

CHAPTER 3

BLACK BEAR HUNTING SEASONS

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

Section 2. Definitions. In addition to the definitions set forth in Title 23 of the Wyoming Statutes and Chapter 2, General Hunting Regulation, the Commission also adopts the following definitions for the purpose of this chapter:

(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) “Bait Location” means the GPS location of a bait placed within a registered bait site.

(c) “Bait Site” means the individual section of land identified by legal description on a valid bear bait registration document.

(d) “Chemical attractant” means any chemical(s) used as a lure or mask rather than for consumption.

(e) “Dependent young” means any black bear cub of the year or yearling black bear traveling with an adult female black bear.

(f) “GPS coordinates” means a specified geographic location defined by any universal coordinate system that will direct Department personnel to within fifty (50) yards of a registered bait site.

(g) “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 in accordance with Section 5. Immediately also means any person taking a grizzly bear shall report, without delay, to the Wyoming Game and Fish Department in accordance with Section 11 of this regulation.

(h) “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.

(i) “Processed bait” means a nontoxic biodegradable substance.

(j) “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.

(k) “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 2(j).

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

Section 3. Application, Registration, Number, Placement, Removal and Identification of Black Bear Bait Sites on Federal or State Lands. The provisions in this section shall only apply to the registration, number, placement, removal and identification of black bear baits on federal lands or State lands, including lands owned or administered by the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission.

(a) First Time Registration of Bait Site(s).

(i) A person may apply to register a bait site(s) for the first time on the Department website beginning March 21 at 8:00 a.m. through March 28 for the current calendar year. An applicant may apply to register up to a total of six (6) bait sites through this process, however no person shall be eligible to register more than the maximum number of bait sites authorized in this section. All completed applications shall be entered into a computer processed random drawing to determine a priority listing for registering bait sites by April 1. Bait sites shall be assigned to applicants through the priority listing as long as a particular bait site remains available.

(ii) A person may apply to register a bait site(s) in person, by a representative of the applicant or by telephone beginning April 5 at 8:00 a.m. for the current calendar year at any Department Regional Office. If April 5 occurs on a day when 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 is available.

(b) Renewal of Previous Year Registered Bait Site(s).

(i) A person may renew the same bait site(s) they registered in the previous calendar year by telephone, mail or on the Department website. Bait site registration renewal may be completed in person or by a representative of the applicant.

(ii) Persons who had a bait site(s) registered the previous calendar year may renew the same bait site(s) March 1 through March 20. Applications to renew a previous calendar year bait site(s) shall not be accepted by the Department prior to 8:00 a.m. March 1.

(iii) For the purpose of receiving preference to renew a bait site, a person shall have placed a bait at a properly registered bait site and provided GPS coordinates for that bait location to the Department during the previous calendar year in accordance with Commission regulations. A person who fails to meet this requirement shall lose all preference to renew that bait site and shall be considered as a first time registrant for that bait site during the following calendar year.

(iv) Bait sites that are not renewed during the preference period shall be made available as first time bait sites in accordance with Section 3(a).

(c) General Black Bear Bait Site Provisions.

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

(ii) A currently registered bait site shall not be transferred to another person.

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

(iv) 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 electronic application.

(B) The electronic application shall include the name, address, telephone number and valid Wyoming black bear hunting license number of the person desiring to register the bait site; 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. If the Department approves the bait site, the applicant shall be furnished a registration document indicating the site has been approved. The registration document shall include the legal description of the bait site to include the range, township, section and GPS coordinates. GPS coordinates of a bait location shall be provided at the time of application, or within seven (7) days after placing any bait at a registered bait site.

(d) Number of black bear baits and bait density. No hunter shall register or place more than two (2) baits during any calendar year. A person licensed as an outfitter in Wyoming for the current calendar year shall register and place no more than twenty (20) baits for their outfitting business use during any 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.

(e) Placement and removal of baits. No person shall place a bait or hunt over a bait that has not been properly registered in accordance with this regulation.

(i) All black bear baits placed at a registered bait site shall be enclosed in a container. Bait containers shall be rigid and constructed of wood, metal or plastic.

(ii) No more than three (3) bait containers shall be placed at a registered bait site and shall not exceed a combined total of eight (8) cubic feet, the approximate size of a fifty-five (55) gallon drum.

(iii) Black bear bait containers shall be secured in such a manner that the bait container cannot be moved by any wildlife from the GPS coordinates provided for the registered bait site.

(iv) Holes in containers shall be smooth and not constructed to function as a trap.

(v) 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.

(vi) If requested by the Department, persons placing bait(s) or hunting over bait(s) shall be required to escort the Regional Wildlife Supervisor or their designee to the bait location(s) for any purpose.

(vii) 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 9 of this regulation.

(viii) 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 9 of this regulation.

