



# FURBEARING ANIMAL

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION



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REGULATIONS



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Dear Hunters,

Your passion for Wyoming's wild places and commitment to ethical hunting and trapping are at the heart of our mission. As you step into the 2025 furbearer hunting and trapping season, you actively join us as a vital partner in safeguarding these valuable wildlife resources.

Every hunting license you purchase is a direct investment in conservation and the meticulous management that protects Wyoming's wildlife. This crucial funding ensures we can preserve the incredible outdoor opportunities we cherish today for generations of hunters and trappers to come.

Trapping specifically plays a vital role in maintaining a healthy balance between wildlife and people. It helps reduce or prevent damage to agricultural crops and property. Additionally, it aids in controlling the spread of transmissible diseases like rabies and distemper, benefiting both domestic and wild animal populations.

This season, your responsible practices are as vital as your skill. Adhering to the regulations outlined in this brochure guarantees a safe hunt or trap, directly contributing to wildlife conservation and the enduring legacy of our outdoor traditions.

Remember to be a good steward of our shared landscapes, whether on public or private land. Respecting these natural spaces is our way of thanking those who allow us to enjoy Wyoming's vast openness. Always douse campfires completely, pack out all your trash, and close gates behind you. These actions today secure the same hunting and recreational opportunities for tomorrow.

Thank you for being a partner with Game and Fish. We wish you a successful and rewarding 2025 furbearer hunting and trapping season!

Sincerely,



Angi Bruce

Director, Wyoming Game and Fish Department

### LICENSE/STAMP FEES

Resident Furbearer Hunting or Trapping . . . . .	\$45.00
Resident Youth Furbearer Hunting or Trapping (Under 17 years). . . . .	\$6.00
<b><i>All Resident Furbearer Hunting or Trapping licenses are available from license selling agents, Department Regional Offices and Cheyenne Headquarters.</i></b>	
Nonresident Furbearing Hunting or Trapping (Adult and Youth) (available only through Cheyenne Headquarters) . . . . .	\$249.00
Resident Fur Dealer . . . . .	\$54.00
Nonresident Fur Dealer (available only through Cheyenne Headquarters). . . . .	\$285.00
License to Capture Furbearing Animals for Domestication (available only through Cheyenne Headquarters) . . . . .	\$21.00
Resident Annual Pioneer Hunting or Trapping . . . . .	\$22.00

### CREDIT CARD FEE

The Department shall charge a two point five percent (2.5%) credit card processing fee of the cost of any license, permit, stamp, tag, preference point or competitive raffle chance applied for or purchased by the use of a credit card.

### 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: <https://rules.wyo.gov> or <https://wyoleg.gov>.

### ON THE COVER

Beaver (Photo by Amy Anderson, WGFD), Bobcat (Photo courtesy of Adobe Stock), Badger (Photo courtesy of WGFD)

## TERMS & DEFINITIONS

**“Accompanied by a mentor”** means being directly supervised at all times by a mentor who is within sight and direct voice contact.

**“Adult”** means a person eighteen (18) years of age or older.

**“Artificial light or lighting device”** means any man-made light or lighting device which projects a visible light outside the device, or any electronic device that provides an enhanced ability to see in the dark.

**“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 he: physically resides 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 and preference points.

**“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.

**“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 they have 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.

**“Permit”** means a document that authorizes a license holder 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 Wyoming Statute § 23-1-101 (a) (xii) (B) (I) and (II).

**“Protected animal”** means black-footed ferret, fisher, lynx, pika or wolverine.

**“Protected bird”** means migratory birds as defined and protected under federal law.

**“Public road or highway”** (except as otherwise provided) 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.

**“Real Time Video Photography Equipment”** means any video or photography equipment capable of utilizing cellular or Wi-Fi technology to transmit images or video for remote viewing.

**“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.

**“Small game animal”** means cottontail rabbit or snowshoe hare, and fox, grey and red squirrels.

**“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.

**“Trapping” or “Trap”** means the taking of a furbearing or predatory animal by trap, snare or with a firearm or archery equipment.

**“Youth license”** means:

- A big game license that may be issued to a resident or nonresident person who is at least eleven (11) years of age provided that person shall attain twelve (12) years of age by the end of the same calendar year and who is under eighteen (18) years of age at the time of application. For all other species, excluding furbearing animals, requiring a license to take, youth license means a license that may be issued to a resident or nonresident person who is under eighteen (18) years of age.
- A furbearer trapping license that may be only issued to a resident under seventeen (17) years of age.

## ACCESS YES PROGRAM

Access to private lands enrolled in the Access Yes Walk-In or Hunter Management Program is granted only for the take of specific wildlife species during the dates specified in Department publications. Special rules apply for each individual area. Refer to the Department website for rules pertaining to each area. Travel by motorized vehicle is prohibited, except as otherwise stated. Hunters wishing to use enrolled private lands for any other activity or to take wildlife species not listed or outside designated time periods must obtain permission from the landowner or person in charge of the property. 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 activities contrary to that specified by Department signs or publications.

