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**5-301. Definitions**

In this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. "Commercial motorized watercraft" means a motorized watercraft that carries passengers or property for a valuable consideration that is paid to the owner, charterer, operator or agent or to any other person interested in the watercraft.
2. "Commission" means the Arizona game and fish commission.
3. "Department" means the Arizona game and fish department.
4. "Documented watercraft": means any watercraft currently registered as a watercraft of the United States pursuant to 46 code of federal regulations part 67.
5. "Domicile" means a person's true, fixed and permanent home and principal residence, proof of which may be demonstrated as prescribed by rules adopted by the commission.
6. "Motorboat" means any watercraft that is not more than sixty-five feet in length and that is propelled by machinery whether or not such machinery is the principal source of propulsion.
7. "Motorized watercraft" means any watercraft that is propelled by machinery whether or not the machinery is the principal source of propulsion.
8. "Nonresident" means a citizen of the United States or an alien person who is not domiciled in this state and who is not a resident as defined in this Section.
9. "Operate" means to operate or be in actual physical control of a watercraft while on public waters.
10. "Operator" means a person who operates or is in actual physical control of a watercraft while on public waters.
11. "Person" includes any individual, firm, corporation, partnership or association, and any agent, assignee, trustee, executor, receiver or representative thereof.
12. "Public waters" means any body of water which is publicly owned or which the public is permitted to use without permission of the owner upon which a motorized watercraft can be navigated, including that part of waters common to interstate boundaries which is within the boundaries of this state.
13. "Resident" means a person who is either:
  - (a) A member of the Armed Forces of the United States on active duty and stationed in this state for a period of thirty days immediately before the date of application for a watercraft decal.
  - (b) A member of the Armed Forces of the United States on active duty and stationed in another state or another country and who lists this state as that member's home of record at the time of application for a watercraft decal.
  - (c) Domiciled in this state for at least six consecutive months before the date of application for a watercraft decal and who does not claim residency for any purpose in any other state or country.
14. "Revocation" means invalidating the certificate of number, numbers and annual validation decals issued by the department to a watercraft and prohibiting the operation of the watercraft on the waters of this state during a period of noncompliance with this chapter.
15. "Sailboard" means any board of less than fifteen feet in length which is designed to be propelled by wind action upon a sail for navigation on the water by a person operating the board.
16. "Special anchorage area" means an area set aside and under the control of a federal, state or local governmental agency, or by a duly authorized marina operator or concessionaire for the mooring, anchoring or docking of watercraft.
17. "State of principal operation" means the state where a watercraft is primarily used, navigated or employed.
18. "Underway" means that a watercraft on public waters is not at anchor, is not made fast to the shore or is not aground.
19. "Undocumented watercraft" means any watercraft which does not have and is not required to have a valid marine document as a watercraft of the United States.
20. "Wakeless speed" means a speed that does not cause the watercraft to create a wake, but in no case in excess of five miles per hour.
21. "Watercraft" means any boat designed to be propelled by machinery,

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oars, paddles or wind action upon a sail for navigation on the water, or as may be defined by rule of the commission.

22. "Waterway" means any body of water, public or private, upon which a watercraft can be navigated. **2012**

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ARTICLE 3. REGISTRATION AND TAXATION OF WATERCRAFT**

**5-322. Motorized watercraft to be numbered; exceptions**

- A. All motorized watercraft whether underway, moored or anchored on the waters within the boundaries of the state shall be numbered in accordance with this chapter or rules of the commission in accordance with the federally approved numbering system except:
  - 1. Foreign watercraft temporarily using the waters of the state.
  - 2. Military or public vessels of the United States, except recreational type public vessels.
  - 3. Watercraft used solely as lifeboats.
  - 4. Undocumented watercraft operating under a valid temporary certificate issued pursuant to rules adopted by the commission.
  - 5. Documented watercraft numbered in accordance with the regulations of the United States coast guard.
- B. Motorized watercraft owned and operated exclusively by the state or by any political subdivision of the state shall be numbered, but no registration fee shall be paid on the watercraft.
- C. All owners of motorized watercraft when in the course of interstate operation displaying a current and valid number issued under an approved federal numbering system of the United States coast guard, a state, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam or the District of Columbia shall register such watercraft with the department prior to the expiration of the reciprocity period prescribed by rules of the commission.
- D. All motorized watercraft, when in the course of interstate operation and not required to be numbered in their state of principal operation, shall comply with the requirements of subsection C of this section.
- E. When this state becomes the new state of principal operation of a

motorized watercraft displaying a current number issued under a federally approved numbering system, the validity of such number shall be recognized for a period of ninety days. Upon expiration of the ninety-day period and prior to any subsequent use, the owner shall number any motorized watercraft pursuant to section 5-321.

- F. Each dealer or manufacturer in this state engaged in the sale of motorized watercraft using the watercraft for demonstration shall obtain one or more dealer watercraft certificates of number with the current validating decals. Applications, renewal and display of certificates of number shall be as prescribed in this chapter or by rules of the commission, except that the annual fee will be two dollars fifty cents for each certificate of number and accompanying current decals.

**2012**

**5-323. Disposition of fees**

Each month monies received from the registration and infrastructure fees received under this chapter for the numbering of watercraft shall be deposited, pursuant to sections 35-146 and 35-147, in the watercraft licensing fund. Each month, the department shall distribute the monies as follows:

- 1. All revenues collected pursuant to section 5-321, subsection A and section 5-326 shall be allocated as follows:
  - (a) Sixty-five per cent shall be deposited in the watercraft licensing fund. The watercraft licensing fund is to be used by the department for administering and enforcing this chapter, providing an information and education program relating to boating and boating safety and administering any aquatic invasive species program established under this title or title 17. These monies are subject to legislative appropriation.
  - (b) Thirty-five per cent of such revenues shall be further allocated as follows:
    - (i) Fifteen per cent to the state lake improvement fund to be used as prescribed by section 5-382.
    - (ii) Eighty-five per cent to the law enforcement and boating safety fund to be used as prescribed by section 5-383.
- 2. All revenues collected from any additional registration fees collected pursuant to section 5-321, subsection C shall be paid to

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an account designated by a multi-county water conservation district established under title 48, chapter 22 to be used solely for the lower Colorado river multispecies conservation program and for no other purpose. 2012

**5-324. Public records; identification of requester; supplying information by mail; records custodians; certification of records**

- A. All records of the department made or kept pursuant to this article are public records.
- B. The department shall furnish information or copies from the records kept pursuant to this section subject to sections 39-121.01 and 39-121.03.
- C. Persons requesting a copy of a public record pursuant to this section shall identify themselves and state the reason for making the request. The department shall verify the name and address of the person making the request by requiring the person to produce necessary information to ensure that the information given is true and correct.
- D. The department shall not divulge any information from a watercraft registration record unless the person requesting the information provides the following:
  - 1. The name of the owner.
  - 2. The hull identification number of the watercraft.
  - 3. The department issued number assigned to the watercraft.
- E. The procedures required by subsections C and D of this section do not apply to:
  - 1. This state or any of its departments, agencies or political subdivisions.
  - 2. A court.
  - 3. A law enforcement officer.
  - 4. A licensed private investigator.
  - 5. Financial institutions and enterprises under the jurisdiction of the department of financial institutions or a federal monetary authority.
  - 6. The federal government or any of its agencies.
  - 7. An attorney admitted to practice in this state who alleges the information is relevant to any pending or potential court proceeding.
  - 8. An operator of a self-service storage facility located in this state

who alleges both of the following:

- (a) That the watercraft on which the operator is requesting the record is in the operator's possession.
  - (b) That the record is requested to allow the operator to notify the registered owner and any lienholders of record of the operator's intent to foreclose its lien and to sell the watercraft.
- 9. A towing company located in this state that alleges both of the following:
    - (a) That the watercraft on which the towing company is requesting the record is in the towing company's possession.
    - (b) That the record is requested to allow the towing company to notify the registered owner and any lienholders of record, if known, of the towing company's intent to sell the watercraft.
  - 10. An insurance company.
- F. The department may supply the requested information by mail or telecommunications.
  - G. The director may designate as custodian of the department's public records those department employees the director deems necessary. If a public record of the department has been certified by a records custodian and authenticated as required under proof of records (records of public officials), rules of civil procedure and the rules of evidence for courts in this state, it is admissible in evidence without further foundation.
  - H. Notwithstanding subsection D of this section, information may be supplied for commercial purposes, as defined in section 39-121.03, if the information is transmitted in a machine readable form such as computer magnetic tape to the person making the request.
    - I. The department shall maintain for a period of at least one year a file of requests for information that shall be maintained by the name of the person whose record was requested, except those requests made by government agencies. 2012

**5-326. Nonresidents; registration; payment of fees; exemption**

- A. A nonresident owner of a watercraft who establishes this state as the state of principal operation shall register and number that watercraft pursuant to this article and pay an additional boating safety infrastructure fee assessed pursuant to section 5-327 before placing that

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watercraft on the waterways of this state.

- B. A member of the armed forces of the United States who is on active duty and stationed in this state for a period of at least thirty days immediately before applying for watercraft registration is exempt from this section.
- C. The owner shall carry and display proof of payment of the fee required by this section in a manner prescribed by the commission while the watercraft is underway, moored or anchored on the waterways of this state.
- D. Subsection A of this section does not apply to nonrecreational or commercial motorized watercraft. **2012**

**5-327. Nonresident boating safety infrastructure fee; exemption**

- A. In accordance with section 5-326, the commission shall assess a nonresident boating safety infrastructure fee for each watercraft registered in this state by a nonresident as defined in section 5-301. The fees assessed pursuant to this section shall be paid in addition to the fees required pursuant to section 5-321.
- B. For the purposes of section 5-326, subsection A, the commission shall establish the following nonresident boating safety infrastructure fees for the following watercraft:
  - 1. Twelve feet and less \$ 80.00
  - 2. Twelve feet one inch through sixteen feet \$ 88.00
  - 3. Sixteen feet one inch through twenty feet \$192.00
  - 4. Twenty feet one inch through twenty-six feet \$224.00
  - 5. Twenty-six feet one inch through thirty-nine feet \$253.00
  - 6. Thirty-nine feet one inch through sixty-four feet \$286.00
  - 7. Sixty-four feet one inch and over \$429.00
- C. The length of the motorized watercraft shall be measured in the same manner prescribed in section 5-321, subsection C.
- D. Unless the person or watercraft qualifies for an exemption pursuant to section 5-326, no person who is subject to this section shall operate or grant permission to operate a watercraft within the boundaries of this state unless that watercraft displays a valid nonresident boating safety infrastructure decal in conformance with the rules adopted pursuant to section 5-326. **2012**

