# Certification Page
# Regular and Emergency Rules

Revised May 2014

☐ **Emergency Rules** *(After completing all of Sections 1 and 2, proceed to Section 5 below)* ☑ **Regular Rules**

## 1. General Information

a. Agency/Board Name
Wyoming Game and Fish Department

| b. Agency/Board Address | c. City | d. Zip Code |
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| 3030 Energy Lane | Casper | 82604 |

| e. Name of Contact Person | f. Contact Telephone Number |
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| Mike Choma | 307-473-3417 |

| g. Contact Email Address | h. Adoption Date |
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| | July 8, 2016 |

i. Program
Game and Fish Commission - Hunting

## 2. Rule Type and Information: For each chapter listed, indicate if the rule is New, Amended, or Repealed.

If "New," provide the Enrolled Act numbers and years enacted:

c. Provide the Chapter Number, Short Title, and Rule Type of Each Chapter being Created/Amended/Repealed
*(Please use the Additional Rule Information form for more than 10 chapters, and attach it to this certification)*

| Chapter Number: | Chapter Name: | | | |
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| 35 | Hunting Permit Regulations for Persons with Disabilities | ☐ New | ☑ Amended | ☐ Repealed |
| 38 | Hunters with a Qualifying Disability Authorized to Shoot from a Vehicle | ☐ New | ☑ Amended | ☐ Repealed |
| 42 | Mountain Lion Hunting Seasons | ☐ New | ☑ Amended | ☐ Repealed |
| 64 | Regulation for Central Visual Acuity Disability Permits | ☐ New | ☑ Amended | ☐ Repealed |
| | | ☐ New | ☐ Amended | ☐ Repealed |
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d. ☑ The Statement of Reasons is attached to this certification.

e. If applicable, describe the **emergency** which requires promulgation of these rules without providing notice or an opportunity for a public hearing:

## 3. State Government Notice of Intended Rulemaking

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| 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**: | April 19, 2016 |
| 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**: | April 19, 2016 |
| 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**: | April 19, 2016 |

## 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. ☑ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

b. A public hearing was held on the proposed rules. ☑ Yes ☐ No

| If "Yes:" | Date: | Time: | City: | Location: |
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| | See attached. | | | |

## 5. Final Filing of Rules

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| 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**: | July 13, 2016 |
| b. Date on which final rules were sent to the **Legislative Service Office:** | July 13, 2016 |
| c. Date on which a PDF of the final rules was electronically sent to the **Secretary of State**: | July 13, 2016 |

## 6. Agency/Board Certification

The undersigned certifies that the foregoing information is correct.

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| *Signature of Authorized Individual (Blue ink as per Rules on Rules, Section 7)* | T. Carrie Little |
| *Printed Name of Signatory* | T. Carrie Little |
| *Signatory Title* | President |
| *Date of Signature* | July 8, 2016 |

## 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.

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| *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 (PDFs) emailed to Criss.Carlson@wyoleg.gov: 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.

## Public Meeting Dates and Times

| Date | Time | City | Location |
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| April 25, 2016 | 6:00 p.m. | Sundance | Crook County Courthouse |
| April 27, 2016 | 6:00 p.m. | Casper | Game and Fish Office |
| May 4, 2016 | 6:00 p.m. | Cody | Bighorn Federal Bank |
| May 9, 2016 | 6:00 p.m. | Pinedale | Game and Fish Office |
| May 10, 2016 | 7:00 p.m. | Sheridan | Game and Fish Office |
| May 12, 2016 | 6:00 p.m. | Riverton | Fremont County Library |
| May 17, 2016 | 7:00 p.m. | Green River | Game and Fish Office |
| May 18, 2016 | 6:00 p.m. | Wheatland | Platte County Library |
| May 19, 2016 | 6:00 p.m. | Laramie | UW Biodiversity Institute - Berry Center |
| May 24, 2016 | 6:00 p.m. | Jackson | Virginian Lodge |

**Public Meetings Specific to Watercraft and Fishing Regulations**

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| April 19, 2016 | 6:00 p.m. | Gillette | Campbell County Library |
| April 20, 2016 | 6:00 p.m. | Cheyenne | Game and Fish Office |
| May 2, 2016 | 6:00 p.m. | Evanston | Bear Center Pavilion |
| May 3, 2016 | 6:00 p.m. | Green River | Game and Fish Office |
| May 4, 2016 | 6:00 p.m. | Cody | Bighorn Federal Bank |
| May 4, 2016 | 6:00 p.m. | Rawlins | Jeffrey Center |
| May 5, 2016 | 6:00 p.m. | Baggs | Valley Community Center |
| May 12, 2016 | 6:00 p.m. | Riverton | Fremont County Library |
| May 17, 2016 | 7:00 p.m. | Casper | Game and Fish Office |
| May 18, 2016 | 6:00 p.m. | Pinedale | Game and Fish Office |
| May 25, 2016 | 6:00 p.m. | Jackson | Game and Fish Office |

STATEMENT OF REASONS
WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION
CHAPTER 35
REGULATION FOR DISABLED HUNTER AND DISABLED HUNTER COMPANION PERMITS

W.S. § 23-1-302 (a) (i),(xxii) provides the Commission the authority to promulgate such orders as the Commission considers necessary to carry out the intent of this act.

W.S. § 23-1-302 (m) provides the Commission the authority to, by rule and regulation, provide for the issuance of a disabled hunter companion permit. Subsection (m)(iv) states the permit shall be issued in accordance with Commission rules and regulations specifying the physical limitations that must be met by the disabled hunter and the requirements for the permit holder.

W.S. § 23-3-306 (a) states that no person shall harass, pursue, hunt, shoot or kill any Wyoming wildlife except predatory animals with, from or by the use of any aircraft, automotive vehicle, trailer, motor-propelled wheeled vehicle, or vehicle designed for travel over snow. However, it also provides the Commission the authority to exempt handicapped hunters from any provisions of this subsection.

W.S. § 23-3-306 (f) provides for the Commission to establish by rule and regulation specifications for the taking of game animals with the use of artificial light or lighting devices by persons with central visual acuity disabilities.

The Commission is combining three (3) existing regulations, Chapter 35 Regulation for Disabled Hunter and Disabled Hunter Companion Permits, Chapter 38 Hunters with a Qualifying Disability Authorized to Shoot from a Vehicle, and Chapter 64 Regulation for Central Visual Acuity Disability Permits. As a result, the title of this regulation is being amended to Hunting Permit Regulations for Persons with Disabilities. This will consolidate all of the regulatory provisions concerning disabled hunters, which is in keeping with the Governor's Initiative to reduce the length and complexity of regulations where possible.

Section 1. The authority to promulgate this regulation is being amended to allow for consolidation of these regulations.

Section 2. The effective date of this regulation is proposed as January 1, 2017, to allow for a smooth transition of any changes to these provisions and allow the public to plan accordingly for the 2017 hunting season.

Section 3. Definitions from the three (3) separate regulations have been combined into the new Chapter 35 regulation. Additionally, definitions have been added for "Paraplegic, Quadriplegic and Upper Extremity Disabled.

New Section 4. This Section outlines general provisions and application procedures for Disabled Hunter Permits, Disabled Hunter Companion Permits, Shoot from a Vehicle Permits, Central Visual Acuity Disability Permits and Hunting Season Extension Permits.

New Section 5. Disabled Hunter Permit qualifications outlined in this Section have remained the same except for the requirement for a disabled veteran to provide a decision letter from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs that has been issued within the immediately preceding five (5) year period.

New Section 6. Disabled Hunter Permit provisions remained largely unchanged in this Section. The deleted language has been reformatted within this regulation to apply to all other permits issued pursuant to this regulation.

New Section 7. Provisions for Disabled Hunter Companion Permits have all remained the same. Formatting changes have been made to accommodate the combining of these regulations.

New Section 8. Provisions for Shoot from a Vehicle Permits have all remained unchanged from the previous Chapter 38, Hunters With A Qualifying Disability Authorized To Shoot From A Vehicle.

New Section 9. Provisions for Central Visual Acuity Disability Permits have all remained unchanged from the previous Chapter 64, Regulation For Central Visual Acuity Disability Permits.

New Section 10. This is a new provision for disabled hunters and provides for more restrictive requirements for a person to participate in a five (5) day season extension to hunt elk, deer and antelope. These more restrictive requirements will only enable those disabled hunters with the most severe disabilities to hunt during the season extension. This language is in keeping with the original legislative intent of W.S. § 23-1-302 (a)(i).

New Section 11. Revocation or denial of permits issued pursuant to this regulation has been reformatted to include the combining of these three (3) regulations.

New Section 12. Fees for permits have not changed in this new combined regulation. The fee for a Disabled Hunter Companion Permit is provided for in W.S. § 23-1-302 (m)(v).

New Section 13. Language in this Section has been modified to address all permits issued pursuant to this regulation.

Old Sections 11 and 12 have been deleted for regulation reduction purposes.

Grammatical and formatting edits have been incorporated into this regulation but do not change the intent of the three (3) regulations combined into the new Chapter 35.

**DRAFT 6-16-16.17**

**WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION**

**CHAPTER 35**

**~~REGULATION FOR DISABLED HUNTER AND DISABLED HUNTER COMPANION PERMITS~~ HUNTING PERMIT REGULATIONS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

**Section 1. Authority.** This regulation is promulgated by authority of W.S. § 23-1-302**(a)(i), (a)(xxii) and (m), and** ~~and W.S. §23-1-302(m)~~**W.S. § 23-3-306(a) and (f)**.

~~**Section 2. Regulation.** The Wyoming Game and Fish Commission hereby adopts the following regulation governing issuance of Disabled Hunter and Disabled Hunter Companion Permits.~~

**Section 2. Regulation Effective Date. This regulation shall become effective January 1, 2017, and shall remain in effect until modified or repealed by the Commission.**

**Section ~~2~~3. Definitions.** For the purpose of this regulation definitions shall be as set forth in Title 23, Wyoming Statutes, **Commission regulations** and the Commission also adopts the following definitions:

(a) "Animal" means big or trophy game animal, game bird, or small game animal.

**(b) "Central Visual Acuity Disability" means a person's vision permanently does not exceed 20/200 in the better eye with corrective lenses, or the widest diameter of the visual field is not greater than twenty (20) degrees.**

(~~b~~**c**) "Class III Cardiac Condition" means a person with cardiac disease with functional capacity according to standards established by the American Heart Association resulting in marked limitation of physical activity. Such a person is comfortable at rest. Less than ordinary activity causes fatigue, palpitation, dyspnea, or anginal pain.

(~~c~~**d**) "Class IV Cardiac Condition" means a person with cardiac disease with functional capacity according to standards established by the American Heart Association resulting in inability to carry on any physical activity without discomfort. Symptoms of heart failure or the anginal syndrome may be present even at rest. If any physical activity is undertaken, discomfort is increased.

(~~d~~**e**) "Disabled Hunter" means any person meeting any of the qualifications specified in Section ~~4~~**5** of this regulation who has been issued a Disabled Hunter Permit by the Department.

(~~e~~**f**) "Disabled Hunter Companion" means a person or **nonprofit** organization who meets the provisions of **Section 6 of** this regulation, who assists a disabled hunter with dispatching or retrieving an animal wounded or killed by the disabled hunter, and who has been issued a Disabled Hunter Companion Permit by the Department.

**(g) "Handicapped Hunter" means a hunter with a qualifying physical disability.**

(~~f~~**h**) "Nonprofit Organization Dedicated to Providing Hunting Opportunities to Individuals with Disabilities" means any organization that is registered with the ~~Wyoming~~ Secretary of State **of the organization's state of incorporation or organization,** and certifies that they are nonprofit and that the primary purpose or mission as stated in their charter is to provide hunting opportunities to individuals with disabilities.

