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# WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

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## 2016 BLACK BEAR HUNTING SEASONS



Photo by Mark Gocke

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## LICENSE FEES

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Resident Black Bear . . . . .	\$45.00
Nonresident Black Bear . . . . .	\$362.00
Resident Archery . . . . .	\$16.00
Resident Youth Archery . . . . .	\$6.00
Nonresident Archery . . . . .	\$30.00
Nonresident Youth Archery . . . . .	\$12.00
Annual Conservation Stamp . . . . .	\$12.50
Lifetime Conservation Stamp . . . . .	\$180.50
Wildlife Damage Management Stamp . . . . .	\$10.00

Black bear licenses are available at the Cheyenne Headquarters, Department Regional Offices, all license selling agents throughout the state and on the Department website.

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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**DISCLAIMER.** The following sections are a condensed summary of applicable wildlife laws and other important information. This summary is in no way intended to alter the content or statutory intent of those laws. If you have any questions regarding the precise language, you can view a copy of the State Statutes (Title 23) and Wyoming Game and Fish Commission (Commission) Regulations, available at the Cheyenne Headquarters, Department Regional Offices, the Department website or consult the following websites: <http://soswy.state.wy.us> or <http://legisweb.state.wy.us>.

**ACCESS AND VEHICLE TRAVEL ON LANDS ENROLLED IN THE DEPARTMENT'S PLPW WALK-IN AREA OR HUNTER MANAGEMENT AREA ACCESS PROGRAM.** Access to private lands enrolled in the Walk-in Area or Hunter Management Area Programs is granted only for the species of wildlife and for the time periods specified in Department publications. Hunters wishing to use enrolled PLPW private lands for any other wildlife species, activity or time period must obtain permission from the landowner or person in charge of the property. Travel by motorized vehicle is prohibited, except as otherwise stated. Department publications or signs shall serve as official regulations of the Commission and may advise of additional restrictions. The landowner or person in charge of the property may grant permission for motorized vehicle travel contrary to that specified by Department signs or publications.

**ACCESS YES.** The Access Yes Program was established in response to numerous public requests that the Department help address the difficulties of finding places to hunt and fish. Hunters and anglers can voluntarily donate any whole dollar amount to Access Yes when they purchase or apply for a license. Contributions are used to secure additional public hunting and fishing access on private lands and inaccessible public lands. Donating helps

support the program, but does not provide or imply access to all private or inaccessible public lands in Wyoming.

**AGE RESTRICTIONS; BIG OR TROPHY GAME.** The minimum age to take any big or trophy game animal is twelve (12) years. Any person under the age of fourteen (14) years shall at all times when hunting be accompanied by an adult who possesses and can exhibit a hunter safety certificate, or who currently holds or has been issued a Wyoming big game hunting license within the last five (5) years. If the person accompanying the hunter under the age of fourteen (14) years is not the parent or guardian of the hunter, the hunter shall have in their possession a permission slip signed by their parent or guardian allowing them to hunt under supervision. Each accompanying adult shall supervise not more than one (1) hunter under the age of fourteen (14) years.

**ARCHERY EQUIPMENT.** Archery equipment is legal to take game animals. When hunting antelope, bighorn sheep, black bear, deer, mountain goat, mountain lion, or gray wolf where designated as a trophy game animal, an archery hunter shall use a longbow, recurve bow or compound bow of not less than forty (40) pounds draw weight. When hunting elk or moose, an archery hunter shall use a longbow, recurve bow or compound bow of not less than fifty (50) pounds draw weight. A crossbow hunter shall use a crossbow having a peak draw weight of at least ninety (90) pounds and a bolt of at least sixteen (16) inches in length. The broadhead used on arrows or bolts shall not pass through a seven-eighths (7/8) inch solid ring when fully expanded.

**ARCHERY LICENSES AND SPECIAL SEASONS.** No person shall hunt big game or trophy game animals with archery equipment during a special archery hunting season without first obtaining an archery license and the appropriate hunting license. No person holding an archery license shall take big game or trophy game animals during a special archery hunting season or during a limited quota archery season by the use of any type of firearm. Upon request by a game warden or other Wyoming law enforcement officer, a person who has taken a big or trophy game animal during a special archery hunting season or during a limited quota archery only hunting season shall allow testing of the animal's tissue for confirmation of compliance with this section.

**ARTIFICIAL LIGHT FOR HUNTING PROHIBITED; EXCEPTION.** No person shall take any wildlife with the aid of or by using any artificial light or lighting device except that predators may be taken with the aid of an artificial light or lighting device by:

- (i) A public officer authorized to and conducting predator control;
- (ii) A landowner, resident manager or person with the landowner's or a resident manager's written permission to take predators, on land under the landowner's control for the protection of their property.

It is prima facie evidence of a violation if a person uses an artificial light in an area that may be inhabited by wildlife while having in their possession and control any device for taking wildlife. This shall not prohibit the hunting on foot of raccoon with the aid of a handlight, provided the hunter is accompanied by a raccoon hunting dog and,

if hunting on private land(s), has the written permission of the landowner or their agent.

**AUTOMATIC WEAPON AND SILENCERS.** No person shall take any wildlife with any fully automatic weapon. Firearm silencers may be used during the legal taking of any game animal.

