

STATEMENT OF REASONS

CHAPTER 23

REGULATION GOVERNING USES OF LANDS AND WATERS ACQUIRED OR ADMINISTERED BY THE WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

W.S. § 23-1-302(a)(iii) directs and empowers the Commission to acquire lands and waters in the name of Wyoming and to develop, improve, operate and maintain them for game species management and public hunting, fishing or trapping.

The title of this regulation is changed to conform to title formatting of other Commission Regulations.

Section 3, definitions are added for “acceptably stored, antiquities, off-road recreational vehicle, permission slip and water control structure” for clarity within this regulation. Additionally, the terms “lands enrolled in the Department’s Access Yes Program and motor vehicle” have been edited for additional clarity.

Section 5(a)(ii) is added to clarify the Department may exclude, withhold or revoke access granted by permission slip or permit to lands acquired or administered by the Department. Section 5(a)(iv) is meant to address camping equipment abandoned on Department administered lands in excess of the permissible time period. Abandoned camping equipment has become an increasing litter issue on Department lands over the last few years. Edits to Section 5 (a)(vii) through (xviii) and Section 5(b) are included to provide additional clarity within this regulation.

Minor grammatical and formatting edits have also been incorporated in the above regulation that do not change the intent of the regulation.