**TITLE 17. GAME AND FISH**

**CHAPTER 2. GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT AND GAME AND FISH COMMISSION**

**ARTICLE 1. DEFINITIONS AND AUTHORITY OF THE STATE**

**17-101. Definitions**

- A. in this title, unless the context otherwise requires:
  - 1. "Angling" means the taking of fish by one line and not to exceed two hooks, by one line and one artificial lure, which may have attached more than one hook, or by one line and not to exceed two artificial flies or lures.
  - 2. "Bag limit" means the maximum limit, in number or amount, of wildlife that may lawfully be taken by any one person during a specified period of time.
  - 3. "Closed season" means the time during which wildlife may not be lawfully taken.
  - 4. "Commission" means the Arizona game and fish commission.
  - 5. "Department" means the Arizona game and fish department.
  - 6. "Device" means any net, trap, snare, salt lick, scaffold, deadfall, pit, explosive, poison or stupefying substance, crossbow, firearm, bow and arrow, or other implement used for taking wildlife. Device does not include a raptor or any equipment used in the sport of falconry.
  - 7. "Domicile" means a person's true, fixed and permanent home and principal residence. Proof of domicile in this state may be shown as prescribed by rule by the commission.
  - 8. "Falconry" means the sport of hunting or taking quarry with a trained raptor.
  - 9. "Fishing" means to lure, attract or pursue aquatic wildlife in such a manner that the wildlife may be captured or killed.
  - 10. "Fur dealer" means any person engaged in the business of buying for resale the raw pelts or furs of wild mammals.
  - 11. "Guide" means a person who does any of the following:
    - (a) Advertises for guiding services.
    - (b) Holds himself out to the public for hire as a guide.
    - (c) Is employed by a commercial enterprise as a guide.
    - (d) Accepts compensation in any form commensurate with the

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- market value in this state for guiding services in exchange for aiding, assisting, directing, leading or instructing a person in the field to locate and take wildlife.
- (e) Is not a landowner or lessee who, without full fair market compensation, allows access to the landowner's or lessee's property and directs and advises a person in taking wildlife.
12. "License year" means the twelve-month period between January 1 and December 31, inclusive.
13. "Nonresident", for the purposes of applying for a license, permit, tag or stamp, means a citizen of the United States or an alien who is not a resident.
14. "Open season" means the time during which wildlife may be lawfully taken.
15. "Possession limit" means the maximum limit, in number or amount of wildlife, which may be possessed at one time by any one person.
16. "Resident", for the purposes of applying for a license, permit, tag or stamp, means a person who is:
- (a) A member of the armed forces of the United States on active duty and stationed in:
- (i) This state for a period of thirty days immediately preceding the date of applying for a license, permit, tag or stamp.
- (ii) Another state or country but who lists this state as their home of record at the time of applying for a license, permit, tag or stamp.
- (b) Domiciled in this state for six months immediately preceding the date of applying for a license, permit, tag or stamp and who does not claim residency privileges for any purpose in any other state or jurisdiction.
17. "Road" means any maintained right-of-way for public conveyance.
18. "Statewide" means all lands except those areas lying within the boundaries of state and federal refuges, parks and monuments, unless specifically provided differently by commission order.
19. "Take" means pursuing, shooting, hunting, fishing, trapping, killing, capturing, snaring or netting wildlife or the placing or using of any net or other device or trap in a manner that may result in the capturing or killing of wildlife.
20. "Taxidermist" means any person who engages for hire in the mounting, refurbishing, maintaining, restoring or preserving of any display specimen.
21. "Traps" or "trapping" means taking wildlife in any manner except with a gun or other implement in hand.
22. "Wild" means, in reference to mammals and birds, those species that are normally found in a state of nature.
23. "Wildlife" means all wild mammals, wild birds and the nests or eggs thereof, reptiles, amphibians, mollusks, crustaceans and fish, including their eggs or spawn.
24. "Zoo" means a commercial facility open to the public where the principal business is holding wildlife in captivity for exhibition purposes.
- B. The following definitions of wildlife shall apply:
1. Aquatic wildlife are all fish, amphibians, mollusks, crustaceans and soft-shelled turtles.
2. Game mammals are deer, elk, bear, pronghorn (antelope), bighorn sheep, bison (buffalo), peccary (javelina), mountain lion, tree squirrel and cottontail rabbit.
3. Big game are wild turkey, deer, elk, pronghorn (antelope), bighorn sheep, bison (buffalo), peccary (javelina), bear and mountain lion.
4. "Trophy" means:
- (a) A mule deer buck with at least four points on one antler, not including the eye-guard point.
- (b) A whitetail deer buck with at least three points on one antler, not including the eye-guard point.
- (c) A bull elk with at least six points on one antler, including the eye-guard point and the brow tine point.
- (d) A pronghorn (antelope) buck with at least one horn exceeding or equal to fourteen inches in total length.
- (e) Any bighorn sheep.
- (f) Any bison (buffalo).
5. Small game are cottontail rabbits, tree squirrels, upland game birds and migratory game birds.
6. Fur-bearing animals are muskrats, raccoons, otters, weasels, bobcats, beavers, badgers and ringtail cats.
7. Predatory animals are foxes, skunks, coyotes and bobcats.

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8. Nongame animals are all wildlife except game mammals, game birds, fur-bearing animals, predatory animals and aquatic wildlife.
9. Upland game birds are quail, partridge, grouse and pheasants.
10. Migratory game birds are wild waterfowl, including ducks, geese and swans; sandhill cranes; all coots, all gallinules, common snipe, wild doves and bandtail pigeons.
11. Nongame birds are all birds except upland game birds and migratory game birds.
12. Raptors are birds that are members of the order of falconiformes or strigiformes and include falcons, hawks, owls, eagles and other birds that the commission may classify as raptors.
13. Game fish are trout of all species, bass of all species, catfish of all species, sunfish of all species, northern pike, walleye and yellow perch.
14. Nongame fish are all the species of fish except game fish.
15. Trout means all species of the family salmonidae, including grayling. **2012**

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**17-231. General powers and duties of the commission**

- A. The commission shall:
1. Adopt rules and establish services it deems necessary to carry out the provisions and purposes of this title.
  2. Establish broad policies and long-range programs for the management, preservation and harvest of wildlife.
  3. Establish hunting, trapping and fishing rules and prescribe the manner and methods that may be used in taking wildlife, but the commission shall not limit or restrict the magazine capacity of any authorized firearm.
  4. Be responsible for the enforcement of laws for the protection of wildlife.
  5. Prescribe grades, qualifications and salary schedules for department employees.

6. Provide for the assembling and distribution of information to the public relating to wildlife and activities of the department.
  7. Prescribe rules for the expenditure, by or under the control of the director, of all funds arising from appropriation, licenses, gifts or other sources.
  8. Exercise such powers and duties necessary to carry out fully the provisions of this title and in general exercise powers and duties which relate to adopting and carrying out policies of the department and control of its financial affairs.
  9. Prescribe procedures for use of department personnel, facilities, equipment, supplies and other resources in assisting search or rescue operations on request of the director of the division of emergency management.
  10. Cooperate with the Arizona-Mexico commission in the governor's office and with researchers at universities in this state to collect data and conduct projects in the United States and Mexico on issues that are within the scope of the department's duties and that relate to quality of life, trade and economic development in this state in a manner that will help the Arizona-Mexico commission to assess and enhance the economic competitiveness of this state and of the Arizona-Mexico region.
- B. The commission may:
1. Conduct investigations, inquiries or hearings in the performance of its powers and duties.
  2. Establish game management units or refuges for the preservation and management of wildlife.
  3. Construct and operate game farms, fish hatcheries, fishing lakes or other facilities for or relating to the preservation or propagation of wildlife.
  4. Expend funds to provide training in the safe handling and use of firearms and safe hunting practices.
  5. Remove or permit to be removed from public or private waters fish which hinder or prevent propagation of game or food fish and dispose of such fish in such manner as it may designate.
  6. Purchase, sell or barter wildlife for the purpose of stocking public or private lands and waters and take at any time in any manner wildlife for research, propagation and restocking purposes or for

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use at a game farm or fish hatchery and declare wildlife salable when in the public interest or the interest of conservation.

7. Enter into agreements with the federal government, with other states or political subdivisions of the state and with private organizations for the construction and operation of facilities and for management studies, measures or procedures for or relating to the preservation and propagation of wildlife and expend funds for carrying out such agreements.
8. Prescribe rules for the sale, trade, importation, exportation or possession of wildlife.
9. Expend monies for the purpose of producing publications relating to wildlife and activities of the department for sale to the public and establish the price to be paid for annual subscriptions and single copies of such publications. All monies received from the sale of such publications shall be deposited in the game and fish publications revolving fund.
10. Contract with any person or entity to design and produce artwork on terms which, in the commission's judgment, will produce an original and valuable work of art relating to wildlife or wildlife habitat.
11. Sell or distribute the artwork authorized under paragraph 10 of this subsection on such terms and for such price as it deems acceptable.
12. Consider the adverse and beneficial short-term and long-term economic impacts on resource dependent communities, small businesses and the state of Arizona, of policies and programs for the management, preservation and harvest of wildlife by holding a public hearing to receive and consider written comments and public testimony from interested persons.
13. Adopt rules relating to range operations at public shooting ranges operated by and under the jurisdiction of the commission, including the hours of operation, the fees for the use of the range, the regulation of groups and events, the operation of related range facilities, the type of firearms and ammunition that may be used at the range, the safe handling of firearms at the range, the required safety equipment for a person using the range, the sale of firearms, ammunition and shooting supplies at the range, and the authority of range officers to enforce these rules, to remove violators from

the premises and to refuse entry for repeat violations.

14. Solicit and accept grants, gifts or donations of money or other property from any source, which may be used for any purpose consistent with this title.
- C. The commission shall confer and coordinate with the director of water resources with respect to the commission's activities, plans and negotiations relating to water development and use, restoration projects under the restoration acts pursuant to chapter 4, article 1 of this title, where water development and use are involved, the abatement of pollution injurious to wildlife and in the formulation of fish and wildlife aspects of the director of water resources' plans to develop and utilize water resources of the state and shall have jurisdiction over fish and wildlife resources and fish and wildlife activities of projects constructed for the state under or pursuant to the jurisdiction of the director of water resources.
  - D. The commission may enter into one or more agreements with a multi-county water conservation district and other parties for participation in the lower Colorado river multispecies conservation program under section 48-3713.03, including the collection and payment of any monies authorized by law for the purposes of the lower Colorado river multispecies conservation program. **2012**

**17-251. Possession or use of a firearm silencer or muffler while hunting; definition**

- A. The commission shall not adopt or enforce any rule that prohibits the lawful possession or use of a firearm silencer or muffler, including for the taking of wildlife while hunting.
- B. This section does not limit the authority of the commission to prescribe the type and caliber of firearm or ammunition that may be used for taking wildlife.
- C. For the purposes of this section, "firearm silencer or muffler" means any device that is designed, made or adapted to muffle the report of a firearm. **2012**

**17-252. Geospatial data and geographic information system services; wildlife species location information; disclosure or inspection; definitions**

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- A. Geospatial data that the department receives, maintains, shares or stores is not subject to disclosure or inspection under title 39, chapter 1, article 2 if the department provides geospatial data to the public through geographic information system services.
- B. Wildlife species location information is not subject to disclosure or inspection under title 39, chapter 1, article 2 for wildlife species location information on private property or when the department determines that disclosure or inspection of the information may cause harm to any wildlife species.
- C. For the purposes of this section, "geospatial data" and "geographic information system" have the same meaning as prescribed in section 37-171. **2012**

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**17-261. Game and fish fund**

On or before the fifth day of each month the department shall deposit, pursuant to sections 35-146 and 35-147, the monies received from licenses, from the sale of goods or services at locations other than at shooting ranges that the commission owns and operates or from any other source under this title in a special fund known as the game and fish fund, which is set aside, appropriated and made available to the commission in carrying out the provisions of this title, and the monies shall be used for no other purpose. Expenditures of the monies shall be under control of the budget laws of this state and no monies shall be expended from the fund except:

- 1. By the annual budget and to match federal grants for wildlife restoration as provided for by the legislature.
- 2. For emergency purposes not to exceed twenty-five thousand dollars in any one fiscal year when authorized by the governor and the department of administration. **2012**

**17-273. Firearms safety and ranges fund; uses; criteria**

- A. The firearms safety and ranges fund is established consisting of monies transferred to the fund pursuant to section 42-5029, subsection D,

paragraph 4, subdivision (a), item (iii) and revenues derived from the sale or lease of real property owned by the commission and acquired for or used for the purpose of providing public shooting ranges and monies received from the sale of goods and services from commissioned-owned shooting ranges except for program income associated with federal grants. The Arizona game and fish commission shall administer the fund which is continuously appropriated. Monies in the fund are exempt from the provisions of section 35-190 relating to lapsing of appropriations. Interest earned on monies in the fund shall be credited to the fund.