**BAG LIMITS AND NUMBER OF LICENSES.** No person shall apply for or receive more than one (1) license valid for each big or trophy game species during any one (1) calendar year, except as otherwise allowed by Commission regulations. The maximum bag limit is one (1) big or trophy game animal per each license held, and in accordance with age, sex, species, and antler or horn development limitations as specified by Commission regulation.

**BAIT RESTRICTIONS.** No person shall take a game animal, game bird or game fish and use any part thereof for bait to hunt, trap or poison any wildlife of Wyoming. Use of bait to take black bears shall be in accordance with the limitations set forth in Commission Regulation, Chapter 3, Black Bear Hunting Seasons.

**BEAR SPECIES IDENTIFICATION COURSE.** Distinguishing black bears and grizzly bears in the wild can be challenging. Black bear hunters are urged to test their bear observation and identification skills on the Department website. This educational ID course is intended to reduce grizzly bear mortalities caused by mistaken identity.

**CHECK STATIONS.** Every hunter, angler, or trapper of furbearing animals shall stop and report at every check station on route to or from the hunting, fishing or trapping area, regardless if the person has wildlife in possession. Upon request of any authorized Department representative, anyone who has been hunting, fishing or trapping shall produce a valid license and conservation stamp, if required, and special management permit, if required, for game animals, game birds, furbearing animals or fish. Even if the game meat or fish in possession has been cut and wrapped or processed, the person transporting wildlife shall stop and report at the check station. Any person transporting wildlife harvested in another state or country shall stop at check stations on their route.

**CLOSED AREAS.** All areas within the state of Wyoming not opened by specific order of the Commission shall be closed to the taking of game animals, furbearing animals, and game birds.

**CLOTHING REQUIREMENTS. HUNTERS REQUIRED TO WEAR FLUORESCENT ORANGE CLOTHING.** All persons hunting big or trophy game during an open firearm season, shall wear in a visible manner one (1) or more exterior garments of a fluorescent color that shall include at least one of the following: a hat, shirt, jacket, coat, vest or sweater. Fluorescent orange camouflage is legal. Muzzle-loader hunters participating in limited quota muzzle-loading seasons are required to meet the fluorescent orange requirements. Archers and crossbow hunters hunting during a special archery season or limited quota archery only Type 9 season are exempt from this requirement.

#### **CONSERVATION STAMP REQUIRED AND EXEMPTIONS.**

Each person licensed to hunt or fish in Wyoming shall purchase one (1) conservation stamp valid for the calendar year. The stamp shall be signed in ink and shall be in possession of the person while HUNTING OR FISHING. Hunters or anglers who acquire a lifetime conservation stamp or a conservation stamp authorization from the Department's Electronic Licensing Service (ELS) shall not be required to meet the signature provision.

Persons holding the following licenses are exempt from the requirement to purchase a conservation stamp while exercising privileges under THESE licenses:

- Daily hunting or fishing license;
- Special limited fishing permit holders;
- Wyoming fifty (50%) percent disabled veteran fishing license; or,
- Licenses reissued to a veteran with disabilities.

Persons holding the following licenses are exempt from the requirement to purchase a conservation stamp while exercising hunting or fishing privileges under ANY Wyoming license. The person shall, at all times, be in possession of the license allowing the conservation stamp exemption while in the field:

- Any Wyoming pioneer hunting or fishing license;
- Wyoming one hundred (100%) percent disabled veteran game bird, small game and fishing license;
- Military combat general elk or general deer license; or,
- Military combat game bird or small game license.

Conservation stamps may be purchased from the Cheyenne Headquarters, Department Regional Offices, license selling agents throughout the state and the Department website. A lifetime conservation stamp may be purchased by applying to the Cheyenne Headquarters or through any Department Regional Office.

#### **DATING AND DISPLAY OF GAME ANIMAL CARCASS COUPONS.**

When any big game animal, trophy game animal, or wild turkey is killed under a license, the licensee shall detach, sign and date the proper carcass coupon and attach the coupon to the carcass in a readily visible manner **before leaving the site of the kill. When dating a carcass coupon, the entire day and month of the kill shall be completely cut out and removed.** The carcass coupon shall remain on the game animal or wild turkey carcass at all times until the meat undergoes processing, or on the trophy game animal hide until it reaches the hunter's home or a taxidermist, except that during transportation of the carcass or hide, the validated carcass coupon may be removed to prevent its loss. If the carcass coupon is removed for transportation of the carcass or hide, it must be completely filled out and in the possession of the person accompanying the carcass or hide at all times. This requirement also applies to sandhill cranes killed under a limited quota sandhill crane permit. While quarters or pieces of an animal are being packed from the field, the carcass coupon shall remain with the person transporting the animal.

#### **DEFINITIONS:**

- **"Accompanied by a mentor"** means being directly supervised at all times by a mentor who is within sight and direct voice contact.
- **"Artificial light or lighting device"** means any man-made light or lighting device which projects a light visible

to the unaided eye outside of the device, or any battery-powered device that provides an enhanced ability to see in the dark.