## 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 as provided by statute and Commission regulation. Predatory animals may be taken with the aid of an artificial light or lighting device, including thermal or infrared imaging or other light imaging 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 predatory animals, on land under the landowner’s control for the protection of their property.
- iii. Any person taking a predatory animal on public or state land is subject to limitations established by the Commission.

***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.

- Any person hunting predatory animals on public land with an artificial light or lighting device, thermal or infrared imaging or other light imaging device shall display an activated infrared (IR) strobe beacon on their person visible from at least one hundred (100) yards in every direction. If the predator hunter is enclosed inside a vehicle, an activated IR strobe beacon shall be displayed on the exterior roof of the vehicle so as to be visible for at least one hundred (100) yards



around the vehicle.

- Hunting of predatory animals at night with artificial light or lighting devices, thermal or infrared imaging or other light imaging on public land shall be closed from September 1 through December 31.



**Artificial light and IR technologies are NOT legal for taking furbearing animals.**

## 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.

## CHECK STATIONS

Every hunter, angler or trapper entering or leaving areas for which check stations have been established shall stop and report at the check station if the check station is on the hunter's, angler's or trapper's route to and from the hunting or fishing area. ***This requirement applies even if the person does not have wildlife in possession.*** Game and fish licensees shall produce their licenses, permits or stamps as required by regulation for any game animals, game birds, fish or furbearing animals in their possession for inspection upon request by any authorized department representative.

## 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.

## CONSERVATION STAMP

Persons exercising privileges under a furbearer hunting or trapping license are not required to obtain a conservation stamp.

## DISABLED HUNTER INFORMATION

Contact the Cheyenne Headquarters or any Department Regional Office for specific information.

## DOMESTICATION OF FURBEARING ANIMALS

Any resident person who desires to capture furbearing animals for domestication or propagation shall apply for a license to capture furbearing animals for the purpose of domestication or propagation. The Department may issue the license under such restrictions as it deems necessary. Applications are available from the Cheyenne Headquarters, Department Regional Offices and game wardens. A person must also apply for and receive a Chapter 10 Regulation Permit for Importation and Possession of Live Warm-Blooded Wildlife prior to capturing and possessing any live furbearing animal.

## 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 or replacement 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 **contained a carcass coupon**. A replacement license shall be issued if the original license **did not contain a carcass coupon**. The Department shall charge a fee of seven dollars (\$7) for each duplicate or replacement license.

## EMERGENCY CLOSURES

The Commission may institute an emergency closure by regulation 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.

## FUR DEALER LICENSES AND TAGGING REQUIREMENTS

Any person engaging in the business of buying, collecting, selling or shipping raw furs, other than hides from cloven hoof big game animals, shall apply for and obtain a resident fur dealer's license or a nonresident fur dealer's license prior to commencing the business. Fur dealer licenses are only available from the Cheyenne Headquarters. Residents applying for a new fur dealer license shall apply through their local game warden. Residents renewing their license shall mail their renewal

application directly to Headquarters. Nonresidents must apply through the Cheyenne Headquarters. Licensed fur dealers may receive, purchase, store, handle, ship, sell, transport and deliver hides from cloven hoof big game animals within or outside the state without tagging the hides with a Wyoming interstate game tag so long as proper records are kept. Fur dealers bringing hides or furs lawfully obtained in another state into Wyoming shall not remove any tag, tattoo, mark or other identification attached to or placed upon the hide or fur by the authorities of another state.

While resident renewal applications are sent directly to Headquarters, resident fur dealers shall still submit their records to their local game warden in accordance with Commission regulation Chapter 30, Fur Dealers.

## HARVEST SURVEY

Each year the Department and its contractors send harvest survey questionnaires to a sample of sportspersons, primarily through email and postal mail. Since a person can hunt/trap multiple species in Wyoming, some sportspersons may be asked to complete more than one survey questionnaire. Your reply provides critical data the Department uses to evaluate the past seasons and set future seasons. Even if you did not hunt/trap, we need to hear from you to accurately track sportspersons effort. We ask that you complete any survey questionnaires sent to you by the Department or its contractors. Your time and assistance are much appreciated.

## HUNTER SAFETY/TEMPORARY 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.

- A person who has not received a certificate of competency and safety in the use and handling of 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.
- A person under fourteen (14) years of age who has not yet received a hunter safety certificate may take small game and game birds while being accompanied by a mentor who possesses a valid Wyoming small game or game bird license and conservation stamp.
- 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 Wyoming Statutes § 9-1-701 through § 9-1-707 may obtain an exemption from the hunter safety requirement. 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.**

## LICENSE EXPIRATION

Furbearing animal hunting or trapping licenses expire on the date indicated on the license.

