

3. State Government Notice of Intended Rulemaking

a. Date on which the Notice of Intent containing all of the information required by W.S. 16-3-103(a) was filed with the Secretary of State :	November 15, 2013
b. Date on which the Notice of Intent and proposed rules in strike and underscore format and a clean copy were provided to the Legislative Service Office :	November 15, 2013
c. Date on which the Notice of Intent and proposed rules in strike and underscore format and a clean copy were provided to the Attorney General :	November 15, 2013

4. Public Notice of Intended Rulemaking

a. Notice was mailed 45 days in advance to all persons who made a timely request for advance notice. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
b. A public hearing was held on the proposed rules. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

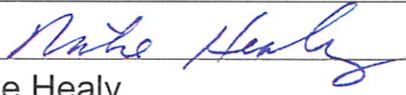
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5. Final Filing of Rules

a. Date on which the Certification Page with original signatures and final rules were sent to the Attorney General's Office for the Governor's signature :	January 23, 2014
b. Date on which final rules were sent to the Legislative Service Office :	January 23, 2014
c. Date on which a PDF of the final rules was electronically sent to the Secretary of State :	January 23, 2014

6. Agency/Board Certification

The undersigned certifies that the foregoing information is correct.

Signature of Authorized Individual <i>(Blue ink as per Rules on Rules, Section 7)</i>	
Printed Name of Signatory	Mike Healy
Signatory Title	President, Wyoming Game and Fish Commission
Date of Signature	January 22, 2014

7. Governor's Certification

I have reviewed these rules and determined that they:

1. Are within the scope of the statutory authority delegated to the adopting agency;
2. Appear to be within the scope of the legislative purpose of the statutory authority; and, if emergency rules,
3. Are necessary and that I concur in the finding that they are an emergency.

Therefore, I approve the same.

Governor's Signature	
Date of Signature	

Attorney General: 1. Statement of Reasons; 2. Original Certification Page; 3. Summary of Comments (regular rules); 4. Hard copy of rules: clean and strike/underscore; and 5. Memo to Governor documenting emergency (for emergency rules only).

LSO: 1. Statement of Reasons; 2. Copy of Certification Page; 3. Summary of Comments (regular rules); 4. Hard copy of rules: clean and strike/underscore; 5. Electronic copy of rules: clean and strike/underscore; and 6. Memo to Governor documenting emergency (for emergency rules only).

SOS: 1. PDF of clean copy of rules; and 2. Hard copy of Certification Page as delivered by the AG.

STATEMENT OF REASONS
WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION
CHAPTER 3
BLACK BEAR HUNTING SEASONS

W.S. §23-1-302(a)(i) directs and empowers the Commission to fix seasons and bag limits, shorten or close seasons on any species or sex of wildlife for any type of legal weapon, except predatory animals, predacious birds, protected animals and protected birds, in any specified locality of Wyoming, and to give notice thereof.

The Wyoming Game and Fish Commission promulgates Chapter 3, Black Bear Hunting Seasons, to establish limitations on the take of black bears during the spring and fall hunting seasons.

Section 4. Edits are proposed to delete the legal hours to take a black bear and bag and possession limits since this information is already available in Commission Regulation Chapter 2, General Hunting Regulation. Additional edits have been made to information required at the time a harvested bear is registered.

Section 5. Edits have been made to allow for black bear bait site registrations at any Department Regional Office and covering all black bear hunt areas.

Section 6. Edits have been made to indicate which black bear hunt areas are closed to baiting, and the type of baits allowed.

Section 9. The term “quota” is being replaced with “limit”.

Section 10. The previous three year harvest information is not yet available at the time this draft regulation is being made available for public comment. Any additional proposed season date changes or annual female mortality limits will be made available to the public for comment during all public meetings held around the state. Hunt Area 12 has been added.

Section 13. Some hunt area boundary descriptions have been modified for clarification. A boundary description for the new Hunt Area 12 is being provided. Additional hunt area boundary descriptions may be modified pending analysis of harvest data.

Section 14. Savings Clause is being deleted in compliance with the Governor’s rules initiative.

Minor grammatical and formatting edits have been incorporated to provide additional clarity but do not change the intent of the rules and regulations.

Public Information Gathering Meeting Dates and Times

Chapter 3, Black Bear Hunting Seasons – Only

December 10, 2013	6:30 p.m.	Jackson	Jackson Regional Office
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Chapters 10, 25, 33, 37 and 45

December 3, 2013	6:30 p.m.	Jackson	Jackson Regional Office
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Chapters 3, 10, 25, 33, 37 and 45

November 26, 2013	6:00 p.m.	Lander	Lander Regional Office
December 3, 2013	6:00 p.m.	Cody	Cody Bighorn Federal Bank
December 5, 2013	4:00 p.m.	Sheridan	Sheridan Regional Office
December 11, 2013	6:00 p.m.	Casper	Casper Regional Office
December 10, 2013	7:00 p.m.	Green River	Green River Regional Office
December 16, 2013	7:00 p.m.	Laramie	Laramie Regional Office
December 17, 2013	6:00 p.m.	Pinedale	Pinedale Regional Office

The State of Wyoming supports the ADA. Anyone requesting auxiliary aids should contact the Wyoming Game and Fish Department at 307-777-4501. Every effort will be made for reasonable accommodations.

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

CHAPTER 3

BLACK BEAR HUNTING SEASONS

Section 1. Authority. This regulation is promulgated by authority of W.S. §23-1-302 and W.S. §23-2-104.

Section 2. Hunting Seasons Established. There shall be open seasons for the hunting of black bear as set forth in this chapter and in accordance with Chapter 2, General Hunting Regulations.

Section 3. Definitions. Definitions shall be as set forth in Title 23, Wyoming Statutes, Commission regulations, and the Commission also adopts the following definitions:

(a) “Baiting” means placing or utilizing a processed bait or an unprocessed bait as a lure or attractant for the purpose of taking black bear.

(b) “Cub” means any black bear less than one (1) year old.

(c) “Immediately” means following the observation of a grizzly bear using a bait, the person registering the bait, the person placing the bait or the person hunting over the bait shall report, without delay, said use to the Wyoming Game and Fish Department. Immediately also means any person taking a grizzly bear shall report, without delay, to the Wyoming Game and Fish Department in accordance with Section 12 of this regulation.

(d) “Mortality” means any legal or illegal human caused female black bear death, excluding female black bears taken by the Department, female black bears taken under the authority of W.S. § 23-3-115(a) and known natural and accidental female black bear deaths.

(e) “Processed bait” means a nontoxic biodegradable substance. A chemical used as an attractant or mask rather than for consumption shall not be considered a processed bait.

(f) “Prohibited bait” means big game animals, small game animals, game birds, game fish, protected animals, protected birds or parts thereof placed for the purpose of attracting a bear.

(g) “Unprocessed bait” means livestock or livestock parts that have not been processed for human consumption, or wildlife or wildlife parts that are not otherwise prohibited in Section 3(f). A chemical used as an attractant or mask rather than for consumption shall not be considered an unprocessed bait.

(h) “Water” means permanent rivers, streams, lakes or ponds.

Section 4. Hunting Regulations.

(a) Hunters may take any black bear except cubs and female black bears with cubs at side.

(b) Registering Kills. A hunter taking a black bear shall retain the pelt and skull from each black bear taken for registration purposes. Even if the skull is damaged, it shall accompany the pelt. Visible external evidence of sex shall remain naturally attached to the pelt. Within three (3) days, (seventy-two (72) hours), after taking a black bear, the licensee shall present the pelt and skull to a district game warden, district wildlife biologist or Department personnel at a Game and Fish Department Regional Office during business hours for registration. The pelt and skull shall be presented in an unfrozen condition in order to

allow collection of two (2) premolar teeth to be utilized to determine the age of the black bear and to allow examination of the pelt to determine the sex and lactation status of the black bear. A hunter taking a black bear in designated wilderness areas in hunt areas 13, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 or 28 shall report their harvest by telephone or in person within three (3) days, (seventy-two (72) hours) and shall present the pelt and skull to a district game warden, district wildlife biologist or Department personnel at a Game and Fish Regional Office during business hours for registration within ten (10) days from the date of harvest. The hunter making the telephone report shall contact a district game warden, district wildlife biologist or Department personnel at a Game and Fish Department Regional Office with their name, license number, date of kill, sex of bear and the general location of the kill site (drainage). At the time of registration, the licensee shall furnish the Department their license number, date of kill and the location of the site of kill to include hunt area, section, township and range or UTM coordinates.

(i) Any person who makes a false statement on the registration form shall be in violation of this regulation and such violation shall be punishable as provided by Title 23, Wyoming Statutes for violation of Commission regulations.

Section 5. Registration, Number, Placement, Removal and Identification of Baits on Federal or State Lands. The provisions in this section shall only apply to the registration, number, placement, removal and identification of baits on federal lands or state lands, including lands owned or administered by the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission.

(a) Registration of bait site(s).