- **“Bag limit”** means the maximum number of big game or trophy game animals that may be taken by an individual possessing a proper license.
- **“Designated road”** means an established road marked with a white arrow sign.
- **“Domicile”** means that place where a person has his true, fixed and permanent home to which whenever the person is temporarily absent the person has the intention of returning. To prove domicile as required by Wyoming Statutes § 23-1-102 and § 23-1-107 a person shall be able to establish that they: physically reside in Wyoming; has made his permanent home in Wyoming; is not residing in Wyoming for a special or temporary purpose; and, has abandoned his domicile in all other states, territories or countries.
- **“Electronic Licensing Service (ELS)”** means the Department’s Electronic Draw Application System, Internet Point of Sale System and Online Internet Sales System used by the Department, license selling agents and the public to apply for or purchase licenses, permits, stamps, tags, preference points and coupons.
- **“Established road”** means any road or trail that has been graded or constructed to carry motor vehicles or on which repeated legal motor vehicle traffic has created well-defined tracks.
- **“Furbearing animal”** means badger, beaver, bobcat, marten, mink, muskrat or weasel.
- **“General licenses”** means big or trophy game or wild turkey licenses valid in any hunt area in which licenses have not been totally limited in number. General licenses shall be valid only under species, sex, age class, and harvest limitations that are in effect for each hunt area.
- **“License”** means a document issued by the Department, through the authority of the Commission, to a qualified individual that grants certain privileges to take fish or wildlife in accordance with statutory or regulatory provisions.
- **“Mentee”** means a person who has received special authorization from the Department to take wildlife and who has not received a certificate of competency and safety in the use and handling of firearms.
- **“Mentor”** means a person who is at least eighteen (18) years of age, can demonstrate he has a certificate of competency and safety in the use and handling of firearms, possesses a valid Wyoming hunting license and is directly supervising not more than one (1) mentee, other than immediate family members, at a time while in the field.
- **“Nonresident”** means any person not a resident.
- **“Orders”** means orders, rules and regulations.
- **“Permit”** means a document that grants additional privileges to an individual who possesses the proper license(s) to carry out activities not authorized by the license itself.
- **“Predacious bird”** means English sparrow and starling.
- **“Predatory animal”** means coyote, jackrabbit, porcupine, raccoon, red fox, skunk or stray cat. “Predatory animal” also means gray wolf located outside the Wolf Trophy Game Management Area and Seasonal Wolf Trophy Game Management Area as described in W.S. § 23-1-101(a)(xii)(B) (I) and (II).
- **“Protected animal”** means black-footed ferret, fisher, lynx, otter, pika or wolverine.
- **“Public road or highway”** means any roadway that is open to vehicular travel by the public. The road surface, the area between the fences on a fenced public road or

highway, and an area thirty (30) feet perpendicular to the edge of the road surface on an unfenced public road or highway shall be considered the public road or highway. Two-track trails on public lands are not public roads.

- **“Regular hunting seasons”** means seasons which delineate the dates and hunt areas for the taking of big game or trophy game animals with legal weapons in accordance with the license types and limitations set forth in Section 2 of Chapters 5 (Antelope), 6 (Deer), 7 (Elk), 8 (Moose), Sections 3 and 7 of Chapter 9 (Bighorn Sheep and Mountain Goat), Section 10 of Chapter 3 (Black Bear) and Section 4 of Chapter 42 (Mountain Lion) of the Commission regulations.

- **“Resident”** means a United States citizen or legal alien who is domiciled in Wyoming for at least one (1) full year immediately preceding making application for any resident game and fish license, preference point, permit or tag, shall not have claimed residency in any other state, territory or country for any other purpose during that one (1) year period, and meets the requirements specified in Wyoming Statutes § 23-1-102 and § 23-1-107.

- **“Site of the kill”** means the location where the harvested animal died.

- **“Special archery seasons”** means seasons that delineate the dates and hunt areas for the taking of big game or trophy game animals with legal archery equipment, in which a hunter with the proper hunting license and an archery license may hunt in addition to the regular hunting seasons in accordance with the limitations as set forth in Section 3 of Chapters 5 (Antelope), 6 (Deer), 7 (Elk), 8 (Moose), Sections 4 and 8 of Chapter 9 (Bighorn Sheep and Mountain Goat) and Section 11 of Chapter 3 (Black Bear).

- **“Take”** means hunt, pursue, catch, capture, shoot, fish, seine, trap, kill, or possess, or attempt to hunt, pursue, catch, capture, shoot, fish, seine, trap, kill, or possess.

- **“Trophy game animal”** means black bear, grizzly bear, or mountain lion, or any gray wolf within the Wolf Trophy Game Management Area and Seasonal Wolf Trophy Game Management Area as described in W.S. § 23-1-101 (a)(xii) (B) (I) and (II).

**DISABLED HUNTER INFORMATION.** Contact the Cheyenne Headquarters or any Department Regional Office for specific information.

**DUPLICATE AND REPLACEMENT LICENSE ISSUED UPON LOSS OR DESTRUCTION OF ORIGINAL; PURCHASE AND FEES.** When any license issued has been lost or destroyed, the licensee may secure a duplicate of the original license from the Cheyenne Headquarters, any Department Regional Office or designated license selling agents. A duplicate license shall be issued if the original license was issued through the Department's Electronic Licensing Service (ELS) and contained a carcass coupon. A replacement license shall be issued if the original license was issued through the Department's ELS system and did not contain a carcass coupon. The licensee may secure a replacement license at the Cheyenne Headquarters, Department Regional Offices or from ELS agents. The Department shall charge a fee of five dollars (\$5) for each duplicate or replacement license.