## 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 individ-

## PERMISSION TO HUNT, FISH, TRAP OR COLLECT ANTLERS OR HORNS

## PRECAUTIONS WHEN HUNTING IN AREAS OCCUPIED BY GRIZZLY BEARS

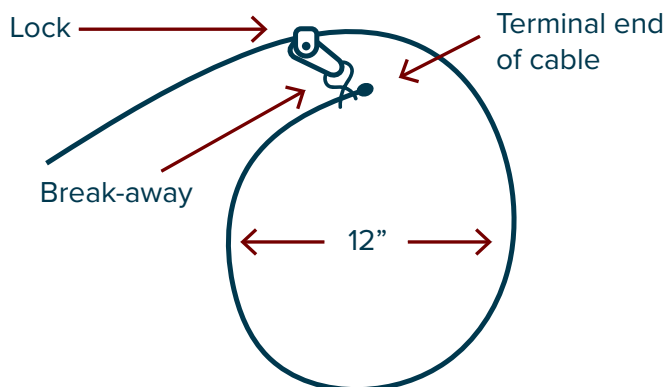
For information about staying safe in bear country, visit the Department bear wise page: <https://wgfd.wyo.gov/Bear-Wise-Print>.

***It is Illegal to***

- ## SHIPPING AND EXPORT REQUIREMENTS (FEDERAL)



In addition, if you ship hides, skulls, meat or products of black bears, wolves, lynx, bobcats or river otters out of the United States, you must first obtain a Federal CITES permit. These forms are only available through U.S. Fish and Wildlife offices.

All snares used for furbearing or predatory animals shall be equipped with a break-away device (e.g., shear pin, J hook, S hook, cable ferrule, etc.) located at the junction of the snare lock and the terminal end of the cable and shall release at two hundred ninety-five (295) pounds of pressure or less; and the loop size shall not exceed twelve (12) inches in diameter measured from side to side (see diagram below).



Predatory animals and predacious birds may be taken without a license.

All leg-hold traps as defined by Commission regulation shall be checked by the owner at least once during each seventy-two (72) hour period unless extensions are granted by the Department. All snares and quick-kill body-grip traps as defined by Commission regulation shall be checked by the owner not less than once each week unless extensions are granted by the Department. The check period could be as long as 13 days if a snare or quick-kill body-grip trap was set or checked on a Monday of one week and rechecked on the Sunday of the next week (see following example).

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>5</b> Snare set or checked	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Not necessary to check during the rest of the week	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
						
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Required to check snares on a day this week	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> If checked on the 18th this provides a 13-day check period
						



## TRAP AND SNARE IDENTIFICATION; EXPOSED BAIT; CONFISCATION; AND LANDOWNER INSPECTION, REMOVAL, RELEASE AND REPORTING

All traps and snares used for furbearing or predatory animals shall be permanently marked or tagged with the name and address of the owner or the trap identification number assigned to the owner by the Department. Applications for trap identification numbers may be found on the Department website. A trap or snare licensed under this section shall not be set within thirty (30) feet of any exposed bait or carcass over five (5) pounds in weight. As used in this subsection, "exposed bait or carcass" means the meat or viscera of any part of a mammal, bird or fish, excluding dried bones. All non-target wildlife caught in any trap or snare shall, upon discovery, be removed immediately by the owner. Any trap or snare found in the field not bearing the name and address of the owner of the trap or snare or the identification number assigned by the Department to the owner of the trap or snare may be confiscated by any employee of the Department. Any landowner or their agent may inspect any trap or snare set on his property, may remove the trap or snare and may release or remove from the trap or snare any wildlife that has not been taken lawfully. The landowner or their agent shall notify the Department of any such wildlife, excluding predatory animals, as soon as practicably possible after removing the wildlife from a trap or snare.

## TRAPPING INFORMATION RESOURCES

For more information about trapping, please visit the North American Trapper Education Course at <https://afwatrapping.outdooreln.org>, and "Best Management Practices" (BMP) for Trapping at <https://www.fishwildlife.org/afwa-inspires/furbearer-management>.

## TRAPPING LICENSE

Any person upon application and the payment of the proper fee, except as otherwise provided, may receive a license to trap any furbearing animal. The Department shall issue a trapping license to a nonresident only if their state issues licenses to Wyoming residents to trap the same species for which residents of that state may be licensed to trap in that state. Any nonresident applying for a Wyoming trapping license shall furnish:

1. A notarized affidavit stating the applicant's legal address including their state of residence; and,
2. A copy of the most current statutes or rules and regulations of the applicant's state of residence, which shows that the state issues nonresident trapping licenses that authorize Wyoming residents to trap the same species for which residents of that state may be licensed to trap in that state.

Resident trapping licenses are available from the Cheyenne Headquarters, Department Regional Offices and license selling agents. Nonresident trapping licenses are available only from the Cheyenne Headquarters.