(i) A person may register the same bait site(s) he registered in the previous calendar year by telephone, mail or facsimile. Bait site registration may be applied for in person or by a representative of the applicant. Persons who had a bait site(s) registered the previous calendar year shall receive preference during March 1 through March 20 to register the same bait site(s). Applications to register a bait site(s) shall not be accepted by the Department prior to 8:00 a.m. March 1, or 8:00 a.m. of the first business day following March 1 if March 1 occurs on a day when Regional Game and Fish Department Offices are closed. If March 20 occurs on a day when Game and Fish Department Regional Offices are closed, applications to register a bait site shall be accepted up to 5:00 p.m. on the next business day. Bait sites that are not renewed during the preference period shall be available for registration beginning April 1.

(ii) A person who registers a bait site(s) for the first time shall only register in person or by a representative of the applicant beginning April 1 at 8:00 a.m. for the current calendar year. If April 1 occurs on a day when the Game and Fish Department Regional Offices are closed, applications to register a bait site shall be accepted beginning at 8:00 a.m. on the next business day. Applications for bait site registration shall be accepted only if a bait site location is available. Following the preference period, first time registration of a bait site shall be accepted on a first come, first served basis.

(iii) A person shall not change a registered bait site location during the calendar year for which the bait site was registered by the Department.

(iv) A registered bait site shall not be transferred to another person in the same calendar year in which the bait site was registered.

(v) Bait site(s) registration shall be valid for the calendar year in which the site(s) was registered.

(vi) Prior to placement of a bait(s), the bait site(s) registration shall be approved by the Department.

(A) To register a bait site(s), an applicant or representative of an applicant registering the bait site(s) shall provide all information required on the bait site registration form. Any

person who makes a false statement on the bait site registration form shall be in violation of this regulation and such violation shall be punishable as provided by Title 23, Wyoming statutes for violation of Commission regulations.

(B) The Department shall review the information provided on the bait site(s) registration form. If the Department approves the bait site registration, the applicant shall be furnished a copy indicating the site has been approved. The registration form shall include the name, address, telephone number and valid Wyoming black bear hunting license number of the person desiring to register the bait; and, the name of the person registering the bait site(s) if the registration is by a representative other than a licensed outfitter. If a licensed outfitter desires to utilize the bait site(s) for outfitting black bear hunters, the outfitter's license number shall be furnished in lieu of the valid Wyoming black bear hunting license number. The registration form shall include the legal description of the bait site location to include the range, township, section and quarter section or UTM coordinates. A registration form which has not been completed with all required information shall not be considered a valid registration and shall be denied by the Department.

(vii) Registrations for bait site(s) in black bear hunt areas shall be presented to the Regional Wildlife Supervisor or his designee as follows: See Section 6 for areas closed to black bear baiting and restrictions on the use of bait.

Regional Offices	Black Bear Hunt Areas
Casper	7, 33, 35
Cody	1, 3, 5, 27
Green River	9, 10, 11, 12, 19, 35
Jackson	14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 24, 29, 30
Lander	13, 23, 28, 31, 35
Laramie	7, 8, 9, 35
Pinedale	14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 24, 29, 30, 35
Sheridan	2, 4, 6, 35

(b) Number of black bear baits and bait density. No hunter shall register or place more than two (2) baits during the calendar year. A person licensed as an outfitter in Wyoming for the current year shall place no more than two (2) baits per black bear hunting client during the calendar year. Bait density shall be no more than one (1) bait per section as illustrated on U.S. Forest Service or Bureau of Land Management maps.

(c) Placement and removal of baits. No person shall place a bait or hunt over a bait that is not enclosed in a rigid container(s) of wood, metal or plastic not to exceed a combined total of eight (8) cubic feet, the approximate size of a fifty-five (55) gallon drum. Holes in containers shall be smooth and not constructed to function as a trap. No person shall place a bait or hunt over a bait that has not been registered with the Department in accordance with this regulation. No person shall place a bait or hunt over a bait that is less than two hundred (200) yards from water; less than two hundred (200) yards from roads or pack trails; nor less than one-half (1/2) mile from a developed campground, picnic ground or building. Upon request, persons placing bait(s) shall be required to escort the Regional Wildlife Supervisor or his designee to the bait site(s). No person shall place a bait within a hunt area more than seven (7) days prior to the opening day of the black bear special archery or general season as listed in Section 10 of this regulation. Registered baits placed in the spring season, including all containers and bait materials, shall be removed within seven (7) days after the close of the spring season as listed in Section 10 of this regulation. Registered baits placed in the fall season, including all containers and bait materials, shall be removed within seven (7) days after the close of the fall season as listed in Section 10 of this regulation. Burial of the bait shall be specifically prohibited and shall not constitute removal of the bait.

(d) Identification of bait site(s). The name and address or the current year's black bear license number of the person who registered the bait, or the name and address or current year's outfitter's license

number of the licensed outfitter registering the bait site(s) shall be legible and permanently affixed to or painted on the outside of the container(s) enclosing the bait.

Section 6. Areas Opened and Areas Closed to Black Bear Baiting; Restrictions on Use of Processed and Unprocessed Baits.

(a) All black bear hunt areas shall be open to the baiting of black bear except those hunt areas and those portions of hunt areas listed in this section.

(i) Black Bear Hunt Areas 22, 25, 26, 32 and that portion of Black Bear Hunt Area 23 on U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management and State lands, including lands administered by the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission, shall be closed to baiting.

(ii) That portion of Black Bear Hunt Area 27 north and west of the Wood River on U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management and State lands including lands administered by the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission, shall be closed to baiting.

(iii) That portion of Black Bear Hunt Area 28 on the Shoshone National Forest north of Pelham Lake, Pelham Lake Creek and Lava Mountain shall be closed to baiting.

(iv) Those portions of Black Bear Hunt Areas 7 and 35 on the Pole Mountain Unit of the Medicine Bow National Forest shall be closed to baiting.

(v) All designated Wilderness Areas in National Forests shall be closed to baiting. Hunters should check maps of designated Wilderness Areas at the Wyoming Game and Fish Department's Headquarters or Regional Offices.

(vi) The primary conservation area for grizzly bears shall be closed to baiting and no bait registrations shall be issued within that area. Hunters may view a map of the primary conservation area for grizzly bears on the Wyoming Game and Fish Department's website at <http://wgfd.wyo.gov>.

(vii) Areas administered by the U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management or the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission in which human access has been restricted to protect wintering wildlife shall be closed. Such areas, if not already closed by this section, shall be closed to black bear baiting during the time period for which the areas have been closed to human access.

(b) Only unprocessed baits shall be utilized for the baiting of black bears in the following black bear hunt areas and in accordance with the provisions of this regulation.

(i) Black Bear Hunt Area 18 and those portions of Hunt Areas 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 27, 28 and 29 in which bear baiting is not excluded by Section 6(a).

(c) Processed or unprocessed baits shall be utilized for the baiting of black bears in the following black bear hunt areas, in accordance with the provisions of this regulation.

(i) Black Bear Hunt Areas 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 30, 31, 33, 35.

Section 7. Reporting Use of Bait by a Grizzly Bear. Any person registering a bait site, placing a bait, hunting at a bait site or witnessing the use of a bait site by a grizzly bear shall immediately report use of the bait by a grizzly bear to the Wyoming Game and Fish Department (1-877-WGFD-TIP). Regardless of the land status albeit Federal, State or private, no person shall hunt black bear over a bait site utilized by a grizzly bear for the remainder of the current black bear hunting season. The bait site(s) shall be closed for

the remainder of the current black bear hunting season and the bait shall be removed as soon as possible by personnel of the Wyoming Game and Fish Department.

Section 8. Prohibited Bait. No person shall place any prohibited bait for the purpose of baiting black bears. Baiting for black bear with a substance other than defined as a bait in Section 3 or in a manner other than as specified in Section 5 shall be prohibited on Federal or State lands, including lands administered by the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission. Chemicals used as an attractant or mask rather than for consumption, shall not be considered bait and shall not be prohibited.

Section 9. Area Mortality Limits. The black bear hunting season shall close in each black bear hunt area or group of hunt areas when the female mortality limit specified for the respective hunt area or group of hunt areas has been reached. If the female mortality limit is not reached, the season shall close upon the date specified in Section 10. If the female mortality limits for the spring hunting season are exceeded, the additional mortalities shall be subtracted from the fall mortality limits. Conversely, if female mortality limits in the spring have not been reached, the portion of the limit remaining shall be added to the fall mortality limit. It is the hunter's responsibility to confirm that the hunt area the person intends to hunt is open. The status of hunt area closures shall be available twenty-four (24) hours a day by calling toll free 1-800-264-1280.

Section 10. Hunt Areas, General and Special Archery Season Dates and Limitations.