(ix) 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 9 of this regulation.

(x) Burial of the bait is prohibited and shall not constitute removal of the bait.

(f) Identification of bait site(s). The name and address or the current year's black bear hunting license number or the sportsperson identification number of the person who registered the bait site(s), 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 4. Areas Open and Areas Closed to Black Bear Baiting; Restrictions on Use of Processed and Unprocessed Baits; Use of Chemical Attractants.

(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 Area 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 Department 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 Department website.

(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 to baiting. 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 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 4(a).

(c) Processed or unprocessed baits shall be utilized for the baiting of black bears in Black Bear Hunt Areas 1-17, 30, 31, 33, 35.

(d) Chemical attractants are not considered bait and may be used in all black bear hunt areas of the state.

Section 5. 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 Department (1-877-WGFD-TIP). Regardless of the land status whether 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 may be removed as soon as possible by personnel of the Department.

Section 6. 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 those defined as a bait in Section 2 or in a manner other than as specified in Section 3 shall be prohibited on federal or state lands, including lands administered by the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission.

Section 7. Hunting Regulations.

(a) Hunters may take any black bear except dependent young and female black bears with dependent young 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 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 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 possible 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 seventy-two (72) hours and shall present the pelt and skull to a district game warden, district wildlife biologist or Department personnel at a Department Regional Office during business hours for registration within ten (10) days from the date of harvest or within three (3) days after returning from a designated wilderness area. The hunter making the telephone report shall contact a district game warden, district wildlife biologist or Department personnel at a Department Regional Office and provide their name, license number, date of kill, sex of bear, hunt area and the general location of the kill site including drainage. At the time of registration, the hunter 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 GPS coordinates.

(c) Any person who makes a false statement on the registration form is in violation of this regulation.

Section 8. 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 9. 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 9. Hunt Areas, Season Dates and Limitations.

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

Hunt Area(s)	Special Archery Dates	Regular Season Dates	Annual Female Mortality Limit
19	Apr. 15 - 30 Aug. 15 - 31	May 1 - June 15 Aug. 1 - 31, valid only in that portion of Area 19 within the Bridger Wilderness Sep. 1 - Nov. 15	10 Spring 8 Fall
23	Apr. 15 - 30 Aug. 1 - 14	May 1 - June 15 Aug. 15 - Oct. 31	8 Spring* 12 Fall*
25, 26, 27	Apr. 15 - 30 Aug. 15 - 31	May 1 - June 15 Sep. 1 - Oct. 31	
28	Apr. 15 - 30 Aug. 1 - 14	May 1 - June 15 Aug. 15 - Oct. 31	4 Spring 4 Fall
31	Apr. 15 - 30 Aug. 1 - 14	May 1 - June 15 Aug. 15 - Oct. 31	2 Spring 2 Fall
32	Apr. 15 - 30	May 1 - June 15 Aug. 1 - Nov. 15	
33		Apr. 15 - June 15 Sep. 1 - Oct. 31	4 Spring 4 Fall
35		Apr. 15 - June 15 Aug. 1 - Oct. 31	

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

Section 10. 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 9 of this Chapter. Archers shall possess a general black bear license and an archery license in order to hunt black bears with archery equipment during any special archery season.

Section 11. Reporting Grizzly Bear Mortalities. Any taking of a grizzly bear shall be reported immediately to the Department (1-877-WGFD-TIP).

Section 12. Hunt Area Descriptions. Hunt Area Number, Name and Description.

Area 1. Northwest Bighorn. Beginning where the Bighorn River 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 the Bighorn River; northerly along said river 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 where Interstate Highway 25 crosses the North Platte River at the city of Douglas; southerly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 34; westerly along said highway to U.S. Highway 30; northerly and westerly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 487; northerly and westerly along said highway to the Lone Tree Road (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 North Platte River; easterly down said river to Interstate Highway 25 at the city of Douglas.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Area 24. Darby Creek. Beginning at the town of Jackson; westerly along Wyoming Highway 22 to the Wyoming-Idaho state line; northerly along said line to Teton Creek; easterly along said creek to the north fork of Teton Creek; northeasterly along said creek to the Grand

Teton National Park boundary; southerly and easterly along said boundary to the Snake River; northerly and southerly along said park boundary to U.S. Highway 189; southerly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 22.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Area 31. Crowheart Butte. All non-Indian owned fee title lands in that portion of Fremont County within the exterior boundaries of the Wind River Reservation, and all lands within the Bureau of Reclamation's Riverton and Boysen Unit boundaries, and those lands

within Boysen State Park south of Cottonwood Creek, west of Boysen Reservoir, and south of U.S. Highway 20-26; excluding those areas of the Spence and Moriarity Wildlife Management Area that lie east of the East Fork of the Wind River.

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

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

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

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