- B. The Arizona game and fish commission shall use monies in the fund on shooting ranges open to the public and operated by government or nonprofit entities for the following purposes:
  - 1. Shooting range engineering and studies.
  - 2. Noise abatement.
  - 3. Safety enhancement.
  - 4. Shooting range design.
  - 5. New shooting range sites and construction.
  - 6. Shooting range relocation.
  - 7. Shooting sports programs.
  - 8. Inventory for sale at ranges.
  - 9. Other projects or expenses that are necessary to operate and maintain a shooting range under good practices and management.
- C. The director of the Arizona game and fish department shall consult with the state land commissioner to identify eligible state trust land suitable for the location or relocation of shooting ranges.
- D. The Arizona game and fish commission may accept and spend private grants, gifts and contributions to assist in carrying out this section. **2012**

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**17-304. Prohibition by landowner on hunting; posting; exception**

- A. Landowners or lessees of private land who desire to prohibit hunting, fishing or trapping on their lands without their written permission shall

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post such lands closed to hunting, fishing or trapping using notices or signboards.

- B. State or federal lands including those under lease may not be posted except by consent of the commission.
- C. The notices or signboards shall meet all of the following criteria:
  - 1. Be not less than eight inches by eleven inches with plainly legible wording in capital and bold-faced lettering at least one inch high.
  - 2. Contain the words "no hunting", "no trapping" or "no fishing" either as a single phrase or in any combination.
  - 3. Be conspicuously placed on a structure or post at least four feet above ground level at all points of vehicular access, at all property or fence corners and at intervals of not more than *one-quarter* mile along the property boundary, except that a post with one hundred square inches or more of orange paint may serve as the interval notices between property or fence corners and points of vehicular access. The orange paint shall be clearly visible and shall cover the entire aboveground surface of the post facing outward and on both lateral sides from the closed area.
- D. The entry of any person for the taking of wildlife shall not be grounds for an action for criminal trespassing pursuant to section 13-1502 unless either:
  - 1. The land has been posted pursuant to this section and the notices and signboards also contain the words "no trespassing".
  - 2. The person knowingly remains unlawfully on any real property after a reasonable request to leave by the owner or any other person having lawful control over the property or the person knowingly disregards reasonable notice prohibiting trespass at the person's entry to any real property. **2000**

**17-305. Possession of other weapons while hunting; violation; classification**

- A. The possession of legal weapons, devices, ammunition or magazines, which are not authorized to take wildlife, is not prohibited while hunting if the weapon or device is not used to take wildlife.
- B. Taking wildlife by using a weapon, device, ammunition, or magazine that is not authorized to take wildlife is a class 1 misdemeanor. **2012**

**17-309. Violations; classification**

- A. Unless otherwise prescribed by this title, it is unlawful for a person to:
  - 1. Violate any provision of this title or any rule adopted pursuant to this title.
  - 2. Take, possess, transport, buy, sell or offer or expose for sale wildlife except as expressly permitted by this title.
  - 3. Destroy, injure or molest livestock, growing crops, personal property, notices or signboards, or other improvements while hunting, trapping or fishing.
  - 4. Discharge a firearm while taking wildlife within one-fourth mile of an occupied farmhouse or other residence, cabin, lodge or building without permission of the owner or resident.
  - 5. Take a game bird, game mammal or game fish and knowingly permit an edible portion thereof to go to waste, except as provided in section 17-302.
  - 6. Take big game, except bear or mountain lion, with the aid of dogs.
  - 7. Make more than one use of a shipping permit or coupon issued by the commission.
  - 8. Obtain a license or take wildlife during the period for which the person's license has been revoked or suspended or the person has been denied a license.
  - 9. Litter hunting and fishing areas while taking wildlife.
  - 10. Take wildlife during the closed season.
  - 11. Take wildlife in an area closed to the taking of that wildlife.
  - 12. Take wildlife with an unlawful device.
  - 13. Take wildlife by an unlawful method.
  - 14. Take wildlife in excess of the bag limit.
  - 15. Possess wildlife in excess of the possession limit.
  - 16. Possess or transport any wildlife or parts of the wildlife which was unlawfully taken.
  - 17. Possess or transport the carcass of big game without a valid tag being attached.
  - 18. Use the edible parts of any game mammal or any part of any game bird or nongame bird as bait.
  - 19. Possess or transport the carcass or parts of a carcass of any wildlife which cannot be identified as to species and legality.
  - 20. Take game animals, game birds and game fish with an explosive

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compound, poison or any other deleterious substances.

21. Import into this state or export from this state the carcass or parts of a carcass of any wildlife unlawfully taken or possessed.
- B. Unless a different or other penalty or punishment is specifically prescribed a person who violates any provision of this title, or who violates or fails to comply with a lawful order or rule of the commission, is guilty of a class 2 misdemeanor.
- C. A person who knowingly takes any big game during a closed season or who knowingly possesses, transports or buys any big game which was unlawfully taken during a closed season is guilty of a class 1 misdemeanor.
- D. A person is guilty of a class 6 felony who knowingly:
1. Barters, sells or offers for sale any big game or parts of big game taken unlawfully.
  2. Barters, sells or offers for sale any wildlife or parts of wildlife unlawfully taken during a closed season.
  3. Barters, sells or offers for sale any wildlife or parts of wildlife imported or purchased in violation of this title or a lawful rule of the commission.
  4. Assists another person for monetary gain with the unlawful taking of big game.
  5. Takes or possesses wildlife while under permanent revocation under section 17-340, subsection B.
- E. A peace officer who knowingly fails to enforce a lawful rule of the commission or this title is guilty of a class 2 misdemeanor. **2012**

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**17-340. Revocation, suspension and denial of privilege of taking wildlife; notice; violation; classification**

- A. On conviction or after adjudication as a delinquent juvenile as defined in section 8-201 and in addition to other penalties prescribed by this title, the commission, after a public hearing, may revoke or suspend a license issued to any person under this title and deny the person the

right to secure another license to take or possess wildlife for a period of not to exceed five years for:

1. Unlawful taking, unlawful selling, unlawful offering for sale, unlawful bartering or unlawful possession of wildlife.
  2. Careless use of firearms which has resulted in the injury or death of any person.
  3. Destroying, injuring or molesting livestock, or damaging or destroying growing crops, personal property, notices or signboards, or other improvements while hunting, trapping or fishing.
  4. Littering public hunting or fishing areas while taking wildlife.
  5. Knowingly allowing another person to use the person's big game tag, except as provided by section 17-332, subsection D.
  6. A violation of section 17-303, 17-304 or 17-341 or section 17-362, subsection A.
  7. A violation of section 17-309, subsection A, paragraph 5 involving a waste of edible portions other than meat damaged due to the method of taking as follows:
    - (a) Upland game birds, migratory game birds and wild turkey: breast.
    - (b) Deer, elk, pronghorn (antelope), bighorn sheep, bison (buffalo) and peccary (javelina): hind quarters, front quarters and loins.
    - (c) Game fish: fillets of the fish.
  8. A violation of section 17-309, subsection A, paragraph 1 involving any unlawful use of aircraft to take, assist in taking, harass, chase, drive, locate or assist in locating wildlife.
- B. On conviction or after adjudication as a delinquent juvenile and in addition to any other penalties prescribed by this title:
1. For a first conviction or a first adjudication as a delinquent juvenile, for unlawfully taking or wounding wildlife at any time or place, the commission, after a public hearing, may revoke, suspend or deny a person's privilege to take wildlife for a period of up to five years.
  2. For a second conviction or a second adjudication as a delinquent juvenile, for unlawfully taking or wounding wildlife at any time or place, the commission, after a public hearing, may revoke, suspend

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or deny a person's privilege to take wildlife for a period of up to ten years.

3. For a third conviction or a third adjudication as a delinquent juvenile, for unlawfully taking or wounding wildlife at any time or place, the commission, after a public hearing, may revoke, suspend or deny a person's privilege to take wildlife permanently.
- C. A person who is assessed civil damages under section 17-314 shall not apply for or obtain a license during the pendency of an action for damages, while measures are pursued to collect damages or prior to the full payment of damages.
- D. On receiving a report from the licensing authority of a state which is a party to the wildlife violator compact, adopted under chapter 5 of this title, that a resident of this state has failed to comply with the terms of a wildlife citation, the commission, after a public hearing, may suspend any license issued under this title to take wildlife until the licensing authority furnishes satisfactory evidence of compliance with the terms of the wildlife citation.
- E. In carrying out this section the director shall notify the licensee, within one hundred eighty days after conviction, to appear and show cause why the license should not be revoked, suspended or denied. The notice may be served personally or by certified mail sent to the address appearing on the license.
- F. The commission shall furnish to license dealers the names and addresses of persons whose licenses have been revoked or suspended, and the periods for which they have been denied the right to secure licenses.
- G. The commission may use the services of the office of administrative hearings to conduct hearings and to make recommendations to the commission pursuant to this section.
- H. Except for a person who takes or possesses wildlife while under permanent revocation, a person who takes wildlife in this state, or attempts to obtain a license to take wildlife, at a time when the person's privilege to do so is suspended, revoked or denied under this section is guilty of a class 1 misdemeanor. **2012**

**17-341. Violation; classification**

- A. It is unlawful for a person to knowingly purchase, apply for, accept,

obtain or use, by fraud or misrepresentation a license, permit, tag or stamp to take wildlife and a license or permit so obtained is void and of no effect from the date of issuance thereof.

- B. Any person who violates this section is guilty of a class 2 misdemeanor. **2012**

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ARTICLE 4. TRANSPORTATION AND STORAGE**

**17-371. Transportation, possession and sale of wildlife and wildlife parts**

- A. A person may transport in his possession his legally taken wildlife, or may authorize the transportation of his legally taken big game, provided such big game or any part thereof has attached thereto a valid transportation permit issued by the department. Such wildlife shall be transported in such manner that it may be inspected by authorized persons upon demand until the wildlife is packaged or stored. Species of wildlife, other than game species, may be transported in any manner unless otherwise specified by the commission. A person possessing a valid license may transport lawfully taken wildlife other than big game given to him but in no event shall any person possess more than one bag or possession limit.
- B. A holder of a resident license shall not transport from a point within to a point without the state any big game species or parts thereof without first having obtained a special permit issued by the department or its authorized agent.
- C. Migratory birds may be possessed and transported in accordance with the migratory bird treaty act (40 Stat. 755; 16 United States Code sections 703 through 711) and regulations under that act.
- D. A holder of a sport falconry license may transport one or more raptors that the person lawfully possesses under terms and conditions prescribed by the commission. Regardless of whether a person holds a sport falconry license and as provided by section 17-236, subsection C, the person may transport for sport falconry purposes one or more raptors that are not listed pursuant to the migratory bird treaty act.