Hunt Area(s)	Season Dates		Annual Female Mortality Limit
	Special Archery	General	
1, 2	May 1 - 14	May 15 - Jun. 15 Sep. 1 - Oct. 31	8 Spring 6 Fall
3, 4	May 1 - 14	May 15 - Jun. 15 Sep. 1 - Oct. 31	6 Spring 4 Fall
5, 6		May 1 - Jun. 15 Aug. 15 - Nov. 15	2 Spring 2 Fall
7		Apr. 15 - May 31 Sep. 1 - Oct. 31	4 Spring 4 Fall
8	Sep. 15 - 30	Apr. 15 - Jun. 7 Oct. 1 - Oct. 31	5 Spring 6 Fall
9	Apr. 15 - 30 Sep. 1 - 30	May 1 - Jun. 15 Oct. 1 - 31	8 Spring 6 Fall
10	Apr. 15 - 30 Sep. 1 - 30	May 1 - Jun. 15 Oct. 1 - 31	2 Spring 2 Fall
11	Apr. 15 - 30 Aug. 15 - 31	May 1 - Jun. 15 Sep. 1 - Oct. 31	5 Spring 5 Fall
12	Apr. 15 - 30 Sep. 1 - 30	May 1 - Jun. 15 Oct. 1 - 31	1 Spring 1 Fall

Hunt Area(s)	Season Dates		Annual Female Mortality Limit
	Special Archery	General	
13	Apr. 15 - 30	May 1 - Jun. 15 Aug. 1 - 31, valid only in that portion of Area 13 within the Popo Agie Wilderness Sep. 1 - Oct. 31	5 Spring 5 Fall
14, 15, 16, 17, 30	Apr. 15 - 30 Aug. 15 - 31	May 1 - Jun. 15 Sep. 1 - Oct. 31	30 Spring 18 Fall
18, 20, 21, 22, 24, 29	Apr. 15 - 30 Aug. 15 - 31	May 1 - Jun. 15 Sep. 1 - Oct. 31	13 Spring 20 Fall
19	Apr. 15 - 30 Aug. 15 - 31	May 1 - Jun. 15 Sep. 1 - Nov. 15	10 Spring 8 Fall
23	Apr. 15 - 30 Aug. 1 - 14	May 1 - Jun. 15 Aug. 15 - Oct. 31	8 Spring* 12 Fall*
25, 26, 27	Apr. 15 - 30 Aug. 15 - 31	May 1 - Jun. 15 Sep. 1 - Oct. 31	
28	Apr. 15 - 30 Aug. 1 - 14	May 1 - Jun. 15 Aug. 15 - Oct. 31	4 Spring 4 Fall
31	Apr. 15 - 30 Aug. 1 - 14	May 1 - Jun. 15 Aug. 15 - Oct. 31	2 Spring 2 Fall
32	Apr. 15 - 30	May 1 - Jun. 15 Aug. 1 - Nov. 15	
33		Apr. 15 - May 31 Sep. 1 - Oct. 31	3 Spring 2 Fall
35		Apr. 15 - Jun. 15 Aug. 1 - Oct. 31	

*Annual Female Mortality Limit applies to areas 23, 25, 26 and 27 in combination.

Section 11. Special Archery Seasons.

(a) There shall be special archery seasons for the hunting of black bear by the use of legal archery equipment in hunt areas as set forth in Section 10 of this Chapter.

Section 12. Reporting Grizzly Bear Mortalities. Any taking of a grizzly bear shall be reported immediately to the Wyoming Game and Fish Department (1-877-WGFD-TIP).

Section 13. Hunt Area Descriptions.

Hunt Area Number, Name and Description.

Area 1. Northwest Bighorn. Beginning where U.S. Highway 310 crosses the Wyoming-Montana state line; east along said line to the Bighorn Mountain divide; southeasterly along said divide to U.S. Highway 14 at Granite Pass; southerly then westerly along said highway to U. S. Highway 14-16-20; westerly along said highway to U.S. Highway 310; northwesterly along said highway to the Wyoming-Montana state line.

Area 2. Burgess Junction. Beginning where Interstate Highway 90 crosses the Wyoming-Montana state line; southeasterly along said highway to U.S. Highway 14 at the town of

Ranchester; southwesterly along said highway to the Big Horn Mountain Divide at Granite Pass; northwesterly along said divide to the Wyoming-Montana state line; easterly along said line to Interstate Highway 90.

Area 3. Paint Rock. Beginning at the town of Greybull; easterly and northerly along U.S. Highway 14 to the Bighorn Mountain Divide; southerly along said divide to Powder River Pass and U.S. Highway 16; westerly along said highway to the Canyon Creek Road (U.S.F.S. Road 25); southerly along said road to the Gold Mine Road (U.S.F.S. Road 452); southerly along said road to the Big Horn Mountain Divide Road/Hazelton Road (Johnson County Road 3); southerly along said road to the Rome Hill Road (Johnson County Road 3A-Washakie County Road 56); westerly along said road to U.S. Highway 16; westerly along said highway to U.S. Highway 20; westerly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 433; northerly along said highway to U.S. Highway 16-20; northerly along said highway to the town of Greybull.

Area 4. Story. Beginning at Interstate Highway 90 at the town of Ranchester; southeasterly along said highway to Interstate Highway 25; southerly along said highway to Crazy Woman Creek; westerly up said creek to the Middle Fork Crazy Woman Creek; westerly up said creek to Doyle Creek; southwesterly up said creek to Taylor Creek; westerly up said creek to the Bighorn National Forest boundary; westerly along the southern boundary of the Bighorn National Forest to the Hazelton Road (Johnson County Road 3); southwesterly along said road to the Gold Mine Road (becomes U.S.F.S. Road 452); northerly along said road to the Canyon Creek Road (U.S.F.S. Road 25); northerly along said road to U.S. Highway 16; easterly along said highway to the Bighorn Mountain Divide at Powder River Pass; northwesterly along said divide to U.S. Highway 14 at Granite Pass; northeasterly along said highway to Interstate Highway 90 at the town of Ranchester.

Area 5. Upper Nowood. Beginning at the town of Ten Sleep; easterly along U.S. Highway 16 to the Rome Hill Road (Washakie County Road 56-Johnson County Road 3A); easterly along said road to the Big Horn Mountain Divide Road/Hazelton Road (Johnson County Road 3-Washakie County Road 81-Natrona County Road 109); southerly along said road to the Buffalo Creek Road (Natrona County Road 105); southwesterly along said road to the Armino Road (Natrona County Road 104); southerly along said road to Waltman and U.S. Highway 20-26; westerly along said highway to the town of Shoshoni; northerly along U.S. Highway 20 to the eastern boundary of the Wind River Reservation; northerly, then westerly along said boundary to U.S. Highway 20; northerly along said highway to the town of Worland and U.S. Highway 16; easterly along said highway to the town of Ten Sleep.

Area 6. Mayoworth. Beginning where Interstate Highway 25 crosses Crazy Woman Creek; southerly along said highway to the Midwest interchange and the Smoky Gap Road (Natrona County Road 115); westerly along said road to the Dead Horse Road (Natrona County Road 114); southwesterly along said road to the Wild Horse Trail Road (Natrona County Road 113); westerly along said road to the 33 Mile Road (Natrona County Road 110); northwesterly along said road to the Buffalo Creek Road (Natrona County Road 105); southwesterly along said road to the Bighorn Mountain Divide Road/Hazelton Road (Natrona County Road 109-Washakie County Road 81-Johnson County Road 3); northerly along said road to the Bighorn National Forest boundary; easterly along the southern boundary of the Bighorn National Forest to Taylor Creek; easterly down said creek to Doyle Creek; northeasterly down said creek to the Middle Fork Crazy Woman Creek; easterly down said creek to Crazy Woman Creek; easterly down said creek to Interstate Highway 25.

Area 7. Laramie Peak. Beginning at the junction of U.S. Highway 30/287 and Wyoming Highway 487 in the town of Medicine Bow; northerly and westerly along Wyoming Highway 487 to the Lone Tree Road (Bureau of Land Management Road 3141); northerly along said road to the Spring Creek Road; easterly along said road to the Bates Creek Road (Natrona County Road 402); northeasterly along said road to the Squaw Springs Trail Road; northeasterly along said road to U.S.F.S. Road 660; southeasterly along said road to Curry Creek; northwesterly down said creek to Deer Creek; northeasterly down said creek to the confluence of Deer Creek and the North Platte River; easterly and southerly down

said river to Interstate Highway 25 at the city of Douglas; southerly along said highway to Interstate Highway 80; westerly along said highway to U.S. Highway 30/287; northerly and westerly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 487 in the town of Medicine Bow.

Area 8. Snowy Range. Beginning where U.S. Highway 287 crosses the Wyoming-Colorado state line; west along said line to Wyoming Highway 230 west of the North Platte River; northerly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 130; northerly along said highway to U.S. Highway 30; easterly and southerly along said highway to U.S. Highway 287; southerly along said highway to the Wyoming-Colorado state line.

Area 9. Sierra Madre. Beginning where Wyoming Highway 789 crosses the Wyoming-Colorado state line; northerly along said highway to Interstate Highway 80; easterly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 130; southerly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 230; southeasterly along said highway to the Wyoming-Colorado state line; westerly along said line to Wyoming Highway 789.

Area 10. Uinta. Beginning where Interstate Highway 80 crosses the Wyoming-Utah state line; easterly along said highway to the Green River; southerly down said river to the Flaming Gorge Reservoir; southerly along said reservoir to the Wyoming-Utah state line; westerly then northerly along said line to Interstate Highway 80.

