



photo: Taoya Schaefer

NEW MANAGEMENT DIRECTION

Over a 16 year period, the Section 58 order in the Upper Forster Creek drainage has been largely unsuccessful and user conflicts are increasing as use patterns change and the popularity of snowmobiling continues to grow. The Province has reviewed the existing closures on the Catamount and North Star Glaciers in consultation with local stakeholder groups in order to:

- Address longstanding conflicts between snowmobilers and skiers.
- Protect sensitive subalpine areas with high non-motorized summer season recreation values from uncontrolled off-highway vehicle (OHV) use during the snow-free season.



photo: Scott Barsby - Forster Creek Cabin

WHERE CAN I RIDE?

Q: Where can I snowmobile now?

A: *The groomed Forster Creek Trail, and the Forster Meadows past the warming shelter are popular for beginner and intermediate riders. Riders with advanced skill levels can access Thunderwater and Whirlpool Lakes.*

Q: Are the Catamount and North Star Glaciers open for snowmobiling?

A: *Catamount Glacier (Area 2) is open for snowmobiling on February 15 until May 31. The terrain is for advanced riders who have glacier travel experience. No shelter is available.*

North Star Glacier (Area 3) remains closed to motorized use year round.

Closure areas will be monitored regularly and enforced as required.



photo: Scott Barsby

Q: What other areas are available for snowmobiling?

A: *Several other areas are noted for snowmobiling:*

- Brewer Creek** south of Invermere is an ungroomed valley leading to an open basin.
- Rocky Point Creek** is located in the Bugaboo Ck area . It provides ungroomed advanced riding leading to an open ridge adjacent to Bugaboo Provincial Park.
- McMurdo Creek/Silent Pass** located west of Parson is a groomed trail along the Spillimacheen Forest Service Road. The last 4kms to Silent Pass is not groomed.
- Paradise Mine** provides scenic riding to an alpine basin. Check in at Toby Creek Adventures office.

WHAT CAUSES AVALANCHES?

YOU

OVER 90%
OF RECREATIONAL
FATALITIES
ARE TRIGGERED BY
THE PEOPLE INVOLVED

REDUCE YOUR RISKS

Knowledge, planning and carrying the proper safety equipment for self rescue are the keys

EDUCATE YOURSELF

KNOW THE AVALANCHE CONDITIONS
RECOGNIZE AVALANCHE TERRAIN

Canadian Avalanche Centre
www.avalanche.ca

In case of an emergency call 911

**Please report all forest fires.
Phone toll-free: 1 800 663 5555**

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Forster Creek Recreation Area

Visitors Map and Guide



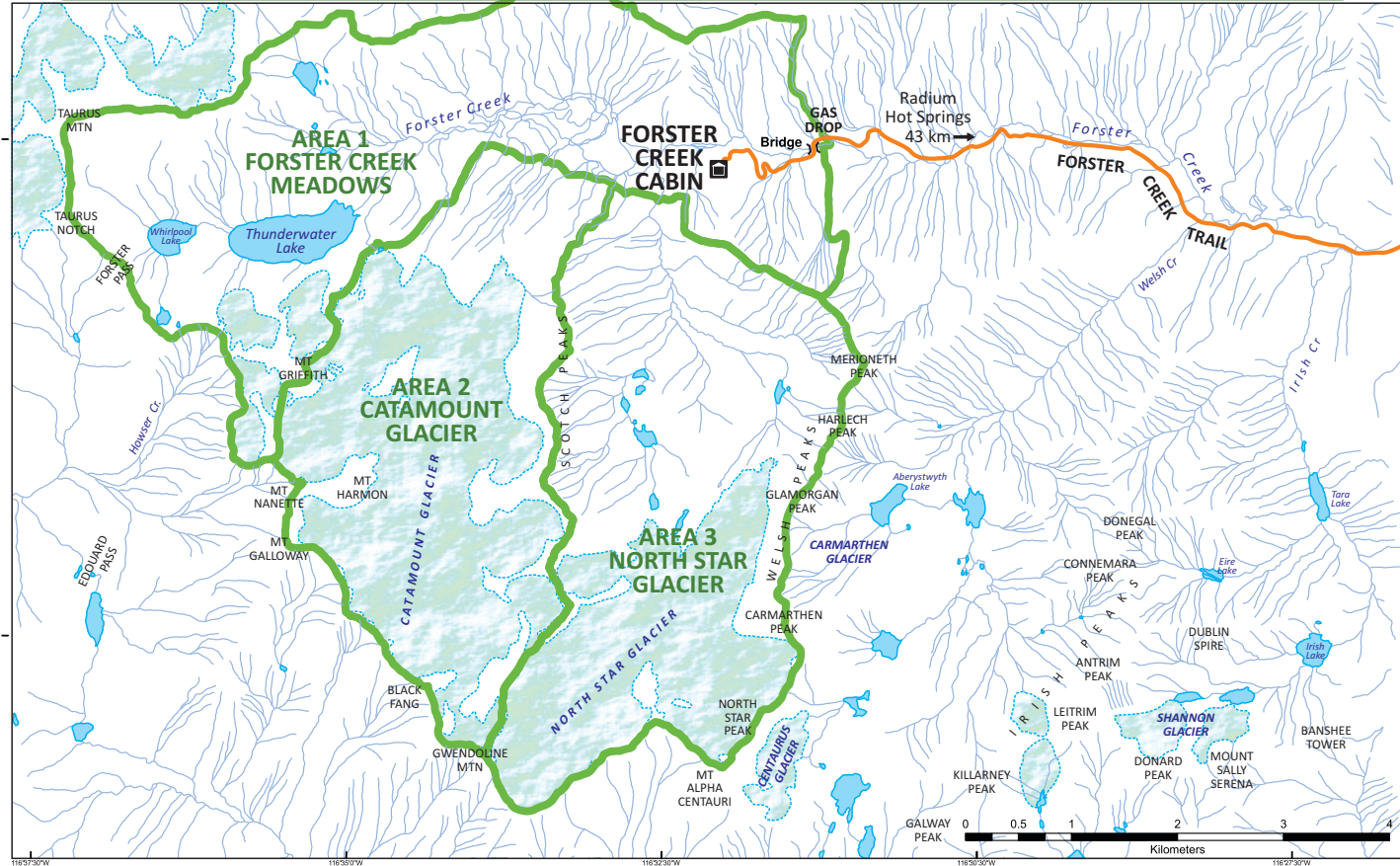
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Catamount - North Star Glaciers Motorized Use Restrictions



The area is served by this amended Recreation Order S.58(1)(b) FRPA as follows:

Area 1 - Forster Creek Meadows: Closed to motorized use June 1st to November 30th annually. (No motorized use permitted past the summer roads end during these dates.)

Area 2 - Catamount Glacier: Closed to motorized use from June 1st to February 14th annually. (Open to snowmobiling Feb 15th to May 31st, strictly enforced)

Area 3 - North Star Glacier: Closed to motorized use January 1st to December 31st annually. (No snowmobiling permitted in this area, strictly enforced)

Compliance, education and enforcement activities will be prominent.

Located in the Purcell Mountains of southeastern BC, Forster Creek is located near Radium Hot Springs, which serves as a popular destination for both winter and summer recreation.

RIDE RESPONSIBLY

- The future recreation access to this area depends on YOU!
- Respect the land, the wildlife and the rights of others.
- This area is the water source for the Village of Radium Hot Springs - **Respect the watershed**
- You pack it in, you pack it out.

The Forster Creek cabin is open for day use. Other cabins in the area are not for day use, but are available by reservation.



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