

## ML LAP Land Designation Descriptions (as per 2016 draft LAP)

### 8.2 Environmental Open Space 2

The purpose of the Environmental Open Space 2 designation is to protect preferred winter habitat values for caribou while accommodating the other resource related activities, including forest resources harvesting opportunities. This designation provides a balance between the high degree of protection provided in the Environmental Open Space 1 and more relaxed management of the Open Space designations.

1. Development in Environmental Open Space 2 is not permitted unless otherwise provided for in the Plan policies or by other Acts and regulations<sup>5</sup>.
2. **Personal fuelwood harvesting** and fuel abatement activities may be permitted subject to:
  - a. the requirements of the *Forest Resources Act and Regulations*;
  - b. **the mitigation of any impacts** on wildlife values;
  - c. consideration of preferred caribou winter habitat shown on Map 4, wildlife corridors and habitat connectivity, as outlined in Area Wide Policy 18; and
  - d. non-designated personal fuelwood harvesting may be permitted subject to the mitigation of any impacts on wildlife, preferred Carcross Caribou herd winter habitat, wildlife corridors, habitat connectivity and recreation values.
3. Personal fuelwood harvesting activities should be integrated with fire abatement objectives and programs.
4. **Commercial timber harvesting**, a large scale personal use fuelwood harvesting, and fuel abatement activities may be permitted subject to:
  - a. the requirements of the *Forest Resources Act and Regulations*;
  - b. the mitigation of any impacts on wildlife values; and
  - c. consideration of preferred caribou winter range shown on Map 4, wildlife corridors and habitat connectivity, as outline in Area Wide Policy.
5. Existing access should be used for timber harvesting where possible. The use of established recreational trails should be avoided. If a recreational trail is used or disturbed for timber harvesting, the trail must be rehabilitated by the proponent.
6. Limited development to support cultural or public recreational use, education, habitat rehabilitation or enhancement such as establishment of new trails may be permitted as a discretionary use subject to public consultation and the protection or mitigation of any impacts on wildlife values, including, but not limited to, impacts on preferred Carcross Caribou herd winter habitat shown on Map 4.
7. Hunting and trapping may continue and new trapping areas are permitted, in accordance with s.13 (1) of the *Wildlife Act*.
8. Motorized recreational activity is discouraged between December 1 and April 30.

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<sup>5</sup>If there is a claim in good standing granted through the Yukon Quartz Act and regulations or Yukon Placer Mining Act and regulations, that right has to be respected but the right also has to respect the planning regimes that have been put in place.