Area 11. Smith's Fork. Beginning where Wyoming Highway 89 crosses the Wyoming-Utah state line west of Sage Junction; northerly along said line to the Wyoming-Idaho state line; northerly along said line to the divide between the Bear River and Salt River; easterly along said divide to the divide between the Salt River and Smith's Fork River; northeasterly along said divide to the divide between the Smith's Fork River and Greys River; southeasterly along said divide to LaBarge Creek; southeasterly down said creek to the Green River; southeasterly down said river to the CCC Bridge and the Lincoln-Sweetwater Road (Lincoln County Road 311); westerly along said road to Wyoming Highway 372; westerly along said highway to U.S. Highway 189; westerly then southerly along said highway to U.S. Highway 30; westerly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 89 at Sage Junction; westerly along said highway to the Wyoming-Utah state line.

Area 12. Pine Mountain. Beginning where Interstate Highway 80 crosses the Green River; easterly along said highway to the town of Rock Springs and Wyoming Highway 430; southeasterly along said highway to the Wyoming-Colorado state line; westerly along said line to the Wyoming-Utah state line; westerly along said line to the Flaming Gorge Reservoir; northerly along said reservoir to the Green River; northerly along said river to Interstate Highway 80.

Area 13. Lander. Beginning where U.S. Highway 287 crosses the south boundary of the Wind River Reservation; southerly and easterly along said highway to the Sweetwater River; southwesterly and then northerly up said river to the Sweetwater Gap and the headwaters of the Sweetwater River; westerly from Sweetwater Gap to Mt. Nystrom and the continental divide; northwesterly along said divide to the south boundary of the Wind River Reservation; easterly along said boundary to U.S. Highway 287.

Area 14. South Piney. Beginning where LaBarge Creek enters the Green River; westerly up said creek to the divide between the Green River and Greys River; northerly along said divide to the South Fork of South Cottonwood Creek; easterly down said creek to South Cottonwood Creek; easterly down said creek to Cottonwood Creek; easterly down said creek to the Green River; southerly down said river to LaBarge Creek.

Area 15. Piney-Horse Creek. Beginning where the East Green River Road (Sublette County Road 23-110) joins Wyoming Highway 351; westerly along said highway to the Green River; northerly up said river to Cottonwood Creek; westerly up said creek to South Cottonwood Creek; westerly up said creek to the South Fork of South Cottonwood Creek; westerly up said creek to the divide between the Green

River and Greys River; northerly along said divide to the divide between the Green River and the Hoback River (Hoback Rim); easterly along said divide to U.S. Highway 191; southerly along said highway to the East Green River Road (Sublette County Road 23-110) at Cora Junction; southerly along said road to Wyoming Highway 351.

Area 16. Greys River. All of the drainages of Greys River, Little Greys River and the drainages south of the Snake River from Alpine east to and including Bailey Creek.

Area 17. Hoback. Beginning where U.S. Highway 191 crosses the divide between the Green River and the Hoback River (Hoback Rim); westerly along said divide to the divide between the Greys River and the Hoback River; northerly along said divide to the divide between the Greys River and Willow Creek; northerly along said divide to the divide between Bailey Creek and Willow Creek (Greyback Ridge); northerly along said divide to the divide between Bailey Creek and the Snake River; westerly along said divide to the Snake River; northerly up said river to the Hoback River; southeasterly up said river to Highway 191 at Bondurant; southerly and easterly along said highway to the divide between the Green River and the Hoback River (Hoback Rim).

Area 18. Fall Creek. Beginning where Wyoming Highway 22 crosses the Snake River; southerly and westerly down said river to the Wyoming-Idaho state line; northerly along said line to Wyoming Highway 22; easterly along said highway to the Snake River.

Area 19. Green River. Beginning at the town of Farson; northerly along U.S. Highway 191 to the Sublette County Line (west of Big Sandy Reservoir); westerly along the Sublette County Line to the Green River (north of the town of LaBarge); northerly up said river to Wyoming Highway 351; easterly along said highway to the East Green River Road (Sublette County Road 23-110); northerly along said road to U.S. Highway 191; northwesterly along said highway to the divide between the Green River and the Hoback River (Hoback Rim); northerly along said divide to the divide between the Green River and the Gros Ventre River at Hodges Peak; northeasterly along said divide to the Darwin Ranch road (U.S.F.S. Road 620); easterly along said road to the Union Pass Road (U.S.F.S. Road 600); northeasterly along said road to the Continental Divide; southerly along said divide to Mt. Nystrom; easterly from Mt. Nystrom to Sweetwater Gap and the headwaters of the Sweetwater River; southerly along said river to U.S. Highway 28; southwestly along said highway to the town of Farson.

Area 20. Gros Ventre. Beginning at the southeast corner boundary of the National Elk Refuge near the town of Jackson; northerly along the refuge boundary to the Gros Ventre River; easterly up said river to Kinky Creek; easterly up said creek to the Darwin Ranch Road (U.S.F.S. Road 620); easterly along said road to the divide between the Green River and the Gros Ventre River; southwestly along said divide to the divide between the Green River and the Hoback River at Hodges Peak; southerly along said divide to Highway 191 at Hoback Rim; northerly and westerly along said highway to the Hoback River at Bondurant; westerly down said river to the Snake River; northerly along said river to Wyoming Highway 22; easterly along said highway to Highway 26; northerly along said highway to the National Elk Refuge boundary; easterly along said boundary to the southeast corner of the National Elk Refuge.

Area 21. Conant Basin. Beginning where U.S. Highway 26-287 intersects the south boundary of John D. Rockefeller Memorial Parkway; westerly along said boundary to the Targhee National Forest boundary; southerly along said boundary to the head of the north fork of Teton Creek; westerly down said creek to Teton Creek; westerly down said creek to the Wyoming-Idaho state line; northerly along said line to the Yellowstone National Park boundary; easterly along said boundary to U.S. Highway 26-287; southerly along said highway to the south boundary of John D. Rockefeller Memorial Parkway.

Area 22. Pacific Creek. Beginning where U.S. Highway 26-287 intersects the Grand Teton National Park boundary; northwesterly along said boundary to the John D. Rockefeller Memorial Parkway boundary; westerly along said boundary to U.S. Highway 26-287; northerly along said highway to the Yellowstone National Park boundary; easterly along said boundary to the Continental Divide; southeasterly

along said divide to U.S. Highway 26-287; westerly along said highway to the Grand Teton National Park boundary.

Area 23. Ramshorn. All of the drainage of the Wind River that lies north of U.S. Highway 287 and west of the Wind River Reservation and those areas of the Spence and Moriarity Wildlife Management Area east of the East Fork of the Wind River.

Area 24. Darby Creek. Beginning at the town of Jackson; westerly along Wyoming Highway 22 to the Wyoming-Idaho state line; northerly along said line to Teton Creek; easterly along said creek to the north fork of Teton Creek; northeasterly along said creek to the Grand Teton National Park boundary; southerly and easterly along said boundary to the Snake River; northerly and southerly along said park boundary to U.S. Highway 189; southerly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 22.

Area 25. North Absaroka. Beginning where the east boundary of Yellowstone National Park crosses the Wyoming-Montana state line; easterly along said line to the Shoshone National Forest boundary; southerly along said boundary to U.S. Highway 14-16-20; westerly along said highway to the east boundary of Yellowstone National Park; northerly along said boundary to the Wyoming-Montana state line.

Area 26. South Absaroka. Beginning where the east boundary of Yellowstone National Park crosses U.S. Highway 14-16-20; easterly along said highway to the Shoshone National Forest boundary; southerly along said boundary to the Greybull River; westerly then southerly up said river to the divide between the Greybull River and the Wind River; westerly along said divide to the divide between the South Fork of the Shoshone River and the Wind River; westerly along said divide to the Continental Divide; northwesterly along said divide to the south boundary of Yellowstone National Park; easterly then northerly along said boundary to U.S. Highway 14-16-20.

Area 27. Grass Creek. Beginning where U.S. Highway 120 crosses the Greybull River; southeasterly along said highway to U. S. Highway 20; southerly along said highway to the northern boundary of the Wind River Reservation; westerly along said boundary to the divide between the Wood River and the Wind River; northwesterly along said divide to the divide between the Greybull River and the Wind River; northwesterly along said divide to the Greybull River; northerly then easterly down said river to U.S. Highway 120; and all non-Indian owned fee title lands in that portion of Hot Springs County within the exterior boundaries of the Wind River Reservation.

Area 28. Wind River. Beginning where U.S. Highway 287 crosses the west boundary of the Wind River Reservation; southerly along said boundary to the Continental Divide; northwesterly along said divide to U.S. Highway 287 at Togwotee Pass; southeasterly along said highway to the Wind River Reservation boundary.

Area 29. Spread Creek. Beginning where the Grand Teton National Park boundary crosses the Gros Ventre River; northerly along said boundary to U.S. Highway 26-287; easterly along said highway to Togwotee Pass and the Continental Divide; southerly along said divide to the Union Pass Road (U.S.F.S. Road 600); southwestly along said road to the Darwin Ranch Road (U.S.F.S. Road 620); westerly along said road to Kinky Creek; westerly down said creek to the Gros Ventre River; westerly down said river to the Grand Teton National Park boundary.

Area 30. Star Valley. All of the drainage of the Salt River east of the Wyoming-Idaho state line.