**(j) "Paraplegic" means a person who is permanently unable to move or feel both legs and the lower half of their body because of injury or illness.**

**(k) "Quadriplegic" means a person who is permanently unable to move or feel both arms and both legs because of injury or illness.**

**(l) "Qualifying Physical Disability" means a physical condition that necessitates the individual to, at all times, utilize a wheelchair, cane, crutches or some other mechanical device to assist the individual in moving to and from a vehicle.**

**(m) "Upper Extremity Disabled" means a person who has a permanent physical impairment due to injury or disease, congenital or acquired, which renders the person so severely disabled as to be physically unable to use any legal hunting weapon.**

**(n) "Vehicle" means any automotive vehicle, trailer, motor-propelled wheeled vehicle, or vehicle designed for travel over snow.**

(~~g~~**o**) "Walker" means a mechanical device that has multiple legs and requires the use of both hands to move.

**Section 4. Permits Issued to Persons with Disabilities.**

**(a) Any person, except those applying for a permit pursuant to Sections 5(f) and 10(a)(ii), meeting the requirements set forth in Sections 3, 5, 8, 9 or 10 of this regulation, as attested to in writing by the applicant and certified by a medical doctor, nurse practitioner, physician assistant, optometrist or ophthalmologist licensed to practice medicine, or disabled hunter companion pursuant to Section 7, may apply on a form provided by the Department for a specific permit as identified in Sections 5, 7, 8, 9 and 10 of this regulation.**

**(b) Any person applying for a permit pursuant to Sections 5(f) and 10(a)(ii) may apply on a form provided by the Department and shall provide documentation from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, or any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States, indicating the applicant's percentage (%) of service connected disability.**

**(c) Permits shall be issued to qualified applicants by the Department's License Section, regional offices or designated Department personnel.**

**(d) Transfer of permits issued in accordance with this regulation to another person shall not be permitted.**

**(e) Disabled Hunter Permits, Disabled Hunter Companion Permits, Central Visual Acuity Disability Permits, Shoot from a Vehicle Permits and Disabled Hunter Season Extension Permits shall not be valid for use in Grand Teton National Park (Elk Hunt Areas 75 and 79) or on the National Elk Refuge (Elk Hunt Area 77).**

**(f) Persons exercising any privileges under a permit issued in accordance with this regulation shall:**

**(i) Only take animals in accordance with state statutes and Commission rules and regulations.**

**(ii) Be in possession of their valid specific permit in the field while hunting.**

**(iii) Possess a valid hunting license, stamp and permit issued under authority of Title 23, Wyoming Statutes or Commission rules and regulations, unless exempt by statute from the need to possess a valid hunting license, stamp and permit.**

**Section 4~~5~~. Disabled Hunter Permit ~~Qualifications~~**. ~~Any person having a physical or visual disability as attested in writing by the applicant and certified by a medical doctor, nurse practitioner, physician assistant, optometrist or ophthalmologist licensed to practice medicine, on a form provided by the Department,~~ **Any person** may be issued a Disabled Hunter Permit if the person:

(a) Is permanently unable to walk, at all times, without the use of, or assistance from, a wheelchair, scooter, or walker;

(b) Is restricted by lung disease to the extent the person's forced expiratory volume for one (1) second, when measured by a spirometer, is less than thirty-five (35%) percent predicted, or arterial oxygen tension is less than fifty-five (55) mm/Hg on room air at rest;

(c) Has a cardiac condition to the extent the person's functional limitations are classified in severity as Class III or Class IV, according to standards established by the American Heart Association and defined in Section 3 of this regulation;

(d) Has a permanent, physical impairment that prevents the person, at all times, from holding or shooting a firearm or bow in hand;

(e) Has **a** central visual acuity **disability**~~that permanently does not exceed 20/200 in the better eye with corrective lenses, or the widest diameter of the visual field is not greater than twenty (20) degrees~~; or,

(f) Can produce to the Department ~~written proof that the last official certification of record of~~**a decision letter, issued within the immediately preceding five (5) years from the date of application, by** the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States ~~shows~~**showing** the person to **have a service connected disability of** ~~be~~ at least ~~sixty-five (65%)~~ **seventy (70%)** percent ~~physically disabled~~.

**Section ~~5~~6. Disabled Hunter Permit Provisions.**

~~(a) The disabled hunter shall:~~

~~(i) Only take animals in accordance with State statutes and Commission rules and regulations;~~

~~(ii) Be in possession of the Disabled Hunter Permit in the field while taking animals;~~

~~(iii) Possess a valid hunting license issued under authority of Title 23, Wyoming Statutes, or Commission rules and regulations, unless exempt by statute from the need to possess a valid hunting license.~~

**(a) Disabled Hunter Permits only allow a disabled hunter permit holder to be accompanied by a person with a Disabled Hunter Companion Permit who may take any animal the disabled hunter has lawfully wounded.**

~~(b) The disabled hunter shall not:~~

~~(i) Discharge a firearm or other legal hunting device from a motor vehicle except as otherwise provided in accordance with Wyoming Game and Fish Commission Regulation Chapter 38 Hunters with a Qualifying Disability Authorized to Shoot from a Vehicle;~~

~~(ii) Discharge a firearm or other legal hunting device from a watercraft (except a sinkbox), including those propelled by a motor, sail and wind, or both; except when the motor has been shut off, the sail furled, or both; and progress has ceased. The watercraft may be drifting as a result of current or wind action, beached, moored, resting at anchor, or propelled by paddle, oars, or pole. A watercraft under power may be used to retrieve a dead or wounded animal, but a firearm shall not be discharged while the watercraft is under way;~~

~~(iii) Transfer the Disabled Hunter Permit to another person or allow another person to utilize the permit.~~

~~(c) The disabled hunter shall submit an application on a form provided by the Department. The application shall be completed in full and shall bear the applicant's printed name, address and signature. The application shall also bear the printed name, address and signature of the individual licensed to practice medicine that certifies the applicant meets the qualifications of a disabled hunter as specified in Section 4 of this regulation. Disabled Hunter Permits shall be issued to qualified applicants by the Department's License Section, Regional Offices or designated Department personnel.~~

(~~d~~**b**) The same person shall not be issued a Disabled Hunter Permit and a Disabled Hunter Companion Permit.

~~(e) A Disabled Hunter Permit shall not be valid for use in Grand Teton National Park.~~

(~~f~~**c**) ~~The~~**A** disabled hunter may be assisted by more than one (1) Disabled Hunter Companion.

**Section ~~6~~7. Disabled Hunter Companion Permit.**

(a) ~~The Department shall issue Disabled Hunter Companion Permits in accordance with this section.~~ Disabled Hunter Companion Permits may be issued to an individual or to a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing hunting opportunities to individuals with disabilities.

~~(b) Individuals applying for a Disabled Hunter Companion Permit shall abide by the following requirements:~~

~~(i) The applicant for a Disabled Hunter Companion Permit shall be at least fourteen (14) years of age.~~

~~(ii) The applicant for a Disabled Hunter Companion Permit shall do so on a form provided by the Department.~~

**(b) Persons engaged in the activity of a Disabled Hunter Companion shall be at least fourteen (14) years of age.**

**(c) A Disabled Hunter Companion Permit shall be valid for the calendar year in which it was issued, unless revoked by the Department.**

**(d) Disabled Hunter Companion Permits issued to a non-profit organization dedicated to providing hunting opportunities to individuals with disabilities may also be used by volunteers working for the organization.**

~~**Section 7. Disabled Hunter Companion Permit Provisions.** The Disabled Hunter Companion Permit shall be valid for the calendar year in which it was issued, unless the Department revokes the permit.~~

~~(a)~~ **(e)** The disabled hunter companion shall:

(i) Be in possession of the Disabled Hunter Companion Permit in the field while taking a wounded animal or retrieving an animal killed by the disabled hunter;

(ii) Only take a wounded animal in accordance with state statute and Commission rule and regulation, and shall not take an animal under the authority of a Disabled Hunter Companion Permit that has not been wounded by a disabled hunter and for which a license is required for the disabled hunter;

(iii) Be in possession of the disabled hunter's license and carcass coupon while taking any animal that has been wounded by the disabled hunter for which a carcass coupon is required or while retrieving such animal killed by the disabled hunter, and shall detach, and date the disabled hunter's carcass coupon prior to leaving the site of kill ~~when a wounded animal is dispatched~~;

~~(iv) Not transfer their individual Disabled Hunter Companion Permit to another person or allow another person to utilize the permit; however, Disabled Hunter Companion Permits issued to an organization may be transferred to volunteers working for the organization; and,~~

(~~v~~**iv**) Be accompanied by the disabled hunter to the location where the disabled hunter wounds ~~the~~**an** animal ~~that requires the disabled hunter companion to pursue and dispatch the wounded animal~~.

(~~b~~**f**) Animals taken, tagged, or retrieved by a disabled hunter companion on behalf of a disabled hunter shall become part of the disabled hunter's bag or possession limit and do not count against the disabled hunter companion's bag or possession limit.

~~(c) A Disabled Hunter Companion Permit shall not be valid for use in Grand Teton National Park.~~

(~~d~~**g**) A person may ~~obtain~~**be issued** more than one (1) Disabled Hunter Companion Permit.

**Section 8. Shoot from a Vehicle Permit. Any person may be issued a Shoot from a Vehicle Permit if the person has a qualifying physical disability as defined in Section 3.**

**(a) Any person with a qualifying physical disability shall be allowed to shoot from a stationary vehicle to take wildlife after receiving from the Department a Shoot from a Vehicle Permit. The permit shall not allow a hunter with a qualifying physical disability to hunt, shoot or attempt to take any wildlife from, along or across any public road or highway.**

**(b) A permanent Shoot from a Vehicle Permit shall be valid as long as the applicant continues to have a qualifying physical disability.**

**(c) A temporary Shoot from a Vehicle Permit shall be valid for the calendar year in which issued as long as the applicant continues to have a qualifying physical disability.**

**Section 9. Central Visual Acuity Disability Permit. Any person may be issued a Central Visual Acuity Disability Permit if the person meets the qualifications of having a central visual acuity disability as defined in Section 3.**

**(a) Any person having a Central Visual Acuity Disability Permit may use a scope that projects a visible light onto a target to take any animal.**

**Section 10. Hunting Season Extension Permits.**

**(a) Any person may be issued a Hunting Season Extension Permit which allows a qualified applicant to hunt antelope, deer or elk five (5) days prior to the earliest opening date in the hunt area(s) and for the sex of antelope, deer or elk set forth by limitations of their license as specified in Section 2 of the current regulation for that species (Commission Regulations Chapter 5, Antelope Hunting Seasons, Chapter 6, Deer Hunting Seasons; Chapter 7, Elk Hunting Seasons), provided the person requesting the hunting season extension permit:**

**(i) Has a Central Visual Acuity Disability, is quadriplegic, upper extremity disabled, paraplegic, permanently paralyzed over at least fifty (50%) percent of their body or otherwise physically disabled so as to be permanently confined to a wheelchair (or similar device); or,**

**(ii) Can produce a decision letter issued by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, or any branch of the armed forces of the United States, showing the person to have a one hundred (100%) percent service connected disability; or,**

**(iii) Meets the requirements set forth in W.S. § 23-1-705(j); (is twenty (20) years of age or younger with a life threatening illness and is sponsored by a nonprofit charitable organization whose mission it is to provide opportunities and experiences to persons with a life threatening or serious illness).**

**Section ~~8.~~11. Revocation or Denial of a ~~Disabled Hunter~~ Permit ~~or Disabled Hunter Companion Permit~~.**

(a) The Department may deny or revoke ~~a Disabled Hunter Permit or Disabled Hunter Companion Permit~~**any permit issued pursuant to this regulation** for the following reasons:

(i) The Department cannot verify all information and documentation provided by the applicant ~~for the Disabled Hunter Permit or Disabled Hunter Companion Permit~~;

(ii) The applicant made false statements on the application to secure a permit;

(iii) The permittee is convicted of violating any provision of Title 23, Wyoming Statutes~~,~~ or any Commission rules and regulations governing the taking of wildlife while exercising any privilege of the permit;

(iv) The disabled hunter companion, while assisting the disabled hunter, allows the disabled hunter to violate any provision of Title 23, Wyoming Statutes, or any Commission rule~~s~~ and regulation~~s~~ governing the taking of wildlife; or,

(v) The permittee no longer qualifies ~~as a disabled hunter as defined~~**for the specific permit as specified** in this regulation.