## TRAPPING ON STATE LANDS

In accordance with State Land Board rules, authorization from the Director of the Office of State Lands and Investments is required prior to setting a trap or snare on any state lands. For more information about trapping on state lands go to <https://lands.wyo.gov/resources/recreation>.

## 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.

## 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.

## WYOMING STATE PARKS

Wyoming State Parks allow limited hunting/trapping opportunities at specific locations and may have additional restrictions and regulations for access and hunting/trapping. Sportspersons are encouraged to contact Wyoming State Parks at [wyoparks.wyo.gov](http://wyoparks.wyo.gov) or contact the individual State Park Office for additional information prior to hunting/trapping.



## TRAP TAGS

You must mark or tag every trap with your trap identification number or your name and address. It is a good idea to bring extra tags as you check your trapline in case they have fallen off and new ones need to be affixed.



### TRAPPING ON STATE LANDS

Authorization from the Director of the Office of State Lands and Investments is required prior to setting a trap or snare on any state lands. Scan the QR code to fill out your application.



## WE NEED YOUR HELP

The Wyoming Game and Fish Department asks for your help in collecting data about Wyoming's wildlife. Any captures or observations you report are anonymous and very helpful. We are specifically interested in knowing the locations of the species below that you may have encountered while trapping.



*Canada lynx*



*Fisher*



*Gray fox*



*Least weasel*



*Ringtail*



*River otter*



*Spotted skunk*



*Swift fox*



*Wolverine*

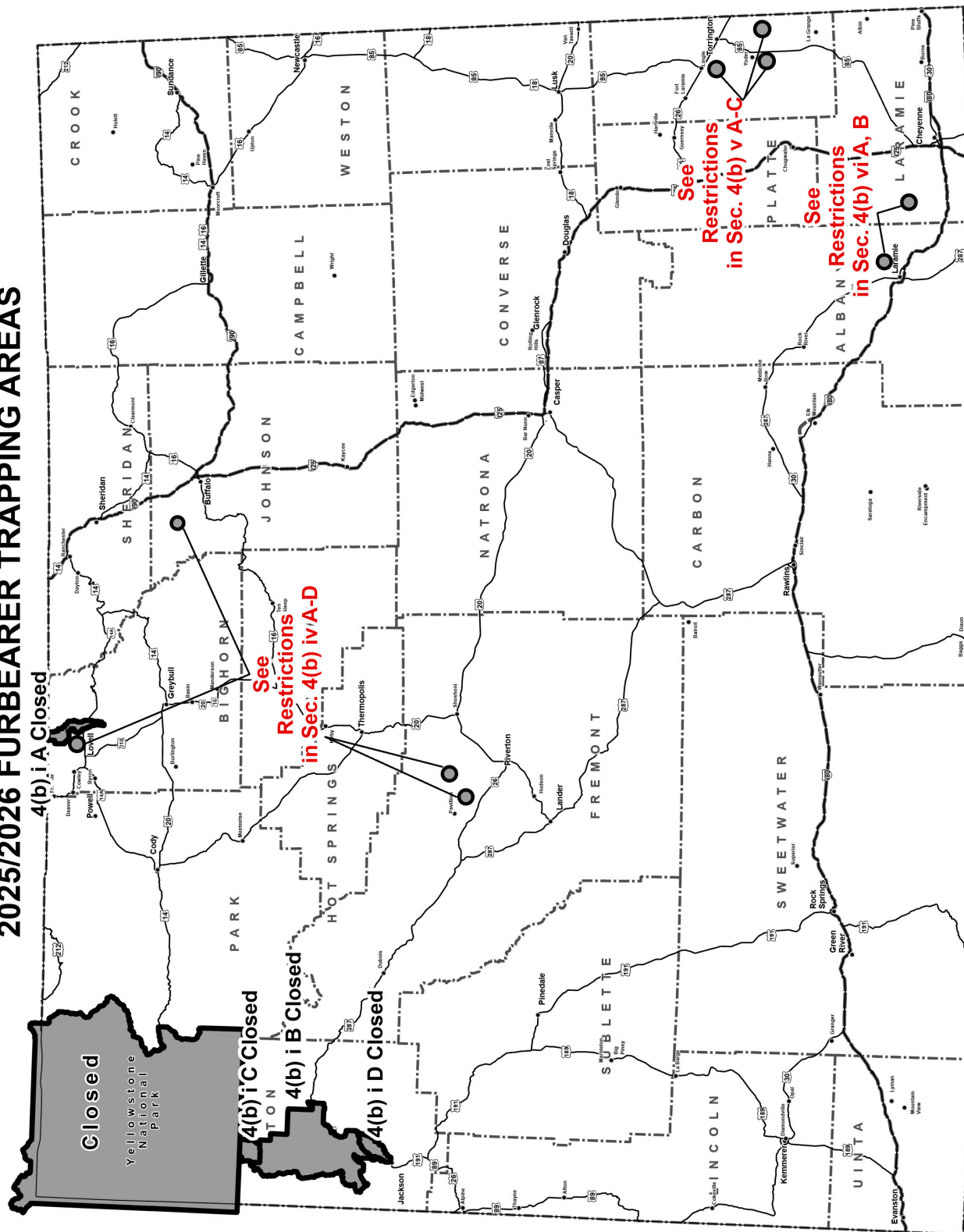
Trappers often visit more remote locations than other recreationists, and your sightings can help Game and Fish manage wildlife populations, including those not classified as furbearers. For example, information from trappers was crucial in identifying both historic and recent locations for spotted skunks, the focus of at least two research projects through the University of Wyoming. This information helped determine survey locations, develop a predictive distribution map for the species, and collect much needed genetic samples, none of which would have been possible without assistance from trappers.