Area 31. Crowheart Butte. All non-Indian owned fee title lands in that portion of Fremont County within the exterior boundaries of the Wind River Reservation, and all lands within the Bureau of Reclamation's Riverton and Boysen Unit boundaries, and those lands within Boysen State Park south of Cottonwood Creek, west of Boysen Reservoir, and south of U.S. Highway 20-26; excluding those areas of the Spence and Moriarity Wildlife Management Area that lie east of the East Fork of the Wind River.

Area 32. Cody. Beginning where the east boundary of the Shoshone National Forest boundary meets the Wyoming-Montana state line; easterly along said line to U.S. Highway 310; southeasterly along said highway to U.S. Highway 14-16-20; easterly along said highway to U.S. Highway 16-20; southerly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 433; southerly along said highway to U.S. Highway 20; southerly along said highway to U.S. Highway 120; northwesterly along said highway to the Greybull River; southwesterly up said river to the Shoshone National Forest Boundary; northerly along said boundary to the Wyoming-Montana state line.

Area 33. Casper Mountain. Beginning at the confluence of the North Platte River and Deer Creek at the town of Glenrock; southerly up said creek to the confluence of Curry Creek and Deer Creek; southeasterly up Curry Creek to U.S.F.S. Road 660; northwesterly along said road to the Squaw Springs Trail Road; southwesterly along said road to the Bates Creek Road (Natrona County Road 402); southwesterly along said road to the Spring Creek Road; westerly along said road to the Lone Tree Road (Bureau of Land Management Road 3141); southerly along said road to Wyoming Highway 487; northerly and westerly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 220; northerly and easterly along said highway to the Casper city limits; northerly along said city limits to the North Platte River; easterly along said river to Deer Creek.

Area 35. The entire State of Wyoming excluding lands included in Areas 1-33, Grand Teton National Park and the National Elk Refuge.

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

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WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

CHAPTER 3

BLACK BEAR HUNTING SEASONS

Section 1. Authority. This regulation is promulgated by authority of W.S. §23-1-302 and W.S. §23-2-104.

Section 2. Hunting Seasons Established. There shall be open seasons for the hunting of black bear as set forth in this chapter **and in accordance with Chapter 2, General Hunting Regulations.** ~~This regulation shall remain in effect until modified or repealed by the Commission.~~

Section 3. Definitions. ~~For the purpose of this regulation, definitions~~ **Definitions** shall be as set forth in Title 23, Wyoming Statutes, **Commission regulations,** and the Commission also adopts the following definitions:

(a) “Baiting” means placing or utilizing a processed bait or an unprocessed bait as a lure or attractant for the purpose of taking black bear.

(b) “Cub” means any black bear less than one (1) year old.

(c) “Immediately” means following the observation of a grizzly bear using a bait, the person registering the bait, the person placing the bait or the person hunting over the bait shall report, without delay, said use to the Wyoming Game and Fish Department. Immediately also means any person taking a grizzly bear shall report, without delay, to the Wyoming Game and Fish Department in accordance with Section 12 of this regulation.

(d) “Mortality” means any legal or illegal human caused female black bear death, excluding female black bears taken by the Department, female black bears taken under the authority of W.S. § 23-3-115(a) and known natural and accidental female black bear deaths.

(e) “Processed bait” means a nontoxic biodegradable substance. A chemical used as an attractant or mask rather than for consumption shall not be considered a processed bait.

(f) “Prohibited bait” means big game animals, small game animals, game birds, game fish, protected animals, protected birds or parts thereof placed for the purpose of attracting a bear.

(g) “Unprocessed bait” means livestock or livestock parts that have not been processed for human consumption, or wildlife or wildlife parts that are not otherwise prohibited in Section 3(f). A chemical used as an attractant or mask rather than for consumption shall not be considered an unprocessed bait.

(h) “Water” means permanent rivers, streams, lakes or ponds.

Section 4. Hunting Regulations.

~~(a) Open Hours for the Taking of Black Bears. Black bears shall only be taken from one half (1/2) hour before sunrise to one half (1/2) hour after sunset.~~

~~(b)(a) Bag and Possession Limits. Bag and possession limits for black bear shall be one (1) black bear during any one (1) calendar year (January 1 – December 31). Hunters may take any black bear except cubs and female black bears with cubs at side.~~

~~(b)~~(b) Registering Kills. A hunter taking a black bear shall retain the pelt and skull from each black bear taken for registration purposes. Even if the skull is damaged, it shall accompany the pelt. Visible external evidence of sex shall remain naturally attached to the pelt. Within three (3) days, (seventy-two (72) hours), after taking a black bear, the licensee shall present the pelt and skull to a district game warden, district wildlife biologist or Department personnel at a Game and Fish Department Regional Office during business hours for registration. The pelt and skull shall be presented in an unfrozen condition in order to allow collection of two (2) premolar teeth to be utilized to determine the age of the black bear and to allow examination of the pelt to determine the sex and lactation status of the black bear. A hunter taking a black bear in designated wilderness areas in hunt areas 13, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 or 28 shall report their harvest by telephone or in person within three (3) days, (seventy-two (72) hours) and shall present the pelt and skull to a district game warden, district wildlife biologist or Department personnel at a Game and Fish Regional Office during business hours for registration within ten (10) days from the date of harvest. The hunter making the telephone report shall contact a district game warden, district wildlife biologist or Department personnel at a Game and Fish Department Regional Office with their name, license number, date of ~~kill~~harvest, sex of bear and the general location of the kill site (drainage). At the time of registration, the licensee shall furnish the Department their license number, ~~the date of kill~~, and the location of the site of kill to include hunt area, section, township and range or UTM coordinates.

(i) Any person who makes a false statement on the registration form ~~regarding the date the black bear was taken or the hunt area in which it was taken~~ shall be in violation of this regulation and such violation shall be punishable as provided by Title 23, Wyoming ~~statutes~~Statutes for violation of Commission regulations.

Section 5. Registration, Number, Placement, Removal and Identification of Baits on Federal or State Lands. The provisions in this section shall only apply to the registration, number, placement, removal and identification of baits on federal lands or state lands, including lands owned or administered by the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission.

(a) Registration of bait site(s).

(i) A person may register the same bait site(s) he registered in the previous calendar year by telephone, mail or facsimile. Bait site registration may be applied for in person or by a representative of the applicant. Persons who had a bait site(s) registered the previous calendar year shall receive preference during March 1 through March 20 to register the same bait site(s). Applications to register a bait site(s) shall not be accepted by the Department prior to 8:00 a.m. March 1, or 8:00 a.m. of the first business day following March 1 if March 1 occurs on a day when Regional Game and Fish Department Offices are closed. If March 20 occurs on a day when Game and Fish Department Regional Offices are closed, applications to register a bait site shall be accepted up to 5:00 p.m. on the next business day. Bait sites that are not renewed during the preference period shall be available for registration beginning April 1.

(ii) A person who registers a bait site(s) for the first time shall only register in person or by a representative of the applicant beginning April 1 at 8:00 a.m. for the current calendar year. If April 1 occurs on a day when the Game and Fish Department Regional Offices are closed, applications to register a bait site shall be accepted beginning at 8:00 a.m. on the next business day. Applications for bait site registration shall be accepted only if a bait site location is available. Following the preference period, first time registration of a bait site shall be accepted on a first come, first served basis.

(iii) A person shall not change a registered bait site location during the calendar year for which the bait site was registered by the Department.

(iv) A registered bait site shall not be transferred to another person in the same calendar year in which the bait site was registered.

(v) Bait site(s) registration shall be valid for the calendar year in which the site(s) was registered.

(vi) Prior to placement of a bait(s), the bait site(s) registration shall be approved by the Department.

(A) To register a bait site(s), an applicant or representative of an applicant registering the bait site(s) shall provide all information ~~that is~~ required on the bait site registration form. Any person who makes a false statement on the bait site registration form shall be in violation of this regulation and such violation shall be punishable as provided by Title 23, Wyoming statutes for violation of Commission regulations.

(B) The Department shall review the information provided on the bait site(s) registration form. If the Department approves the bait site registration, the applicant shall be furnished a copy indicating the site has been approved. The registration form shall include the name, address, telephone number and valid Wyoming black bear hunting license number of the person desiring to register the bait; and, the name of the person registering the bait site(s) if the registration is by a representative other than a licensed outfitter. If a licensed outfitter desires to utilize the bait site(s) for outfitting black bear hunters, the outfitter's license number shall be furnished in lieu of the valid Wyoming black bear hunting license number. The registration form shall include the legal description of the bait site location to include the range, township, section and quarter section or UTM coordinates. A registration form which has not been completed with all required information shall not be considered a valid registration and shall be denied by the Department.

(vii) Registrations for bait site(s) in black bear hunt areas shall be presented to the Regional Wildlife Supervisor or his designee as follows: See Section 6 for areas closed to black bear baiting and restrictions on the use of bait.

Regional Offices	Black Bear Hunt Areas
Casper	7, 33, 35
Cody	1, 3, 5, 27
Green River	9, 10, 11, <u>12</u> , 19, 35
Jackson	14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 24, 29, 30
Lander	13, 23, 28, 31, 35
Laramie	7, 8, 9, 35
Pinedale	14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 24, 29, 30, 35
Sheridan	2, 4, 6, 35
	Areas closed to baiting. See Section 6.

