



FURBEARING ANIMAL

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION



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REGULATIONS

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Dear Hunters,

Commitment to ethical sporting practices are at the heart of our mission. As you step into the 2026 furbearer hunting and trapping season, you actively join us as a vital partner in safeguarding these valuable wildlife resources.

For the wide open spaces of Wyoming, trapping plays a crucial role in ensuring a healthy balance between wildlife and humans. It helps reduce or prevent damage to our agricultural operations, as well as private properties. Diseases, such as rabies and distemper, are controlled through this practice, protecting both wildlife and domestic animal populations.

This season as always, we appreciate our hunting community's adherence to regulations and responsible practices. Observing our 2026 regulations will set you up for success in your hunting and trapping endeavors, and is the foundation of our outdoor traditions in this state.

Every 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.

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 2026 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
<i>All Resident Furbearer Hunting or Trapping licenses are available from license selling agents, Department Regional Offices and Cheyenne Headquarters.</i>	
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

CARD FEE

The Department shall charge a two point five percent (2.5%) 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 debit or 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>.

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 Electron-ic 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

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 hunt-

er 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 individual shall take or attempt to take any wildlife using another individual's license, permit, stamp, tag or coupon. Any license, permit, stamp, or tag 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, permit, stamp or tag that was obtained in violation of Commission regulations or Wyoming statutes.

Permission to Hunt, Fish, Trap or Collect Antlers or Horns

No person shall enter upon, travel through or return across the private property of any person to take wildlife, hunt, fish, trap or collect antlers or horns without the permission of the landowner or person in charge of the property. "Travel through or return across" requires physically touching or driving on the surface of the private 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 other legitimate proof as evidence that permission to hunt has been granted.

Precautions When Hunting in Areas Occupied by Grizzly Bears

Hunters and anglers are reminded 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. Any taking of a grizzly bear shall be reported immediately to the Department (1-877-WGFD-TIP).

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

Prohibited Acts

It is illegal to

- Intentionally tamper with or remove a trap or snare; or, release or remove a furbearing animal or predator from a trap or snare that is set and maintained in compliance with Wyoming statutes and Commission regulations.
- 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.
- Use any aircraft with the intent to spot, locate and aid in the taking of any big game animal from August 1 through January 31 of

the following calendar year. Additionally, no person shall use any aircraft to spot, locate and aid in the taking of any trophy game animal during any open season. Nothing in this Section shall apply to the operation of an aircraft in a usual manner where there is no attempt or intent to locate any game animal, such as aircraft used for the sole purpose of passenger transport.

- Take and leave, abandon or allow the edible portion of any game bird, game fish or game animal (except trophy game animal) to intentionally or needlessly go to waste.
- 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.
- Carry a firearm with a cartridge therein, or take any wildlife, while intoxicated or under the influence of any controlled substance.

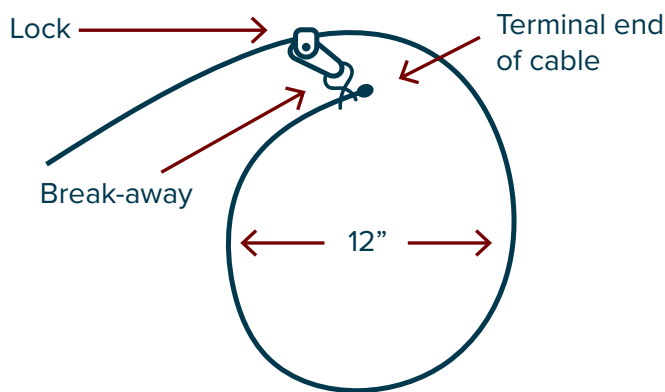
Shipping and Export Requirements (Federal)

If you ship any wildlife parts or products out of the United States, federal regulations require that you complete a "Declaration of Importation or Exportation of Fish and Wildlife" (Form #3-177), available online at <http://www.fws.gov/le/declaration-form-3-177.html>

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.

Snare Break-Aways and Loop Size

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).



Taking Predatory Animals and Predacious Birds

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

Time Period for Checking Leghold Traps, Snares and Quick-Kill Body-Grip Traps

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).