(b) Any person who has a ~~Disabled Hunter Permit Application or Disabled Hunter Companion Permit Application~~**permit application** denied by the Department may appeal the Department's decision to the Fiscal Division Chief in accordance with Commission rules and regulations.

(c) Any person who has a ~~Disabled Hunter Permit or Disabled Hunter Companion Permit~~**permit issued pursuant to this regulation** revoked by the Department may appeal the Department's decision to the Commission in accordance with Commission rules and regulations.

**Section ~~9~~12. Fees for ~~Disabled Hunter Permit and Disabled Hunter Companion~~ Permit~~s~~.** There shall be no fee for ~~the~~**a** Disabled Hunter Permit**, Shoot from a Vehicle Permit, Central Visual**

**Acuity Disability Permit or a Hunting Season Extension Permit**. The fee for the Disabled Hunter Companion Permit shall be five ($5) dollars.

**Section ~~10~~13. Making False Statements to Obtain a Permit.** Any person who makes a false statement on an application to obtain a ~~Disabled Hunter Permit or Disabled Hunter Companion Permit~~**permit** or any medical doctor, nurse practitioner, physician assistant, optometrist, or ophthalmologist who makes a false statement on an application in order that a person might fraudulently obtain a ~~Disabled Hunter Permit~~**permit** shall be in violation of this regulation and such violation shall be punishable as provided by Title 23, Wyoming Statutes.

~~**Section 11. Proof of Permit.** Permits issued in accordance with this regulation shall be in the possession of the individual in whose name the permit has been issued and shall immediately be produced for inspection upon request of an officer authorized to enforce this regulation.~~

~~**Section 12. Savings Clause.** If any provision of these regulations 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 these regulations shall be severable.~~

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

By: _____
~~Mike Healy~~**T. Carrie Little**, President

Dated: July ~~10, 2013~~**8, 2016**

**WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION**

**CHAPTER 35**

**HUNTING PERMIT REGULATIONS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

**Section 1. Authority.** This regulation is promulgated by authority of W.S. § 23-1-302(a)(i), (a)(xxii) and (m), and W.S. § 23-3-306(a) and (f).

**Section 2. Regulation Effective Date.** This regulation shall become effective January 1, 2017, and shall remain in effect until modified or repealed by the Commission.

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

(a) "Animal" means big or trophy game animal, game bird, or small game animal.

(b) "Central Visual Acuity Disability" means a person's vision permanently does not exceed 20/200 in the better eye with corrective lenses, or the widest diameter of the visual field is not greater than twenty (20) degrees.

(c) "Class III Cardiac Condition" means a person with cardiac disease with functional capacity according to standards established by the American Heart Association resulting in marked limitation of physical activity. Such a person is comfortable at rest. Less than ordinary activity causes fatigue, palpitation, dyspnea, or anginal pain.

(d) "Class IV Cardiac Condition" means a person with cardiac disease with functional capacity according to standards established by the American Heart Association resulting in inability to carry on any physical activity without discomfort. Symptoms of heart failure or the anginal syndrome may be present even at rest. If any physical activity is undertaken, discomfort is increased.

(e) "Disabled Hunter" means any person meeting any of the qualifications specified in Section 5 of this regulation who has been issued a Disabled Hunter Permit by the Department.

(f) "Disabled Hunter Companion" means a person or nonprofit organization who meets the provisions of Section 6 of this regulation, who assists a disabled hunter with dispatching or retrieving an animal wounded or killed by the disabled hunter, and who has been issued a Disabled Hunter Companion Permit by the Department.

(g) "Handicapped Hunter" means a hunter with a qualifying physical disability.

(h) "Nonprofit Organization Dedicated to Providing Hunting Opportunities to Individuals with Disabilities" means any organization that is registered with the Secretary of State of the organization's state of incorporation or organization, and certifies that they are nonprofit and that the primary purpose or mission as stated in their charter is to provide hunting opportunities to individuals with disabilities.

(j) "Paraplegic" means a person who is permanently unable to move or feel both legs and the lower half of their body because of injury or illness.

(k) "Quadriplegic" means a person who is permanently unable to move or feel both arms and both legs because of injury or illness.

(l) "Qualifying Physical Disability" means a physical condition that necessitates the individual to, at all times, utilize a wheelchair, cane, crutches or some other mechanical device to assist the individual in moving to and from a vehicle.

(m) "Upper Extremity Disabled" means a person who has a permanent physical impairment due to injury or disease, congenital or acquired, which renders the person so severely disabled as to be physically unable to use any legal hunting weapon.

(n) "Vehicle" means any automotive vehicle, trailer, motor-propelled wheeled vehicle, or vehicle designed for travel over snow.

(o) "Walker" means a mechanical device that has multiple legs and requires the use of both hands to move.

**Section 4. Permits Issued to Persons with Disabilities.**

(a) Any person, except those applying for a permit pursuant to Sections 5(f) and 10(a)(ii), meeting the requirements set forth in Sections 3, 5, 8, 9 or 10 of this regulation, as attested to in writing by the applicant and certified by a medical doctor, nurse practitioner, physician assistant, optometrist or ophthalmologist licensed to practice medicine, or disabled hunter companion pursuant to Section 7, may apply on a form provided by the Department for a specific permit as identified in Sections 5, 7, 8, 9 and 10 of this regulation.

(b) Any person applying for a permit pursuant to Sections 5(f) and 10(a)(ii) may apply on a form provided by the Department and shall provide documentation from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, or any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States, indicating the applicant's percentage (%) of service connected disability.

(c) Permits shall be issued to qualified applicants by the Department's License Section, regional offices or designated Department personnel.

(d) Transfer of permits issued in accordance with this regulation to another person shall not be permitted.

(e) Disabled Hunter Permits, Disabled Hunter Companion Permits, Central Visual Acuity Disability Permits, Shoot from a Vehicle Permits and Disabled Hunter Season Extension Permits shall not be valid for use in Grand Teton National Park (Elk Hunt Areas 75 and 79) or on the National Elk Refuge (Elk Hunt Area 77).

(f) Persons exercising any privileges under a permit issued in accordance with this regulation shall:

(i) Only take animals in accordance with state statutes and Commission rules and regulations.

(ii) Be in possession of their valid specific permit in the field while hunting.

(iii) Possess a valid hunting license, stamp and permit issued under authority of Title 23, Wyoming Statutes or Commission rules and regulations, unless exempt by statute from the need to possess a valid hunting license, stamp and permit.

**Section 5. Disabled Hunter Permit**. Any person may be issued a Disabled Hunter Permit if the person:

(a) Is permanently unable to walk, at all times, without the use of, or assistance from, a wheelchair, scooter, or walker;

(b) Is restricted by lung disease to the extent the person's forced expiratory volume for one (1) second, when measured by a spirometer, is less than thirty-five (35%) percent predicted, or arterial oxygen tension is less than fifty-five (55) mm/Hg on room air at rest;

(c) Has a cardiac condition to the extent the person's functional limitations are classified in severity as Class III or Class IV, according to standards established by the American Heart Association and defined in Section 3 of this regulation;

(d) Has a permanent, physical impairment that prevents the person, at all times, from holding or shooting a firearm or bow in hand;

(e) Has a central visual acuity disability; or,

(f) Can produce to the Department a decision letter, issued within the immediately preceding five (5) years from the date of application, by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States showing the person to have a service connected disability of at least seventy (70%) percent.

**Section 6. Disabled Hunter Permit Provisions.**

(a) Disabled Hunter Permits only allow a disabled hunter permit holder to be accompanied by a person with a Disabled Hunter Companion Permit who may take any animal the disabled hunter has lawfully wounded.

(b) The same person shall not be issued a Disabled Hunter Permit and a Disabled Hunter Companion Permit.

(c) A disabled hunter may be assisted by more than one (1) Disabled Hunter Companion.

**Section 7. Disabled Hunter Companion Permit.**

(a) Disabled Hunter Companion Permits may be issued to an individual or to a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing hunting opportunities to individuals with disabilities.

(b) Persons engaged in the activity of a Disabled Hunter Companion shall be at least fourteen (14) years of age.

(c) A Disabled Hunter Companion Permit shall be valid for the calendar year in which it was issued, unless revoked by the Department.

(d) Disabled Hunter Companion Permits issued to a non-profit organization dedicated to providing hunting opportunities to individuals with disabilities may also be used by volunteers working for the organization.

(e) The disabled hunter companion shall:

(i) Be in possession of the Disabled Hunter Companion Permit in the field while taking a wounded animal or retrieving an animal killed by the disabled hunter;

(ii) Only take a wounded animal in accordance with state statute and Commission rule and regulation, and shall not take an animal under the authority of a Disabled Hunter Companion Permit that has not been wounded by a disabled hunter and for which a license is required for the disabled hunter;

(iii) Be in possession of the disabled hunter's license and carcass coupon while taking any animal that has been wounded by the disabled hunter for which a carcass coupon is required or while retrieving such animal killed by the disabled hunter, and shall detach, and date the disabled hunter's carcass coupon prior to leaving the site of kill;

(iv) Be accompanied by the disabled hunter to the location where the disabled hunter wounds an animal.

(f) Animals taken, tagged, or retrieved by a disabled hunter companion on behalf of a disabled hunter shall become part of the disabled hunter's bag or possession limit and do not count against the disabled hunter companion's bag or possession limit.

(g) A person may be issued more than one (1) Disabled Hunter Companion Permit.

**Section 8. Shoot from a Vehicle Permit.** Any person may be issued a Shoot from a Vehicle Permit if the person has a qualifying physical disability as defined in Section 3.

(a) Any person with a qualifying physical disability shall be allowed to shoot from a stationary vehicle to take wildlife after receiving from the Department a Shoot from a Vehicle Permit. The permit shall not allow a hunter with a qualifying physical disability to hunt, shoot or attempt to take any wildlife from, along or across any public road or highway.

(b) A permanent Shoot from a Vehicle Permit shall be valid as long as the applicant continues to have a qualifying physical disability.

(c) A temporary Shoot from a Vehicle Permit shall be valid for the calendar year in which issued as long as the applicant continues to have a qualifying physical disability.

**Section 9. Central Visual Acuity Disability Permit.** Any person may be issued a Central Visual Acuity Disability Permit if the person meets the qualifications of having a central visual acuity disability as defined in Section 3.

(a) Any person having a Central Visual Acuity Disability Permit may use a scope that projects a visible light onto a target to take any animal.

**Section 10. Hunting Season Extension Permits.**

(a) Any person may be issued a Hunting Season Extension Permit which allows a qualified applicant to hunt antelope, deer or elk five (5) days prior to the earliest opening date in the hunt area(s) and for the sex of antelope, deer or elk set forth by limitations of their license as specified in Section 2 of the current regulation for that species (Commission Regulations Chapter 5, Antelope Hunting Seasons, Chapter 6, Deer Hunting Seasons; Chapter 7, Elk Hunting Seasons), provided the person requesting the hunting season extension permit:

(i) Has a Central Visual Acuity Disability, is quadriplegic, upper extremity disabled, paraplegic, permanently paralyzed over at least fifty (50%) percent of their body or otherwise physically disabled so as to be permanently confined to a wheelchair (or similar device); or,

(ii) Can produce a decision letter issued by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, or any branch of the armed forces of the United States, showing the person to have a one hundred (100%) percent service connected disability; or,

(iii) Meets the requirements set forth in W.S. § 23-1-705(j); (is twenty (20) years of age or younger with a life threatening illness and is sponsored by a nonprofit charitable organization whose mission it is to provide opportunities and experiences to persons with a life threatening or serious illness).

**Section 11. Revocation or Denial of a Permit.**

(a) The Department may deny or revoke any permit issued pursuant to this regulation for the following reasons:

(i) The Department cannot verify all information and documentation provided by the applicant;

(ii) The applicant made false statements on the application to secure a permit;

(iii) The permittee is convicted of violating any provision of Title 23, Wyoming Statutes or any Commission rules and regulations governing the taking of wildlife while exercising any privilege of the permit;

(iv) The disabled hunter companion, while assisting the disabled hunter, allows the disabled hunter to violate any provision of Title 23, Wyoming Statutes, or any Commission rule and regulation governing the taking of wildlife; or,

(v) The permittee no longer qualifies for the specific permit as specified in this regulation.

