

Beaver Lodge lands, Campbell River, BC 03/25/20
15°C 12:00 - 19:00

Riparian/Harvested



Elk trails follow riparian zone only through Harvested area and into forest

Deer trails widespread in forest and Harvested area
Elk possibly spent time in Riparian zone last summer, then moved along stream bed East or West

Elk sign not present outside of riparian tall shrub/tree cover
Deer sign abundant in forest and harvested area.

- At dusk deer heard moving out of Alder Thicket
- Abundant deciduous shrubs leafing in Riparian zone
- Willow shrubs / salmonberry / Alder / maple abundant in R zone
- Not as much deer sign in Riparian zone, though deer tracks present and trails. Too wet? scat submerged in water?
- maybe deer don't stay because too wet to bed down?

<u>Forest</u>	<u>Harvested</u>	<u>Riparian</u>
Shrubs > 50%	Shrubs $\approx$ 30%	Shrubs $\approx$ 30%
Trees > 80%	grasses < 10%	grass $\approx$ 40%
grass < 1%	Trees < 20%	Trees > 40%
Deer scat High	Deer scat Moderate	Deer scat low
Elk None	Elk scat None	Elk scat Moderate

- Do elk and deer partition resources? Browse vs grass?
- Do elk and deer tolerate each other?
- Elk must use forest in winter... why no sign?