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



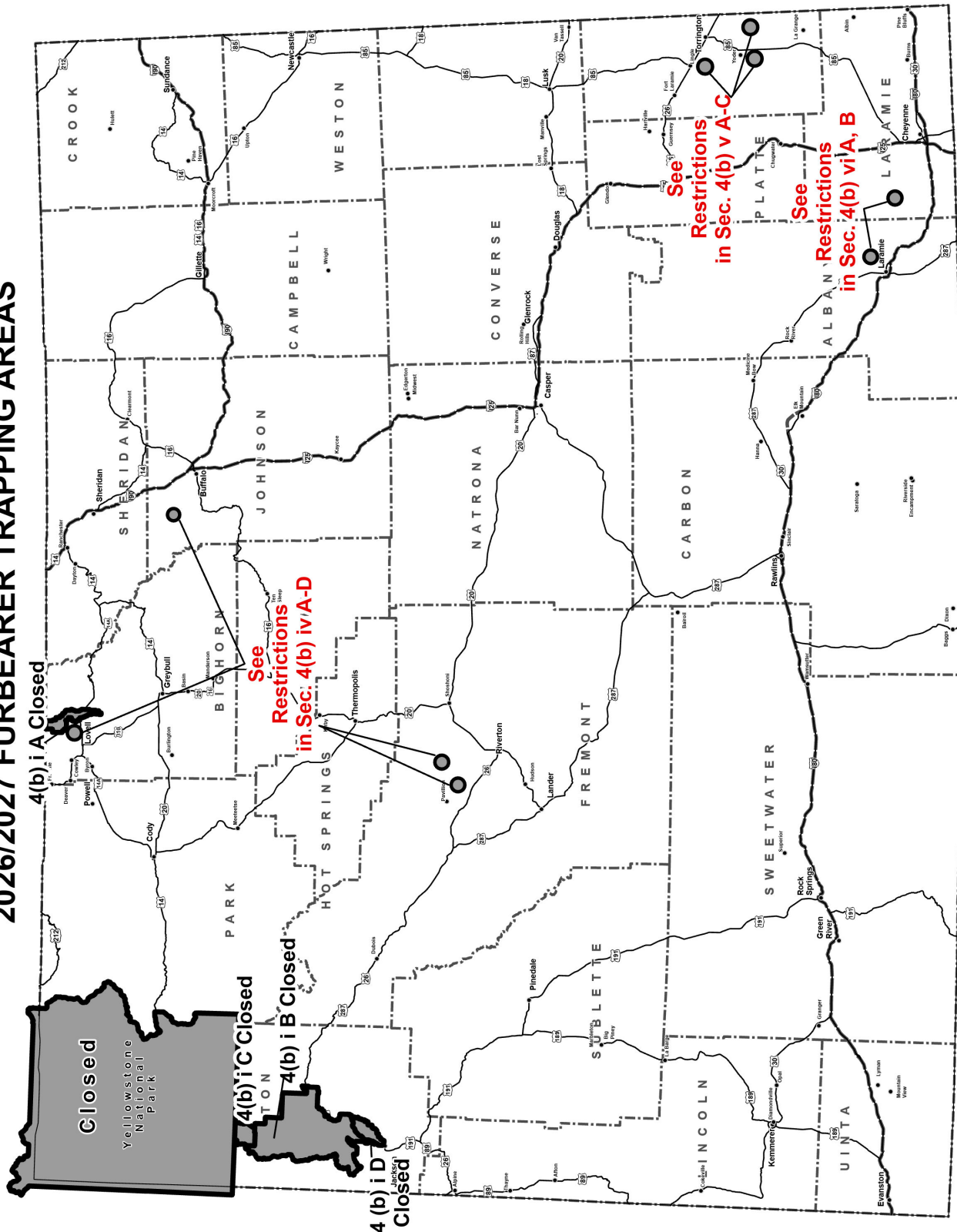
Wolverine

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

2026/2027 FURBEARER TRAPPING AREAS



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

○ AREAS WITH RESTRICTIONS SET FORTH IN SECTION 4(b)

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



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WYOMING'S FURBEARING SPECIES

FURBEARING ANIMAL



Badger



Beaver



Bobcat



Marten



Weasel (winter)