**EMERGENCY CLOSURES.** The Commission may institute an emergency closure to shorten the season in any area at any time if a harvest quota is reached or if an emergency arises warranting the closure. Should a closure become necessary after the season opens, no refunds will be given for unused licenses.

**GUIDES REQUIRED; EXCEPTIONS. ISSUANCE OF RESIDENT GUIDE LICENSES.** No nonresident shall hunt big or trophy game animals on any designated wilderness area, as defined by federal or state law, in Wyoming unless accompanied by a licensed professional guide or a resident guide. There shall be at least one (1) licensed professional guide or resident guide accompanying each two (2) nonresident hunters. A resident guide shall not guide more than two (2) hunters in any calendar year on any wilderness area. Any resident possessing a valid big or trophy game animal license shall apply for and receive a free resident guide license prior to guiding any nonresident in designated wilderness areas. A resident guide license may be obtained at no charge from the Cheyenne Headquarters, Department Regional Offices and district game wardens.

**HUNTER SAFETY/MENTOR PROGRAM; EXEMPTION.** Except as otherwise provided, no person born on or after January 1, 1966, may take wildlife by the use of firearms on land other than that of their own family, unless that person can demonstrate they have obtained a certificate of competency and safety in the use and handling of firearms. Attendance and successful completion of a hunter safety course offered by an association or governmental agency approved by the Commission satisfies the requirements of this section.

Any active member, honorably discharged past member or veteran of the armed forces of the United States and any active or retired Wyoming peace officer qualified pursuant to W.S. § 9-1-701 through § 9-1-707 is exempt from the hunter safety requirements. Hunter safety exemption applications are available at the Cheyenne Headquarters and Department Regional Offices. This hunter safety exemption is not valid for hunting elk within Grand Teton National Park (Hunt Areas 75 and 79), or for persons acting as mentors in the Hunter Mentor Program.

A person who has not received a certificate of competency and safety in the use of handling firearms may apply to the Department for a special authorization to take wildlife with the use of a firearm while being accompanied by a person acting as a mentor. A special authorization shall be valid for one (1) year from the date of issue and shall be in the possession of the recipient at all times while in the field. The application process may be completed on the Department website. Any person acting as a mentor shall be at least eighteen (18) years of age, shall possess a valid hunting license, and shall demonstrate they have successfully completed a hunter safety course. A mentor shall not provide supervision for more than one (1) person at a time in the field, other than immediate family members, and shall accompany the mentee at all times to provide constant supervision.

**LEGAL FIREARMS FOR HUNTING BIG OR TROPHY GAME ANIMALS.** When hunting bighorn sheep, elk, moose, mountain goat or black bear with a firearm, a hunter shall use any center-fire firearm of at least .24 caliber and firing a cartridge of at least two (2) inches in overall length. When hunting antelope, deer, or mountain lion, or gray wolf where designated as a trophy game animal, a hunter shall use any center-fire firearm of at least .22 caliber and having a bullet weight of at least sixty (60) grains and firing a cartridge of at least two (2) inches in overall length.

Big or trophy game animals may be taken with any other cartridge of at least .35 caliber and at least one and one-half (1.5) inches in overall length, or any shotgun firing

“00” or larger buckshot, or a slug. Any muzzle-loading rifle or muzzle-loading handgun of at least .40 caliber using a charge of at least fifty (50) grains of black powder or its equivalent may also be used to hunt big or trophy game animals. Any center-fire firearm or muzzle-loading firearm used to hunt big or trophy game animals shall fire an expanding point bullet.

Wyoming has no restrictive laws concerning firearms that may be legally possessed under the law of one’s home state. Firearms may be carried uncased in vehicles; although safety dictates that all firearms in a vehicle should be unloaded with the action open.

**LICENSE EXPIRATION.** Black bear licenses expire on the last day of the calendar year for which issued.

**LICENSE FRAUD PROHIBITED; INVALIDATION BY IMPROPER FEES.** Department licenses, permits, stamps, tags or coupons shall not be altered by anyone other than authorized Department personnel. No license, permit, stamp, tag or coupon shall be transferred or used for the purpose of taking wildlife except by the individual to whom it was issued and therein named and while in that individual’s possession. No individual shall take or attempt to take any wildlife using another individual’s license, permit, stamp, tag or coupon. Any license, tag, permit or stamp shall not be valid unless the proper fees have been received by the Department. Any Wyoming Game and Fish law enforcement officer may seize as evidence any license, tag, stamp or permit that was obtained in violation of Commission regulations or Wyoming statutes.

**OPEN HOURS FOR TAKING BIG GAME AND TROPHY GAME ANIMALS.** Big game and trophy game animals may only be taken from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to one-half (1/2) hour after sunset.

**OUTFITTER INFORMATION. Hunter responsibility when booking a big or trophy game outfitter or professional guide.** No person shall directly or indirectly compensate a person holding their self out as engaging in the business of, or acting in the capacity of, an outfitter or a professional guide unless that person provides proof that he is a licensed outfitter or professional guide as required by statute. Before hiring an outfitter, the Department advises hunters to consult the Wyoming State Board of Outfitters and Professional Guides to verify the outfitter is licensed by the state of Wyoming. Landowners who outfit on their own deeded land, or deeded lands leased to them, are not required to be licensed as outfitters or guides. Contact: Wyoming State Board of Outfitters at 1950 Bluegrass Circle #280, Cheyenne, Wyoming, 82002 or call toll free 1-800-264-0981. Any license holder utilizing the services of an outfitter shall legibly print the name of the outfitter, the outfitter’s license number and the type of outfitter license on the back of licensee’s big or trophy game license.

