters under the age of 18.				
MOOSE	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-38	★Spike-fork Bulls	Sept 10 - Nov 5	1
	7-37, 7-39 to 7-41	★Spike-fork Bulls	Aug 15 - Nov 5	
Bow Only	7-2 to 7-15	★Spike-fork Bulls	Sept 1 - Sept 9	
All individuals with a moose species licence must submit a Mandatory Hunter Report by March 31st. See page 16 for more details.				
★ See Definitions section: Moose. Note: for all bull moose taken in region 7, the antlers must accompany the species licence.				
ELK	7-37, 7-41	★6 Point Bulls	Aug 15 - Oct 31	1
	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-38 to 7-40	★6 Point Bulls	Sept 10 - Oct 9	
Bow Only	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-38 to 7-40	★6 Point Bulls	Sept 1 - Sept 9	
All individuals with an elk species licence must submit a Mandatory Hunter Report by March 31st. See page 16 for more details				
★ See Definitions section: Elk. Antlers must accompany the species licence.				
BIGHORN MOUNTAIN SHEEP	7-18	Full Curl Bighorn Rams	Aug 15 - Sept 30	1
Compulsory Inspection required.				
THINHORN MOUNTAIN SHEEP	7-37, 7-39 to 7-41	Full Curl Thinhorn Rams	Aug 1 - Oct 15	1
Tatlatui Park in MU 7-39 is closed to mountain sheep hunting. Compulsory Inspection required.				
MOUNTAIN GOAT	7-3 to 7-5, 7-17, 7-18, 7-27 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Aug 15 - Oct 15	1
For areas that are closed to Mountain goat hunting or are LEH only see Maps G1, G5 to G9, G18, G21, G23, G24.				
Mountain goat are sensitive to harvest. Hunters are requested to select male mountain goat when hunting. Compulsory Inspection required.				
CARIBOU	LIMITED ENTRY HUNTING ONLY			
BLACK BEAR	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Aug 15 - Nov 15	2
	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Apr 1 - June 30	
WOLF	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Aug 1 - June 30	NBL
COUGAR	7-2 to 7-8, 7-16 to 7-18, 7-23		Sept 10 - Mar 31	2
	7-9 to 7-15, 7-24, 7-25		Sept 10 - Mar 31	1
Hunters are reminded that all cougars must be Compulsory Inspected. Hunters may not hunt a cougar kitten or any cougar in its company. See Definitions section: cougar kitten.				
COYOTE	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Aug 15 - Mar 31	NBL
WOLVERINE	7-3, 7-17, 7-18, 7-37 to 7-41		Oct 15 - Jan 15	1
Compulsory Reporting required.				
LYNX	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Nov 1 - Feb 15	1
Compulsory Reporting required				
RACCOON	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Apr 1-Mar 31	NBL
SNOWSHOE HARE	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Aug 1 - Apr 30	10 (daily)
COLUMBIAN GROUND SQUIRREL	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		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.				
DUSKY (Blue) GROUSE	7-2 to 7-7, 7-17, 7-18, 7-23, 7-27, 7-28, 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Sept 1 - Nov 15	10 (30)
SPRUCE & RUFFED GROUSE	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Sept 1 - Nov 15	10 (30)
PTARMIGAN	7-2 to 7-6, 7-17, 7-18, 7-23, 7-27 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Aug 15 - Feb 28	10 (30)
COMMON SNIPE	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Sept 1 - Nov 30	10 (30)
COOTS	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Sept 1 - Nov 30	10 (30)
DUCKS	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Sept 1 - Nov 30	8 (24)
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.				
GEESE: SNOW & ROSS'S	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Sept 1 - Nov 30	5 (15)
GEESE: WHITE-FRONTED	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Sept 1 - Nov 30	5 (15)
GEESE: CANADA & CACKLING	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Sept 1 - Nov 30	10 (30)

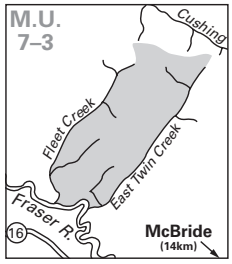
Visit **www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/migratory-game-bird-hunting.html** for further information on Migratory Game Bird regulations in B.C.