(b) Any person who has a permit application denied by the Department may appeal the Department's decision to the Fiscal Division Chief in accordance with Commission rules and regulations.

(c) Any person who has a permit issued pursuant to this regulation revoked by the Department may appeal the Department's decision to the Commission in accordance with Commission rules and regulations.

**Section 12. Fees for Permits.** There shall be no fee for a Disabled Hunter Permit, Shoot from a Vehicle Permit, Central Visual Acuity Disability Permit or a Hunting Season Extension Permit. The fee for the Disabled Hunter Companion Permit shall be five ($5) dollars.

**Section 13. Making False Statements to Obtain a Permit**. Any person who makes a false statement on an application to obtain a permit or any medical doctor, nurse practitioner, physician assistant, optometrist, or ophthalmologist who makes a false statement on an application in order that a person might fraudulently obtain a permit shall be in violation of this regulation and such violation shall be punishable as provided by Title 23, Wyoming Statutes.

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

By: _____
T. Carrie Little, President

Dated: July 8, 2016

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WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

CHAPTER 38

HUNTERS WITH A QUALIFYING DISABILITY AUTHORIZED
TO SHOOT FROM A VEHICLE

W.S. § 23-3-306 (a) addresses the taking of any Wyoming wildlife by motor vehicle, among other things, and provides the Commission the authority to exempt handicapped hunters from any provisions of this subsection.

Provisions currently outlined in Chapter 38, Hunters with a Qualifying Disability Authorized to Shoot from a Vehicle, are being incorporated into the newly revised Chapter 35, Hunting Permit Regulations for Persons with Disabilities. Chapter 38 will be repealed as a stand-alone regulation in compliance with the Governor's initiative and direction to reduce the number and length of rules where possible.

**DRAFT 3-31-16.1**

**WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION**

**CHAPTER 38**

**HUNTERS WITH A QUALIFYING DISABILITY AUTHORIZED TO SHOOT FROM A VEHICLE**

Section 1. Authority. This regulation is promulgated by authority of W.S. §23-1-302(a)(xxii), and §23-3-306(a).

Section 2. Regulation. The Wyoming Game and Fish Commission hereby adopts the following regulation governing permits for hunters with a qualifying disability being authorized to shoot from a vehicle. This regulation shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded by the Commission.

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

(a) "Handicapped Hunter" means a hunter with a qualifying disability.

(b) "Qualifying Disability" means a physical condition that necessitates the individual to, at all times, utilize a wheelchair, cane, crutches or some other mechanical device to assist the individual in moving to and from a vehicle.

(c) "Vehicle" means any automotive vehicle, trailer, motor-propelled wheeled vehicle, or vehicle designed for travel over snow.

Section 4. Permits for Hunters with a Qualifying Disability to Shoot from a Vehicle.

(a) Hunters with a qualifying disability shall be allowed to shoot from a stationary vehicle to take wildlife after receiving from the Department a free Hunter with a Qualifying Disability Permit. The permit shall not allow a hunter with a qualifying disability to hunt, shoot or attempt to take any wildlife from, upon, along or across any public road or highway.

(b) A permanent permit for a Hunter with a Qualifying Disability shall be valid as long as the applicant continues to have a qualifying disability. To qualify for a permanent permit, the applicant shall apply on a proper application form. The application shall be signed by a medical doctor, nurse practitioner or physician assistant licensed to practice medicine. A permanent permit for a hunter with a qualifying disability to shoot from a vehicle shall be issued by the Department's License Section at Headquarters.

(c) A temporary permit for a hunter with a qualifying disability shall be valid for the calendar year in which issued as long as the applicant continues to have a qualifying disability. A temporary permit for a hunter with a qualifying disability shall be issued to qualified applicants by the Department's License Section, Regional Offices or designated Department personnel

(d) Permits for hunters with a qualifying disability to shoot from a vehicle shall not be valid in Grand Teton National Park or on the National Elk Refuge.

~~Section 5. Proof of Permit. Permits issued in accordance with this regulation shall be in possession of the individual in whose name the permit has been issued and shall immediately be produced for inspection upon request of an officer authorized to enforce this regulation.~~

~~Section 6. Revocation or Denial of a Hunter with a Qualifying Disability Permit.~~

~~(a) The Department may deny or revoke a Hunter with a Qualifying Disability Permit for the following reasons:~~

~~(i) The applicant made a false statement on the application to secure a permit.~~

~~(ii) The permitee no longer has a qualifying disability as described in this regulation.~~

~~(b) Any person who has a Hunter with a Qualifying Disability Permit denied by the Department may appeal the Departments decision to the Chief Fiscal Officer in accordance with Commission rules and regulations.~~

~~(c) Any person who has a Hunter with a Qualifying Disability Permit revoked by the Department may appeal the Department's decision to the Commission in accordance with Commission rules and regulations.~~

~~Section 7. Violation of Commission Regulations~~

~~(a) Failure to abide by the provisions of this regulation, or making a false statement to obtain a Hunter with a Qualifying Disability Permit, shall be punishable as provided by Wyoming statutes for a violation of Commission regulations.~~

~~Section 8. 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 the regulation shall be severable.~~

**The Wyoming Game and Fish Commission hereby repeals this regulation.**

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

By: _____

~~Fred Lindzey~~**T. Carrie Little**, President

Dated: ~~September 7, 2011~~**July 8, 2016**

**WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION**

**CHAPTER 38**

**HUNTERS WITH A QUALIFYING DISABILITY AUTHORIZED TO SHOOT FROM A VEHICLE**

The Wyoming Game and Fish Commission hereby repeals this regulation.

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

By: _____
T. Carrie Little, President

Dated: July 8, 2016

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WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

CHAPTER 42

MOUNTAIN LION HUNTING SEASONS

W.S. § 23-1-302 directs and empowers the Commission to fix seasons and bag limits, open, shorten or close seasons on any species or sex of wildlife except predatory animals, predacious birds, protected animals and protected birds.

Approximately every three years, the Commission promulgates changes to Chapter 42, Mountain Lion Hunting Seasons, to establish hunting seasons for the following three year period.

Section 2. Proposed to change the term "Kitten" to "Dependent Young" and modify the definition of "Mortality" for added clarity.

Sections 3, 7 and 8 are being deleted in response to the Governor's Initiative to reduce regulation length and complexity where possible.

Old Section 4. The language concerning open hours for the taking of mountain lions has been removed. This language has already been incorporated into Chapter 2, General Hunting Regulations. Edits have also been made to allow for the determination of lactation status of female mountain lions taken by hunters.

The previous three year harvest information is not available at the time this draft regulation is being made available for public comment. Any additional proposed changes to season dates, numbers and types of licenses, mortality limits and hunt area boundaries will be made available to the public for comment during all public meetings held around the state.

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

**DRAFT 6-16-16.6**

**WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION**

**CHAPTER 42**

**MOUNTAIN LION HUNTING SEASONS**

**Section 1. Authority.** This regulation is promulgated by authority of W.S. §23-1-302 and W.S. §23-2-101(d).

**Section 2. Definitions.** For the purpose of this regulation, definitions shall be as set forth in Title 23, Wyoming Statutes and the Commission also adopts the following definitions:

(a) "Bayed" means impeding the movement of a mountain lion such that while a person is present (with or without dogs) the animal is unable to flee the area where it is being held.

(b) "Biological year" means twelve (12) consecutive months from September 1 to August 31.

(c) "~~Kitten~~**Dependent Young**" means any mountain lion ~~less than one (1) year of age~~ with visible spots other than those occurring on the inside of its front legs **or any mountain lion still traveling with an adult female mountain lion**.

(d) "Mortality" means any legal **mountain lion harvest** or illegal human caused mountain lion death, excluding mountain lions taken by the Department, mountain lions taken under the authority of W.S. §23-3-115(a), and all other mountain lion deaths.

(e) "Reduced price mountain lion license" means a license which may be authorized in specific hunt areas allowing a person to take a mountain lion in addition to what may be taken on a full price mountain lion license.

~~**Section 3. Hunting Seasons Established.** There shall be open seasons for the hunting of mountain lion as set forth in this regulation. This regulation shall remain in effect until modified or repealed by the Commission.~~

**Section 4~~3~~. Hunting Regulations.**

(a) Mountain lions shall only be taken during open seasons by the use of legal firearms or archery equipment, except as otherwise provided by State statute and Commission regulations.

~~(b) Open Hours for Taking of Mountain Lions. Mountain lions shall only be taken one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to one-half (1/2) hour after sunset.~~

(~~c~~**b**) Use of Dogs. Dogs may be used to ~~take~~**pursue** mountain lions during the open season. However, dogs shall only be used to pursue mountain lions during open hours for the taking of mountain lions.

(~~d~~**c**) After a mountain lion has been pursued or bayed, a properly licensed person shall promptly harvest or release the mountain lion. No person shall in any manner restrict or hinder the mountain lions ability to escape for the purpose of allowing a person who was not present at the time the mountain lion was bayed to arrive and take the mountain lion.

(~~e~~**d**) Bag and Possession Limits. The bag and possession limit for any person with a proper license shall be one (1) mountain lion during any one (1) calendar year (January 1-December 31), except as otherwise provided in this Section. Hunters may harvest any mountain lion, except ~~kittens~~**dependent young** and female mountain lions with ~~kittens~~**dependent young** at side shall not be harvested.

(~~f~~**e**) Reduced price mountain lion licenses. A person may receive a maximum of one (1) full price mountain lion license and a maximum of one (1) reduced price mountain lion license during any one (1) calendar year. A person shall possess and exhibit a full price mountain lion license for the current calendar year in order to receive a reduced price mountain lion license for the same calendar year.

(~~g~~**f**) Reduced price mountain lion licenses are valid only in hunt areas 5, ~~6,~~ 7, 8, 9, 15, 16, 19, 24, 25, 27 and 31.

(~~h~~**g**) Registering Kills. Hunters harvesting mountain lions shall retain the pelt and skull from each mountain lion harvested 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 harvesting a mountain lion, the licensee shall present the pelt and skull to a district game warden, district wildlife biologist, or Department personnel at a Department Regional Office during business hours for registration. The entire 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 mountain lion and to allow examination of the pelt to determine the sex of the mountain lion **and lactation status of females**. At the time of registration, the licensee shall furnish the Department with his license number, the date of kill, the location of the site of kill to include hunt area section, township and range, or UTM coordinates.

(~~i~~**h**) 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.