Mink



Muskrat

Section 2. Definitions

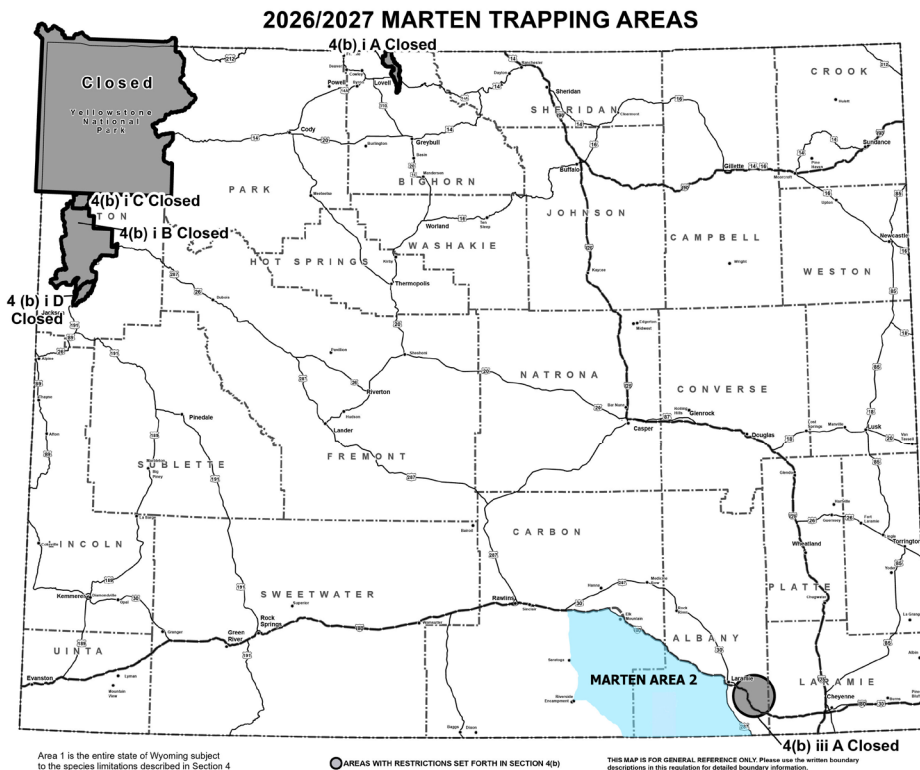
Definitions shall be as set forth in Title 23, Wyoming Statutes, Commission regulations, and the Commission also adopts the following definitions:

- “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.
- “Leg-Hold Trap”** means any device using a mechanical trigger that springs the jaws or loop shut for capturing furbearing or predatory animals.
- “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.
- “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.
- “Pet”** means any domestic or tamed animal kept for companionship or pleasure.
- “Power-Activated Snare”** means a snare with a spring or other device that applies pressure to the locking mechanism.
- “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.
- “Raw Fur”** means the untanned hide or skin, or the unskinned carcass of a furbearing animal.
- “Snare”** means a device consisting of a loop with no mechanical trigger for capturing furbearing or predatory animals.
- “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.
- “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.
- “Trap Identification Number”** means an identification number assigned to the owner of traps or snares by the Department.
- “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		



Section 4. Furbearing Animal Hunting or Trapping Area Descriptions

a. Area and number.

i. All furbearing animals, excluding marten and beaver.

Area 1. The entire State of Wyoming, excluding those areas closed in Section 4(b).

ii. Marten.

Area 1. The entire State of Wyoming, excluding Area 2 as listed in this subsection and those areas closed in Section 4(b).

Area 2. Snowy Range. Beginning at the junction of Interstate Highway 80 and U.S. Highway 287 in the city of Laramie; southerly along U.S. Highway 287 to the Wyoming-Colorado state line; westerly along said line to Wyoming Highway 230 in Carbon County; northerly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 130; northerly along said highway to Interstate Highway 80; easterly along said highway to its junction with U.S. Highway 287.

iii. Beaver.

Area 1. The entire State of Wyoming, excluding those limited quota trapping areas listed in this subsection and those areas closed in Section 4(b).

Area 301. North Tongue River. North Tongue River drainage in Sheridan County.

Area 302. South Tongue River. South Tongue River drainage in Sheridan County.

Area 303. East Fork of Big Goose Creek. East Fork of Big Goose Creek drainage upstream of Park Reservoir in Johnson County.

Area 304. Clear Creek. Clear Creek drainage on U.S. Forest Service lands in Johnson County.

Area 305. Crazy Woman Creek. Crazy Woman Creek drainage on U.S. Forest Service lands in Johnson County.

Area 401. South Rock Springs. That portion of Sweetwater County south of I-80 between the Green River, Flaming Gorge Reservoir and Wyoming Highway 430.

Area 404. Henrys Fork. Henrys Fork River, Louse Creek and Sage Creek drainages on the Wasatch-Cache National Forest in Uinta County.

Area 405. Cottonwood Creek. Cottonwood Creek drainage on the Wasatch-Cache National Forest in Uinta County.

Area 406. East Fork of Smiths Fork. Drainages of Gilbert Creek and East Fork of Smiths Fork River upstream from Wasatch-Cache National Forest boundary in Uinta County.

Area 407. West Fork of Smiths Fork. West Fork of the Smiths Fork River and Willow Creek drainages upstream from Wasatch-Cache National Forest boundary in Uinta County.