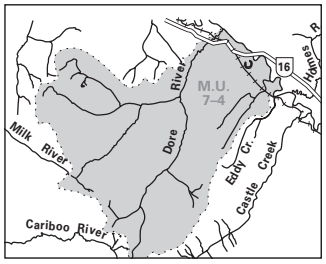
Map G1 Mount Thompson Mountain Goat Closed Area (MU 7-2).



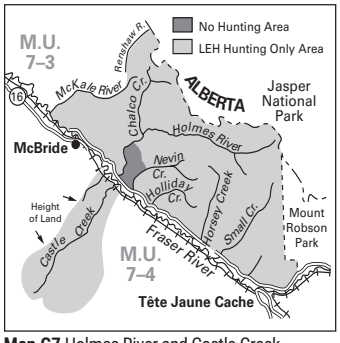
Map G2 Robert W. Starratt Wildlife Sanctuary No Shooting, Hunting or Trapping Area (MU 7-2).



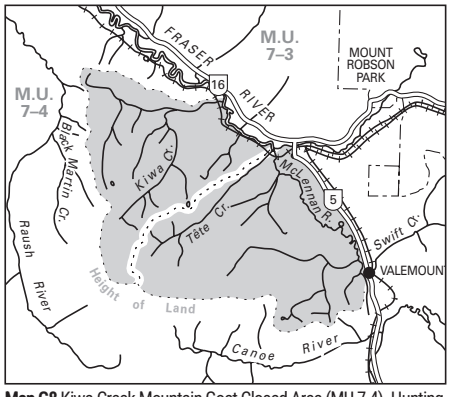
Map G5 East Twin Creek Mountain Goat Closed Area (MU 7-3).



Map G6 Dore River Mountain Goat closed area (MU 7-4). Hunting of Mountain Goat is prohibited except for LEH permit holders.



Map G7 Holmes River and Castle Creek Mountain Goat closed areas (MUs 7-3 and 7-4). Hunting of Mountain Goat is prohibited except for LEH permit holders



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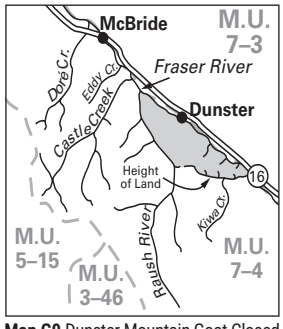

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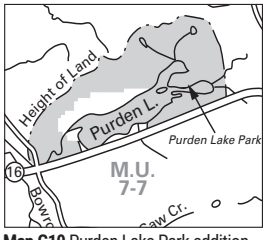
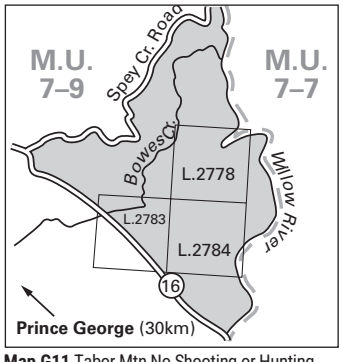
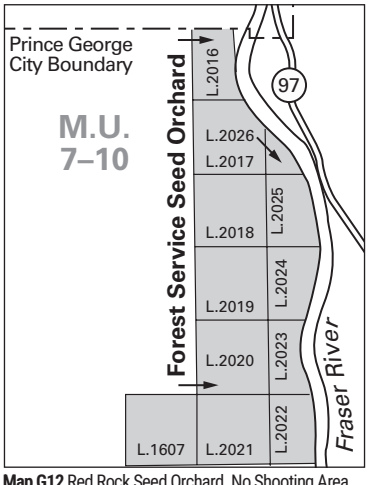


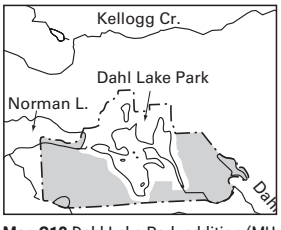
Map G10 Purden Lake Park addition (MU 7-7). Shaded area is open to hunting and the discharge of firearms, bows, crossbows only during a lawful game hunting season.