(j) Hunt Areas, Season Dates and Limitations.

| Hunt Area | Dates of Seasons | Mortality Limit | Limitations |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Sep. 1 - Mar. 31 | 24 | |
| 2 | Sep. 1 - Mar. 31 | ~~5~~**3** | |
| 3 | Sep. 1 - Mar. 31 | ~~12~~**8** | |
| 4 | Sep. 1 - Mar. 31 | 10 | |
| 5 | Sep. 1 - Mar. 31 | 12 | See Section 4~~(f) and (g)~~**(e) and (f)** |
| | Apr. 1 - Apr. 30* | | Valid off national forest* |
| 6 | Sep. 1 - Apr. 30 | ~~21~~**15** | ~~See Section 4(f) and (g)~~ |
| 7 | Sep. 1 - Aug. 31 | 14 | See Section 4~~(f) and (g)~~**(e) and (f)** |
| 8 | Sep. 1 - Aug. 31 | 10 | See Section 4~~(f) and (g)~~**(e) and (f)** |
| 9 | Sep. 1 - Aug. 31 | 12 | See Section 4~~(f) and (g)~~**(e) and (f)** |
| 10 | Sep. 1 - Mar. 31 | 7 | |
| 11 | Sep. 1 - Mar. 31 | ~~2~~**4** | |
| 12 | Sep. 1 - Mar. 31 | ~~8~~**6** | |
| 13 | Sep. 1 - Mar. 31 | 5 | |
| 14 | Sep. 1 - Mar. 31 | 15 | |
| 15 | Sep. 1 - Aug. 31 | Unlimited | See Section 4~~(f) and (g)~~**(e) and (f)** |

| Hunt Area | Dates of Seasons | Mortality Limit | Limitations |
|---|---|---|---|
| 16 | Sep. 1 - Mar. 31 | 6 | See Section 4~~(f) and (g)~~**(e) and (f)** |
| 17 | Sep. 1 - Mar. 31 | 9 | |
| 18 | Sep. 1 - Mar. 31 | 12 | |
| 19 | Sep. 1 - Mar. 31 | 20 | See Section 4~~(f) and (g)~~**(e) and (f)** |
| 20 | Sep. 1 - ~~Mar.~~**Aug.** 31 | ~~20~~**18** | |
| 21 | Sep. 1 - Mar. 31 | 20 | |
| 22 | Sep. 1 - Aug. 31 | 25 | |
| 23 | Sep. 1 - Mar. 31 | 20 | |
| 24 | Sep. 1 - May 31 | Unlimited | See Section 4~~(f) and (g)~~**(e) and (f)** |
| 25 | Sep. 1 - Mar. 31 | 12 | See Section 4~~(f) and (g)~~**(e) and (f)** |
| 26 | Sep. 1 - Mar. 31 | 15 | |
| 27 | Sep. 1 - Aug. 31 | Unlimited | See Section 4~~(f) and (g)~~**(e) and (f)** |
| 28 | Sep. 1 - Mar. 31 | 3 | |
| 29 | Sep. 1 - Mar. 31 | 6 | |
| 30 | Sep. 1 - Mar. 31 | 12 | |
| 31 | Sep. 1 - Aug. 31 | 11 | See Section 4~~(f) and (g)~~**(e) and (f)** |
| 32 | Sep. 1 – Mar. 31 | 25 | |
| ~~33~~ | ~~Sep. 1 – Mar. 31~~ | ~~2~~ | |

(k) Area Mortality Limit. The mountain lion season in a hunt area shall close when the mortality limit is reached. If the mortality limit is not reached, the season shall close upon the date specified in subsection (j) of this Section. Mortality limits shall be for the biological year. It is the hunter's responsibility to confirm that the hunt area he intends to hunt is open. The status of hunt area closures is available by calling toll free 1-800-264-1280 twenty-four (24) hours a day.

**Section 5. Archery Regulations.** Mountain lions may be taken with archery equipment in all areas as set forth in Section 4 of this Chapter.

**Section 6. Hunt Area Descriptions.**

(a) Area and Number

**Area 1. Bearlodge.** Beginning where Wyoming State Highway 24 crosses the Wyoming-South Dakota state line; southerly along said line to U.S. Highway 85; southwesterly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 585; northwesterly along said highway to Interstate Highway 90; westerly along said highway to U.S. Highway 14 at the town of Sundance; northwesterly along said highway to Wyoming State Highway 24; northerly and easterly along said highway to the Wyoming-South Dakota state line.

**Area 2. Teton.** Beginning where the Continental Divide crosses the southern boundary of Yellowstone National Park; southerly along said divide to the Union Pass Road (U.S.F.S. Road 600); westerly and southerly along said road to the Darwin Ranch Road (U.S.F.S. Road 620); westerly along said road to the divide between the Green River and the Gros Ventre River; southwesterly along said divide to the divide between the Gros Ventre River and the Hoback River at Hodges Peak; westerly along said divide to the divide between Flat Creek and the Granite Creek; southwesterly along said divide to Cache Peak; northerly along the divide between Flat Creek and Cache Creek at Jackson Peak; westerly along the ridge

between Cache Creek and Twin Creeks to the Bridger-Teton National Forest/National Elk Refuge Boundary; southwesterly along the National Elk Refuge boundary to where Flat Creek crosses U. S. Highway 26-89-191 at the north edge of the town of Jackson; southwesterly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 22; westerly along said highway to the Wyoming-Idaho state line; northerly along said line to the south boundary of Yellowstone National Park; easterly along said boundary to the Continental Divide, excluding Grand Teton National Park and the National Elk Refuge.

**Area 3. Bridger.** Beginning where the Union Pass Road (U.S.F.S. Road 600) crosses the Continental Divide; southeasterly along said divide to Mt. Nystrom; easterly from Mt. Nystrom to Sweetwater Gap and the headwaters of the Sweetwater River; southerly down said river to U.S. Highway 28; southwesterly along said highway to U.S. Highway 191; northerly 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); northerly and easterly along said road to the Continental Divide.

**Area 4. Popo Agie.** Beginning where Wyoming Highway 135 crosses the southern boundary of the Wind River Reservation; southerly along said highway to U.S. Highway 287; easterly along said highway to the Sweetwater River; southwesterly and then northerly up said river to 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 Wyoming Highway 135.

**Area 5. Iron Mountain.** Beginning where Interstate Highway 25 crosses the Wyoming-Colorado state line; westerly along said line to U.S. Highway 287; northerly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 34; northerly and easterly along said highway to Interstate Highway 25; southerly along said highway to the Wyoming-Colorado state line.

**Area 6. Laramie Peak.** Beginning where Interstate Highway 25 crosses the North Platte River at the city of Douglas; southerly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 34; westerly along said highway to U.S. Highway 30; northerly and westerly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 487; northerly and westerly along said highway to the Lone Tree Road (B.L.M. Road 3141); northerly along said road to the Spring Creek Road; easterly 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 down said river to Interstate Highway 25.

**Area 7. South Snowy Range.** Beginning at the city of Laramie and U.S. Highway 287; southerly along said highway to the Wyoming-Colorado state line; westerly along said line to Wyoming Highway 230 (west of the North Platte River); northerly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 130; easterly along said highway to the city of Laramie.

**Area 8. Seminoe.** Beginning at the junction of Wyoming Highway 220 and Wyoming Highway 487; southerly along Wyoming Highway 487 to U.S. Highway 30; westerly along said highway to Interstate Highway 80; westerly along said highway to U.S. Highway 287 in the city of Rawlins; northerly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 220; northeasterly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 487.

**Area 9. Sierra Madre.** Beginning at the junction of Interstate Highway 80 and Wyoming Highway 130; southerly along Wyoming Highway 130 to Wyoming Highway 230; southeasterly along said highway to the Wyoming-Colorado state line; westerly along said line to the Continental Divide; northerly along said divide to the Sage Creek Road (Carbon County Road 401); northerly along said road to

Wyoming Highway 71; northerly along said highway to Interstate Highway 80; easterly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 130.

**Area 10. Haystacks.** Beginning at the junction of Interstate Highway 80 and Wyoming Highway 789; easterly along Interstate Highway 80 to the junction of Wyoming Highway 71; southerly along said highway to the Sage Creek Road (Carbon County Road 401); southerly along said road to the Continental Divide at Middlewood Hill; southerly along said divide to the Wyoming-Colorado state line; westerly along said line to Wyoming Highway 789; northerly along said highway to Interstate Highway 80.

**Area 11. Red Desert.** Beginning at the junction of Wyoming Highway 73 and U.S. Highway 287; southerly along U.S. Highway 287 to Interstate Highway 80; westerly along said highway to **Creston Junction and U.S. Highway 789; southerly along said highway to the Wyoming-Colorado state line; westerly along said line to the Cow Creek-Powder Wash Road north of Powder Wash, Colorado; northwesterly along said road to the Bitter Creek Road (Sweetwater County Road 19); northwesterly along said road to Interstate Highway 80; westerly along said highway to** the Green River; northerly up said river to Big Sandy River; northeasterly up said river to U.S. Highway 191; southerly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 28; northeasterly along said highway to the Sweetwater River; northeasterly down said river to U.S. Highway 287; easterly along said highway to the Bison Basin Road; southerly along said road to the Alkali Creek Road (B.L.M. 2317); easterly along said road to the Wamsutter-Crooks Gap Road; southerly along said road to the Bairoil Road (Sweetwater County Road 22); easterly along said road to Wyoming Highway 73; easterly along said highway to U.S. Highway 287.

**Area 12. Flaming Gorge.** Beginning at the junction of Interstate Highway 80 and the Bitter Creek Road (Sweetwater County Road 19); southeasterly along said road to the Cow Creek-Powder Wash Road; southeasterly along said road to the Wyoming-Colorado state line; westerly along said line to the Wyoming-Utah state line; westerly along said line to Flaming Gorge Reservoir and the Green River; northerly up said river to Interstate Highway 80; easterly along said highway to the junction of the Bitter Creek Road (Sweetwater County Road 19).

**Area 13. Wasatch.** Beginning where Interstate Highway 80 crosses the Green River; southerly down said river to the Wyoming-Utah state line; westerly and northerly along said line to Interstate Highway 80; easterly along said highway to the Green River.

**Area 14. Lincoln.** Beginning where the Green River crosses Interstate Highway 80; westerly along said highway to the Wyoming-Utah state line; northerly along said line to the Wyoming-Idaho state line; northerly along said line to the divide between the Salt River and Bear River; easterly along said divide to the divide between the Salt River and the Smiths Fork River; northeasterly along said divide to Commissary Ridge; southeasterly along said ridge to the head of LaBarge Creek; southeasterly down said creek to the Green River; southeasterly down said river to Interstate Highway 80.

**Area 15. Kaycee.** Beginning at the junction of U.S. Highway 16 and Interstate Highway 25 at the town of Buffalo; southerly along Interstate Highway 25 to U.S. Highway 20-26 at the city of Casper; westerly along said highway to the town of Waltman and the Waltman-Arminto Road (Natrona County Road 104); northerly along said road to the Buffalo Creek Road (Natrona County Road 105); northeasterly along said road to the Big Horn Mountain Divide Road/Hazelton Road (Natrona County Road 109-Washakie County Road 81-Johnson County Road 3); northerly along said road to the Gold Mine Road (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; northeasterly along said highway to Interstate Highway 25.

**Area 16. Gas Hills.** Beginning at the city of Casper and Wyoming Highway 220; southwesterly along said highway to U.S. Highway 287; southerly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 73; westerly along said highway to the Bairoil Road (Sweetwater County Road 22); westerly along said road to the Wamsutter-Crooks Gap Road (Sweetwater County Road 23N and Fremont County Road 318); northerly along said road to the Three Forks-Atlantic City Road (B.L.M. Road 2317); westerly along said

road to the Bison Basin Road (Fremont County Road 281 and B.L.M. Road 3221); northerly along said road to U.S. Highway 287; westerly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 135; northerly along said highway to the boundary of the Wind River Reservation; easterly and northerly along said boundary to U.S. Highway 20-26; easterly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 220 in the city of Casper.

**Area 17. Piney.** Beginning where U.S. Highway 191 crosses the Green River; southeasterly along said highway to the Big Sandy River; southwesterly down said river to the Green River; northerly up said river to LaBarge Creek; northwesterly up said creek to the Greys River Road at Tri Basin Divide; northerly along said road to the divide between the Green River and the Greys River; easterly and 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 Green River.

**Area 18. Wind River.** All of the drainage of the Wind River, which lies west of the west boundary of the Wind River Reservation.

**Area 19. Northwest.** ~~Beginning where the Big Horn River crosses the Wyoming-Montana state line; southerly up said river to Dry Creek; southwesterly up said creek to the South Fork of Dry Creek; southwesterly up said creek, past the Halfway House historical marker on Wyoming Highway 120, to the divide between Meeteetse Creek and Sage Creek; westerly along said divide to the divide between the Greybull River and the South Fork of the Shoshone River; southwesterly 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 the Wyoming-Montana state line; easterly along said line to the Big Horn River.~~**All of the Clark's Fork River drainage, Soda Butte Creek drainage, Shoshone River drainage, Wood River drainage and Yellowstone River drainage, outside Yellowstone National Park and west of Wyoming Highway 120.**

**Area 20.** ~~**Grass Creek.**~~**Owl Creek/Bighorn Basin.** Beginning where ~~Dry Creek flows into~~ the Big Horn River **crosses the Wyoming-Montana state line**; southerly up said river to the north boundary of the Wind River Reservation; westerly along said boundary to the divide between ~~the Wood River and Wind River; northwesterly along said divide to the divide between the Greybull River and the Wind River; northwesterly along said divide to the divide between the Greybull River and the South Fork of the Shoshone River; northeasterly along said divide to the divide between Meeteetse Creek and Sage Creek; easterly along said divide to the head of the South Fork of Dry Creek; northeasterly down said creek, past the Halfway House historical marker on Wyoming Highway 120, to Dry Creek; northeasterly down said creek to the Big Horn River; and~~ **Owl Creek and the South Fork Wood River; northeasterly along said divide to the divide between Cottonwood Creek and Gooseberry Creek; northeasterly along said divide between Gooseberry Creek and Grass Creek; easterly along said divide Wyoming Highway 120; northerly along said highway to the Wyoming-Montana state line; easterly along said state line to the Bighorn River; in addition,** all non-Indian fee title lands in that portion of Hot Springs County within the exterior boundaries of the Wind River Reservation.