Area 408. Salt Creek. Salt Creek drainage on U.S. Forest Service lands, Salt Creek Proper and Raymond Creek drainage on public lands in Lincoln County.

Area 409. Upper Smiths Fork. Smiths Fork drainage on U.S. Forest Service lands in Lincoln County.

Area 410. Hobble Creek. Hobble Creek drainage on U.S. Forest Service lands, Coal Creek, and Saw Mill Creek drainages in Lincoln County.

Area 411. Hams Fork River (Hams Fork). Beginning where the Hams Fork River crosses the Bridger-Teton National Forest boundary to where the river crosses U.S. Forest Service Road 062 and all tributaries lying east of the Hams Fork River in Lincoln County.

Area 412. South Fork Fontenelle Creek. Beginning where the South Fork of Fontenelle Creek crosses the Bridger-Teton National Forest boundary to its headwaters and all tributaries in Lincoln County, including all of the drainages of the South Fork of Fontenelle Creek upstream from the Bridger-Teton National Forest boundary within Lincoln County.

Area 413. Fontenelle Creek. Beginning where Fontenelle Creek crosses the Bridger-Teton National Forest boundary to the confluence of Camp Fire Creek and all tributaries in Lincoln County, including all of the drainages of Fontenelle Creek between the Bridger-Teton National Forest boundary and Camp Fire Creek within Lincoln County.

Area 414. LaBarge Creek and South LaBarge Creek (main streams). Beginning where LaBarge Creek crosses the Bridger-Teton National Forest boundary to its headwaters and the main channel of

South LaBarge Creek in Lincoln County. LaBarge Creek Proper will be closed one (1) mile each direction from the confluence of Nameless Creek and LaBarge Creek in Lincoln County.

Area 501. North Pole Mountain. All of the drainages of Brush Creek, Crow Creek, Lodgepole (Pole) Creek, McKechnie Creek and Horse Creek within the boundaries of the Pole Mountain Division of the Medicine Bow National Forest and north of the Happy Jack Road (Wyoming Secondary Highway 210-U.S.F.S. 722) in Albany County.

Area 502. South Pole Mountain. All of the drainages of Brush Creek, Lodgepole (Pole) Creek, Crow Creek and Dale Creek within the boundaries of the Pole Mountain Division of the Medicine Bow National Forest and south of the Happy Jack Road (Wyoming Secondary Highway 210-U.S.F.S. 722) in Albany County.

Area 503. Woods Landing. All public lands within Boswell Creek, Eagle Creek, Shellrock Creek, Bear Creek, Jelm Creek and Porter Creek drainages in Albany County.

Area 504. Lake Owen. All public lands south and east of U.S.F.S. Roads 552 and 540 within Fox Creek, Squirrel Creek, Squaw Creek, Lake Owen Creek and Strain Creek drainages in Albany County.

Area 505. Sheep Mountain. All public lands within Fence Creek, Hecht Creek and Buckeye Creek drainages in Albany County.

Area 605. Green Mountain. All public lands within the Crooks Creek, 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 Penneck 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.

- 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.
- 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.
- Application Date. Applications shall be submitted on a form provided by the Department to the Headquarters Office from April 1 through May 31.
- 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.
- 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

- 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.

- 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

- All snares used for furbearing or predatory animals shall be equipped with a break-away device located at the point of the snare lock;
- Break-away devices shall release at two hundred ninety-five (295) pounds of pressure or less;
- Snare capture loop size shall not exceed twelve (12) inches in diameter measured from side to side;
- 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;
 - Snares shall not be anchored to any wire of a fence.
 - Snares shall not be anchored to any moveable object such as a drag.
- Power-activated snares with a spring greater than three (3) inches in length when fully extended may only be set on private land; and,
- 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

- All leg-hold traps and live traps shall be checked by the owner a minimum of once during each seventy-two (72) hour period.
- 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.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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

- All big or trophy game animals, game birds, protected animals or protected birds that are trapped shall be released unharmed.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Nothing in this Section shall prohibit a person from releasing any pet or livestock from a trap or snare.