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- E. Heads, horns, antlers, hides, feet or skin of wildlife lawfully taken, or the treated or mounted specimens thereof, may be possessed, sold and transported at any time, except that migratory birds may be possessed and transported only in accordance with federal regulations. **2012**

**TITLE 28. TRANSPORTATION  
CHAPTER 3. TRAFFIC AND VEHICLE REGULATION  
ARTICLE 16. EQUIPMENT**

**28-921. Applicability of equipment requirements**

- A. A person shall not:
1. Drive or move and the owner shall not knowingly cause or permit to be driven or moved on a highway a vehicle or combination of vehicles that:
    - (a) Is in an unsafe condition that endangers a person.
    - (b) Does not contain those parts or is not at all times equipped with lamps and other equipment in proper condition and adjustment as required in this article.
    - (c) Is equipped in any manner in violation of this article.
  2. Do an act forbidden or fail to perform an act required under this article.
- B. This article does not prohibit the use of additional parts and accessories on a vehicle if the use is not inconsistent with this article.
- C. The provisions of this article with respect to equipment on vehicles do not apply to:
1. Implements of husbandry, trailers used solely in the operation of a farm for the transportation of the unprocessed fiber products on the farm or from the farm to a cotton gin, road machinery, road rollers or farm tractors except as made applicable by this article. Notwithstanding this paragraph, a farm tractor equipped with an electric lighting system shall display at all times mentioned in section 28-922 a red tail lamp and either multiple beam or single beam head lamps meeting the requirements of sections 28-925, 28-941 and 28-943.
  2. Vehicles driven by enforcement officers of the Arizona game and fish department in conducting night patrols and investigating night poaching activities. **2012**

**TITLE 17. STATE GOVERNMENT  
CHAPTER 3. ADMINISTRATIVE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS  
ARTICLE 12. BOARD OF FINGERPRINTING**

**41-619.51. Definitions**

In this article, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. "Agency" means the supreme court, the department of economic security, the department of education, the department of health services, the department of juvenile corrections, the department of emergency and military affairs, the department of transportation, the state real estate department or the board of examiners of nursing care institution administrators and assisted living facility managers.
2. "Board" means the board of fingerprinting.
3. "Central registry exception" means notification to the department of economic security or the department of health services, as appropriate, pursuant to section 41-619.57 that the person is not disqualified because of a central registry check conducted pursuant to section 8-804.
4. "Expedited review" means an examination, in accordance with board rule, of the documents an applicant submits by the board or its hearing officer without the applicant being present.
5. "Good cause exception" means the issuance of a fingerprint clearance card to an employee pursuant to section 41-619.55.
6. "Person" means a person who is required to be fingerprinted pursuant to this article or who is subject to a central registry check and any of the following:
  - (a) Section 8-105.
  - (b) Section 8-322.
  - (c) Section 8-509.
  - (d) Section 8-802.
  - (e) Section 8-804.
  - (f) Section 8-804.01.
  - (g) Section 15-183.
  - (h) Section 15-534.
  - (i) Section 15-782.02.
  - (j) Section 15-1330.
  - (k) Section 15-1881.

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- (l) Section 17-215.
- (m) Section 26-103.
- (n) Section 32-2108.01.
- (o) Section 32-2123.
- (p) Section 32-2371.
- (q) Section 36-207.
- (r) Section 36-411.
- (s) Section 36-425.03.
- (t) Section 36-446.04.
- (u) Section 36-594.01.
- (v) Section 36-594.02.
- (w) Section 36-882.
- (x) Section 36-883.02.
- (y) Section 36-897.01.
- (z) Section 36-897.03.
- (aa) Section 36-3008.
- (bb) Section 41-619.53.
- (cc) Section 41-1964.
- (dd) Section 41-1967.01.
- (ee) Section 41-1968.
- (ff) Section 41-1969.
- (gg) Section 41-2814.
- (hh) Section 46-141, subsection A.
- (ii) Section 46-321.

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TITLE 17. STATE GOVERNMENT  
CHAPTER 25. STATE GOVERNMENT COMPETITION WITH  
PRIVATE ENTERPRISE  
ARTICLE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

**41-2752. State competition with private enterprise prohibited;  
exceptions**

- A. A state agency shall not engage in the manufacturing, processing, sale, offering for sale, rental, leasing, delivery, dispensing, distributing or advertising of goods or services to the public that are also offered by private enterprise unless specifically authorized by law other than administrative law and executive orders.

- B. A state agency shall not offer or provide goods or services to the public for or through another state agency or a local agency, including by intergovernmental or interagency agreement, in violation of this section or section 41-2753.
- C. The restrictions on activities that compete with private enterprise contained in this section do not apply to:
1. The development, operation and management of state parks, historical monuments and hiking or equestrian trails.
  2. Correctional industries established and operated by the state department of corrections if the prices charged for products sold by the correctional industries are not less than the actual cost of producing and marketing the product plus a reasonable allowance for overhead and administrative costs.
  3. The Arizona office of tourism.
  4. The Arizona highways magazine, operated by the department of transportation.
  5. Printing and distributing information to the public if the agency is otherwise authorized to do so, and printing or copying public records or other material relating to the public agency's public business and recovering through fees and charges the costs of such printing, copying and distributing.
  6. The department of public safety.
  7. The construction, maintenance and operation of state transportation facilities.
  8. The development, distribution, maintenance, support, licensing, leasing or sale of computer software by the department of transportation.
  9. Agreements executed by the Arizona health care cost containment system administration with other states to design, develop, install and operate information technology systems and related services or other administrative services pursuant to section 36-2925.
  10. Agreements executed by the department of economic security with other states to design, develop, install and operate support collection technology systems and related services. The department shall deposit, pursuant to sections 35-146 and 35-147, monies received pursuant to this paragraph in the public assistance collections fund established by section 46-295.

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11. Educational, vocational, treatment, training or work programs of the department of juvenile corrections and contracts between the department of juvenile corrections and this state, a political subdivision of this state or a private entity in order to provide employment or vocational educational experience.
  12. The aflatoxin control technologies of the cotton research and protection council.
  13. The lease or sublease of lands or buildings by the department of economic security pursuant to section 41-1958.
  14. The Arizona commerce authority.
  15. The Arizona game and fish commission, but only for the sale of goods or services and not firearms.
- D. The restrictions on activities that compete with private enterprise contained in subsection A of this section do not apply to community colleges and universities under the jurisdiction of a governing board.
- 2012**

**TITLE 12. NATURAL RESOURCES  
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- R12-4-1102. Aquatic Invasive Species; Prohibitions; Inspection, Decontamination Protocols

**ARTICLE 1. DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**R12-4-121. Big Game Permit or Tag Transfer**

- A. For the purposes of this Section, "unused tag" means a big game hunt permit-tag, non-permit tag, or special license tag that has not been attached to any animal.
- B. A parent, grandparent, or guardian issued a big game hunt permit-tag, non-permit tag, or special license tag may transfer the unused tag to the parent's, grandparent's, or guardian's minor child or grandchild.
  1. A parent, grandparent, or guardian issued a tag may transfer the unused to a minor child or grandchild at any time prior to the end of the season for which the unused tag was issued.
  2. A parent, grandparent, or guardian may transfer the unused tag by providing all of the following documentation in person at any Department office:
    - a. Proof of ownership of the unused tag to be transferred,
    - b. The unused tag, and
    - c. The minor's valid hunting license.
  3. If a parent, grandparent, or legal guardian is deceased, the personal representative of the individual's estate may transfer an unused tag

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to an eligible minor. The individual acting as the personal representative shall present:

- a. The deceased individual's death certificate, and
  - b. Proof of the individual's authority to act as the personal representative of the deceased individual's estate.
4. To be eligible to receive an unused tag from a parent, grandparent, or legal guardian, the minor child shall meet the criteria established under subsection (D).
5. A minor child or grandchild receiving an unused tag from a parent, grandparent, or legal guardian shall be accompanied into the field by any grandparent, parent, or legal guardian of the minor child.
- C. An individual issued a tag or the individual's legal representative may donate the unused tag to a non-profit organization for use by a minor child who has a life threatening medical condition or permanent physical disability.
1. A qualifying organization:
    - a. Is exempt from federal taxation under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code; and
    - b. Provides hunting opportunities and experiences to children with life-threatening medical conditions or permanent physical disabilities.
  2. The individual or legal representative that donates the unused tag shall provide the non-profit organization with a written statement indicating the unused tag is voluntarily donated to the organization.
  3. The non-profit organization receiving a donated tag under this subsection may transfer the unused tag to an eligible minor child by contacting any Department office.
    - a. To obtain a transfer, the non-profit organization shall:
      - i. Provide proof of donation of the unused tag to be transferred;
      - ii. Provide the unused tag;
      - iii. Provide proof of the minor child's valid hunting license; and
    - b. To be eligible to receive a donated unused tag from a qualifying organization, the minor child shall meet the criteria established under subsection (D).
- D. To receive an unused tag authorized under subsections (B) or (C), an

eligible minor child shall meet the following criteria:

1. Possess a valid hunting license, and
2. Is 10 to 17 years of age on the date of the transfer. A minor child under the age of 14 shall have satisfactorily completed a Department-approved hunter education course before the beginning date of the hunt.

**Authorizing Statute**

General: A.R.S. § 17-231(A)(1)

Specific: A.R.S. §§ 17-102, 17-231(A)(2), 17-231(A)(3), 17-231(A)(7), 17-231(A)(8), 17-331(A), 17-332, 17-333, and 17-346

**Historical Note**

Adopted effective October 10, 1986, filed September 25, 1986 (Supp. 86-5). Rule expired one year from effective date of October 10, 1986. Rule readopted without change for one year effective January 22, 1988, filed January 7, 1988 (Supp. 88-1). Rule expired effective January 22, 1989 (Supp. 89-1). New Section R12-4-121 adopted effective March 1, 1991; filed February 28, 1991 (Supp. 91-1). Repealed effective January 1, 1993; filed December 18, 1992 (Supp. 92-4). New Section made by final rulemaking at 7 A.A.R. 2732, effective July 1, 2001 (Supp. 01-2). Amended by final rulemaking at 12 A.A.R. 291, effective March 11, 2006 (Supp. 06-1). Amended by final rulemaking at 18 A.A.R. 1195, effective June 30, 2012.