**PERMISSION TO HUNT, FISH OR TRAP.** No person shall enter upon the private property of any person to hunt, fish or trap without the permission of the landowner or person in charge of the property. The license must bear the signature of the landowner, lessee or agent of the landowner on whose private property the person is accessing or the legitimate proof as evidence that permission to hunt, fish or trap has been granted.

**PRECAUTIONS WHEN HUNTING IN AREAS OCCUPIED BY GRIZZLY BEARS.** Hunters and anglers are reminded that grizzly bears occupy many areas in and around the Bridger-Teton, Shoshone and Caribou-Targhee National Forests in northwest Wyoming. The Department strongly recommends individuals working and recreating in these areas take precautions, including carrying bear pepper spray, to avoid conflicts with grizzly bears. Information about human safety and proper storage of food and other attractants in occupied grizzly habitat is available from the Cheyenne Headquarters, Department Regional Offices, U.S. Forest Service Offices and the Department website. Regulations concerning food/carcass storage in occupied grizzly habitat can be obtained from the U.S. Forest Service. Report all conflicts with grizzly bears to the nearest Department Regional Office.

**PROHIBITED ACTS. IT IS ILLEGAL TO:**

- Shoot or attempt to kill any wildlife from any public road or highway. No person shall fire any firearm from, upon, along or across any public road or highway. No person shall knowingly fire any rifle from the enclosed lands of one person onto or across the enclosed lands of another without the permission of both persons.
- Use any dog to hunt, run or harass any big or trophy game animal, protected animal or furbearing animal except as otherwise provided by statute. The Commission shall regulate the use of dogs to take mountain lions and bobcats during hunting or trapping seasons.
- Transport illegally taken wildlife across state lines; such transportation is a violation of the Federal Lacey Act.
- Harass, pursue, hunt, shoot or kill any Wyoming wildlife except predatory animals with, from or by use of any flying machine, automotive vehicle, trailer, motor-propelled wheeled vehicle or vehicle designed for travel over snow. The Commission may exempt handicapped hunters from any of these provisions. It is also illegal to shoot waterfowl from a boat under power or sail.

**SHIPPING GAME ANIMALS OUT OF STATE.** Except as otherwise exempt by state statute, no game animal or game bird, or any part thereof, shall be shipped or transported from the state except by the person who harvested the animal, and in possession of the proper license, stamp and carcass coupon as required, or unless the amount does not exceed twenty-five (25) pounds and is properly tagged with a Wyoming interstate game tag. Not more than twenty-five (25) pounds from any one (1) big or trophy game animal may be exported from the state unless the part to be exported from the state is of a nonedible trophy or hidelike nature and properly tagged with a Wyoming interstate game tag or the big or trophy game animal was legally harvested by a nonresident and is tagged with a Wyoming interstate game tag.

**SHIPPING GAME ANIMALS WITHIN WYOMING.** Except as otherwise exempt by state statute, no person shall ship, transport or receive for shipment or transportation within Wyoming any game animal, game bird, or any part thereof, unless tagged with a Wyoming interstate game tag, or unless the transportation of a big or trophy game animal is by a person in possession of a proper carcass coupon signed and dated by the person who harvested the animal, or the transportation of game birds or small game

is by a properly licensed hunter in possession of not more than the daily bag or possession limit.

**TAKING PREDATORY ANIMALS AND PREDACIOUS BIRDS.** Predatory animals and predacious birds may be taken without a license.

**VEHICLE RESTRICTIONS ON FEDERAL LAND.** Sportspersons are advised that many areas of National Forest and Bureau of Land Management lands are subject to travel and vehicle use limitations to protect resources. Maps and additional information regarding these limitations are available at U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management and other agency offices near these public lands.

**WILDERNESS AREAS.** Nonresident big game and trophy game hunters must be accompanied by a professional or resident guide when hunting in designated wilderness areas.

**WILDLIFE DAMAGE MANAGEMENT STAMP.** The Wyoming Legislature created the Wyoming Animal Damage Management Board to manage rabid wildlife, mitigate crop and livestock damage caused by depredating wildlife, and to protect human health and safety. The legislation developed several sources of funding for the Board to carry out its responsibilities including the creation of a Wildlife Damage Management Stamp. The stamp may be voluntarily purchased by those interested in funding the activities of the Board at the Cheyenne Headquarters, Department Regional Offices and all license selling agents. Purchase of the stamp is not mandatory, but does provide sportspersons a voluntary means to fund predator management.

**WILDLIFE VIOLATOR COMPACT.** Wyoming is a member of the Wildlife Violator Compact. The Compact enables a violator from any member state to accept a wildlife citation and proceed on their way without being required to post an appearance bond unless the violation requires **MUST APPEAR** and **NO BOND ACCEPTED**. The Compact provides for the suspension of wildlife license privileges in the home state of any person whose license privileges have been suspended by a participating state. If you have had your privileges suspended in any of the participating states, you may lose your privileges in Wyoming, in addition to all the participating Compact states. Additional information about the Compact can be obtained by contacting the Wildlife Law Enforcement Coordinator at (307) 233-6413.

