

Proposed regulation change	Type (proposed)	Area	New, remove or amend	Rationale	Staff lead
Combine the existing Brewer Creek WMAVAC, the Dutch Creek WMAVAC, and the Goofie Creek WMA into one WMA. Expand to include all areas above the main access into this closure but restrict access on all side mineral exploration and the Brewer/Dutch Creek. 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 habitat for elk, mule deer and sheep. The area is important migration corridor for all species. There is a concern over increased hunting and not hunting off traffic plus the construction of several unauthorized ATV trails.	Doug
Convert the existing Big Sand Creek WMAVAC to an AMA. Objective would be to restrict access into this closure but restrict access on all side mineral exploration and the Brewer/Dutch Creek. 4.22	AMA	East Kootenay	Amend	Area is receiving increased pressure from both hunting ATV and off road traffic. The area has also been important for mule deer and sheep production for Grizzly bears. Increased recreational access into these habitats is resulting in an increased recreational and commercial harvesting 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 WMAVAC to AMA. Change boundary to include west side of Lime Creek ridge. 4.22	AMA	East Kootenay	Amend	6 stream crossings in Iron Creek where vehicle use could damage riparian habitat. The area is on the Lime Creek requires crossing Bull River.	Doug
Convert Butte & Deer Creek WMAVAC to AMA. 4.15	AMA	West Kootenay	Support AMA	Protect the miles deer that stage along the ridge & are vulnerable to localized overharvest.	Doug
Convert Rialto Creek/Tulip Creek WMAVAC to AMA. 4.15	AMA	West Kootenay	Amend - map revision and description in WMA section needs to be correct	Irrigal trail building, constant enforcement issues. Reduce disturbance and displacement to migrating mule deer and sheep.	Pat
Convert Cambridge, Sheppard/Kalbar Tiger Creek WMAVAC to AMA	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/Sweeten WMAVAC to include Harrison. 4.22	WMAVAC	East Kootenay	Amend	Recent extensive logging and road upgrades have occurred throughout the upper Bull River insect sites. The majority of the area is within a mature forested hunting closure except for the headwaters of the Bull River. The area has been extensively logged recently allowing for very easy access to goat habitat. Allending the current WMAVAC to include the headwaters of the Bull River would move the northern boundary of this closure approximately 3 km straightline northwards. In 2014 we conducted a goat inventory in this area (600 elk which indicated a 55% decline in the population of goats since the last inventory in 2004).	Trene
Convert Leadville Creek WMAVAC to AMA. Closure points on main road upstream of Blin mark	AMA	East Kootenay	1988 as WMAVAC - amend to AMA?	Road development into Leadville Creek opened up access to areas that supported deer and elk populations moving towards winter ranges (wildlife connectivity corridors). Caribou in area were considered vulnerable to mistaken harvest or poaching.	Doug
Convert Sarica WMAVAC 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 Creek. Change the existing seasonal restriction on east side of Alexander to restrict the use of motorized vehicles during winter months on 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-cowboys who request to permit to access cabins from the new road. Most valuable winter range is on the east side.	Doug
Amend Baynes Lake AMA. 4.22	AMA	East Kootenay	Amend	Amend existing AMA to include the area north of the road. Motorized use causing habitat loss and disturbance to nesting curlews and PN arch sites.	Trene
Create new AMA at Kandersley mineral lick.	AMA	East Kootenay	New	Motorized / mechanized use of lick.	Trene
Expand 9 Mile WMAVAC to include new West Mt. Glen. 4.24	WMAVAC	East Kootenay	Amend	New roads have increased access to Bighorn Sheep habitat. Wildlife has substantially increased sightability in area.	Trene
Create Pend d'Oreille 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. BCITS intends to start engineering in the Limpud and Mallick 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 GAD OR populations in the area (WMA and UHWP); prevention of increased high elevation fire risk; and ORV's; protection of the high quality ungulate wintering habitat.	Doug, Pat
Amend the Upper Elk Valley AMA (Mt. Bresselle). 4.23	AMA	East Kootenay	Amend	To exclude townships above a certain elevation as now logging roads are providing access into goat and sheep winter range.	Trene/Peter
Amend Gallatin 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 stream 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 Management Plan Review Committee (KAMPARC) to close the road across the year. Given the status of bull trout as a listed species and the transparency and regional importance of the Wigwam River bull trout population, additional conservation tools are valuable to ensure long term sustainability.	Trene
Expand Barnes LAKE AMA. 4.23 is in EA	AMA	East Kootenay	Amend	Difficult for COEs to enforce currently.	Doug
Revert North-Corn Creek WMAVAC 4.07	AMA	West Kootenay	eliminate	To protect elk and staging mule deer, reduce spread of invasive weeds from FGR back into WMA (Johnlenn data).	Doug