**ARTICLE 2. MISCELLANEOUS LICENSES AND PERMITS**

**R12-4-202. Disabled Veteran's License**

- A. A disabled veteran's license grants all of the hunting and fishing privileges of a Class F combination hunting and fishing license and an urban fishing license.
- B. An individual meeting the criteria prescribed under A.R.S. § 17-336(A)(2) may apply for a disabled veteran's license. Eligibility for the disabled veteran's license is based on 100% disability, not on the percentage of compensation received by the veteran.
  1. An applicant desiring a disabled veteran's license shall apply on an

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application form furnished by the Department and available at any Department office. The applicant shall provide all of the following information on the application form:

- a. The applicant's:
    - i. Name;
    - ii. Date of birth;
    - iii. Department identification number;
    - iv. Physical description;
  - b. All physical addresses for the calendar year immediately preceding application;
  - c. Mailing address; and
  - d. The applicant's signature, acknowledged before a Notary Public or witnessed by a Department employee.
2. An applicant shall submit with the application form an original certification from the Department of Veterans' Services. The certification shall include all of the following information:
- a. The applicant's full name,
  - b. Certification that the applicant is receiving compensation for permanent service-connected disabilities rated as 100% disabling,
  - c. Certification that the 100% rating is permanent and:
    - i. Will not require reevaluation or
    - ii. Will be reevaluated in three years, and
  - d. The signature and title of an agent of the Department of Veterans' Services who issued or approved the certification.
- C. If the certification required under subsection (B)(2)(c) indicates that the applicant's disability rating of 100% is permanent and:
1. Will not be reevaluated, the disabled veteran's license will not expire.
  2. Will be reevaluated in three years, the disabled veteran's license will expire three years from the date of issuance.
- D. The Department shall deny a disabled veteran's license to an applicant who:
1. Is not eligible for the license,
  2. Fails to comply with the requirements of this Section, or
  3. Provides false information during the application process.
- E. The Department shall provide written notice to the applicant if the

disabled veteran's license is denied. The applicant may appeal the denial to the Commission as prescribed under A.R.S. Title 41, Chapter 6, Article 10.

- F. A disabled veteran's license holder may request a duplicate license if:
1. The license has been lost or destroyed,
  2. The license holder submits a written request to the Department for a duplicate license, and
  3. The Department has a record that shows a disabled veteran's license was previously issued to that individual.

**Authorizing Statute**

General: A.R.S. § 17-231(A)(1)

Specific: A.R.S. §§ 17-332(F), 17-333(A)(9), and 17-336(A)(2)

**Historical Note**

Former Section R12-4-66 renumbered, then repealed and readopted as Section R12-4-43 effective February 20, 1981 (Supp. 81-1). Former Section R12-4-43 renumbered as Section R12-4-202 without change effective August 13, 1981 (Supp. 81-4). Amended effective December 31, 1984 (Supp. 84-6). Repealed effective April 28, 1989 (Supp. 89-2). New Section R12-4-202 adopted effective December 22, 1989 (Supp. 89-4). Amended by final rulemaking at 6 A.A.R. 211, effective December 14, 1999 (Supp. 99-4). Amended by final rulemaking at 12 A.A.R. 212, effective March 11, 2006 (Supp. 06-1). Amended by final rulemaking at 18 A.A.R. 1199, effective June 30, 2012.

**ARTICLE 3. TAKING AND HANDLING OF WILDLIFE**

**R12-4-304. Lawful Methods for Taking Wild Mammals, Birds, and Reptiles**

- A. An individual may only use the following methods to take big game, subject to the restrictions under R12-4-303 and R12-4-318.
1. To take antelope:
    - a. Centerfire rifles;
    - b. Muzzleloading rifles;
    - c. All other rifles using black powder or synthetic black powder;

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- d. Centerfire handguns;
  - e. Handguns using black powder or synthetic black powder;
  - f. Shotguns shooting slugs, only;
  - g. Bows with a standard pull of 30 or more lbs, using arrows with broadheads no less than 7/8 inch in width with metal cutting edges; and
  - h. Crossbows with a minimum draw weight of 125 lbs, using bolts with a minimum length of 16 inches and broadheads no less than 7/8 inch in width with metal cutting edges or bows as described in subsection (A)(1)(g) to be drawn and held with an assisting device.
2. To take bear:
- a. Centerfire rifles;
  - b. Muzzleloading rifles;
  - c. All other rifles using black powder or synthetic black powder;
  - d. Centerfire handguns;
  - e. Handguns using black powder or synthetic black powder;
  - f. Shotguns shooting slugs, only;
  - g. Bows with a standard pull of 30 or more lbs, using arrows with broadheads no less than 7/8 inch in width with metal cutting edges;
  - h. Crossbows with a minimum draw weight of 125 lbs, using bolts with a minimum length of 16 inches and broadheads no less than 7/8 inch in width with metal cutting edges or bows as described in subsection (A)(2)(g) to be drawn and held with an assisting device; and
  - i. Pursuit with dogs between August 1 and December 31, only.
3. To take bighorn sheep:
- a. Centerfire rifles;
  - b. Muzzleloading rifles;
  - c. All other rifles using black powder or synthetic black powder;
  - d. Centerfire handguns;
  - e. Handguns using black powder or synthetic black powder;
  - f. Shotguns shooting slugs, only;
  - g. Bows with a standard pull of 30 or more lbs, using arrows with broadheads no less than 7/8 inch in width with metal cutting edges; and
  - h. Crossbows with a minimum draw weight of 125 lbs, using bolts with a minimum length of 16 inches and broadheads no less than 7/8 inch in width with metal cutting edges or bows as described in subsection (A)(3)(g) to be drawn and held with an assisting device.
4. To take buffalo:
- a. State-wide, except for the game management units identified under subsection (A)(4)(b):
    - i. Centerfire rifles;
    - ii. Muzzleloading rifles;
    - iii. All other rifles using black powder or synthetic black powder;
    - iv. Centerfire handguns no less than .41 Magnum or centerfire handguns with an overall cartridge length of no less than two inches;
    - v. Bows with a standard pull of 40 or more lbs, using arrows with broadheads of no less than 7/8 inch in width with metal cutting edges; and
    - vi. Crossbows with a minimum draw weight of 125 lbs, using bolts with a minimum length of 16 inches and broadheads no less than 7/8 inch in width with metal cutting edges or bows as described in subsection (A)(4)(a)(v) to be drawn and held with an assisting device.
  - b. In game management units 5A and 5B:
    - i. Centerfire rifles;
    - ii. Muzzleloading rifles; and
    - iii. All other rifles using black powder or synthetic black powder.
5. To take deer:
- a. Centerfire rifles;
  - b. Muzzleloading rifles;
  - c. All other rifles using black powder or synthetic black powder;
  - d. Centerfire handguns;
  - e. Handguns using black powder or synthetic black powder;
  - f. Shotguns shooting slugs, only;
  - g. Bows with a standard pull of 30 or more lbs, using arrows with broadheads no less than 7/8 inch in width with metal

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- cutting edges; and
- h. Crossbows with a minimum draw weight of 125 lbs, using bolts with a minimum length of 16 inches and broadheads no less than 7/8 inch in width with metal cutting edges or bows as described in subsection (A)(5)(g) to be drawn and held with an assisting device.
6. To take elk:
- a. Centerfire rifles;
  - b. Muzzleloading rifles;
  - c. All other rifles using black powder or synthetic black powder;
  - d. Centerfire handguns;
  - e. Handguns using black powder or synthetic black powder;
  - f. Shotguns shooting slugs, only;
  - g. Bows with a standard pull of 30 or more lbs, using arrows with broadheads no less than 7/8 inch in width with metal cutting edges; and
  - h. Crossbows with a minimum draw weight of 125 lbs, using bolts with a minimum length of 16 inches and broadheads no less than 7/8 inch in width with metal cutting edges or bows as described in subsection (A)(6)(g) to be drawn and held with an assisting device.
7. To take javelina:
- a. Centerfire rifles;
  - b. Muzzleloading rifles;
  - c. All other rifles using black powder or synthetic black powder;
  - d. Centerfire handguns;
  - e. Handguns using black powder or synthetic black powder;
  - f. Shotguns shooting slugs, only;
  - g. Bows with a standard pull of 30 or more lbs, using arrows with broadheads no less than 7/8 inch in width with metal cutting edges;
  - h. Crossbows with a minimum draw weight of 125 lbs, using bolts with a minimum length of 16 inches and broadheads no less than 7/8 inch in width with metal cutting edges or bows as described in subsection (A)(7)(g) to be drawn and held with an assisting device;
  - i. .22 rimfire magnum rifles; and
  - j. 5 mm rimfire magnum rifles.
8. To take mountain lion:
- a. Centerfire rifles;
  - b. Muzzleloading rifles;
  - c. All other rifles using black powder or synthetic black powder;
  - d. Centerfire handguns;
  - e. Handguns using black powder or synthetic black powder;
  - f. Shotguns shooting slugs or shot;
  - g. Bows with a standard pull of 30 or more lbs, using arrows with broadheads no less than 7/8 inch in width with metal cutting edges;
  - h. Crossbows with a minimum draw weight of 125 lbs, using bolts with a minimum length of 16 inches and broadheads no less than 7/8 inch in width with metal cutting edges or bows as described in subsection (A)(8)(g) to be drawn and held with an assisting device;
  - i. Artificial light, during seasons with daylong hours, provided the light is not attached to or operated from a motor vehicle, motorized watercraft, watercraft under sail, or floating object towed by a motorized watercraft or a watercraft under sail; and
  - j. Pursuit with dogs.
9. To take turkey:
- a. Centerfire rifles;
  - b. Muzzleloading rifles;
  - c. All other rifles using black powder or synthetic black powder;
  - d. Centerfire handguns;
  - e. Handguns using black powder or synthetic black powder;
  - f. Shotguns shooting slugs or shot;
  - g. Bows with a standard pull of 30 or more lbs, using arrows with broadheads no less than 7/8 inch in width with metal cutting edges;
  - h. Crossbows with a minimum draw weight of 125 lbs, using bolts with a minimum length of 16 inches and broadheads no less than 7/8 inch in width with metal cutting edges or bows as described in subsection (A)(9)(g) to be drawn and held with an assisting device;