# CHAPTER 4: FURBEARING ANIMAL HUNTING OR TRAPPING SEASONS

## 2025/2026 FURBEARER TRAPPING AREAS



Area 1 is the entire state of Wyoming subject to the species limitations described in Section 4

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

FURBEARING ANIMAL



Maps are for GENERAL REFERENCE ONLY. Please use the written boundary descriptions in this regulation.



# WYOMING'S FURBEARING SPECIES

FURBEARING ANIMAL



*Badger*



*Beaver*



*Bobcat*



*Marten*



*Weasel (winter)*



*Mink*



*Muskrat*



## SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS

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

- a. **“Drainage”** means all lands within the watershed of a named river or stream, including all tributaries and standing waters that drain into the named river or stream.
- b. **“Leg-Hold Trap”** means any device using a mechanical trigger that springs the jaws or loop shut for capturing furbearing or predatory animals.
- c. **“Live Trap”** means any device designed to capture or trap a live animal inside a cage or structure. Such traps include, but are not limited to box traps and cage traps.
- d. **“Owner”** means the person who physically sets any trap or snare in any fashion that may result in the take of any furbearing or predatory animal.
- e. **“Pet”** means any domestic or tamed animal kept for companionship or pleasure.
- f. **“Power-Activated Snare”** means a snare with a spring or other device that applies pressure to the locking mechanism.
- g. **“Quick-Kill Body-Grip Trap”** means a device that closes around the body or head of the animal in such a manner as to almost immediately kill the animal caught.
- h. **“Raw Fur”** means the untanned hide or skin, or the unskinned carcass of a furbearing animal.
- i. **“Snare”** means a device consisting of a loop with no mechanical trigger for capturing furbearing or predatory animals.
- j. **“Tamper”** means to disturb, obstruct, damage, steal or interfere with any legally placed trap or snare except for releasing any pet or livestock from a trap or snare.
- k. **“Trapping” or “trap”** means the taking of a furbearing or predatory animal by trap or snare, or taking of a furbearing animal with a firearm or archery equipment.
- l. **“Trap Identification Number”** means an identification number assigned to the owner of traps or snares by the Department.
- m. **“Week”** means the seven (7) day period starting on Monday through the following Sunday.

## SECTION 3. HUNTING OR TRAPPING SEASONS

Species, hunting or trapping areas, season dates and limitations.

Species	Trapping Area	Season Dates		Limitations
		Opens	Closes	
Mink	1	Oct. 1	Apr. 30	Any mink
Bobcat	1	Nov. 15	Mar. 1	Any bobcat
Muskrat	1	Oct. 1	Apr. 30	Any muskrat
Weasel	1	Oct. 1	Mar. 31	Any weasel
Badger	1	Jan. 1	Dec. 31	Any badger
Marten	1	Oct. 1	Mar. 1	Any marten
	2	Dec. 1	Mar. 1	Any marten
Beaver	1	Oct. 1	Apr. 30	Any beaver
	301	CLOSED		
	302	CLOSED		
	303	CLOSED		
	304	CLOSED		
	305	CLOSED		
	401	CLOSED		
	404	CLOSED		
	405	CLOSED		
	406	CLOSED		
	407	CLOSED		
	408	Oct. 1	Apr. 30	1 trapper; 25 beaver
	409	Oct. 1	Apr. 30	1 trapper; 15 beaver
	410	Oct. 1	Apr. 30	1 trapper; 20 beaver
	411	Oct. 1	Apr. 30	1 trapper; 35 beaver
	412	Oct. 1	Apr. 30	1 trapper; 15 beaver
	413	Oct. 1	Apr. 30	1 trapper; 30 beaver
	414	Oct. 1	Apr. 30	1 trapper; 30 beaver
	501	Oct. 1	Apr. 30	1 trapper; 10 beaver
	502	Oct. 1	Apr. 30	1 trapper; 10 beaver
	503	CLOSED		
	504	CLOSED		
	505	CLOSED		
	605	CLOSED		
	606	CLOSED		





Cottonwood Creek, Cooper Creek and Willow Creek drainages on Green Mountain in Fremont County.