(b) Number of black bear baits and bait density. No hunter shall register or place more than two (2) baits during the calendar year. A person licensed as an outfitter in Wyoming for the current year shall place no more than two (2) baits per black bear hunting client during the calendar year. Bait density shall be no more than one (1) bait per section as illustrated on U.S. Forest Service or Bureau of Land Management maps.

(c) Placement and removal of baits. No person shall place a bait or hunt over a bait that is not enclosed in a rigid container(s) of wood, metal or plastic not to exceed a combined total of eight (8) cubic feet, the approximate size of a fifty-five (55) gallon drum. Holes in containers shall be smooth and not constructed to function as a trap. No person shall place a bait or hunt over a bait that has not been registered with the Department in accordance with this regulation. No person shall place a bait or hunt over a bait that is less than two hundred (200) yards from water; less than two hundred (200) yards from

roads or pack trails; nor less than one-half (1/2) mile from a developed campground, picnic ground or building. Upon request, persons placing bait(s) shall be required to escort the Regional Wildlife Supervisor or his designee to the bait site(s). No person shall place a bait within a hunt area more than seven (7) days prior to the opening day of the black bear special archery or general season as listed in Section 10 of this regulation. Registered baits placed in the spring season, including all containers and bait materials, shall be removed within seven (7) days after the close of the spring season as listed in Section 10 of this regulation. Registered baits placed in the fall season, including all containers and bait materials, shall be removed within seven (7) days after the close of the fall season as listed in Section 10 of this regulation. Burial of the bait shall be specifically prohibited and shall not constitute removal of the bait.

(d) Identification of bait site(s). The name and address or the current year's black bear license number of the person who registered the bait, or the name and address or current year's outfitter's license number of the licensed outfitter registering the bait site(s) shall be legible and permanently affixed to or painted on the outside of the container(s) enclosing the bait.

Section 6. Areas Opened and Areas Closed to Black Bear Baiting; Restrictions on Use of Processed and Unprocessed Baits.

(a) All black bear hunt areas shall be open to the baiting of black bear except those hunt areas and those portions of hunt areas listed in this section.

(i) Black Bear Hunt Areas 22, 25, 26, 32 and that portion of Black Bear Hunt Area 23 on U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management and State lands, including lands administered by the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission, shall be closed to baiting.

(ii) That portion of Black Bear Hunt Area 27 north and west of the Wood River on U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management and State lands including lands administered by the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission, shall be closed to baiting.

(iii) That portion of Black Bear Hunt Area 28 on the Shoshone National Forest north of Pelham Lake, Pelham Lake Creek and Lava Mountain shall be closed to baiting.

(iv) ~~That~~**Those** portions of Black Bear Hunt Areas 7 and 35 on the Pole Mountain Unit of the Medicine Bow National Forest shall be closed to baiting.

(v) All designated Wilderness Areas in National Forests shall be closed to baiting. Hunters should check maps of designated Wilderness Areas at the Wyoming Game and Fish Department's Headquarters or Regional Offices.

(vi) The primary conservation area for grizzly bears shall be closed to baiting.—~~No and no~~ bait registrations shall be issued within ~~the primary conservation area for grizzly bears~~**that area**. Hunters may view a map of the primary conservation area for grizzly bears on the Wyoming Game and Fish Department's website at ~~http://gf.state.wy.us~~**http://wgfd.wyo.gov**.

(vii) Areas administered by the U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management or the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission in which human access has been restricted to protect wintering wildlife shall be closed. Such areas, if not already closed by this section, shall be closed to black bear baiting during the time period for which the areas have been closed to human access.

(b) Only unprocessed baits shall be utilized for the baiting of black bears in the following black bear hunt areas and in accordance with the provisions of this regulation.

(i) Black Bear Hunt Area 18 and those portions of Hunt Areas 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 27, 28 and 29 in which bear baiting is not excluded by Section 6(a).

(c) Processed or unprocessed baits shall be utilized for the baiting of black bears in the following black bear hunt areas, in accordance with the provisions of this regulation.

(i) Black Bear Hunt Areas 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 30, 31, 33, 35.

Section 7. Reporting Use of Bait by a Grizzly Bear. Any person registering a bait site, placing a bait, hunting at a bait site or witnessing the use of a bait site by a grizzly bear shall immediately report use of the bait by a grizzly bear to the Wyoming Game and Fish Department (1-877-WGFD-TIP). Regardless of the land status albeit Federal, State or private, no person shall hunt black bear over a bait site utilized by a grizzly bear for the remainder of the current black bear hunting season. The bait site(s) shall be closed for the remainder of the current black bear hunting season and the bait shall be removed as soon as possible by personnel of the Wyoming Game and Fish Department.

Section 8. Prohibited Bait. No person shall place any prohibited bait for the purpose of baiting black bears. Baiting for black bear with a substance other than defined as a bait in Section 3 or in a manner other than as specified in Section 5 shall be prohibited on Federal or State lands, including lands administered by the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission. Chemicals used as an attractant or mask rather than for consumption, shall not be considered bait and shall not be prohibited.

Section 9. Area Mortality Quota-Limitation Limits. The black bear hunting season shall close in each black bear hunt area or group of hunt areas when the female mortality ~~quota-limit~~ specified for the respective hunt area or group of hunt areas has been reached. If the female mortality ~~quota-limit~~ is not reached, the season shall close upon the date specified in Section 10. If the female mortality ~~quotas-limits~~ for the spring hunting season are exceeded, the additional mortalities shall be subtracted from the fall mortality ~~quotas-limits~~. Conversely, if female mortality ~~quotas-limits~~ in the spring have not been reached, the portion of the ~~quota-limit~~ remaining shall be added to the fall mortality ~~quota-limit~~. It is the hunter's responsibility to confirm that the hunt area the person intends to hunt is open. The status of hunt area closures shall be available twenty-four (24) hours a day by calling toll free 1-800-264-1280.

Section 10. Hunt Areas, General and Special Archery Season Dates and Limitations.

Hunt Area(s)	Season Dates		Annual Female Mortality Quota Limit
	Special Archery	General	
1, 2	May 1 - 14	May 15 - Jun. 15 Sep. 1 - Oct. 31	8 Spring 4 6 Fall
3, 4	May 1 - 14	May 15 - Jun. 15 Sep. 1 - Oct. 31	6 Spring 4 Fall
5, 6		May 1 - Jun. 15 Aug. 15 - Nov. 15	2 Spring 2 Fall
7		Apr. 15 - May 31 Sep. 1 - Oct. 31	3 4 Spring 3 4 Fall
8	Apr. 15 - 30 <u>Apr. 15 - 30</u> Sep.	May 1 - Jun. 7 <u>May 15 - Jun. 7</u> Apr. Oct. 1 - Oct. 31	45 Spring 3 6 Fall
9	Apr. 15 - 30 Sep. 1 - 30	May 1 - Jun. 15 Oct. 1 - 31	8 Spring 6 Fall
10	Apr. 15 - 30 Sep. 1 - 30	May 1 - Jun. 15 Oct. 1 - 31	2 Spring 2 Fall
11	Apr. 15 - 30 Aug. 15 - 31	May 1 - Jun. 15 Sep. 1 - Oct. 31	5 Spring 5 Fall

<u>12</u>	<u>Apr. 15-30</u> <u>Sep. 1 – 30</u>	<u>May 1 – Jun. 15</u> <u>Oct. 1 - 31</u>	<u>1 Spring</u> <u>1 Fall</u>
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Hunt Area(s)	Season Dates		Annual Female Mortality <u>Quota</u> <u>Limit</u>
	Special Archery	General	
13	Apr. 15 - 30	May 1 - Jun. 15 Aug. 1 - 31, valid only in that portion of Area 13 within the Popo Agie Wilderness Sep. 1 - Oct. 31	45 Spring 45 Fall
14, 15, 16, 17, 30	Apr. 15 - 30 Aug. 15 - 31	May 1 - Jun. 15 Sep. 1 - Oct. 31	22 30 Spring 14 18 Fall
18, 20, 21, 22, 24, 29	Apr. 15 - 30 Aug. 15 - 31	May 1 - Jun. 15 Sep. 1 - Oct. 31	13 Spring 20 Fall
19	Apr. 15 - 30 Aug. 15 - 31	May 1 - Jun. 15 Sep. 1 - Nov. 15	10 Spring 8 Fall
23	Apr. 15 - 30 Aug. 1 - 14	May 1 - Jun. 15 Aug. 15 - Oct. 31	8 Spring*
25, 26, 27	Apr. 15 - 30 Aug. 15 - 31	May 1 - Jun. 15 Sep. 1 - Oct. 31	10 12 Fall*
28	Apr. 15 - 30 Aug. 1 - 14	May 1 - Jun. 15 Aug. 15 - Oct. 31	4 Spring 4 Fall
31	Apr. 15 - 30 Aug. 1 - 14	May 1 - Jun. 15 Aug. 15 - Oct. 31	2 Spring 2 Fall
32	Apr. 15 - 30	May 1 - Jun. 15 Aug. 1 - Nov. 15	
33		Apr. 15 - May 31 Sep. 1 - Oct. 31	3 Spring 3 Fall
35		Apr. 15 - Jun. 15 Aug. 1 - Oct. 31	

*~~Quota~~Annual Female Mortality Limit applies to areas 23, 25, 26 and 27 in combination.