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- i. .22 rimfire magnum rifles;
  - j. 5 mm rimfire magnum rifles; and
  - k. .17 rimfire magnum rifles.
- B. An individual may only use the following methods to take small game, subject to the restrictions under R12-4-303 and R12-4-318.
- 1. To take cottontail rabbits and tree squirrels:
    - a. Firearms,
    - b. Bow and arrow,
    - c. Crossbow,
    - d. Pneumatic weapons,
    - e. Slingshots,
    - f. Hand-held projectiles,
    - g. Falconry, and
    - h. Dogs.
  - 2. To take all upland game birds and Eurasian Collared-doves:
    - a. Bow and arrow;
    - b. Falconry;
    - c. Pneumatic weapons;
    - d. Shotguns shooting shot, only;
    - e. Handguns shooting shot only;
    - f. Crossbow;
    - g. Hand-held projectiles; and
    - h. Dogs.
  - 3. To take migratory game birds, except Eurasian Collared-doves:
    - a. Bow and arrow;
    - b. Crossbow;
    - c. Falconry;
    - d. Shotguns shooting shot, except that lead shot shall not be used or possessed while taking ducks, geese, swans, mergansers, common moorhens, or coots;
    - e. Shotguns shooting shot and incapable of holding more than two shells in the magazine, unless plugged with a one-piece filler that cannot be removed without disassembling the gun that limits the magazine capacity to two shells; and
    - f. Dogs.
- C. An individual may take waterfowl from a watercraft except a sinkbox, subject to the following conditions:
- 1. The motor, if any, is shut off, the sail, if any, is furled, and any progress from a motor or sail has ceased;
  - 2. The watercraft may be drifting as a result of current or wind action; may be beached, moored, or resting at anchor; or may be propelled by paddle, oars, or pole; and
  - 3. The individual may use the watercraft under power to retrieve dead or crippled waterfowl, but no shooting is permitted while the watercraft is underway.
- D. An individual may take predatory and furbearing animals by using the following methods, subject to the restrictions under R12-4-303 and R12-4-318:
- 1. Firearms;
  - 2. Bow and arrow;
  - 3. Crossbow;
  - 4. Traps not prohibited under R12-4-307;
  - 5. Artificial light while taking raccoon provided the light is not attached to or operated from a motor vehicle, motorized watercraft, watercraft under sail, or floating object towed by a motorized watercraft or a watercraft under sail; and
  - 6. Artificial light while taking coyote during seasons with daylong hours, provided the light is not attached to or operated from a motor vehicle, motorized watercraft, watercraft under sail, or floating object towed by a motorized watercraft or a watercraft under sail; and
  - 7. Dogs.
- E. An individual may take nongame mammals and birds by any method not prohibited under R12-4-303 or R12-4-318, subject to the following restrictions. An individual:
- 1. Shall not take nongame mammals and birds using foothold traps;
  - 2. Shall check pitfall traps of any size daily, release non-target species, remove pitfalls when no longer in use, and fill any holes;
  - 3. Shall not use firearms at night; and
  - 4. May use artificial light while taking nongame mammals and birds, if the light is not attached to or operated from a motor vehicle, motorized watercraft, watercraft under sail, or floating object

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- towed by a motorized watercraft or a watercraft under sail.
- F. An individual may take reptiles by any method not prohibited under R12-4-303 or R12-4-318 subject to the following restrictions. An individual:
1. Shall check pitfall traps of any size daily, release non-target species, remove pitfalls when no longer in use, and fill any holes;
  2. Shall not use firearms at night; and
  3. May use artificial light while taking reptiles provided the light is not attached to or operated from a motor vehicle, motorized watercraft, watercraft under sail, or floating object towed by a motorized watercraft or a watercraft under sail.
- G. For the purposes of Commission Orders authorized under this Section, "day-long" means the 24-hour period from midnight to midnight.

**Authorizing Statute**

General: A.R.S. § 17-231(A)(1)

Specific: A.R.S. §§ 17-102, 17-231(A)(3), 17-235, and 17-301

**Historical Note**

Amended effective May 21, 1975 (Supp. 75-1). Amended effective May 3, 1976 (Supp. 76-3). Amended effective October 20, 1977 (Supp. 77-5). Amended effective January 11, 1978 (Supp. 78-1). Amended effective September 7, 1978 (Supp. 78-5). Amended effective November 14, 1979 (Supp. 79-6). Amended effective July 22, 1980 (Supp. 80-4). Former Section R12-4-53 renumbered as Section R12-4-304 without change effective August 13, 1981 (Supp. 81-4). Amended effective May 12, 1982 (Supp. 82-3). Amended effective April 7, 1983 (Supp. 83-2). Amended subsection (I) effective June 7, 1984 (Supp. 84-3). Amended effective February 28, 1985 (Supp. 85-1). Amended effective September 16, 1985 (Supp. 85-5). Amended effective June 4, 1987 (Supp. 87-2). Former Section R12-4-304 repealed, new Section R12-4-304 adopted effective December 30, 1988 (Supp. 88-4). Correction, former Historical Note should read "Former Section R12-4-304 repealed, new Section R12-4-304 adopted effective January 1, 1989, filed December 30, 1988" (Supp. 89-2). Amended effective January 1, 1993; filed December 18, 1992 (Supp. 92-4). Former Section R12-4-304 repealed, new Section R12-4-304 adopted effective February 9,

1998 (Supp. 98-1). Amended by final rulemaking at 8 A.A.R. 1702, effective March 11, 2002 (Supp. 02-1). Amended by final rulemaking at 10 A.A.R. 850, effective April 3, 2004 (Supp. 04-1). Amended by exempt rulemaking at 17 A.A.R. 2629, Effective December 9, 2011.

ARTICLE 4. LIVE WILDLIFE

**R12-4-406. Restricted Live Wildlife**

- A. For the purposes of this Section, "transgenic species" means any organism that has had genes from another organism put into its genome through direct human manipulation of that genome. Transgenic species do not include natural hybrids nor individuals that have had their chromosome number altered to induce sterility. A transgenic animal is considered wildlife if the animal is an offspring of a wildlife species.
- B. In addition to any applicable federal license or permit an individual shall possess the appropriate special license listed under R12-4-409(A) or act under a lawful exemption from the requirements of this Article in order to possess wildlife listed under this Section for any activity prohibited under A.R.S. §§ 17-255.02, 17-306, R12-4-402, or R12-4-1102. Exemptions from these requirements are listed under A.R.S. § 17-255.04, R12-4-316, R12-4-404, R12-4-405, R12-4-407, R12-4-425, R12-4-427, and R12-4-430.
- C. Requirements for the use of wildlife that occurs in the wild in this state and that has been taken alive under the authority of a valid state hunting and fishing license are prescribed in R12-4-404 and R12-4-405.
- D. Domestic animals, as defined in R12-4-401, are not subject to restrictions under A.R.S. Title 17, this Chapter, or Commission Orders.
- E. Hybrid wildlife, as defined in R12-4-401, that result from the interbreeding of at least one parent species of wildlife that is listed under this Section are regulated by this Section.
- F. Unless specified otherwise in this Article, all transgenic species are restricted live wildlife.
- G. Unless specified otherwise, mammals listed below are restricted live wildlife as defined in R12-4-401. The taxonomic classification from Volumes I and II of Walker's Mammals of the World, Sixth Edition, 1999, and not including any later edition, is the authority in the following designations. A copy is available for inspection at any

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1. All species of the genus *Didelphis*. Common name: American opossums;
2. All species of the order Insectivora. Common names include: Insectivores, shrews, hedgehogs, tenrecs, solenodonts, and moles;
3. All species of the order Chiroptera. Common name: bats;
4. All species of the family Pongidae of the order Primates. Common names include: orangutans, chimpanzees, gorillas;
5. All species of the order Xenarthra. Common names include: edentates; or sloths, anteaters, and armadillos;
6. All species of the order Lagomorpha, except the genus *Oryctolagus*. Common names include: pikas, rabbits, and hares. Genus *Oryctolagus*, containing domestic rabbits, is not wildlife;
7. All species of the following families of the order Rodentia. Common name: rodents.
  - a. The family Sciuridae. Common names: squirrels, chipmunks, marmots, woodchucks, and prairie dogs;
  - b. The family Geomyidae. Common name: pocket gophers;
  - c. The family Castoridae. Common name: beavers;
  - d. The family Erethizontidae. Common name: New World porcupines; and
  - e. The family Capromyidae. Common names include: hutias, coypus, or nutrias;
8. All species of the order Carnivora. Common names include: carnivores, skunks, raccoons, bears, foxes, and weasels; and
9. All species of the following families of the order Artiodactyla. Common name: even-toed ungulates.
  - a. The family Tayassuidae. Common name: peccaries;
  - b. The family Cervidae. Common names include: cervid; or deer, elk, moose, wapiti, and red deer;
  - c. The family Antilocapridae. Common name: pronghorn; and
  - d. The family Bovidae. Common names include: cattle, buffalo, bison, oxen, duikers, antelopes, gazelles, goats, and sheep, except that the following are not restricted:
    - i. The genus *Bubalus*. Common name: water buffalo; and
    - ii. The genus *Bison*. Common name: bison, American bison

or buffalo.

- H. Birds listed below are restricted live wildlife as defined in R12-4-401.
  1. The following species within the family Phasianidae. Common names: partridges, grouse, turkeys, quail, and pheasants.
    - a. *Callipepla gambelii*. Common name: Gambel's quail;
    - b. *Callipepla squamata*. Common name: scaled quail;
    - c. *Colinus virginianus*. Common name: northern bobwhite. Restricted only in game management units 34A, 36A, 36B, and 36C as prescribed in R12-4-108;
    - d. *Cyrtonyx montezumae*. Common name: Montezuma, harlequin or Mearn's quail; and
    - e. *Dendragapus obscurus*. Common name: blue grouse; and
  2. The species *Rhynchopsitta pachyrhyncha*. Common name: thick-billed parrot.
- I. Reptiles listed below are restricted live wildlife as defined in R12-4-401.
  1. All species of the order Crocodylia. Common names include: gavials, caimans, crocodiles, and alligators;
  2. The following species of the order Testudines. Common names include: turtles and tortoises;
    - a. All species of the family Chelydridae. Common name: snapping turtles; and
    - b. All species of the genus *Gopherus*. Common name: gopher tortoises, including the desert tortoise; and
  3. All species of the following families or genera of the order Squamata.
    - a. The family Helodermatidae. Common names include: Gila monster and Mexican beaded lizard;
    - b. The family Elapidae. Common names include: cobras, mambas, coral snakes, kraits, and Australian elapids;
    - c. The family Hydrophiidae. Common name: sea snakes;
    - d. The family Viperidae. Common names include: true vipers and pit vipers, including rattlesnakes;
    - e. The family Atractaspididae. Common name: burrowing asps; and
    - f. The following species and genera of the family Colubridae:
      - i. *Dispholidus typus*. Common name: boomslang;