**WIND RIVER RESERVATION.** Only non-Indian owned, fee title lands are open to the taking of wildlife with a State of Wyoming license. Land status is complicated and lawful access must be investigated thoroughly. Sportspersons are advised it is their responsibility to determine land status prior to entering these areas.

# BEAR HUNTERS—Know Your Target!

## BLACK BEAR

Straight face profile

No hump



Shorter, darker claws

## GRIZZLY BEAR

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Hump

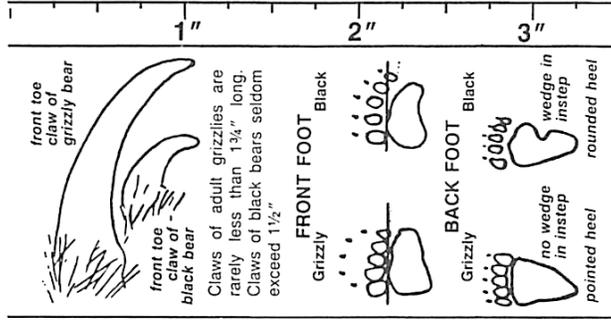


Ruff of long hair in spring and fall

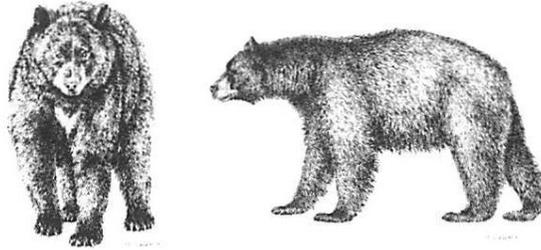
Long, lighter claws

Look for a combination of characteristics  
Color and size are sometimes misleading

# Be Sure Before You Shoot!!!

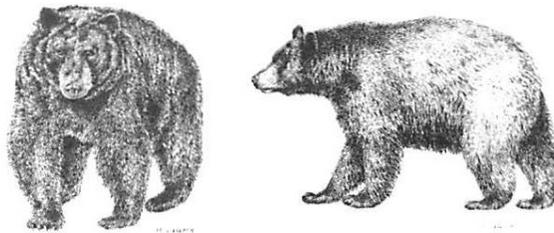


## Female Black Bear



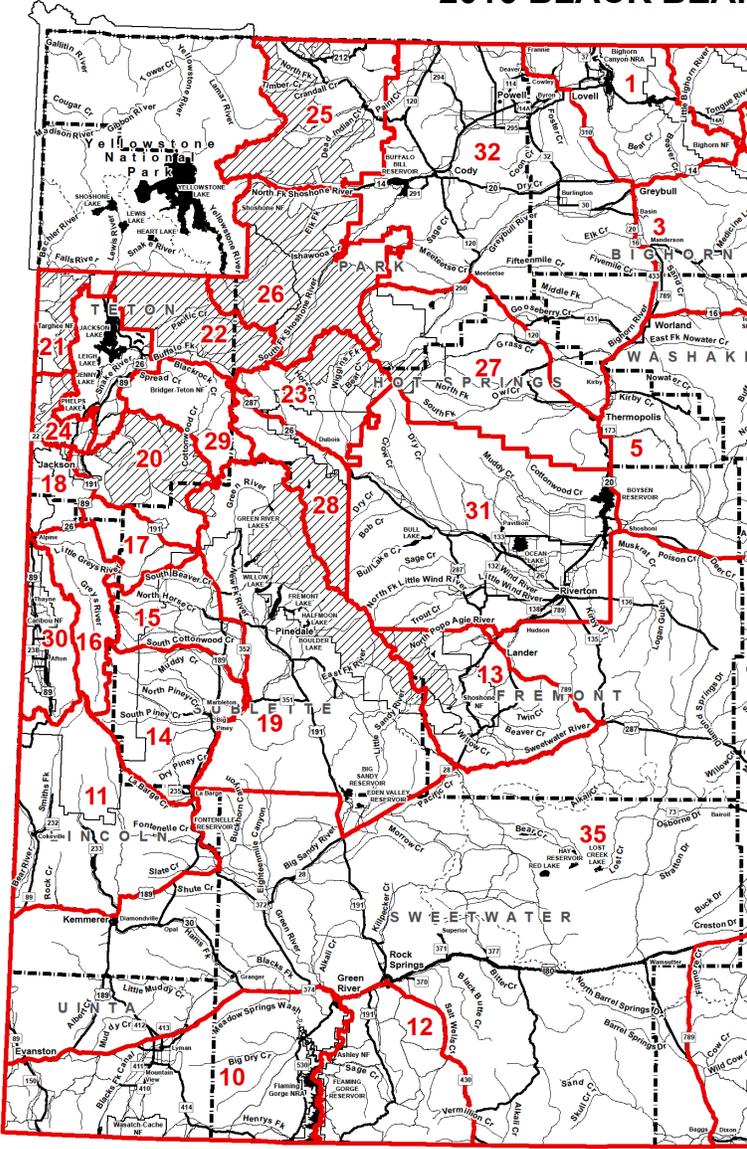
- Cubs may be with her or nearby
- Appears pear shaped from the side with large rump
- Rump is higher than front shoulders
- Has small shoulders and front end
- Legs appear longer
- Neck is thinner and more distinct
- Face is slender and tapered
- Head and shoulders are about the same width
- Young bears of both sexes often look like females

