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Via email [info@aheia.com]

Subject: Designation of Ronald Lake Bison Herd as Subject Animal under Schedule 7 of Alberta's Wildlife Regulations

Attention A.H.E.I.A. Calgary Conservation Education Centre for Excellence,

We are writing you to inform you of a regulatory change that may be of interest. In February 2016, a ministerial order was signed designating the Ronald Lake bison herd as a Subject Animal. As a result of this change, the Wildlife Act and Wildlife Regulations now apply to bison within the Ronald Lake herd in the same way they apply to other non-game animals in Alberta. This amendment prevents hunting of Ronald Lake bison by non-Aboriginal hunters. Indigenous persons continue to have a right to hunt Ronald Lake bison.

As defined in the Wildlife Act, "hunt" means:

- Shoot at, harass or worry;
- Chase, pursue, follow after or on the trail of, search for, flush, stalk or lie in wait for;
- Capture or wilfully injure or kill;
- Attempt to capture, injure or kill; or
- Assist another person to hunt.

Only bison that are found within the following boundaries are considered Subject Animals and affected by the change:

Commencing at the intersection of the 27th baseline and the right bank of the Athabasca River; thence upstream along the right bank of the Athabasca River to the 25th baseline; thence westerly along the 25th baseline to the southwest corner of township 97, range 18, west of the fourth meridian; thence northerly along the west boundary of range 18, west of the fourth meridian to the 27th baseline; thence easterly along the 27th baseline to the point of commencement (see figure 1 on page 2).

If you have any questions about this amendment and the Ronald Lake bison herd please contact our Senior Wildlife Biologist in Fort McMurray, Ms. Joann Skilnick at 780-743-7258 or by email at joann.skilnick@gov.ab.ca.

Sincerely,

Craig Dockrill,
Resource Manager, Lower Athabasca Region

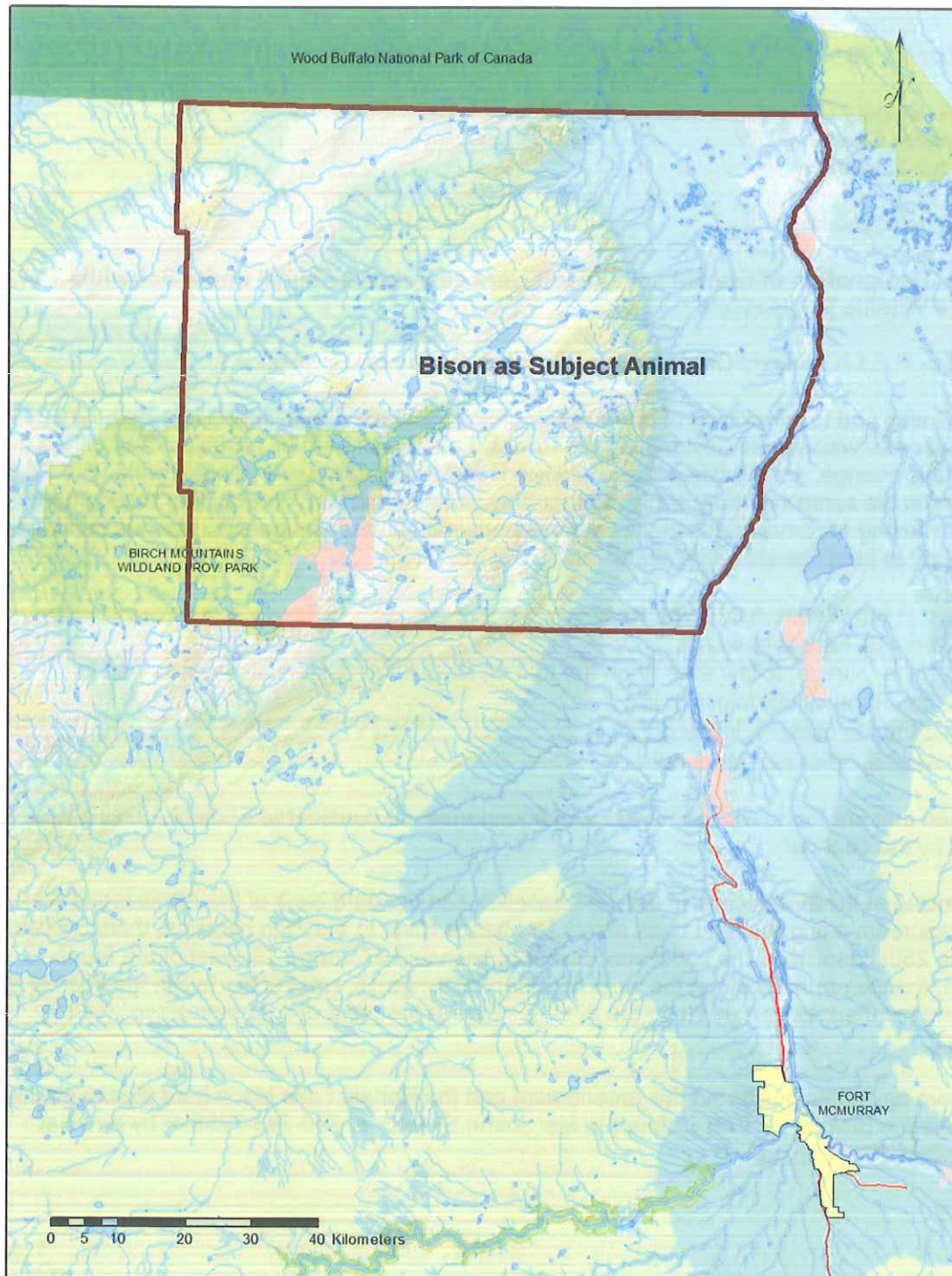


Figure 1. Boundary to identify bison as Subject Animal.