Section 11. Special Archery Seasons.

(a) There shall be special archery seasons for the hunting of black bear by the use of legal archery equipment in hunt areas as set forth in Section 10 of this Chapter.

Section 12. Reporting Grizzly Bear Mortalities. Any taking of a grizzly bear shall be reported immediately to the Wyoming Game and Fish Department (1-877-WGFD-TIP).

Section 13. Hunt Area Descriptions.

Hunt Area Number, Name and Description.

Area 1. Northwest Bighorn. Beginning where U.S. Highway 310 crosses the Wyoming-Montana state line; east along said line to the Bighorn Mountain divide; southeasterly along said divide to U.S. Highway 14 at Granite Pass; southerly then westerly along said highway to U. S. Highway 14-16-20; westerly along said highway to U.S. Highway 310; northwesterly along said highway to the Wyoming-Montana state line.

Area 2. Burgess Junction. Beginning where Interstate Highway 90 crosses the Wyoming-Montana state line; southeasterly along said highway to U.S. Highway 14 at the town of Ranchester; southwesterly along said highway to the Big Horn Mountain Divide at Granite Pass; northwesterly along said divide to the Wyoming-Montana state line; easterly along said line to Interstate Highway 90.

Area 3. Paint Rock. Beginning at the town of Greybull; easterly and northerly along U.S. Highway 14 to the Bighorn Mountain Divide; southerly along said divide to Powder River Pass and U.S. Highway 16; westerly along said highway to the Canyon Creek Road (U.S.F.S. Road 25); southerly along said road to the Gold Mine Road (U.S.F.S. Road 452); southerly along said road to the Big Horn Mountain Divide Road/Hazelton Road (Johnson County Road 3); southerly along said road to the Rome Hill Road (Johnson County Road 3A-Washakie County Road 56); westerly along said road to U.S. Highway 16; westerly along said highway to U.S. Highway 20; westerly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 433; northerly along said highway to U.S. Highway 16-20; northerly along said highway to the town of Greybull.

Area 4. Story. Beginning at Interstate Highway 90 at the town of Ranchester; southeasterly along said highway to Interstate Highway 25; southerly along said highway to Crazy Woman Creek; westerly up said creek to the Middle Fork Crazy Woman Creek; westerly up said creek to Doyle Creek; southwesterly up said creek to Taylor Creek; westerly up said creek to the Bighorn National Forest boundary; westerly along the southern boundary of the Bighorn National Forest to the Hazelton Road (Johnson County Road 3); southwesterly along said road to the Gold Mine Road (becomes U.S.F.S. Road 452); northerly along said road to the Canyon Creek Road (U.S.F.S. Road 25); northerly along said road to U.S. Highway 16; easterly along said highway to the Bighorn Mountain Divide at Powder River Pass; northwesterly along said divide to U.S. Highway 14 at Granite Pass; northeasterly along said highway to Interstate Highway 90 at the town of Ranchester.

Area 5. Upper Nowood. Beginning at the town of Ten Sleep; easterly along U.S. Highway 16 to the Rome Hill Road (Washakie County Road 56-Johnson County Road 3A); easterly along said road to the Big Horn Mountain Divide Road/Hazelton Road (Johnson County Road 3-Washakie County Road 81-Natrona County Road 109); southerly along said road to the Buffalo Creek Road (Natrona County Road 105); southwesterly along said road to the Armino Road (Natrona County Road 104); southerly along said road to Waltman and U.S. Highway 20-26; westerly along said highway to the town of Shoshoni; northerly along U.S. Highway 20 to the eastern boundary of the Wind River Reservation; northerly, then westerly along said boundary to U.S. Highway 20; northerly along said highway to the town of Worland and U.S. Highway 16; easterly along said highway to the town of Ten Sleep.

Area 6. Mayoworth. Beginning where Interstate Highway 25 crosses Crazy Woman Creek; southerly along said highway to the Midwest interchange and the Smoky Gap Road (Natrona County Road 115); westerly along said road to the Dead Horse Road (Natrona County Road 114); southwesterly along said road to the Wild Horse Trail Road (Natrona County Road 113); westerly along said road to the 33 Mile Road (Natrona County Road 110); northwesterly along said road to the Buffalo Creek Road (Natrona County Road 105); southwesterly along said road to the Bighorn Mountain Divide Road/Hazelton Road (Natrona County Road 109-Washakie County Road 81-Johnson County Road 3); northerly along said road to the Bighorn National Forest boundary; easterly along the southern boundary of the Bighorn National Forest to Taylor Creek; easterly down said creek to Doyle Creek; northeasterly down said creek to the Middle Fork Crazy Woman Creek; easterly down said creek to Crazy Woman Creek; easterly down said creek to Interstate Highway 25.

Area 7. Laramie Peak. Beginning at the junction of U.S. Highway 30/287 and Wyoming Highway 487 in the town of Medicine Bow; northerly and westerly along Wyoming Highway 487 to the Lone Tree Road (~~BLM~~**Bureau of Land Management** Road 3141); northerly along said road to the Spring Creek Road; easterly along said road to the Bates Creek Road (Natrona County Road 402); northeasterly along said road to the Squaw Springs Trail Road; northeasterly along said road to U.S.F.S. Road 660;

southeasterly along said road to Curry Creek; northwesterly down said creek to Deer Creek; northeasterly down said creek to the confluence of Deer Creek and the North Platte River; easterly and southerly down said river to Interstate Highway 25 at the city of Douglas; southerly along said highway to ~~the Wyoming-Colorado state line~~; westerly along said line to U.S. Highway 287; northerly Interstate Highway 80; westerly along said highway to U.S. Highway 30/287; northerly and westerly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 487 in the town of Medicine Bow.

Area 8. Snowy Range. Beginning where U.S. Highway 287 crosses the Wyoming-Colorado state line; west along said line to Wyoming Highway 230 west of the North Platte River; northerly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 130; northerly along said highway to U.S. Highway 30; easterly and southerly along said highway to U.S. Highway 287; southerly along said highway to the Wyoming-Colorado state line.

Area 9. Sierra Madre. Beginning where Wyoming Highway 789 crosses the Wyoming-Colorado state line; northerly along said highway to Interstate Highway 80; easterly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 130; southerly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 230; southeasterly along said highway to the Wyoming-Colorado state line; westerly along said line to Wyoming Highway 789.

Area 10. Uinta. Beginning where Interstate Highway 80 crosses the Wyoming-Utah state line; easterly along said highway to the town of Rock Springs and Wyoming Highway 430; ~~southeasterly along said highway to the Wyoming-Colorado state line~~; westerly along said line to the Wyoming-Utah state line Green River; southerly down said river to the Flaming Gorge Reservoir; southerly along said reservoir to the Wyoming-Utah state line; westerly then northerly along said line to Interstate Highway 80.

Area 11. Smith's Fork. Beginning where Wyoming Highway 89 crosses the Wyoming-Utah state line west of Sage Junction; northerly along said line to the Wyoming-Idaho state line; northerly along said line to the divide between the Bear River and Salt River; easterly along said divide to the divide between the Salt River and Smith's Fork River; northeasterly along said divide to the divide between the Smith's Fork River and Greys River; southeasterly along said divide to LaBarge Creek; southeasterly down said creek to the Green River; southeasterly down said river to the CCC Bridge and the Lincoln-Sweetwater Road (Lincoln County Road 311); westerly along said road to Wyoming Highway 372; westerly along said highway to U.S. Highway 189; westerly then southerly along said highway to U.S. Highway 30; westerly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 89 at Sage Junction; westerly along said highway to the Wyoming-Utah state line.

Area 12. Pine Mountain. Beginning where Interstate Highway 80 crosses the Green River; easterly along said highway to the town of Rock Springs and Wyoming Highway 430; southeasterly along said highway to the Wyoming-Colorado state line; westerly along said line to the Wyoming-Utah state line; westerly along said line to the Flaming Gorge Reservoir; northerly along said reservoir to the Green River; northerly along said river to Interstate Highway 80.

Area 13. Lander. Beginning where U.S. Highway 287 crosses the south boundary of the Wind River Reservation; southerly and easterly along said highway to the Sweetwater River; southwesterly and then northerly up said river to Wyoming Highway 28; ~~southwesterly along said highway to the Continental Divide~~ the Sweetwater Gap and the headwaters of the Sweetwater River; westerly from Sweetwater Gap to Mt. Nystrom and the continental divide; northwesterly along said divide to the south boundary of the Wind River Reservation; easterly along said boundary to U.S. Highway 287.

Area 14. South Piney. Beginning where LaBarge Creek enters the Green River; westerly up said creek to the divide between the Green River and Greys River; northerly along said divide to the South Fork of South Cottonwood Creek; easterly down said creek to South Cottonwood Creek; easterly down said

creek to Cottonwood Creek; easterly down said creek to the Green River; southerly down said river to LaBarge Creek.

Area 15. Piney-Horse Creek. Beginning where the East Green River Road (Sublette County Road 23-110) joins Wyoming Highway 351; westerly along said highway to the Green River; northerly up said river to Cottonwood Creek; westerly up said creek to South Cottonwood Creek; westerly up said creek to the South Fork of South Cottonwood Creek; westerly up said creek to the divide between the Green River and Greys River; northerly along said divide to the divide between the Green River and the Hoback River (Hoback Rim); easterly along said divide to U.S. Highway 191; southerly along said highway to the East Green River Road (Sublette County Road 23-110) at Cora Junction; southerly along said road to Wyoming Highway 351.