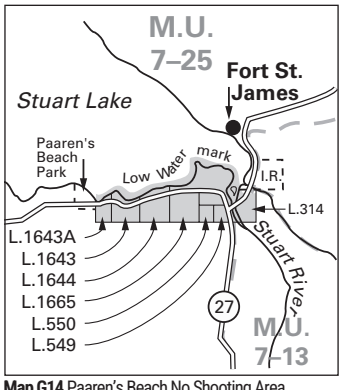
Map G11 Tabor Mtn No Shooting or Hunting Area (MU 7-9).



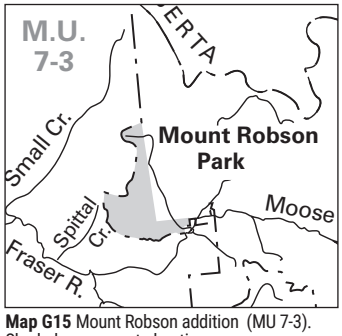
Map G12 Red Rock Seed Orchard. No Shooting Area (MU 7-10).



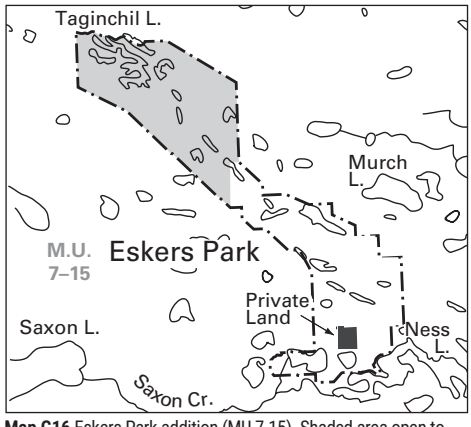
Map G13 Dahl Lake Park addition (MU 7-12). Shaded area is open to hunting and the discharge of firearms, bows, crossbows only during a lawful game hunting season.



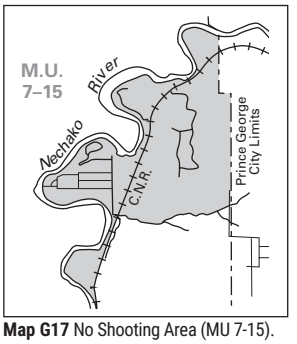
Map G14 Paaren's Beach No Shooting Area (MUs 7-13 and 7-25).



Map G15 Mount Robson addition (MU 7-3). Shaded area open to hunting.



Map G16 Eskers Park addition (MU 7-15). Shaded area open to hunting.



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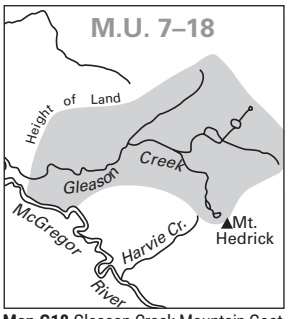
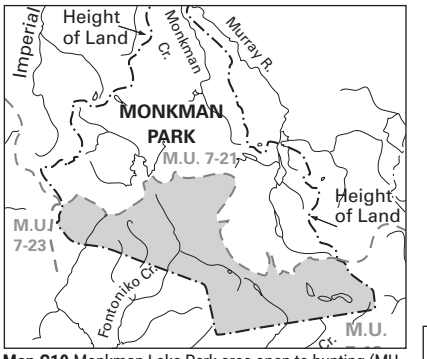
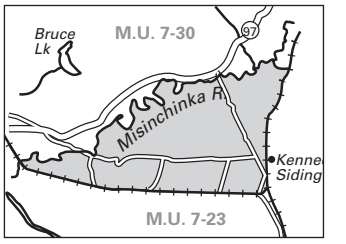


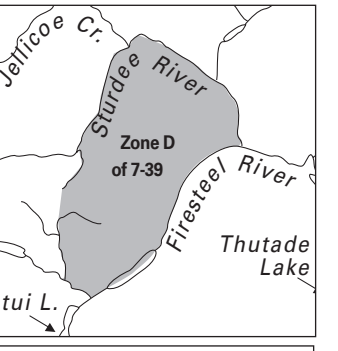
Map G18 Gleason Creek Mountain Goat Closed Area (MU 7-18).



