

WILDLIFE SURVEY

G.M.Z. #8 & #9

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During 22nd-24th March, 1976 inclusive, a helicopter survey of moose winter ranges was flown in the eastern portion of G.M.Z. #9 and the adjacent portion of G.M.Z. #8.

Over the area surveyed, moose had abandoned winter ranges. Occasional individuals, cow-calf pairs and fresh sign was evident between 4000 and 5000 foot elevations. Only thirty-three moose were observed due to heavy forest cover, and with a few exceptions all were in the sub-alpine zone. Good segregations were, for the same reason, not possible, - our being able to identify with certainty - 2 cow-calf pairs.

The only evidence of wolves observed was a fresh track of one animal on an alpine ridge north of Squan Lake in G.M.Z. #8, and a lone wolf on a lake 4 miles southwest of McClintock Bay in G.M.Z. #9.

Twenty-two caribou were located in one group in the Jubilee Range. Promising sheep winter ranges in these mountains did not have any sheep on them. Caribou tracks and 4 individuals were seen between the Alaska Highway and the Tagish road. This sign is continuous north of the highway to Judas Creek and over to the upper end of Squanga Lake. (See map.) The main portion of this small group of caribou was not located.

Two golden eagles were seen in the Jubilee Range and one seen just north of Tarfu Lake.