**Area 21. Shell.** Beginning where the Big Horn Mountain Divide crosses the Wyoming-Montana state line; southerly along said divide to U.S. Highway 16; westerly along said highway to the Big Horn River; northerly down said river to the Wyoming-Montana state line; easterly along said line to the Big Horn Mountain Divide.

**Area 22. Ten Sleep.** Beginning at the junction of U.S. Highway 16 and 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-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 Waltman-Arminto Road (Natrona County Road 104); southerly along said road to the town of Waltman and U.S. Highway 20-26; westerly along said highway to the east boundary of the Wind River Reservation; northerly then westerly along said boundary

to the Big Horn River; northerly down said river to U.S. Highway 16; easterly along said highway to the Canyon Creek Road (U.S.F.S. Road 25). Also included are all lands of the Wind River Reservation within the Bureau of Reclamation Riverton and Boysen Unit boundaries and Boysen State Park, excluding Indian sole occupancy lands north of Cottonwood Creek.

**Area 23. Sheridan.** Beginning where Interstate Highway 90 crosses the Wyoming-Montana state line; southerly along said highway to Interstate Highway 25; southerly along said highway to U.S. Highway 16; southwesterly along said highway to the Big Horn Mountain Divide at Powder River Pass; northerly along said divide to the Wyoming-Montana state line; easterly along said line to Interstate Highway 90.

**Area 24. Rochelle.** Beginning where the Rocky Point Road (Crook County Road 145) crosses the Wyoming-Montana state line; southerly along said road to the "D" Road (Crook County Road 68); southerly along said road to Interstate Highway 90; easterly along said highway to U.S. Highway 16; southeasterly along said highway to the Wyoming-South Dakota state line; southerly along said line to the Wyoming-Nebraska state line; southerly along said line to U.S. Highway 20; westerly along said highway to Interstate Highway 25; northwesterly along said highway to the North Platte River at the town of Douglas; westerly along said river to the city of Casper and Interstate Highway 25; northerly along said highway to Interstate Highway 90; northerly along said highway to the Wyoming-Montana state line; easterly along said line to the Rocky Point Road (Crook County Road 145).

**Area 25. Hartville.** Beginning where U.S. Highway 20 crosses the Wyoming-Nebraska state line; southerly along said line to the Wyoming-Colorado state line; westerly along said line to Interstate Highway 25; northerly along said highway to U.S. Highway 20; easterly along said highway to the Wyoming-Nebraska state line.

**Area 26. Greys River.** Beginning at the Wyoming-Idaho state line on the Snake River; easterly up said river to Bailey Creek; southeasterly up said creek to Dry Wash Draw; easterly up said draw to the divide between Bailey Creek and Willow Creek (Greyback Ridge); southerly along said divide to the divide between the Greys River and Willow Creek; southerly along said divide to the divide between the Greys River and the Hoback River; southerly along said divide to the divide between the Greys River and the Green River; southerly and westerly along said divide to the Greys River Road at the Tri Basin Divide; southerly along said road to La Barge Creek; northwesterly up said creek to Commissary Ridge; northwesterly along said ridge to the divide between the Salt River and the Smiths Fork River; southwesterly along said divide to the divide between the Salt river and the Bear River; westerly along said divide to the Wyoming-Idaho state line; northerly along said line to the Snake River.

**Area 27. Casper Mountain.** Beginning at the confluence of the North Platte River and Deer Creek at the town of Glenrock; southerly up said creek to Curry Creek; southeasterly up said creek to U.S.F.S. Road 660; northwesterly along said road to its termination at 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 (B.L.M. 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 28. Crowheart Butte.** All non-Indian owned fee title land within the exterior boundaries of the Wind River Reservation excluding Mountain Lion Hunt Area 22, those areas of the Spence and Moriarity Wildlife Management Area that lie east of the East Fork of the Wind River, and those lands within Hot Springs County.

**Area 29. Hoback.** Beginning where U.S. Highway 191 crosses Flat Creek at the north edge of the town of Jackson; due east to the National Elk Refuge boundary; easterly along said boundary to the Bridger-Teton National Forest boundary and the ridge between Twin Creeks and Cache Creek; easterly along said ridge to Jackson Peak; southerly along the divide between Flat Creek and Cache Creek to Cache

Peak; easterly along the divide between Flat Creek and Granite Creek to Pyramid Peak; southerly along the divide between the Gros Ventre River and the Hoback River to Steamboat Peak; southeasterly along said divide to the divide between the Green River and the Hoback River at Hodges Peak; southeasterly along the divide between the Hoback River and Green River; southwesterly along said divide to the divide between the Greys River and Hoback River; northeasterly and westerly along said divide to the divide between the Greys River and Willow Creek; northerly along said divide to the divide between the Bailey Creek and Willow Creek (Greyback Ridge); northerly along said divide to Dry Wash Draw; westerly down said draw to Baily Creek; northwesterly down said creek to the Snake River; southerly and westerly down the Snake River to the Wyoming-Idaho state line; northerly along said line to Wyoming Highway 22; easterly along said highway to U.S. Highway 191; northeasterly along said highway to Flat Creek.

**Area 30. Newcastle.** Beginning where U.S. Highway 85 crosses the Wyoming-South Dakota state line; southerly along said line to U.S. Highway 16; northwesterly along said highway to the town of Moorcroft and Interstate Highway 90; easterly along said highway to the town of Sundance and Wyoming State Highway 585; southeasterly along said highway to U.S. Highway 85; northerly along said highway to the Wyoming-South Dakota state line.

**Area 31. Elk Mountain.** Beginning at the city of Laramie and Wyoming Highway 130; westerly then northerly along said highway to U.S. Highway 30; easterly and southerly along said highway to the city of Laramie.

**Area 32. Hulett.** Beginning where the Montana-Wyoming state lines crosses the Rocky Point Road (Crook County Road 145); easterly along said line to where the Montana, Wyoming and South Dakota state lines meet; southerly along the Wyoming-South Dakota state line to Wyoming State Highway 24; westerly and southerly along said highway to U.S. Highway 14; southeasterly along said highway to the town of Sundance and Interstate Highway 90; westerly along said highway to the town of Moorcroft and the D-Road (Crook County Road 68); northerly along said road to the Rocky Point Road in Campbell County; northerly along said road to the Wyoming-Montana state line.

~~**Area 33. Powder Rim.** Beginning at the junction of Wyoming Highway 789 and the Wyoming-Colorado state line; westerly along said line to the Cow Creek-Powder Wash Road north of Powder Wash, Colorado; northwesterly along said road to the Bitter Creek Road (Sweetwater County Road 19); northwesterly along said road to Interstate Highway 80; easterly along said highway to Creston Junction and Wyoming Highway 789; southerly along said highway to the Wyoming-Colorado state line.~~

~~**Section 7. Violation of Commission Regulations.** Failure to abide by the provisions of this regulation shall be punishable as provided by Wyoming statutes for violation of Commission regulations.~~

~~**Section 8. 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 the regulation shall be severable.~~

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

By: _____
~~Mike Healy~~**T. Carrie Little**, President

Dated: July ~~10, 2013~~**8, 2016**

**WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION**

**CHAPTER 42**

**MOUNTAIN LION HUNTING SEASONS**

**Section 1. Authority.** This regulation is promulgated by authority of W.S. §23-1-302 and W.S. §23-2-101(d).

**Section 2. Definitions.** For the purpose of this regulation, definitions shall be as set forth in Title 23, Wyoming Statutes and the Commission also adopts the following definitions:

(a) "Bayed" means impeding the movement of a mountain lion such that while a person is present (with or without dogs) the animal is unable to flee the area where it is being held.

(b) "Biological year" means twelve (12) consecutive months from September 1 to August 31.

(c) "Dependent Young" means any mountain lion with visible spots other than those occurring on the inside of its front legs or any mountain lion still traveling with an adult female mountain lion.

(d) "Mortality" means any legal mountain lion harvest or illegal human caused mountain lion death, excluding mountain lions taken by the Department, mountain lions taken under the authority of W.S. §23-3-115(a), and all other mountain lion deaths.

(e) "Reduced price mountain lion license" means a license which may be authorized in specific hunt areas allowing a person to take a mountain lion in addition to what may be taken on a full price mountain lion license.

**Section 3. Hunting Regulations.**

(a) Mountain lions shall only be taken during open seasons by the use of legal firearms or archery equipment, except as otherwise provided by State statute and Commission regulations.

(b) Use of Dogs. Dogs may be used to pursue mountain lions during the open season. However, dogs shall only be used to pursue mountain lions during open hours for the taking of mountain lions.

(c) After a mountain lion has been pursued or bayed, a properly licensed person shall promptly harvest or release the mountain lion. No person shall in any manner restrict or hinder the mountain lions ability to escape for the purpose of allowing a person who was not present at the time the mountain lion was bayed to arrive and take the mountain lion.

(d) Bag and Possession Limits. The bag and possession limit for any person with a proper license shall be one (1) mountain lion during any one (1) calendar year (January 1-December 31), except as otherwise provided in this Section. Hunters may harvest any mountain lion, except dependent young and female mountain lions with dependent young at side shall not be harvested.

(e) Reduced price mountain lion licenses. A person may receive a maximum of one (1) full price mountain lion license and a maximum of one (1) reduced price mountain lion license during any one (1) calendar year. A person shall possess and exhibit a full price mountain lion license for the current calendar year in order to receive a reduced price mountain lion license for the same calendar year.

(f) Reduced price mountain lion licenses are valid only in hunt areas 5, 7, 8, 9, 15, 16, 19, 24, 25, 27 and 31.

(g) Registering Kills. Hunters harvesting mountain lions shall retain the pelt and skull from each mountain lion harvested 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 harvesting a mountain lion, the licensee shall present the pelt and skull to a district game warden, district wildlife biologist, or Department personnel at a Department Regional Office during business hours for registration. The entire 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 mountain lion and to allow examination of the pelt to determine the sex of the mountain lion and lactation status of females. At the time of registration, the licensee shall furnish the Department with his license number, the date of kill, the location of the site of kill to include hunt area section, township and range, or UTM coordinates.

(h) 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.