**Area 606.** East Fork Wind River. All lands within the Spence and Moriarity Wildlife Management Area and the Kirk Inberg/Kevin Roy Wildlife Habitat Management Area in Fremont County.

#### B. CLOSED AREAS.

##### i. *The following areas shall be closed to the taking of all furbearing animals.*

- A. Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area in Bighorn County;
- B. Grand Teton National Park in Teton County;
- C. John D. Rockefeller Jr. Memorial Parkway in Teton County;
- D. National Elk Refuge in Teton County.

##### ii. *The following areas shall be closed to the taking of beaver.*

- A. Beaver Creek drainage from Wyoming Highway 70 downstream to its confluence with the North Fork of the Encampment River in Carbon County;
- B. Cache Creek drainage in Teton County;
- C. Cliff Creek drainage in Sublette County;
- D. Granite Creek drainage from the Granite Hot Springs swimming pool downstream to the confluence with the Hoback River in Teton and Sublette Counties;
- E. Nameless Creek proper in Lincoln County;
- F. Nash Fork drainage south of Wyoming Highway 130 from the Snowy Range Ski Area Road downstream to its confluence with the North Fork of the Little Laramie River in Albany County;
- G. South Fork Hog Park Creek drainage from the Colorado/Wyoming state line downstream to its confluence with Hog Park Creek in Carbon County;
- H. South Fork Lake Creek and Goetze Creek drainages on the Pennock Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Area in Carbon County;
- I. The head of the Rock Creek drainage north and east of the Sand Lake Road (U.S.F.S. Road 101) downstream to its confluence with the South Fork of Rock Creek in Carbon County;
- J. Bolton Creek drainage in Carbon and Natrona counties.
- K. Stinking Creek drainage (including Lone Tree Creek and Elk Creek) in Carbon and Natrona counties;
- L. Ditch Creek drainage from the confluence of the North Fork and Middle Fork of Ditch Creek downstream to the U.S.F.S. – Private Land Boundary in Teton County;
- M. Willow Creek drainage upstream from the confluence of Willow Creek and Sourdough Creek in Teton, Lincoln and Sublette counties; and,
- N. Game Creek drainage in Teton County.

##### iii. *The following areas shall be closed to the taking of Marten.*

- A. All lands within the Pole Mountain Unit of the Medicine Bow National Forest in Albany County.

##### iv. *The following areas shall be closed to the use of any snare or quick-kill body grip trap with a jaw spread exceeding five (5) inches during any open pheasant hunting season:*

- A. Bud Love Wildlife Habitat Management Area;
- B. Ocean Lake Wildlife Habitat Management Area;
- C. Sand Mesa Wildlife Habitat Management Area east of Bass Lake Road;
- D. Yellowtail Wildlife Habitat Management Area.

##### v. *The following areas shall be closed to the use of any snare or quick-kill body grip trap with a jaw spread exceeding five (5) inches from October 1 through February 15;*

- A. Rawhide Wildlife Habitat Management Area;
- B. Springer/Bump Sullivan Wildlife Habitat Management Area; and,
- C. Table Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Area.

##### vi. *The following areas shall be closed to the use of any snare, quick-kill body grip trap, leg-hold trap, and live trap during the calendar year;*

- A. Pilot Hill Wildlife Habitat Management Area; and,
- B. John/Annie Woodhouse Public Access Area.

#### SECTION 5. COMMON SEASON BOUNDARY

Wherever a stream or river forms a boundary between two (2) trapping areas with differing seasons for the same furbearing animal, the stream or river channel proper shall open for trapping on the earliest opening date and close on the latest closing date of the two (2) seasons involved.

#### SECTION 6. LIMITED QUOTA FURBEARING ANIMAL TRAPPING AREA PERMITS

Only the holder of a permit for a limited quota trapping area(s) shall be allowed to trap the limited quota area for the designated species during the trapping season for which the permit is valid. Permit holders shall be determined by a random computer selection.

- a. Application for Limited Quota Furbearing Animal Trapping Permits. Applications shall be available from Wyoming Game and Fish Department Regional Offices, the Cheyenne Headquarters Office and game wardens. Any qualified person may submit one (1) application for a limited quota trapping area drawing and may list as many as three (3) choices.
- b. When trapping, each permit holder shall present their permit and a valid Wyoming furbearing animal trapping license for inspection upon request to any law enforcement officer empowered to enforce these regulations.
- c. Application Date. Applications shall be submitted on a form provided by the Department to the Headquarters Office from April 1 through May 31.
- d. Drawing. Only correct and complete applications received in the Headquarters Office during the application dates shall be entered in the random computer selection. Successful applicants shall be notified by mail.
- e. Leftover Limited Quota Trapping Area Permits. After the regular drawing, applicants may apply for limited quota trapping area permits not issued in the drawing for limited quota furbearing animal trapping areas. Applicants shall apply to the Headquarters Office. Permits shall be issued in the order the applications are processed or until quotas are reached. Submission of an application either through the mail or hand delivered shall not guarantee a permit.