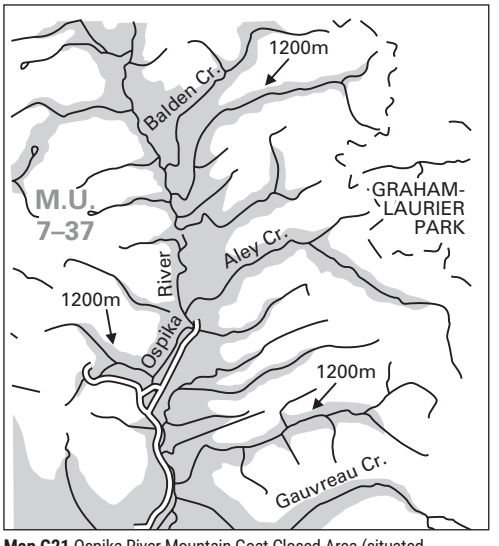
Map G19 Monkman Lake Park area open to hunting (MU 7-18).



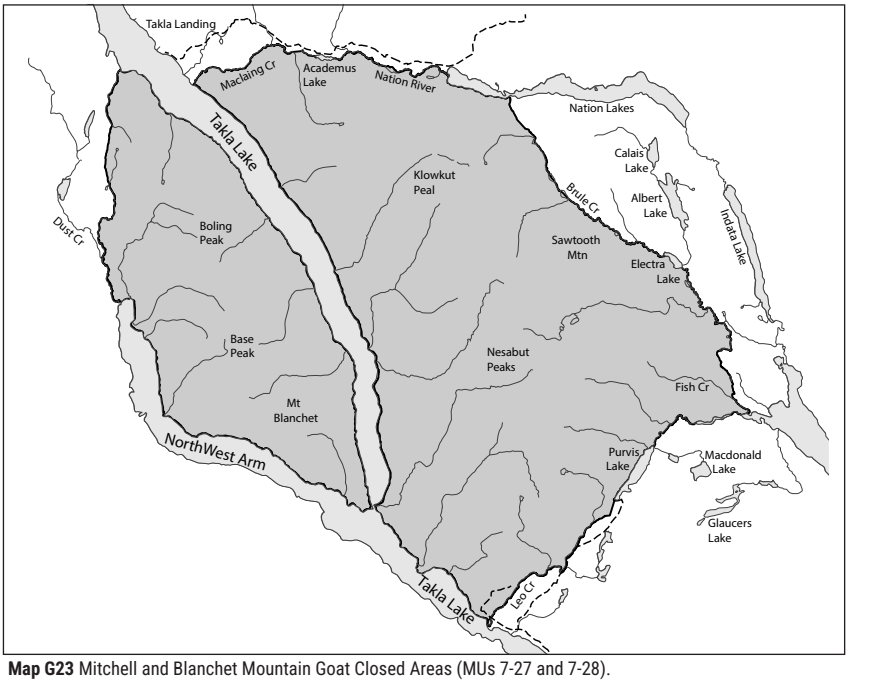
Map G20 Kennedy Siding No Shooting or Hunting Area (MU 7-23). Hunting and discharge of firearms is prohibited from Sept 1 - Mar 31.



Map G22 Hunting of caribou is prohibited in Zone D of MU 7-39 except for LEH permit holders.

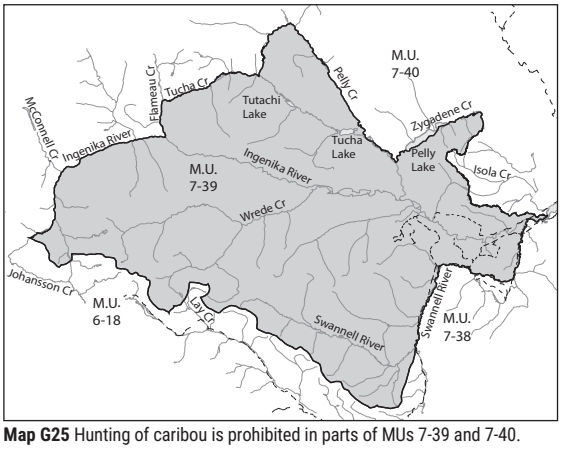


Map G21 Ospika River Mountain Goat Closed Area (situated in MU 7-37).



Map G23 Mitchell and Blanchet Mountain Goat Closed Areas (MUs 7-27 and 7-28).

Map G24 Driftwood Mountain Goat Closed Area (MU 7-27).



Map G25 Hunting of caribou is prohibited in parts of MUs 7-39 and 7-40.