

Background

Crown Land Tenure Application (100254054)

The Upper Dewar Creek and St Mary camps and cabins are for hunt guiding in May and June and September through November under Guide Certificate 400907. The Dewar camp has been in existence for over 25 years. The St Mary camp was established around 2005.

July and August the camps are available for rental to the public for adventure tourism and in support of trail rides conducted in the BC Park's Purcell Wilderness Conservancy adjacent to the Dewar Creek camp and private land downstream of the St Mary camp. Currently no trails on Crown Land affiliated with Certificate 400907 are used for adventure tourism. Only for hunting.

Location

The Upper Dewar camp is located approximately 25 km from the junction of the Dewar and West Fork St Mary roads almost to the road end where the Dewar road meets the Purcell Wilderness Conservancy.

Latitude - 49.895387°

Longitude - -116.466137°

The St Mary camp is located at approximately 3 km on the West Fork St Mary FSR.

Latitude - 49.727575°

Longitude - -116.407416°

Access is via the existing forestry roads. Traffic is limited to forestry operations (Canfor) and public recreational use and is seasonal April to November. Adjacent land use is for hunt guiding under guide outfitter certificate 400809.

Infrastructure

Dewar Creek

- Located approximately 25 km on Dewar Creek FSR.
- Log cookhouse and cook's quarters.
- Log hunter bunkhouse.
- Log guide bunkhouse.
- Tack shed and hay barn.
- Shower house.
- Horse corral – portable steel panels.
- Wired for gas generated power.
- Water supply is a gravity spring.
- Septic is one outhouse. Kitchen grey water is into an underground pit.
- All garbage is hauled out to Marysville dump.

Infrastructure

St Mary

- Located approximately 3 km on West Fork St Mary FSR.

- Two log bunkhouses
- Generator building
- Septic is two outhouses – one for each cabin.
- Rail horse corral
- Wired for gas generated power
- Water supply is gravity spring
- All garbage is hauled to Marysville dump

First Nations

No contact.

Environmental

The camp locations are in previous clear-cut areas utilizing existing logging landings and skid trails. Cabins are all above high water mark, outside of riparian zones and greater than 100 m from any stream. No pesticides or herbicides are used. Camps are located where they are not visible from roads. No archaeological sites are known to exist in either camp area. Construction of cabins is log and/or wood framed.

The only atmospheric impacts are smoke from wood heat.

There are no water or land covered by water impacts.

No disturbance to fish or wildlife habitat. The camps are located above ungulate winter range in historic clear-cut areas.

Noxious weed management – horses are fed certified weed free export hay from Creston.

Socio-Community

Cabins for guided hunting and adventure tourism rental. No demand on fire protection or emergency services.