Section 12. Use of Dogs

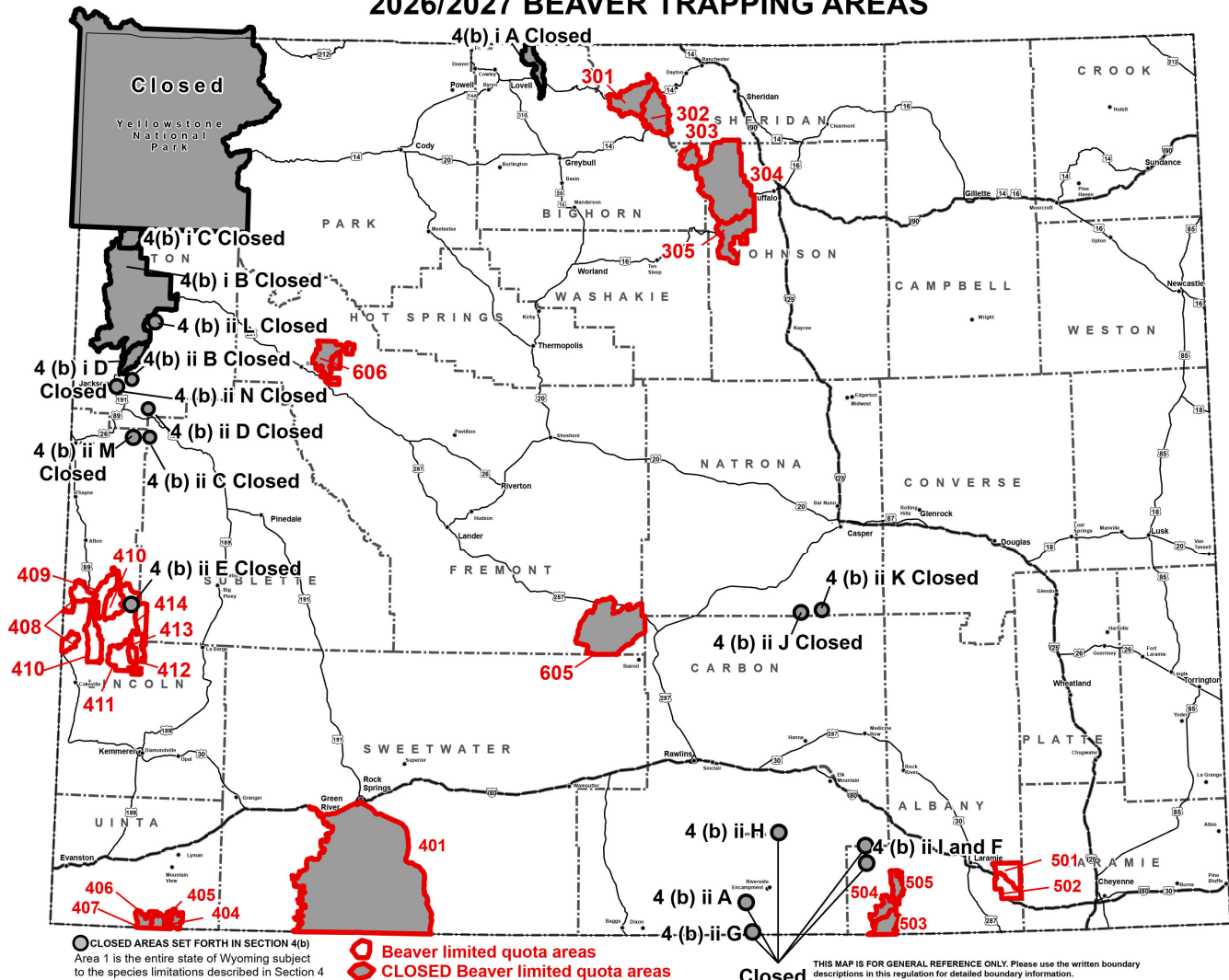
Persons possessing a valid furbearing animal trapping license may use dogs to take bobcats during the bobcat hunting or trapping season.

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 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

2026/2027 BEAVER TRAPPING 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 st MANAGEMENT AREA	2 nd MANAGEMENT AREA	3 rd MANAGEMENT AREA
Number of traps set ^a			
Number of days traps were set ^a			
Number of days hunted with a firearm ^a			
Number of days spent in the field setting or checking traps ^b			
Number of bobcats you trapped and released ^b			

#	MANAGEMENT AREA ^a	SEX ^a		AGE ^a		KILL DATE ^a	METHOD OF TAKE ^a	
		FEMALE	MALE	ADULT	JUVENILE	MM/DD/YYYY	TRAP	FIREARM
1		F	M	A	J	/ /	T	F
2		F	M	A	J	/ /	T	F
3		F	M	A	J	/ /	T	F
4		F	M	A	J	/ /	T	F
5		F	M	A	J	/ /	T	F
6		F	M	A	J	/ /	T	F
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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.

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

^b This information is not required of you, but greatly facilitates bobcat management in Wyoming.

REGIONAL OFFICES

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

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