## Male Black Bear



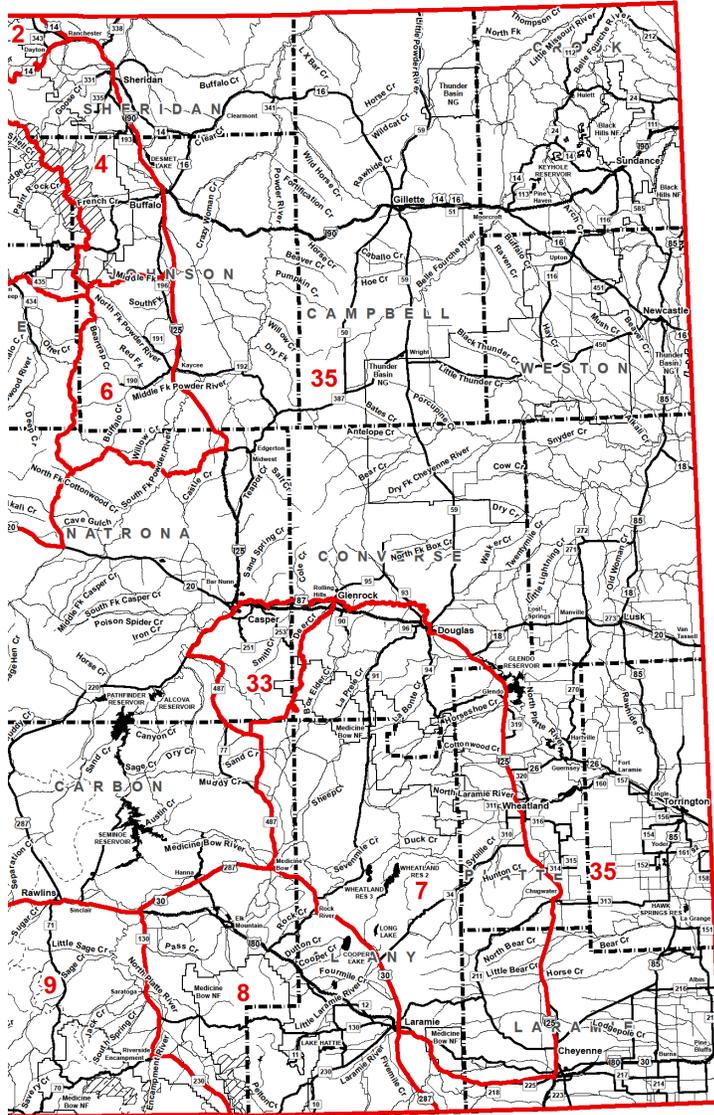
- Cubs are never with him
- Generally larger than the female
- Adult will be more than 30 inches tall at the shoulder
- Appears square from the side
- Rump and shoulders are similar in height
- Legs appear short
- Ears appear small compared to the size of its head

# 2016 BLACK BEAR



To view map online  
scan QR code or go to  
Department website.

## R HUNT AREAS



Note:  Wilderness area, nonresident bear hunters must have guides.

**THIS MAP IS FOR GENERAL REFERENCE ONLY.**  
Please use the written boundary descriptions in this regulation for detailed hunt area boundary information.

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**WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION**  
**CHAPTER 3**  
**BLACK BEAR HUNTING SEASONS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Section 4. Hunting Regulations.**

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

(b) **Registering Kills.** A hunter taking a black bear shall retain the pelt and skull from each black bear taken for registration purposes. Even if the skull is damaged, it shall accompany the pelt. Visible external evidence of sex shall remain naturally attached to the pelt. Within three (3) days, (seventy-two (72) hours), after taking a black bear, the licensee shall present the pelt and skull to a district game warden, district wildlife biologist, or Department personnel at a Game and Fish Department Regional Office during business hours for registration. The pelt and skull shall be presented in an unfrozen condition in order to allow collection of two (2)

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

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

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

(a) Registration of bait site(s).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(c) Placement and removal of baits. No person shall place a bait or hunt over a bait that is not enclosed in a rigid container(s) of wood, metal or plastic not to exceed a combined total of eight (8) cubic feet, the approximate size of a fifty-five (55) gallon drum. Holes in containers shall be smooth and not constructed to function as a trap. No person shall place a bait or hunt over a bait that has not been registered with the Department in accordance with this regulation. No person shall place a bait or hunt over a bait that is less than two-hundred (200) yards from water; less than two-hundred (200) yards from roads or pack trails; nor less than one-half (1/2) mile

