



PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Park Act

Order of the Regional Director

PUBLIC NOTICE

DATE: November 12, 2025

WHEREAS:

- A. This Order is regarding closure of all public access and use in the Upper Poplar Creek drainages in Goat Range Provincial Park as shown in the map attached as Schedule A.
- B. This Order is in effect from January 15, 2026 to May 15, 2026.
- C. The protection of sensitive winter habitat for SARA listed wolverine is the primary consideration in the making of this Order.
- D. Public access and use includes, but is not limited to; permittees, park visitors, agreement holders, and provincial and federal employees but does not include BC Parks Staff, BC Parks contractors as authorized by a park officer, and BC Parks supported wolverine researchers.
- E. This order does not apply to emergency services personnel when required to respond for rescue or other emergency operations within the closure area.
- F. Section 17 of the *Park Act* states:

A Director or any Park Officer acting on the Director's behalf may do one or more of the following:

(c) Order any person in any park, conservancy or recreation area to cease or refrain from an action, an omission or conduct that the

Director or Park Officer, in his or her discretion, considers dangerous to life or property or detrimental to the public interest.

ACCORDINGLY, the Regional Director Orders:

1. Approximately 7000 hectares in the upper Poplar Creek drainages, as delineated by the map attached in Schedule A, is hereby closed to all uses by the public and Park Use Permit holders January 15, 2026 to May 15, 2026.
2. Any access to this area, not outlined above, requires a written exemption issued by the Regional Director. An exemption may not be issued unless, in the opinion of the Regional Director, to do so is consistent with the objectives of the park closure.
3. This order is not intended to infringe on the access and use of the area to accommodate Indigenous people's social, ceremonial, and cultural activities.
4. This Order comes into effect at 00:00 hours (PST) on Thursday, January 15, 2026, and remains in effect until 23:30 hours (PST) on May 15, 2026.

Dated at Nelson, B.C., this 12th day of November 2025.



Bree Matthewman
A/Regional Director, Kootenay Region
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Schedule A - Map of Goat Range Winter Wolverine Closure Area