(j) Hunt Areas, Season Dates and Limitations.

| Hunt Area | Dates of Seasons | Mortality Limit | Limitations |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Sep. 1 - Mar. 31 | 24 | |
| 2 | Sep. 1 - Mar. 31 | 3 | |
| 3 | Sep. 1 - Mar. 31 | 8 | |
| 4 | Sep. 1 - Mar. 31 | 10 | |
| 5 | Sep. 1 - Mar. 31 | 12 | See Section 4(e) and (f) |
| | Apr. 1 - Apr. 30* | | Valid off national forest* |
| 6 | Sep. 1 - Apr. 30 | 15 | |
| 7 | Sep. 1 - Aug. 31 | 14 | See Section 4(e) and (f) |
| 8 | Sep. 1 - Aug. 31 | 10 | See Section 4(e) and (f) |
| 9 | Sep. 1 - Aug. 31 | 12 | See Section 4(e) and (f) |
| 10 | Sep. 1 - Mar. 31 | 7 | |
| 11 | Sep. 1 - Mar. 31 | 4 | |
| 12 | Sep. 1 - Mar. 31 | 6 | |
| 13 | Sep. 1 - Mar. 31 | 5 | |
| 14 | Sep. 1 - Mar. 31 | 15 | |
| 15 | Sep. 1 - Aug. 31 | Unlimited | See Section 4(e) and (f) |
| 16 | Sep. 1 - Mar. 31 | 6 | See Section 4(e) and (f) |
| 17 | Sep. 1 - Mar. 31 | 9 | |
| 18 | Sep. 1 - Mar. 31 | 12 | |
| 19 | Sep. 1 - Mar. 31 | 20 | See Section 4(e) and (f) |
| 20 | Sep. 1 - Aug. 31 | 18 | |
| 21 | Sep. 1 - Mar. 31 | 20 | |
| 22 | Sep. 1 - Aug. 31 | 25 | |
| 23 | Sep. 1 - Mar. 31 | 20 | |
| 24 | Sep. 1 - May 31 | Unlimited | See Section 4(e) and (f) |
| 25 | Sep. 1 - Mar. 31 | 12 | See Section 4(e) and (f) |
| 26 | Sep. 1 - Mar. 31 | 15 | |
| 27 | Sep. 1 - Aug. 31 | Unlimited | See Section 4(e) and (f) |
| 28 | Sep. 1 - Mar. 31 | 3 | |
| 29 | Sep. 1 - Mar. 31 | 6 | |
| 30 | Sep. 1 - Mar. 31 | 12 | |
| 31 | Sep. 1 - Aug. 31 | 11 | See Section 4(e) and (f) |

| Hunt Area | Dates of Seasons | Mortality Limit | Limitations |
|---|---|---|---|
| 32 | Sep. 1 – Mar. 31 | 25 | |

(k) Area Mortality Limit. The mountain lion season in a hunt area shall close when the mortality limit is reached. If the mortality limit is not reached, the season shall close upon the date specified in subsection (j) of this Section. Mortality limits shall be for the biological year. It is the hunter's responsibility to confirm that the hunt area he intends to hunt is open. The status of hunt area closures is available by calling toll free 1-800-264-1280 twenty-four (24) hours a day.

**Section 5. Archery Regulations.** Mountain lions may be taken with archery equipment in all areas as set forth in Section 4 of this Chapter.

**Section 6. Hunt Area Descriptions.**

(a) Area and Number

**Area 1. Bearlodge.** Beginning where Wyoming State Highway 24 crosses the Wyoming-South Dakota state line; southerly along said line to U.S. Highway 85; southwesterly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 585; northwesterly along said highway to Interstate Highway 90; westerly along said highway to U.S. Highway 14 at the town of Sundance; northwesterly along said highway to Wyoming State Highway 24; northerly and easterly along said highway to the Wyoming-South Dakota state line.

**Area 2. Teton.** Beginning where the Continental Divide crosses the southern boundary of Yellowstone National Park; southerly along said divide to the Union Pass Road (U.S.F.S. Road 600); westerly and southerly along said road to the Darwin Ranch Road (U.S.F.S. Road 620); westerly along said road to the divide between the Green River and the Gros Ventre River; southwesterly along said divide to the divide between the Gros Ventre River and the Hoback River at Hodges Peak; westerly along said divide to the divide between Flat Creek and the Granite Creek; southwesterly along said divide to Cache Peak; northerly along the divide between Flat Creek and Cache Creek at Jackson Peak; westerly along the ridge between Cache Creek and Twin Creeks to the Bridger-Teton National Forest/National Elk Refuge Boundary; southwesterly along the National Elk Refuge boundary to where Flat Creek crosses U. S. Highway 26-89-191 at the north edge of the town of Jackson; southwesterly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 22; westerly along said highway to the Wyoming-Idaho state line; northerly along said line to the south boundary of Yellowstone National Park; easterly along said boundary to the Continental Divide, excluding Grand Teton National Park and the National Elk Refuge.

**Area 3. Bridger.** Beginning where the Union Pass Road (U.S.F.S. Road 600) crosses the Continental Divide; southeasterly along said divide to Mt. Nystrom; easterly from Mt. Nystrom to Sweetwater Gap and the headwaters of the Sweetwater River; southerly down said river to U.S. Highway 28; southwesterly along said highway to U.S. Highway 191; northerly 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); northerly and easterly along said road to the Continental Divide.

**Area 4. Popo Agie.** Beginning where Wyoming Highway 135 crosses the southern boundary of the Wind River Reservation; southerly along said highway to U.S. Highway 287; easterly along said highway to the Sweetwater River; southwesterly and then northerly up said river to 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 Wyoming Highway 135.

**Area 5. Iron Mountain.** Beginning where Interstate Highway 25 crosses the Wyoming-Colorado state line; westerly along said line to U.S. Highway 287; northerly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 34; northerly and easterly along said highway to Interstate Highway 25; southerly along said highway to the Wyoming-Colorado state line.

**Area 6. Laramie Peak.** Beginning where Interstate Highway 25 crosses the North Platte River at the city of Douglas; southerly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 34; westerly along said highway to U.S. Highway 30; northerly and westerly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 487; northerly and westerly along said highway to the Lone Tree Road (B.L.M. Road 3141); northerly along said road to the Spring Creek Road; easterly 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 down said river to Interstate Highway 25.

**Area 7. South Snowy Range.** Beginning at the city of Laramie and U.S. Highway 287; southerly along said highway to the Wyoming-Colorado state line; westerly along said line to Wyoming Highway 230 (west of the North Platte River); northerly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 130; easterly along said highway to the city of Laramie.

**Area 8. Seminoe.** Beginning at the junction of Wyoming Highway 220 and Wyoming Highway 487; southerly along Wyoming Highway 487 to U.S. Highway 30; westerly along said highway to Interstate Highway 80; westerly along said highway to U.S. Highway 287 in the city of Rawlins; northerly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 220; northeasterly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 487.

**Area 9. Sierra Madre.** Beginning at the junction of Interstate Highway 80 and Wyoming Highway 130; southerly along Wyoming Highway 130 to Wyoming Highway 230; southeasterly along said highway to the Wyoming-Colorado state line; westerly along said line to the Continental Divide; northerly along said divide to the Sage Creek Road (Carbon County Road 401); northerly along said road to Wyoming Highway 71; northerly along said highway to Interstate Highway 80; easterly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 130.

**Area 10. Haystacks.** Beginning at the junction of Interstate Highway 80 and Wyoming Highway 789; easterly along Interstate Highway 80 to the junction of Wyoming Highway 71; southerly along said highway to the Sage Creek Road (Carbon County Road 401); southerly along said road to the Continental Divide at Middlewood Hill; southerly along said divide to the Wyoming-Colorado state line; westerly along said line to Wyoming Highway 789; northerly along said highway to Interstate Highway 80.

**Area 11. Red Desert.** Beginning at the junction of Wyoming Highway 73 and U.S. Highway 287; southerly along U.S. Highway 287 to Interstate Highway 80; westerly along said highway to Creston Junction and U.S. Highway 789; southerly along said highway to the Wyoming-Colorado state line; westerly along said line to the Cow Creek-Powder Wash Road north of Powder Wash, Colorado; northwesterly along said road to the Bitter Creek Road (Sweetwater County Road 19); northwesterly along said road to Interstate Highway 80; westerly along said highway to the Green River; northerly up said river to Big Sandy River; northeasterly up said river to U.S. Highway 191; southerly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 28; northeasterly along said highway to the Sweetwater River; northeasterly down said river to U.S. Highway 287; easterly along said highway to the Bison Basin Road; southerly along said road to the Alkali Creek Road (B.L.M. 2317); easterly along said road to the Wamsutter-Crooks Gap Road; southerly along said road to the Bairoil Road (Sweetwater County Road 22); easterly along said road to Wyoming Highway 73; easterly along said highway to U.S. Highway 287.

**Area 12. Flaming Gorge.** Beginning at the junction of Interstate Highway 80 and the Bitter Creek Road (Sweetwater County Road 19); southeasterly along said road to the Cow Creek-Powder Wash

Road; southeasterly along said road to the Wyoming-Colorado state line; westerly along said line to the Wyoming-Utah state line; westerly along said line to Flaming Gorge Reservoir and the Green River; northerly up said river to Interstate Highway 80; easterly along said highway to the junction of the Bitter Creek Road (Sweetwater County Road 19).

**Area 13. Wasatch.** Beginning where Interstate Highway 80 crosses the Green River; southerly down said river to the Wyoming-Utah state line; westerly and northerly along said line to Interstate Highway 80; easterly along said highway to the Green River.

**Area 14. Lincoln.** Beginning where the Green River crosses Interstate Highway 80; westerly along said highway to the Wyoming-Utah state line; northerly along said line to the Wyoming-Idaho state line; northerly along said line to the divide between the Salt River and Bear River; easterly along said divide to the divide between the Salt River and the Smiths Fork River; northeasterly along said divide to Commissary Ridge; southeasterly along said ridge to the head of LaBarge Creek; southeasterly down said creek to the Green River; southeasterly down said river to Interstate Highway 80.

**Area 15. Kaycee.** Beginning at the junction of U.S. Highway 16 and Interstate Highway 25 at the town of Buffalo; southerly along Interstate Highway 25 to U.S. Highway 20-26 at the city of Casper; westerly along said highway to the town of Waltman and the Waltman-Arminto Road (Natrona County Road 104); northerly along said road to the Buffalo Creek Road (Natrona County Road 105); northeasterly along said road to the Big Horn Mountain Divide Road/Hazelton Road (Natrona County Road 109-Washakie County Road 81-Johnson County Road 3); northerly along said road to the Gold Mine Road (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; northeasterly along said highway to Interstate Highway 25.

**Area 16. Gas Hills.** Beginning at the city of Casper and Wyoming Highway 220; southwesterly along said highway to U.S. Highway 287; southerly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 73; westerly along said highway to the Bairoil Road (Sweetwater County Road 22); westerly along said road to the Wamsutter-Crooks Gap Road (Sweetwater County Road 23N and Fremont County Road 318); northerly along said road to the Three Forks-Atlantic City Road (B.L.M. Road 2317); westerly along said road to the Bison Basin Road (Fremont County Road 281 and B.L.M. Road 3221); northerly along said road to U.S. Highway 287; westerly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 135; northerly along said highway to the boundary of the Wind River Reservation; easterly and northerly along said boundary to U.S. Highway 20-26; easterly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 220 in the city of Casper.

**Area 17. Piney.** Beginning where U.S. Highway 191 crosses the Green River; southeasterly along said highway to the Big Sandy River; southwesterly down said river to the Green River; northerly up said river to LaBarge Creek; northwesterly up said creek to the Greys River Road at Tri Basin Divide; northerly along said road to the divide between the Green River and the Greys River; easterly and 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 Green River.

**Area 18. Wind River.** All of the drainage of the Wind River, which lies west of the west boundary of the Wind River Reservation.

**Area 19. Northwest.** All of the Clark's Fork River drainage, Soda Butte Creek drainage, Shoshone River drainage, Wood River drainage and Yellowstone River drainage, outside Yellowstone National Park and west of Wyoming Highway 120.

**Area 20. Owl Creek/Bighorn Basin.** Beginning where the Big Horn River crosses the Wyoming-Montana state line; southerly up said river to the north boundary of the Wind River Reservation; westerly along said boundary to the divide between Owl Creek and the South Fork Wood River; northeasterly along said divide to the divide between Cottonwood Creek and Gooseberry Creek; northeasterly along said divide between Gooseberry Creek and Grass Creek; easterly along said divide

Wyoming Highway 120; northerly along said highway to the Wyoming-Montana state line; easterly along said state line to the Bighorn River; in addition, all non-Indian fee title lands in that portion of Hot Springs County within the exterior boundaries of the Wind River Reservation.

**Area 21. Shell.** Beginning where the Big Horn Mountain Divide crosses the Wyoming-Montana state line; southerly along said divide to U.S. Highway 16; westerly along said highway to the Big Horn River; northerly down said river to the Wyoming-Montana state line; easterly along said line to the Big Horn Mountain Divide.

