

Proposed regulation change	Type (proposed)	Area	New, remove or amend	Rationale	Staff lead
Combine the existing Brewer Creek WMA/C closure and the Dutch Creek WMA/C closure plus the Golden Creek AMA into one AMA. Equated to include all area above the existing south facing lands on the Dutch Creek Drainage above (but not inclusive of the Brewer/Dutch Creek Road. 4-26	AMA	East Kootenay	Amend	Over the past decade the area has been extensively developed as a result of forest operations. Both existing closures plus the proposed expansion provide important fall range for elk, mule deer and white-tailed deer. Also important migration corridor for all species. The area is seeing an increase in hunting and non hunting ATV traffic plus the construction of several unauthorized ATV trails.	Doug
Convert the existing Big Sand Creek WMA/C to an AMA. Objective would be to maintain seasonal access on the main access into this closure but restrict access on all side mineral exploration and forestry roads. 4-22	AMA	East Kootenay	Amend	Area is receiving increased pressure from non hunting ATV and off road traffic. The area has also been identified as important huckleberry production for Grizzly bears. Increased motorized access into these habitats is resulting in an increased recreational and commercial harvest of huckleberries. Increased motorized non hunting recreational traffic is increasing the risk of disturbance and displacement of wildlife in important migration, and low to mid elevation winter range.	Doug
Convert Lime and Iron Creek WMA/C to AMA. Change boundary to include west side of Lime Creek bridge. 4-22	AMA	East Kootenay	Amend	6 stream crossings in Iron Creek where vehicle use could damage habitat, vehicle access to Lime Creek WMA/C requires crossing Bull River.	Doug
Convert Rusty B Deer Creek WMA/C to AMA. 4-19	AMA	West Kootenay	Support AMA	Protect the mule deer that stage along the ridge & are vulnerable to localized overharvest.	Doug
Convert Riatta Creek/Tulip Creek WMA/C to AMA. 4-19	AMA	West Kootenay	Amend - map needs revision and description in WMA section needs to be correct	Illegal trail building, constant enforcement issues. Reduce disturbance and displacement to migrating mule deer and sheep.	Pat
Convert Cambridge Sheppard/Alford Tiger Creek WMA/C to AMA. 4-09	AMA	West Kootenay	Amend - map needs revision and description in WMA section needs to be more detailed	Area is threatened by heavy off-road vehicle use. Area is important mule deer winter range, threatened by noxious weed invasion.	Pat
Expand Haynes Tower/Swanson WMA/C to include Harrison. 4-22	WMA/C	East Kootenay	Amend	Recent extensive logging and road upgrades have occurred throughout the upper Bull River (west side). The majority of the area is within a motorized vehicle hunting closure except for the headwaters of the Bull River. This drainage has also been extensively logged/recently allowed for very easy access to the goal habitat. Amending the current WMA/C to include the headwaters of the Bull River would raise the northern boundary of this closure approximately 3 km (stratigraphic distance north). In 2014, we conducted a goat inventory in this area (Unit 48) which indicated a 50% decline in the population of goats since the last inventory in 2004.	Irene
Convert Leadville Creek WMA/C to AMA. 4-08. Closure point on main road upstream of Blm mark.	AMA	West Kootenay	1988 as WMA/C amend to AMA?	Road development into Leadville Creek opened up access to areas that supported deer and elk populations moving towards winter ranges. Caribou in area were considered vulnerable to mistaken harvest or poaching.	Doug
Convert Sanica WMA/C to AMA. 4-06	AMA	West Kootenay	Amend - map needs revision and description in WMA section needs to be more detailed amend to AMA?	Reduce displacement and disturbance of mule deer migrating to winter ranges. Area has been heavily logged. Increasing vulnerability of mule deer. Winter ranges are threatened by noxious weed invasion, spread by vehicles.	Doug
Amend AMA in Alexander Ck 4-21. Change the existing seasonal restriction on east slope of Alexander to restrict the use of motorized vehicles identified mid to high elevation grass land winter ranges.	AMA	East Kootenay	Amend	Avoid winter disturbance of Bighorn sheep on winter ranges.	Doug
Switch the Wigwam AMA 4-02 from the west road to the east road.	AMA	East Kootenay	Amend	The current open road is extremely rough and involves 2 stream crossings. This change will reduce conflict with residents and the guide-outfitter who required a permit to access cables from the new road. Most suitable winter range is on the east side.	Doug
Amend Baynes Lake AMA. 4-22	AMA	East Kootenay	Amend	Amend existing AMA to include the sand island due to increased motorized use causing habitat loss and disturbance to nesting curlews and FN arch sites.	Irene
Create new AMA at Kindersley mineral lck. 4-32	AMA	East Kootenay	New	Motorized / mechanized use of lck.	Irene
Expand 9 Mile WMA/C to include new roads off Mt. Glen. 4-24	WMA/C	East Kootenay	Amend	New roads have increased access to Bighorn Sheep habitat. Wildlife has substantially increased sustainability in area.	Irene
Create Pend O'Reille AMA. 4-08	AMA	West Kootenay	New	There has been recent damage to conservation properties and illegal trail building throughout the valley. An extensive trail network and rough roads cross through this entire area. BCT's intends to start logging in the Limpid and Wallack drainages in the fall of 2015 which will create new roads as well as increase the quality of existing roads; this will increase hunting pressure on populations of ungulates; protection of GAR Order designations in the area (WMA and UWR); Prevention of increased high elevation habitat damage by ATVs and ORVs; protection of the high quality upstate wintering habitat.	Doug, Pat
Amend the Upper Elk Valley AMA (Mt. Bezafole) 4-23	AMA	East Kootenay	Amend	To exclude snowmobiles above a certain elevation as new logging roads are providing access into goat and sheep winter range.	Irene/Peter
Amend Galton AMA (close roads lower down). 4-02	AMA	East Kootenay	Amend	Increased vehicle access, sheep disturbance.	Doug
Amend Broadwood/Wigwam Flats closure to closed all year (currently open June 15 to July 15). 4-02	AMA	East Kootenay	Amend	The road corridor provides anglers with access to remote habitat utilized by bull trout for staging during their spawning migration from the upper Kootenay River system. Bull trout are vulnerable to exploitation during this time. An increase in poaching during the road opening over the last two years has been reported. It was recommended by the Kootenay Angling Management Plan Review Committee (KAMPRC) to close the road access year round. Given the status of bull trout as a listed species and the transboundary and regional importance of the Wigwam River bull trout population, additional conservation tools are valuable to ensure long term sustainability.	Irene
Expand Barnes LAKE AMA. 4-23 to 10 km	AMA	East Kootenay	Amend	Difficult for COs to enforce currently.	Doug
Buckworth-Corn Creek WMA/C create Buckworth AMA	AMA	West Kootenay	eliminate Curr Ck 1996 WMA/C create Buckworth AMA	To protect elk and staging mule deer, reduce spread of invasive weeds from F&B into good UWR (John Gwillim detail).	Doug