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Planning Unit 11: Telkwa

Caribou concerns

Develop a comprehensive plan to enhance and sustain a viable caribou population.

Sub-unit 11-1: Howson Range (SM1)

Objective: Maintenance of caribou and goat habitat is the primary consideration in this area, and visual quality is a major consideration. Industrial activity must not significantly alter winter habitat or visual qualities.

Management Category	Specific Direction
Biodiversity	Conserve caribou and goat habitat.
Access	Minimize impacts on critical winter habitat and populations of caribou and goat. Restrict motorized access as required. Agencies will identify specific areas for restrictions. Discourage circle route to Morice District.
Fish and Wildlife Habitat	Management emphasis is on caribou, as the caribou population is at risk. Agencies will develop a comprehensive plan to sustain and enhance a viable caribou population. Maintain caribou and goat habitat, particularly winter habitat. The collection of goat baseline data will continue.
Outdoor Recreation and Tourism	Permit wilderness recreation and backcountry tourism, subject to goat baseline study and caribou habitat.
Future Planning Processes	Consult with the Morice District to convey management intent of this area, and co-ordinate management in boundary areas.

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Subsurface Resources

Recognize the current high interest in mineral exploration.

Protect wildlife populations through review and approval processes.

Motorized access is permitted for mineral exploration/development, but will be controlled to protect caribou and goat habitat.

Sub-unit 11-2: Hankin Plateau (SM1)

Objective: To sustain and enhance a viable caribou population. To manage the visual quality.

Management Category	Specific Direction
Biodiversity	Identify and conserve caribou habitat as in Sub-Unit 11-1.
Access	<p>Restrict motorized access (as it relates to caribou habitat).</p> <p>Agencies will identify specific areas for restrictions.</p> <p>Agencies will consult with existing guide regarding a Telkwa River and Scallion Creek access control point.</p> <p>Discourage circle route to Morice District.</p>
Fish and Wildlife Habitat	<p>Place emphasis on caribou population at risk.</p> <p>Agencies will develop a comprehensive plan to sustain and enhance a viable caribou population.</p> <p>Identify and conserve caribou habitat .</p>
Outdoor Recreation and Tourism	Permit wilderness recreation and backcountry tourism opportunities, subject to caribou habitat requirements.
Future Planning	Consult with the Morice District to convey management intent of this

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Processes area, and co-ordinate management in boundary areas.

Subsurface Manage access for exploration and
Resources development so that wildlife populations are conserved.

Motorized access is permitted for mineral exploration/development, but will be controlled to protect caribou and goat habitat.

Sub-unit 11-3: Mooseskin Johnny Lake (SM2)

Objective: To protect the caribou habitat and the shallow lake and wetlands in this area, and to maintain the existing commercial backcountry tourism operation, while allowing industrial activity to occur.

Management Category	Specific Direction
Access	<p>Restrict motorized access (as it relates to caribou and goat habitat).</p> <p>Government agencies will identify specific areas for restrictions.</p> <p>Allow the current motorized access to commercial operation at Mooseskin Johnny Lake to continue.</p> <p>Discourage circle route to Morice District</p> <p>Agencies will consult with existing guide regarding a Telkwa River and Scallion Creek access control point</p>
Fish and Wildlife Habitat	<p>Agencies will develop a comprehensive plan to sustain and enhance a viable caribou population.</p> <p>Identify and manage caribou habitat.</p>

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Sub-unit 11-4: Goathorn Creek (IRM)

Objective: To manage for a variety of values and activities in an integrated and compatible manner.

Management Category	Specific Direction
Biodiversity	Agencies will develop a comprehensive plan to sustain and enhance a viable caribou population. Identify and manage caribou habitat.
Access	Discourage circle route to Morice District. Agencies will consult with existing guide regarding a Telkwa River and Scallion Creek access control point.
Fish and Wildlife Habitat	Agencies will develop a comprehensive plan to sustain and enhance a viable caribou population.

Sub-unit 11-5: Telkwa River (SM2)

Objective: To maintain and enhance the river corridor in this area; to maintain the water quality for fisheries, wetlands, and for deer and grizzly bear habitat.

Management Category	Specific Direction
Access	Agencies will address concerns about the impact of the main road on the river corridor, specifically regarding the effects on recreational, fish, water quality and ecological values. Assess the options of altering main road access.
Fish and Wildlife Habitat	Agencies will develop a comprehensive plan to sustain and enhance a viable caribou population.

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	Maintain a wildlife corridor (for grizzly, deer, and wetlands) Continue fisheries enhancement programs. Continue ongoing fish and wildlife management.
Range Management	Range use will not be expanded into this area.
Outdoor Recreation and Tourism	Maintain the values associated with the river environment that make it desirable for outdoor recreation and tourism activities.

Sub-unit 11-6: Sinclair Creek (IRM)

Objective: To manage for a variety of values and activities in an integrated and compatible manner.

Management Category	Specific Direction
Access	Evaluate the need for new access to Pine Creek from McDonell Road
Fish and Wildlife Habitat	Agencies will develop a comprehensive plan to sustain and enhance a viable caribou population. Tributaries to the Telkwa River where concentrations of spawning activity have been identified are regionally significant spawning areas and are a priority for watershed assessments.
Outdoor Recreation and Tourism	Maintain opportunities for high recreation use by bikers, hikers, skiers and snowmobilers, especially with access from the Microwave Road.