from a developed campground, picnic ground or building. Upon request, persons placing bait(s) shall be required to escort the Regional Wildlife Supervisor or his designee to the bait site(s). No person shall place a bait within a hunt area more than seven (7) days prior to the opening day of the black bear special archery or general season as listed in Section 10 of this regulation. Registered baits placed in the spring season, including all containers and bait materials, shall be removed within seven (7) days after the close of the spring season as listed in Section 10 of this regulation. Registered baits placed in the fall season, including all containers and bait materials, shall be removed within seven (7) days after the close of the fall season as listed in Section 10 of this regulation. Burial of the bait shall be specifically prohibited and shall not constitute removal of the bait.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Hunt Area(s)	Season Dates		Annual Female Mortality Limit
	Special Archery	General	
1, 2	May 1-14	May 15-Jun. 15 Sep. 1-Oct. 31	8 Spring 6 Fall
3, 4	May 1-14	May 15-Jun. 15 Sep. 1-Oct. 31	6 Spring 4 Fall
5, 6		May 1-Jun. 15 Aug. 15-Nov. 15	2 Spring 2 Fall
7		Apr. 15-May 31 Sep. 1-Oct. 31	4 Spring 4 Fall
8	Sep. 15-30	Apr. 15-Jun. 7 Oct. 1-31	5 Spring 6 Fall
9	Apr. 15-30 Sep. 1-30	May 1-Jun. 15 Oct. 1-31	8 Spring 6 Fall
10	Apr. 15-30 Sep. 1-30	May 1-Jun. 15 Oct. 1-31	2 Spring 2 Fall
11	Apr. 15-30 Aug. 15-31	May 1-Jun. 15 Sep. 1-Oct. 31	5 Spring 5 Fall
12	Apr. 15-30 Sep. 1-30	May 1-Jun. 15 Oct. 1-31	1 Spring 1 Fall
13	Apr. 15-30	May 1-Jun. 15  Aug. 1-31 valid only in that portion of Area 13 within the Popo Agie Wilderness  Sep. 1-Oct. 31	5 Spring  5 Fall
14, 15, 16, 17, 30	Apr. 15-30 Aug. 15-31	May 1-Jun. 15 Sep. 1-Oct. 31	30 Spring 18 Fall
18, 20, 21, 22, 24, 29	Apr. 15-30 Aug. 15-31	May 1-Jun. 15 Sep. 1-Oct. 31	13 Spring 20 Fall
19	Apr. 15-30 Aug. 15-31	May 1-Jun 15 Sep. 1-Nov. 15	10 Spring 8 Fall
23	Apr. 15-30 Aug. 1-14	May 1-Jun. 15 Aug. 15-Oct. 31	8 Spring*
25, 26, 27	Apr. 15-30 Aug. 15-31	May 1-Jun. 15 Sept. 1-Oct. 31	12 Fall*
28	Apr. 15-30 Aug. 1-14	May 1-Jun. 15 Aug. 15-Oct. 31	4 Spring 4 Fall
31	Apr. 15-30 Aug. 1-14	May 1-Jun. 15 Aug. 15-Oct. 31	2 Spring 2 Fall
32	Apr. 15-30	May 1-Jun. 15 Aug. 1-Nov. 15	
33		Apr. 15-May 31 Sep. 1-Oct. 31	3 Spring 2 Fall
35		Apr. 15-Jun. 15 Aug. 1-Oct. 31	

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

**Section 11. Special Archery Seasons.** There shall be special archery seasons for the hunting of black bear by the use of legal archery equipment in hunt areas as set forth in Section 10 of this Chapter.

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

**Section 13. Hunt Area Descriptions.**

Hunt Area Number, Name and Description.

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

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

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

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

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

River Reservation; northerly, then westerly along said boundary to U.S. Highway 20; northerly along said highway to the town of Worland and U.S. Highway 16; easterly along said highway to the town of Ten Sleep.

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

**Area 7. Laramie Peak.** Beginning at the junction of U.S. Highway 30/287 and Wyoming Highway 487 in the town of Medicine Bow; northerly and westerly along Wyoming Highway 487 to the Lone Tree Road (Bureau of Land Management Road 3141); northerly along said road to the Spring Creek Road; easterly along said road to the Bates Creek Road (Natrona County Road 402); northeasterly along said road to the Squaw Springs Trail Road; northeasterly along said road to U.S.F.S. Road 660; southeasterly along said road to Curry Creek; northwesterly down said creek to Deer Creek; northeasterly down said creek to the confluence of Deer Creek and the North Platte River; easterly and southerly down said river to Interstate Highway 25 at the city of Douglas; southerly along said highway to Interstate Highway 80; westerly along said highway to U.S. Highway 30/287; northerly and westerly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 487 in the town of Medicine Bow.

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

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

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

**Area 11. Smith's Fork.** Beginning where Wyoming Highway 89 crosses the Wyoming-Utah state line west of Sage Junction; northerly along said line to the Wyoming-Idaho state line; northerly along said line to the divide between the Bear River and Salt River; easterly along said divide to the divide between the Salt River and Smith's Fork River; northeasterly along said divide to the divide between the Smith's Fork River and Greys River; southeasterly along said divide to LaBarge Creek;

southeasterly down said creek to the Green River; southeasterly down said river to the CCC Bridge and the Lincoln-Sweetwater Road (Lincoln County Road 311); westerly along said road to Wyoming Highway 372; westerly along said highway to U.S. Highway 189; westerly then southerly along said highway to U.S. Highway 30; westerly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 89 at Sage Junction; westerly along said highway to the Wyoming-Utah state line.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Area 25. North Absaroka.** Beginning where the east boundary of Yellowstone National Park crosses the Wyoming-Montana

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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