#### SECTION 7. AUTHORIZATION TO TRAP

- a. Any person holding a valid Wyoming furbearing animal trapping license shall be authorized to trap furbearing animals in any trapping area specified in the current trapping regulations, excluding those species within limited quota furbearing animal trapping areas for which a limited quota furbearing animal trapping permit is required and excluding closed areas in Section 4(b) of this regulation.
- b. Individuals issued limited quota furbearing animal trapping permits shall contact the game warden listed on the notice for instructions prior to taking furbearing animals authorized by this permit in the limited quota furbearing animal trapping areas.

#### SECTION 8. TRAP AND SNARE SPECIFICATIONS

- a. All snares used for furbearing or predatory animals shall be equipped with a break-away device located at the point of the snare lock;
- b. Break-away devices shall release at two hundred ninety-five (295) pounds of pressure or less;
- c. Snare capture loop size shall not exceed twelve (12) inches in diam-

eter measured from side to side;

- d. Snares shall be solidly anchored to ensure the break-away device properly functions to release at two hundred ninety-five (295) pounds of pressure or less, and;
  - i. Snares shall not be anchored to any wire of a fence.
  - ii. Snares shall not be anchored to any moveable object such as a drag.
- e. Power-activated snares with a spring greater than three (3) inches in length when fully extended may only be set on private land; and,
- f. A quick-kill body-grip trap having a jaw measurement of ten (10) inches or greater when measured vertically at its widest part of the jaw shall not be set, other than on private land, unless the bottom of the quick-kill body-grip trap is at least partially submerged in water when set.

## SECTION 9. CHECK PERIOD FOR LEG-HOLD TRAPS, LIVE TRAPS, SNARES AND QUICK-KILL BODY-GRIP TRAPS

- a. All leg-hold traps and live traps shall be checked by the owner a minimum of once during each seventy-two (72) hour period.
- b. All snares and quick-kill body-grip traps shall be checked by the owner a minimum of one time each week, except during the initial week the snares or quick-kill body-grip traps were set.

## SECTION 10. MANDATORY BOBCAT REGISTRATION

All bobcats harvested in Wyoming shall be registered with the Department by the person taking the bobcat, regardless of the final disposition of the raw fur. Bobcat raw furs may be registered throughout the bobcat season, but registration shall end at 5:00 p.m. on March 11 of each year. If the registration deadline date occurs on a weekend when the Department Regional Offices are closed, bobcat raw furs may be registered on the next business day until 5:00 p.m. Mountain Standard Time. The properly licensed trapper shall present a bobcat raw fur in an unfrozen condition to a game warden or a Department Regional Office. It shall be unlawful to possess an untagged bobcat raw fur after the registration period expires.

- a. Before a Wyoming bobcat tag shall be issued, the person taking a bobcat shall provide to the Department at the time of registration, the age and sex of the bobcat, the number of the Department's bobcat management area in which the bobcat was taken, the method of take, the date the bobcat was taken, the number of traps that were set, and the number of days traps were set or days hunted with a firearm.
- b. A Wyoming bobcat tag shall be attached to a bobcat raw fur by an employee of the Department. Wyoming bobcat tags shall be issued free of charge.
- c. 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 11. TRAPPING OF NON-TARGET WILDLIFE; DISPOSITION OF FURBEARING ANIMALS AT THE TRAP SITE

- a. All big or trophy game animals, game birds, protected animals or protected birds that are trapped shall be released unharmed.
- b. If a big or trophy game animal, game bird, protected animal or raptor is trapped and has been injured in such a way that the injury may result in death of the animal or if the animal has been killed, the trapper shall notify a Department law enforcement officer as soon as is reasonably possible.
- c. Furbearing animals that are trapped during a closed season shall be released unharmed. If a furbearing animal is caught during a closed season and injured in such a way that may result in death of the animal or if the furbearing animal has been killed, the trapper

shall notify a Department law enforcement officer as soon as is reasonably possible.

- d. Furbearing animals legally taken shall be either killed at the trap site or immediately released to the wild. If the trapper holds both a furbearing animal trapping license and a license to capture furbearing animals for domestication, the furbearing animals do not have to be killed at the trap site.
- e. Nothing in this Section shall prohibit a person from releasing any pet or livestock from a trap or snare.

