

Granby River Deer Count 2017

On August 31, 2017, Wildlife Biologists Aaron Reid and Craig McLean conducted a spotlight ground count from a vehicle of white-tailed deer along the Granby River north of Grand Forks. The survey followed the route established in 1999, starting at the junction of the Granby Rd and Valley Heights Dr travelling north up the east side of the Granby River crossing over the Granby River onto the Brown Ck bridge, then down the west side to Hardy Mtn road and over Hardy Mtn terminating at the junction of Reservoir and Canning Rd (Figure 1).

The survey started at 7:58 pm and ended at 10:25pm with the weather mild and clear. This year's count represents the 12th count over a 13 year period. We observed 222 white-tailed deer while spotlighting agricultural fields and riparian areas. The 2017 count was higher than the previous years but was within normal range for the survey (Table 1).

Figure 1: The survey route we followed to count white-tailed deer north of Grand Forks along the Granby River.

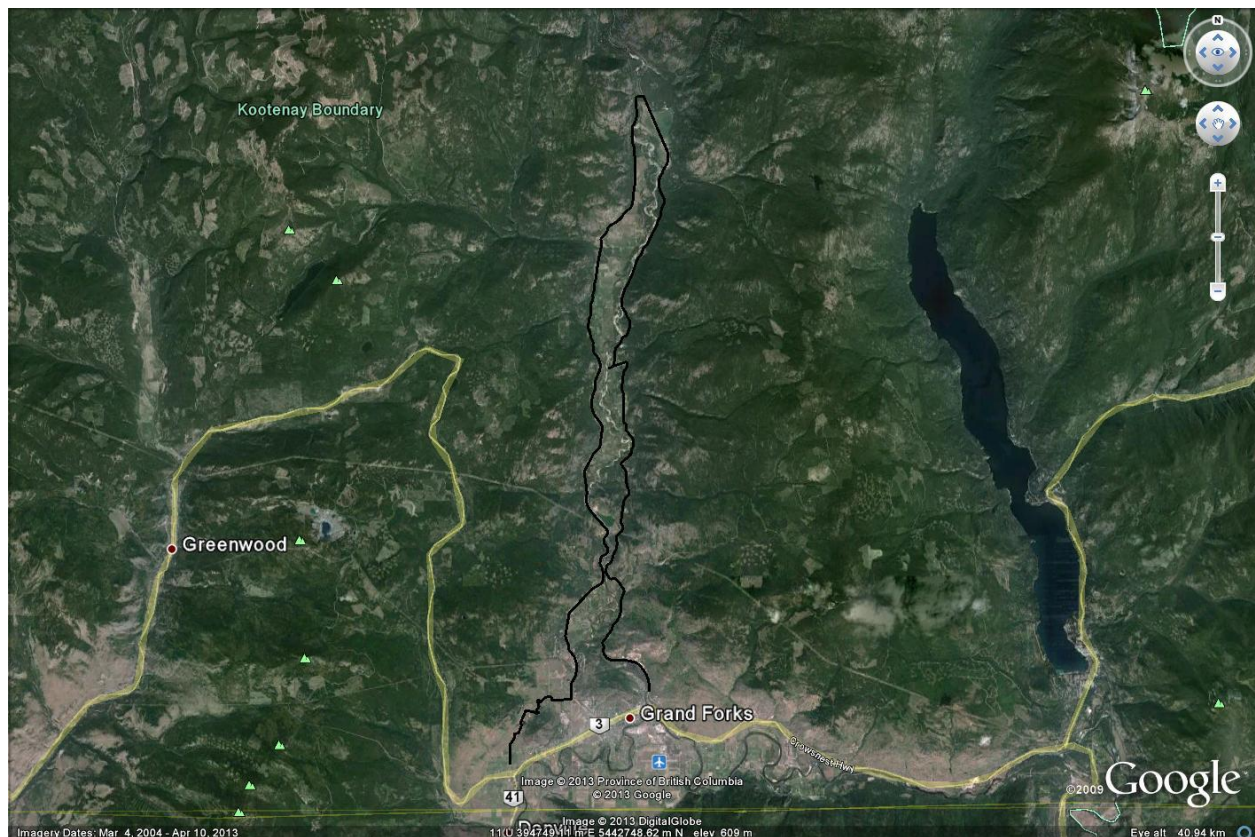


Table 1: The total count of white-tailed deer observed along the Granby River north of Grand Forks between 1999 and 2017.

Historic Counts:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Count</u>
1999	234
2004	204
2005	163
2006	140
2007	115
2008	146
2009	134
2010	166
2011	143
2012	132
2013	146
2014	156
2016	121
2017	222