Area 16. Greys River. All of the drainages of Greys River, Little Greys River and the drainages south of the Snake River from Alpine east to and including Bailey Creek.

Area 17. Hoback. Beginning where U.S. Highway 191 crosses the divide between the Green River and the Hoback River (Hoback Rim); westerly along said divide to the divide between the Greys River and the Hoback River; northerly along said divide to the divide between the Greys River and Willow Creek; northerly along said divide to the divide between Bailey Creek and Willow Creek (Greyback Ridge); northerly along said divide to the divide between Bailey Creek and the Snake River; westerly along said divide to the Snake River; northerly up said river to the Hoback River; southeasterly up said river to Highway 191 at Bondurant; southerly and easterly along said highway to the divide between the Green River and the Hoback River (Hoback Rim).

Area 18. Fall Creek. Beginning where Wyoming Highway 22 crosses the Snake River; southerly and westerly down said river to the Wyoming-Idaho state line; northerly along said line to Wyoming Highway 22; easterly along said highway to the Snake River.

Area 19. Green River. Beginning at the town of Farson; northerly along U.S. Highway 191 to the Sublette County Line (west of Big Sandy Reservoir); westerly along the Sublette County Line to the Green River (north of the town of LaBarge); northerly up said river to Wyoming Highway 351; easterly along said highway to the East Green River Road (Sublette County Road 23-110); northerly along said road to U.S. Highway 191; northwesterly along said highway to the divide between the Green River and the Hoback River (Hoback Rim); northerly along said divide to the divide between the Green River and the Gros Ventre River at Hodges Peak; northeasterly along said divide to the Darwin Ranch road (U.S.F.S. Road 620); easterly along said road to the Union Pass Road (U.S.F.S. Road 600); northeasterly along said road to the Continental Divide; southerly along said divide to ~~U.S. Highway 28~~**Mt. Nystrom; easterly from Mt. Nystrom to Sweetwater Gap and the headwaters of the Sweetwater River; southerly along said river to U.S. Highway 28**; southwestwesterly along said highway to the town of Farson.

Area 20. Gros Ventre. Beginning at the southeast corner boundary of the National Elk Refuge near the town of Jackson; northerly along the refuge boundary to the Gros Ventre River; easterly up said river to Kinky Creek; easterly up said creek to the Darwin Ranch Road (U.S.F.S. Road 620); easterly along said road to the divide between the Green River and the Gros Ventre River; southwestwesterly along said divide to the divide between the Green River and the Hoback River at Hodges Peak; southerly along said divide to Highway 191 at Hoback Rim; northerly and westerly along said highway to the Hoback River at Bondurant; westerly down said river to the Snake River; northerly along said river to Wyoming Highway 22; easterly along said highway to Highway 26; northerly along said highway to the National Elk Refuge boundary; easterly along said boundary to the southeast corner of the National Elk Refuge.

Area 21. Conant Basin. Beginning where U.S. Highway 26-287 intersects the south boundary of John D. Rockefeller Memorial Parkway; westerly along said boundary to the Targhee National Forest boundary; southerly along said boundary to the head of the north fork of Teton Creek; westerly down said creek to Teton Creek; westerly down said creek to the Wyoming-Idaho state line; northerly along said line

to the Yellowstone National Park boundary; easterly along said boundary to U.S. Highway 26-287; southerly along said highway to the south boundary of John D. Rockefeller Memorial Parkway.

Area 22. Pacific Creek. Beginning where U.S. Highway 26-287 intersects the Grand Teton National Park boundary; northwesterly along said boundary to the John D. Rockefeller Memorial Parkway boundary; westerly along said boundary to U.S. Highway 26-287; northerly along said highway to the Yellowstone National Park boundary; easterly along said boundary to the Continental Divide; southeasterly along said divide to U.S. Highway 26-287; westerly along said highway to the Grand Teton National Park boundary.

Area 23. Ramshorn. All of the drainage of the Wind River that lies north of U.S. Highway 287 and west of the Wind River Reservation and those areas of the Spence and Moriarity Wildlife Management Area east of the East Fork of the Wind River.

Area 24. Darby Creek. Beginning at the town of Jackson; westerly along Wyoming Highway 22 to the Wyoming-Idaho state line; northerly along said line to Teton Creek; easterly along said creek to the north fork of Teton Creek; northeasterly along said creek to the Grand Teton National Park boundary; southerly and easterly along said boundary to the Snake River; northerly and southerly along said park boundary to U.S. Highway 189; southerly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 22.

Area 25. North Absaroka. Beginning where the east boundary of Yellowstone National Park crosses the Wyoming-Montana state line; easterly along said line to the Shoshone National Forest boundary; southerly along said boundary to U.S. Highway 14-16-20; westerly along said highway to the east boundary of Yellowstone National Park; northerly along said boundary to the Wyoming-Montana state line.

Area 26. South Absaroka. Beginning where the east boundary of Yellowstone National Park crosses U.S. Highway 14-16-20; easterly along said highway to the Shoshone National Forest boundary; southerly along said boundary to the Greybull River; westerly then southerly up said river to the divide between the Greybull River and the Wind River; westerly along said divide to the divide between the South Fork of the Shoshone River and the Wind River; westerly along said divide to the Continental Divide; northwesterly along said divide to the south boundary of Yellowstone National Park; easterly then northerly along said boundary to U.S. Highway 14-16-20.

Area 27. Grass Creek. Beginning where U.S. Highway 120 crosses the Greybull River; southeasterly along said highway to U. S. Highway 20; southerly along said highway to the northern boundary of the Wind River Reservation; westerly along said boundary to the divide between the Wood River and the Wind River; northwesterly along said divide to the divide between the Greybull River and the Wind River; northwesterly along said divide to the Greybull River; northerly then easterly down said river to U.S. Highway 120; and all non-Indian owned fee title lands in that portion of Hot Springs County within the exterior boundaries of the Wind River Reservation.

Area 28. Wind River. Beginning where U.S. Highway 287 crosses the west boundary of the Wind River Reservation; southerly along said boundary to the Continental Divide; northwesterly along said divide to U.S. Highway 287 at Togwotee Pass; southeasterly along said highway to the Wind River Reservation boundary.

Area 29. Spread Creek. Beginning where the Grand Teton National Park boundary crosses the Gros Ventre River; northerly along said boundary to U.S. Highway 26-287; easterly along said highway to Togwotee Pass and the Continental Divide; southerly along said divide to the Union Pass Road (U.S.F.S. Road 600); southwestly along said road to the Darwin Ranch Road (U.S.F.S. Road 620); westerly along said road to Kinky Creek; westerly down said creek to the Gros Ventre River; westerly down said river to the Grand Teton National Park boundary.

Area 30. Star Valley. All of the drainage of the Salt River east of the Wyoming-Idaho state line.

Area 31. Crowheart Butte. All non-Indian owned fee title lands in that portion of Fremont County within the exterior boundaries of the Wind River Reservation, and all lands within the Bureau of Reclamation's Riverton and Boysen Unit boundaries, and those lands within Boysen State Park south of Cottonwood Creek, west of Boysen Reservoir, and south of U.S. Highway 20-26; excluding those areas of the Spence and Moriarity Wildlife Management Area that lie east of the East Fork of the Wind River.

Area 32. Cody. Beginning where the east boundary of the Shoshone National Forest boundary meets the Wyoming-Montana state line; easterly along said line to U.S. Highway 310; southeasterly along said highway to U.S. Highway 14-16-20; easterly along said highway to U.S. Highway 16-20; southerly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 433; southerly along said highway to U.S. Highway 20; southerly along said highway to U.S. Highway 120; northwesterly along said highway to the Greybull River; southwesterly up said river to the Shoshone National Forest Boundary; northerly along said boundary to the Wyoming-Montana state line.

Area 33. Casper Mountain. Beginning at the confluence of the North Platte River and Deer Creek at the town of Glenrock; southerly up said creek to the confluence of Curry Creek and Deer Creek; southeasterly up Curry Creek to U.S.F.S. Road 660; northwesterly along said road to the Squaw Springs Trail Road; southwesterly along said road to the Bates Creek Road (Natrona County Road 402); southwesterly along said road to the Spring Creek Road; westerly along said road to the Lone Tree Road (~~BLM~~**Bureau of Land Management** Road 3141); southerly along said road to Wyoming Highway 487; northerly and westerly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 220; northerly and easterly along said highway to the Casper city limits; northerly along said city limits to the North Platte River; easterly along said river to Deer Creek.

Area 35. The entire State of Wyoming excluding lands included in Areas 1-11 and 13-33, Grand Teton National Park and the National Elk Refuge.

~~**Section 14. Savings Clause.** If any provision of this regulation shall be held to be illegal or unconstitutional, such a ruling shall not affect other provisions of this regulation which can be given effect without the illegal or unconstitutional provision; and, to this end, the provisions of this regulation shall be severable.~~

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

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Dated: January 28~~22~~, 2011**2014**