## SECTION 12. USE OF DOGS

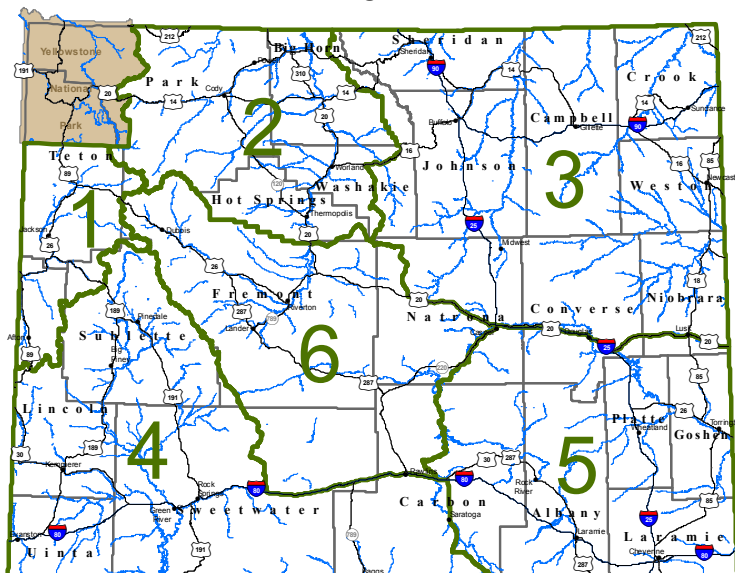
Persons possessing a valid furbearing animal trapping license may use dogs to take bobcats during the bobcat hunting or trapping season.

## SECTION 13. TRAP IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS

All traps and snares used for furbearing or predatory animals shall be permanently marked or tagged with the name and address of the owner or the trap identification number assigned to the owner by the Department.

- a. A person may apply for a trap identification number from the Department. Each individual shall be issued only one (1) trap identification number for the life of the trapper. Trap identification numbers shall be transferable from one (1) person to another only upon completion of an application and approval by the Department.
- b. Trap identification numbers shall consist of the prefix WY, followed by the last two (2) digits of the calendar year in which the number is issued, followed by a number generated by the Department. A hyphen shall separate the three (3) portions of the number. For example, the first trap identification number issued in calendar year 2001 shall be WY-01-001. Numbers shall be legible, at least one-eighth (1/8) inch in height and affixed to traps in such a manner as to read left to right. The trap identification number shall be stamped on the trap or on a metal tag that is affixed to the trap.
- c. Application for a trap identification number shall include the full name and complete home address of the applicant and shall be submitted on a form provided by the Department. Applications shall be submitted to the Wildlife Division, at the Headquarters Office of the Wyoming Game and Fish Department.
- d. Any person who has obtained a trap identification number shall notify the Department by telephoning (307) 777-4600 within thirty (30) days of any change in address.

**Bobcat Management Areas**





# BOBCAT HARVEST LOG

THIS FORM IS PROVIDED FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE. WHEN YOU HAVE YOUR PELTS TAGGED AT A REGIONAL OFFICE, BY A BIOLOGIST OR BY A GAME WARDEN, YOU WILL BE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION.

SEASON TOTALS	1 <sup>st</sup> MANAGEMENT AREA	2 <sup>nd</sup> MANAGEMENT AREA	3 <sup>rd</sup> MANAGEMENT AREA
Number of traps set <sup>a</sup>			
Number of days traps were set <sup>a</sup>			
Number of days hunted with a firearm <sup>a</sup>			
Number of days spent in the field setting or checking traps <sup>b</sup>			
Number of bobcats you trapped and released <sup>b</sup>			

#	MANAGEMENT AREA <sup>a</sup>	SEX <sup>a</sup>	AGE <sup>a</sup>		KILL DATE <sup>a</sup>	METHOD OF TAKE <sup>a</sup>		
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Please note: This form is not intended to indicate that you are limited in the number of bobcats you can take.

<sup>a</sup> Per chapter 4, Section 10 (Furbearing Animal Hunting or Trapping Seasons), the Department requires this information from you to comply with CITES reporting.

<sup>b</sup> This information is not required of you, but greatly facilitates bobcat management in Wyoming.

## REGIONAL OFFICES

	ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER
<b>Cheyenne Headquarters</b>	5400 Bishop Boulevard, Cheyenne, WY 82006	(307) 777-4600
<b>Casper Region</b>	3030 Energy Lane, Casper, WY 82604	(307) 473-3400
<b>Cody Region</b>	2 Tilden Trail, Cody, WY 82414	(307) 527-7125
<b>Green River Region</b>	351 Astle Avenue, Green River, WY 82935	(307) 875-3223
<b>Jackson Region</b>	420 North Cache Street, Jackson, WY 83001 Mailing Address: P.O. Box 67, Jackson, WY 83001	(307) 733-2321
<b>Lander Region</b>	260 Buena Vista Drive, Lander, WY 82520	(307) 332-2688
<b>Laramie Region</b>	1212 South Adams Street, Laramie, WY 82070	(307) 745-4046
<b>Pinedale Region</b>	432 East Mill Street, Pinedale, WY 82941 Mailing Address: P.O. Box 850, Pinedale, WY 82941	(307) 367-4353
<b>Sheridan Region</b>	700 Valley View Drive, Sheridan, WY 82801	(307) 672-7418

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