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- ii. *Thelotornis kirtlandii*. Common names include: bird snake or twig snake;
  - iii. *Rhabdophis*. Common name: keelback; and
  - iv. *Boiga irregularis*. Common name: brown tree snake.
- J. Amphibians listed below are restricted live wildlife as defined in R12-4-401. The following species within the order Anura, common names frogs and toads.
- 1. All species of the genus *Xenopus*. Common name: clawed frogs;
  - 2. The species *Bufo horribilis*, *Bufo marinus*, *Bufo paracnemis*. Common names include: giant or marine toads; and
  - 3. All species of the genus *Rana*. Common names include: leopard frogs and bullfrogs. Bullfrogs possessed under A.R.S. § 17-102 are exempt.
- K. Fish listed below are restricted live wildlife as defined in R12-4-401.
- 1. Arctic grayling, the species *Thymallus arcticus*;
  - 2. Bass, all species of the family Serranidae;
  - 3. Bighead carp, the species *Aristichthys nobilis*;
  - 4. Black carp, the species *Mylopharyngodon piceus*;
  - 5. Bony tongue, the species *Arapaima gigas*;
  - 6. Bowfin, the species *Amia calva*;
  - 7. Catfish, all species of the family Ictaluridae;
  - 8. Crucian carp, the species *Carassius carassius*;
  - 9. Electric catfish, the species *Malapterurus electricus*;
  - 10. Electric eel, the species *Electrophorus electricus*;
  - 11. European whitefish or ide, the species *Leuciscus idus* and *Idus idus*;
  - 12. Freshwater drum, the species *Aplodinotus grunniens*;
  - 13. Freshwater stingrays, all species of the family Potamotrygonidae;
  - 14. Gars, all species of the family Lepisosteidae;
  - 15. Goldeye, mooneye, and all species of the family Hiodontidae;
  - 16. Herring, all species of the family Clupeidae;
  - 17. Indian carp, all of the species *Catla catla*, *Cirrhina mrigala*, and *Labeo rohita*;
  - 18. Lampreys, all species of the family Petromyzontidae;
  - 19. Nile perch, all species of the genus *Lates* and *Luciolates*;
  - 20. Pike or pickerels, all species of the family Esocidae;
  - 21. Pike topminnow, the species *Belonesox belizanus*;
  - 22. Piranha, all species of the genera *Serrasalmus*, *Serrasalmo*, *Phygocestrus*, *Teddyella*, *Rooseveltiella*, and *Pygopristis*;
  - 23. Rudd, the species *Scardinius erythrophthalmus*;
  - 24. Shad, all species of the family Clupeidae except threadfin shad, species *Dorosoma petenense*;
  - 25. Sharks, all species, both marine and freshwater, of the orders Hexanchiformes, Heterodontiformes, Squaliformes, Pristiophoriformes, Squatiniformes, Orectolobiformes, Lamniformes, and Carcharhiniformes, except for all species of the families Hemiscilliidae, Orectolobidae, Brachaeluridae, and Triakidae; genera of the family Scyliorhinidae, including *Aulohalaerlurus*, *Halaerlurus*, *Haploblepharus*, *Poroderma*, and *Scyliorhinus*; and genera of the family Parascylliidae, including *Cirroscyllium* and *Parascyllium*;
  - 26. Silver carp, the species *Hypophthalmichthys molitrix*;
  - 27. Snakehead, all species of the family Channidae;
  - 28. South American parasitic catfish, all species of the family Trichomycteridae and Cetopsidae;
  - 29. Sunfish, all species of the family Centrarchidae;
  - 30. Temperate basses of the family Moronidae;
  - 31. Tetras, all species of the genus *Astyanax*;
  - 32. Tiger fish, the species *Hoplias malabaricus*;
  - 33. Trout, all species of the family Salmonidae;
  - 34. White amur or grass carp, the species *Ctenopharyngodon idella*;
  - 35. Walking or airbreathing catfish, all species of the family Clariidae; and
  - 36. Walleye, and pike perches, all species of the family Percida.
- L. Crustaceans listed below are restricted live wildlife as defined in R12-4-401.
- 1. Asiatic mitten crab, the species *Eriocheir sinensis*; and
  - 2. Australian crayfish and all freshwater species within the families Astacidae, Cambaridae, and Parastacidae.
- M. Mollusks listed below are restricted live wildlife as defined in R12-4-401:
- 1. Asian clam, the species *Corbicula fluminea*;
  - 2. New Zealand mud snail, the species *Potamopyrgus antipodarum*;
  - 3. Quagga mussel, the species *Dreissena bugensis*;

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4. Rosy wolfsnail, the species *Euglandina rosea*; and
5. Zebra mussel, the species *Dreissena polymorpha*.

**Authorizing Statute**

General: A.R.S. § 17-231(A)(1)  
Specific: A.R.S. §§ 17-231(A)(2), 17-231(B)(8), and 17-306

**Historical Note**

Adopted effective April 28, 1989 (Supp. 89-2). Amended effective January 1, 1995; filed in the Office of the Secretary of State December 9, 1994 (Supp. 94-4). Amended by final rulemaking at 7 A.A.R. 2220, effective May 25, 2001 (Supp. 01-2). Amended by final rulemaking at 9 A.A.R. 3186, effective August 30, 2003 (Supp. 03-3). Amended by final rulemaking at 12 A.A.R. 980, effective May 6, 2006 (Supp. 06-1). Amended by final rulemaking at 18 A.A.R. 196, effective January 10, 2012 (Supp. 12-1).

**ARTICLE 5. BOATING AND WATER SPORTS**

**R12-4-518. Regattas**

- A. When a regatta permit is issued by the Coast Guard, the person in control of the regatta shall at all times be responsible for compliance with the stipulations as prescribed within the regatta permit. Such stipulations may include but not be limited to:
  1. A specified number of patrol or committee boats and identified as such.
  2. Availability of emergency medical services.
  3. Spectator control if there exists a danger that life or property is in jeopardy.
- B. Non-compliance with any stipulation of an authorized permit which jeopardizes the public welfare shall be cause to terminate the regatta until the person in control or a person designated by the one in control satisfactorily restores compliance.
- C. When a regatta applicant is informed in writing by the Coast Guard that a permit is not required, such regatta may take place, but shall not relieve the regatta sponsor of any responsibility for the public welfare

or confer any exemption from state boating and watersports laws and rules.

- D. The regatta sponsor and all participants shall comply with aquatic invasive species requirements established under A.R.S. Title 17, Chapter 2, Article 3.1 and 12 A.A.C. 4, Article 11.

**Authorizing Statute**

General: A.R.S. §§ 5-302 and 5-311(A)(1)  
Specific: A.R.S. §§ 5-311(A)(5), 5-311(A)(6), 5-336(C), and 5-350(G)

**Historical Note**

Adopted effective March 5, 1982 (Supp. 82-2). Amended by final rulemaking at 18 A.A.R. 196, effective January 10, 2012 (Supp. 12-1).

**ARTICLE 8. WILDLIFE AREAS AND DEPARTMENT PROPERTY**

**R12-4-801. General Provisions**

- A. Wildlife areas shall be established to:
  1. Provide protective measures for wildlife, habitat, or both;
  2. Allow for special management or research practices; and
  3. Enhance wildlife and habitat conservation.
- B. Wildlife areas shall be:
  1. Lands owned or leased by the Commission and managed by the Department;
  2. Federally-owned lands of unique wildlife habitat where cooperative agreements provide wildlife management and research implementation; or
  3. Any lands with property interest conveyed to the Commission by any entity, through approved land use agreement, including but not limited to deeds, patents, leases, conservation easements, special use permits, licenses, agreement, management agreement, inter-agency agreements, letter agreements, and right-of-entry, where said property interest is sufficient for management of the lands consistent with the objectives of the wildlife area.
- D. Land qualified for wildlife areas shall be:
  1. Lands with unique topographic or vegetative characteristics that contribute to wildlife,

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2. Lands where certain wildlife species are confined because of habitat demands,
  3. Lands that can be physically managed and modified to attract wildlife, or
  4. Lands that are identified as critical habitat for certain wildlife species during critical periods of their life cycles.
- E. The Department may restrict public access to and public use of wildlife areas and the resources of wildlife areas for up to 90 days when necessary to protect property, ensure public safety, or to ensure maximum benefits to wildlife. Closures or restrictions exceeding 90 days shall require Commission approval.
- F. Closures of all or any part of a wildlife area to public entry, and any restriction to public use of a wildlife area, shall be listed in this Article or shall be clearly posted at each entrance to the wildlife area. No person shall conduct an activity restricted by this Article or by such posting.
- G. When a wildlife area is posted against travel except on existing roads, no person shall drive a motor-operated vehicle over the countryside except by road.
- H. The Department may take action to manage the access and use of any Commission real property or facilities. Such actions may include restrictions for the timing, type, or duration of certain activities, including the prohibition of access or type of use.
- I. No person shall access or use any Commission real property or facilities in violation of any Department actions authorized under subsection (H), if signs are posted providing notice of the restrictions.

**Authorizing Statute**

General: A.R.S. § 17-231(A)(1)  
Specific: A.R.S. §§17-231(B)(2) and 41-1005(A)

**Historical Note**

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**R12-4-802. Wildlife Area and Other Department Managed Property Restrictions**

- A. No person shall violate the following restrictions on Wildlife Areas:
1. Alamo Wildlife Area (located in Units 16A and 44A):
    - a. Wood collecting limited to dead and down material, for onsite noncommercial use only.
    - b. Overnight public camping in the wildlife area outside of Alamo State Park allowed for no more than 14 days within a 45-day period.
    - c. Motorized vehicle travel permitted on designated roads, trails, or areas only.
    - d. Open to all hunting as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318.
  2. Allen Severson Wildlife Area (located in Unit 3B):
    - a. No open fires.
    - b. No firewood cutting or gathering.
    - c. No overnight public camping.
    - d. Posted portions closed to discharge of all firearms from April 1 to July 31 annually.
    - e. Open to all hunting as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318, except posted portions closed to hunting from April 1 through July 31 annually.
  3. Aravaipa Canyon Wildlife Area (located in Units 31 and 32):
    - a. Access to Aravaipa Canyon Wilderness Area is by permit only, available through the Safford Office of the Bureau of Land Management.
    - b. Closed to discharge of all firearms.
    - c. Open to all hunting as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318.
  4. Arlington Wildlife Area (located in Unit 39):
    - a. No open fires.
    - b. No firewood cutting or gathering.
    - c. No overnight public camping.
    - d. Motorized vehicle travel permitted on designated roads, trails, or areas only. This subsection does not apply to Department authorized vehicles or law enforcement, fire response, or other

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- emergency vehicles.
  - e. Target or clay bird shooting permitted in designated areas only.
  - f. Closed to discharge of rifled firearms.
  - g. Open to all hunting as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318.
5. Base and Meridan Wildlife Area (located in Units 39, 26M, and 47M):
- a. No open fires.
  - b. No firewood cutting or gathering.
  - c. No overnight public camping.
  - d. Motorized vehicle travel permitted on designated roads, trails, or areas only.
  - e. Closed to discharge of rifled firearms.
  - f. No target or clay bird shooting.
  - g. Open to all hunting in season as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318.
6. Becker Lake Wildlife Area (located in Unit 1):
- a. No open fires.
  - b. No overnight public camping.
  - c. Motorized vehicle travel permitted on designated roads, trails, or areas only.
  - d. The Becker Lake boat launch access road and parking areas along with any other posted portions of the wildlife area will be closed to all public entry from one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise daily.
  - e. Posted portions closed to public entry from December through July 31 annually.
  - f. Posted portions closed to hunting.
  - g. Closed to the discharge of centerfire and rimfire rifled firearms.
  - h. Open to all other hunting in season as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318.
7. Bog Hole Wildlife Area (located in Unit 35B):
- a. No open fires.
  - b. No firewood cutting or gathering.
  - c. No overnight public camping.
  - d. Motorized vehicle travel permitted on designated roads, trails, or areas only.
  - e. Open to all hunting in season as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318.
8. Chevelon Canyon Ranches Wildlife Area (located in Unit 4A):
- a. No open fires.
  - b. No firewood cutting or gathering.
  - c. No overnight public camping.
  - d. Motorized vehicle travel permitted on designated roads only, except as permitted under R12-4-110(G). This subsection does not apply to Department authorized vehicles or law enforcement, fire response, or other emergency vehicles.
  - e. Open to all hunting in season as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318.
9. Chevelon Creek Wildlife Area (located in Unit 4B):
- a. No open fires.
  - b. No firewood cutting or gathering.
  - c. No overnight public camping.
  - d. Motorized vehicle travel permitted on designated roads only, except as permitted under R12-4-110(G). This subsection does not apply to Department authorized vehicles or law enforcement, fire response, or other emergency vehicles.
  - e. Posted portions closed to all public entry.
  - f. Additional posted portions closed to public entry from October 1 to February 1 annually.
  - g. Open to all hunting in season as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318, except posted portions closed to hunting from October 1 through February 1 annually.
10. Cibola Valley Conservation and Wildlife Area (located in unit 43A):
- a. No open fires.
  - b. No firewood cutting or gathering.
  - c. No overnight public camping.
  - d. Motorized vehicle travel permitted on designated and administrative roads only for the purpose of retrieving lawfully taken big game animals. This subsection does not apply to Department authorized vehicles or law enforcement,

