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## **Amendment to the Southern Rocky Mountain Management Plan**

This amendment reflects the February, 2010 decision by the Government of the Province of British Columbia to remove mining, oil and gas, and coal exploration and development as permissible land uses in the Flathead River Watershed, in support of the British Columbia - Montana *Memorandum of Understanding and Cooperation on Environmental Protection, and Climate Action and Energy* of February 18, 2010.

This decision was enabled through:

- Order in Council 089 under authority of the *Environment and Land Use Act* (the Flathead Watershed Area Order)
- An amendment to the Mineral and Coal Land Reserve Regulation under authority of the *Mineral Tenure Act*.
- The issuance of a 'no-disposition notice' by the Director of Petroleum Lands to remove Crown oil and gas reserves from availability for disposition under the *Petroleum and Natural Gas Act*.

Chapter 3.1 Minerals and Coal of the Southern Rocky Mountain Management Plan is amended by replacing maps B.3.1.1 Mineral 2 Zone and B.3.1.2 ERDZ Coal with new maps dated May 19, 2010.

Chapter 3.2 Oil and Gas of the Southern Rocky Mountain Management Plan is amended by adding a statement that the Flathead Watershed Area is not open for Crown oil and gas tenuring and including a new map B.3.2.1 Oil and Gas Zone.

The new maps exclude the area of the Flathead River Watershed in BC.

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