**Area 22. Ten Sleep.** Beginning at the junction of U.S. Highway 16 and 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-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 Waltman-Arminto Road (Natrona County Road 104); southerly along said road to the town of Waltman and U.S. Highway 20-26; westerly along said highway to the east boundary of the Wind River Reservation; northerly then westerly along said boundary to the Big Horn River; northerly down said river to U.S. Highway 16; easterly along said highway to the Canyon Creek Road (U.S.F.S. Road 25). Also included are all lands of the Wind River Reservation within the Bureau of Reclamation Riverton and Boysen Unit boundaries and Boysen State Park, excluding Indian sole occupancy lands north of Cottonwood Creek.

**Area 23. Sheridan.** Beginning where Interstate Highway 90 crosses the Wyoming-Montana state line; southerly along said highway to Interstate Highway 25; southerly along said highway to U.S. Highway 16; southwesterly along said highway to the Big Horn Mountain Divide at Powder River Pass; northerly along said divide to the Wyoming-Montana state line; easterly along said line to Interstate Highway 90.

**Area 24. Rochelle.** Beginning where the Rocky Point Road (Crook County Road 145) crosses the Wyoming-Montana state line; southerly along said road to the "D" Road (Crook County Road 68); southerly along said road to Interstate Highway 90; easterly along said highway to U.S. Highway 16; southeasterly along said highway to the Wyoming-South Dakota state line; southerly along said line to the Wyoming-Nebraska state line; southerly along said line to U.S. Highway 20; westerly along said highway to Interstate Highway 25; northwesterly along said highway to the North Platte River at the town of Douglas; westerly along said river to the city of Casper and Interstate Highway 25; northerly along said highway to Interstate Highway 90; northerly along said highway to the Wyoming-Montana state line; easterly along said line to the Rocky Point Road (Crook County Road 145).

**Area 25. Hartville.** Beginning where U.S. Highway 20 crosses the Wyoming-Nebraska state line; southerly along said line to the Wyoming-Colorado state line; westerly along said line to Interstate Highway 25; northerly along said highway to U.S. Highway 20; easterly along said highway to the Wyoming-Nebraska state line.

**Area 26. Greys River.** Beginning at the Wyoming-Idaho state line on the Snake River; easterly up said river to Bailey Creek; southeasterly up said creek to Dry Wash Draw; easterly up said draw to the divide between Bailey Creek and Willow Creek (Greyback Ridge); southerly along said divide to the divide between the Greys River and Willow Creek; southerly along said divide to the divide between the Greys River and the Hoback River; southerly along said divide to the divide between the Greys River and the Green River; southerly and westerly along said divide to the Greys River Road at the Tri Basin Divide; southerly along said road to La Barge Creek; northwesterly up said creek to Commissary Ridge; northwesterly along said ridge to the divide between the Salt River and the Smiths Fork River; southwesterly along said divide to the divide between the Salt river and the Bear River; westerly along said divide to the Wyoming-Idaho state line; northerly along said line to the Snake River.

**Area 27. Casper Mountain.** Beginning at the confluence of the North Platte River and Deer Creek at the town of Glenrock; southerly up said creek to Curry Creek; southeasterly up said creek to

U.S.F.S. Road 660; northwesterly along said road to its termination at 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 (B.L.M. 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 28. Crowheart Butte.** All non-Indian owned fee title land within the exterior boundaries of the Wind River Reservation excluding Mountain Lion Hunt Area 22, those areas of the Spence and Moriarity Wildlife Management Area that lie east of the East Fork of the Wind River, and those lands within Hot Springs County.

**Area 29. Hoback.** Beginning where U.S. Highway 191 crosses Flat Creek at the north edge of the town of Jackson; due east to the National Elk Refuge boundary; easterly along said boundary to the Bridger-Teton National Forest boundary and the ridge between Twin Creeks and Cache Creek; easterly along said ridge to Jackson Peak; southerly along the divide between Flat Creek and Cache Creek to Cache Peak; easterly along the divide between Flat Creek and Granite Creek to Pyramid Peak; southerly along the divide between the Gros Ventre River and the Hoback River to Steamboat Peak; southeasterly along said divide to the divide between the Green River and the Hoback River at Hodges Peak; southeasterly along the divide between the Hoback River and Green River; southwesterly along said divide to the divide between the Greys River and Hoback River; northeasterly and westerly along said divide to the divide between the Greys River and Willow Creek; northerly along said divide to the divide between the Bailey Creek and Willow Creek (Greyback Ridge); northerly along said divide to Dry Wash Draw; westerly down said draw to Baily Creek; northwesterly down said creek to the Snake River; southerly and westerly down the Snake River to the Wyoming-Idaho state line; northerly along said line to Wyoming Highway 22; easterly along said highway to U.S. Highway 191; northeasterly along said highway to Flat Creek.

**Area 30. Newcastle.** Beginning where U.S. Highway 85 crosses the Wyoming-South Dakota state line; southerly along said line to U.S. Highway 16; northwesterly along said highway to the town of Moorcroft and Interstate Highway 90; easterly along said highway to the town of Sundance and Wyoming State Highway 585; southeasterly along said highway to U.S. Highway 85; northerly along said highway to the Wyoming-South Dakota state line.

**Area 31. Elk Mountain.** Beginning at the city of Laramie and Wyoming Highway 130; westerly then northerly along said highway to U.S. Highway 30; easterly and southerly along said highway to the city of Laramie.

**Area 32. Hulett.** Beginning where the Montana-Wyoming state lines crosses the Rocky Point Road (Crook County Road 145); easterly along said line to where the Montana, Wyoming and South Dakota state lines meet; southerly along the Wyoming-South Dakota state line to Wyoming State Highway 24; westerly and southerly along said highway to U.S. Highway 14; southeasterly along said highway to the town of Sundance and Interstate Highway 90; westerly along said highway to the town of Moorcroft and the D-Road (Crook County Road 68); northerly along said road to the Rocky Point Road in Campbell County; northerly along said road to the Wyoming-Montana state line.

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

By: _____
T. Carrie Little, President

Dated: July 8, 2016

STATEMENT OF REASONS

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

CHAPTER 64

REGULATION FOR CENTRAL VISUAL ACUITY DISABILITY PERMITS

W.S. § 23-3-306 (f) provides for the Commission to establish by rule and regulation specifications for the taking of game animals with the use of artificial light or lighting devices by persons with central visual acuity disabilities.

Provisions currently outlined in Commission Regulation Chapter 64, Regulation for Central Visual Acuity Disability Permits, are being incorporated into the newly revised Chapter 35, Hunting Permit Regulations for Persons with Disabilities. Chapter 64 will be repealed as a stand-alone regulation in compliance with the Governor's initiative and direction to reduce the number and length of rules where possible.

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**WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION**

**CHAPTER 64**

**REGULATION FOR CENTRAL VISUAL ACUITY DISABILITY PERMITS**

~~**Section 1. Authority.** This regulation is promulgated by authority of W.S. §23-1-302 and W.S. §23-3-306.~~

~~**Section 2. Regulation.** The Wyoming Game and Fish Commission hereby adopts the following regulation governing issuance of Central Visual Acuity Disability Permits.~~

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

~~(a) "Artificial Light or Lighting Device" means, for the purpose of this regulation only, a light projected from a rifle scope onto a target used by a person having a Central Visual Acuity Disability as described in this regulation.~~

~~(b) "Central Visual Acuity Disability" means a person's vision permanently does not exceed 20/200 in the better eye with corrective lenses, or the widest diameter of the visual field is greater than twenty (20) degrees.~~

~~**Section 4. Central Visual Acuity Disability Permit Qualifications.** Any person having a central visual acuity disability as attested in writing by the applicant and certified by a medical doctor, nurse practitioner, physician assistant, optometrist or ophthalmologist licensed to practice medicine, on a form provided by the Department, may be issued a Central Visual Acuity Disability Permit.~~

~~**Section 5. Application for a Central Visual Acuity Disability Permit.** A person with a central visual acuity disability shall submit an application on a form provided by the Department. The application shall be completed in full and shall bear the applicant's name, address and signature. The application shall also bear the printed name, address and signature of the individual licensed to practice medicine that certifies the applicant meets the qualifications of a person with a central visual acuity disability as specified in this Section 3. Central Visual Acuity Disability Permits shall be issued to qualified applicants by the Department's License Section, Regional Offices or designated Department personnel.~~

~~**Section 6. Use of Artificial Light to Take Game Animals Prohibited Except by Qualified Persons.**~~

~~(a) No person shall take any small game, big game or trophy game animal with the aid of or by using any artificial light or lighting device except as otherwise provided in this regulation or state statute.~~

~~(b) Any person having a Central Visual Acuity Disability Permit may use an artificial light or lighting device to take any game species.~~

~~**Section 7. Central Visual Acuity Disability Permit Provisions.**~~

~~(a) A hunter with a Central Visual Acuity Disability Permit shall:~~

~~(i) Only take game animals in accordance with State statutes and Commission rules and regulations.~~

(ii) Be in possession of the Central Visual Acuity Disability Permit in the field while taking game animals.

(iii) Possess a valid hunting license issued under authority of Title 23, Wyoming Statutes, or Commission rules and regulations, unless exempt by statute from the need to possess a valid hunting license.

(b) A hunter with a Central Visual Acuity Disability Permit shall not:

(i) Discharge a firearm or other legal hunting device from a motor vehicle except as otherwise provided in accordance with Wyoming Game and Fish Commission Regulation Chapter 38, Hunters with a Qualifying Disability Authorized to Shoot from a Vehicle.

(ii) Discharge of a firearm or other legal hunting device from a watercraft (except a sinkbox), including those propelled by a motor, sail and wind, or both; except when the motor has been shut off, the sail furled, or both; and progress has ceased. The watercraft may be drifting as a result of current or wind action, beached, moored, or resting at anchor, or propelled by paddle, oars or pole. A watercraft under power may be used to retrieve a dead or wounded animal, but a firearm shall not be discharged while the watercraft is under way.

(iii) Transfer the Central Visual Acuity Disability Permit to another person or allow another person to utilize the permit.

(c) A Central Visual Acuity Disability Permit shall not be valid for use in Grand Teton National Park or on the National Elk Refuge.

**Section 8. Revocation or Denial of a Central Visual Acuity Disability Permit.**

(a) The Department may deny or revoke a Central Visual Acuity Disability Permit for the following reasons:

(i) The Department cannot verify all information and documentation provided by the applicant for the Central Visual Acuity Disability Permit;

(ii) The applicant made false statements on the application to secure a permit;

(iii) The permittee is convicted of violating any provision of Title 23, Wyoming Statutes, or any Commission rule and regulation governing the taking of game animals while exercising any privilege of the permit.

(iv) The permittee no longer qualifies for a Central Visual Acuity Disability Permit as defined in this Section.

(A) Any person who has a Central Visual Acuity Disability Permit application denied by the Department may appeal the Department's decision to the Fiscal Division Chief in accordance with Commission rules and regulations.

(B) Any person who has a Central Visual Acuity Disability Permit revoke by the Department may appeal the Department's decision to the Commission in accordance with Commission rules and regulations.

**Section 9. Fees for a Central Visual Acuity Disability Permit.** There shall be no fee for a Central Visual Acuity Disability Permit.

~~**Section 10. Making False Statements to Obtain a Permit.** Any person who makes a false statement on an application to obtain a Central Visual Acuity Disability Permit or any medical doctor, nurse practitioner, physician assistant, optometrist, or ophthalmologist who makes a false statement on an application in order that a person might fraudulently obtain a Central Visual Acuity Disability Permit shall be in violation of this regulation and such activity shall be punishable as provided by Title 23, Wyoming Statutes.~~

~~**Section 11. Proof of Permit.** Permits issued in accordance with this regulation shall be in the possession of the individual in whose name the permit has been issued and shall immediately be provided for inspection upon request of an officer authorized to enforce this regulation.~~

~~**Section 12. 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.~~

**The Wyoming Game and Fish Commission hereby repeals this regulation.**

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

By: _____
~~Mike Healy~~**T. Carrie Little**, President

Dated: July ~~10, 2013~~**8, 2016**

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