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- fire response, or other emergency vehicles.
- e. Open to all hunting in season as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318, except posted portions closed to public entry.
11. Clarence May and C.H.M. May Memorial Wildlife Area (located in Unit 29):
- a. Closed to discharge of all firearms.
- b. Closed to hunting.
12. Cluff Ranch Wildlife Area (located in Unit 31):
- a. Open fires allowed in designated areas only.
- b. Wood collecting limited to dead and down material, for onsite noncommercial use only.
- c. Overnight public camping allowed in designated areas only, for no more than five days within a 14-day period.
- d. Motorized vehicle travel permitted on designated roads, trails, or areas only.
- e. Posted portions around Department housing closed to discharge of all firearms.
- f. Posted portions around Pond Three closed to discharge of all firearms.
- g. Closed to discharge of centerfire rifled firearms.
- h. Open to all hunting in season as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318.
13. Colorado River Nature Center Wildlife Area (located in Unit 15D):
- a. No open fires.
- b. No firewood cutting or gathering.
- c. No overnight public camping.
- d. Motorized vehicle travel prohibited except as permitted under R12-4-110(G). This subsection does not apply to Department authorized vehicles or law enforcement, fire response, or other emergency vehicles.
- e. Closed to hunting.
14. Fool Hollow Lake Wildlife Area (located in Unit 3C):
- a. No open fires.
- b. No firewood cutting or gathering.
- c. No overnight public camping.
- d. Motorized vehicle travel permitted on designated roads, trails, or areas only. This subsection does not apply to Department authorized vehicles or law enforcement, fire response, or other emergency vehicles.
- e. The parking area adjacent to Sixteenth Avenue and other posted portions of the wildlife area will be closed to all public entry daily from one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise, except for anglers possessing a valid fishing license accessing Fool Hollow Lake/Show Low Creek.
- f. Open to hunting in season as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318.
15. House Rock Wildlife Area (located in Unit 12A):
- a. Motorized vehicle travel permitted on designated roads, trails, or areas only.
- b. Open to all hunting in season as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318.
16. Jacques Marsh Wildlife Area (located in Unit 3B):
- a. No open fires.
- b. No firewood cutting or gathering.
- c. No overnight public camping.
- d. Closed to the discharge of centerfire and rimfire rifled firearms.
- e. Open to all other hunting in season as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318.
17. Lamar Haines Wildlife Area (located in Unit 7):
- a. No open fires.
- b. No firewood cutting or gathering.
- c. No overnight public camping.
- d. No motorized vehicles. This subsection does not apply to Department authorized vehicles or law enforcement, fire response, or other emergency vehicles.
- e. Open to all hunting in season as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318.
18. Luna Lake Wildlife Area (located in Unit 1):
- a. Posted portions closed to public entry from February 15 to July 31 annually.
- b. Open to all hunting in season as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318, except when closed to hunting from April 1 through July 31 annually.

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19. Mitty Lake Wildlife Area (located in Unit 43B):
  - a. Open fires allowed in designated areas only.
  - b. Overnight public camping allowed in designated areas only, for no more than 10 days per calendar year.
  - c. Motorized vehicle travel permitted on designated roads, trails, or areas only.
  - d. Posted portions closed to public entry from November 15 to February 15 annually.
  - e. Open to all hunting in season as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318, except posted portions closed to hunting from November 15 through February 15 annually.
20. Powers Butte (Mumme Farm) Wildlife Area (located in Unit 39):
  - a. No open fires.
  - b. No firewood cutting or gathering.
  - c. No overnight public camping.
  - d. Motorized vehicle travel permitted on posted designated roads, trails, or areas only.
  - e. Closed to discharge of centerfire rifled firearms.
  - f. If conducted during an event approved under R12-4-804, target or clay bird shooting in permitted designated areas only.
  - g. Open to all hunting in season as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318.
21. Quigley Wildlife Area (located in Unit 41):
  - a. No open fires.
  - b. No overnight public camping.
  - c. Motorized vehicle travel permitted on designated roads, trails, or areas only.
  - d. Posted portions closed to public entry from September 1 to March 31 annually.
  - e. Open to all hunting in season as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318, except posted portions closed to hunting from September 1 through March 31 annually.
22. Raymond Wildlife Area (located in Unit 5B):
  - a. Overnight public camping permitted in designated sites only, for no more than 14 consecutive days.
  - b. Motorized vehicle travel permitted on designated roads, trails, or areas only, except as permitted under R12-4-110(G). All-terrain and utility type vehicles are prohibited. For the purpose of this subsection, all-terrain and utility type vehicle means a motor vehicle having three or more wheels fitted with large tires and is designed chiefly for recreational use over roadless, rugged terrain. This subsection does not apply to Department authorized vehicles or law enforcement, fire response, or other emergency vehicles.
23. Robbins Butte Wildlife Area (located in Unit 39):
  - a. No open fires.
  - b. No firewood cutting or gathering.
  - c. No overnight public camping.
  - d. Motorized vehicle travel permitted on designated roads, trails, or areas only from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset daily.
  - e. Parking in designated areas only.
  - f. If conducted during an event approved under R12-4-804, target or clay bird shooting permitted in designated areas only.
  - g. Posted portions around Department housing closed to discharge of all firearms.
  - h. Closed to discharge of centerfire rifled firearms.
  - i. Open to all hunting in season as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318.
24. Roosevelt Lake Wildlife Area (located in Units 22, 23, and 24B):
  - a. Posted portions closed to public entry from November 15 through February 15 annually.
  - b. Open to all hunting in season as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318, except posted portions closed to hunting from November 15 through February 15 annually.
25. Santa Rita Wildlife Area (located in Unit 34A):
  - a. Motorized vehicle travel permitted on designated roads as permitted under R12-5-533(D).

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- b. Open to all hunting as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318, except that the take of wildlife with firearms is prohibited from March 1 through August 31.
  - c. All other uses of state land will be according to the provisions of the Arizona State Land Department's Recreational Permit.
26. Sipe White Mountain Wildlife Area (located in Unit 1):
- a. No open fires.
  - b. No firewood cutting or gathering.
  - c. No overnight public camping.
  - d. Motorized vehicle travel permitted on designated roads only, except as permitted under R12-4-110(G). This subsection does not apply to Department authorized vehicles or law enforcement, fire response, or other emergency vehicles.
  - e. Posted portions around Department housing closed to discharge of all firearms.
  - f. Open to all hunting in season as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318.
27. Springerville Marsh Wildlife Area (located in Unit 2B):
- a. No open fires.
  - b. No firewood cutting or gathering.
  - c. No overnight public camping.
  - d. Closed to discharge of all firearms.
  - e. Closed to hunting.
28. Sunflower Flat Wildlife Area (located in Unit 8):
- a. No open fires.
  - b. No overnight public camping.
  - c. No motorized vehicle travel. This subsection does not apply to Department authorized vehicles or law enforcement, fire response, or other emergency vehicles.
  - d. Open to all hunting in season as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318.
29. Three Bar Wildlife Area (located in Unit 22): Open to hunting in season, except the area within the fenced enclosure inside the loop formed by Tonto National Forest Road 647, also known as the Walnut Canyon Enclosure, which is closed to hunting, unless otherwise provided under Commission Order.
30. Tucson Mountain Wildlife Area (located in Unit 38M):
- a. Closed to the discharge of all firearms.
  - b. Open to all hunting in season as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318, except those portions posted as closed.
  - c. Archery deer and archery javelina hunters must check in with the Arizona Game and Fish Tucson Regional Office prior to going afield.
31. Upper Verde River Wildlife Area (located in Unit 8 and 19A):
- a. No open fires.
  - b. No firewood cutting or gathering.
  - c. Overnight public camping allowed in designated areas only.
  - d. Motorized vehicle travel prohibited except for Department authorized vehicles or law enforcement, fire department, or other emergency vehicles.
  - e. Closed to discharge of firearms within a one mile radius of visitor parking area.
  - f. Open to all hunting in season as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318.
  - g. All dogs must remain on leash except for hunting dogs during a legal open season.
32. Wenima Wildlife Area (located in Unit 2B):
- a. No open fires.
  - b. No firewood cutting or gathering.
  - c. No overnight public camping.
  - d. Motorized vehicle travel permitted on designated roads only, except as permitted under R12-4-110(G). This subsection does not apply to Department authorized vehicles or law enforcement, fire response, or other emergency vehicles.
  - e. Posted portions closed to discharge of all firearms.
  - f. Open to all hunting in season as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318.
33. White Mountain Grasslands Wildlife Area (located in Unit 1):
- a. No open fires.
  - b. No overnight public camping.
  - c. Motorized vehicle travel permitted on designated roads only, except as permitted under R12-4-110(G). This subsection does not apply to Department authorized vehicles or law enforcement, fire response, or other emergency vehicles.

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- d. Posted portions closed to public entry.
  - e. Open to all hunting in season as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318.
34. Whitewater Draw Wildlife Area (located in Unit 30B):
- a. Open fires allowed in designated areas only.
  - b. Overnight public camping allowed in designated areas only, for no more than three days within a seven-day period.
  - c. Motorized vehicle travel permitted on designated roads, trails, or areas only.
  - d. Posted portions closed to public entry from October 15 through March 15 annually.
  - e. Closed to discharge of centerfire rifled firearms.
  - f. Open to all hunting in season as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318, except posted portions closed to hunting from October 15 through March 15 annually.
35. Willcox Playa Wildlife Area (located in Unit 30A):
- a. Open fires allowed in designated areas only.
  - b. No firewood cutting or gathering.
  - c. Overnight public camping allowed in designated areas only, for no more than five days within a 14-day period.
  - d. Motorized vehicle travel permitted on designated roads, trails, or areas only.
  - e. Posted portions closed to public entry from October 15 through March 15 annually.
  - f. Open to all hunting in season as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318, except posted portions closed to hunting from October 15 through March 15 annually.
- B. Notwithstanding Commission Order 40, public access and use of the Hirsch Conservation Education Area and Biscuit Tank is limited to activities conducted and offered by the Department and in accordance with the Department's special management objectives for the property, which include, but are not limited to, flexible harvest, season, and methods that:
- 1. Allow for a variety of fishing techniques, fish harvest, fish consumption, and catch and release educational experiences;
  - 2. Maintain healthy, productive, and balanced fish grouping; and
  - 3. Provide public education activities and training courses that are

compatible with the management of aquatic wildlife.

**Authorizing Statute**

General: A.R.S. § 17-231(A)(1)

Specific: A.R.S. §§17-231(B)(2) and 41-1005(A)

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**R12-4-803. Wildlife Area and Other Department Managed Property  
Boundary Descriptions**

A. Wildlife Areas are described as follows:

- 1. Alamo Wildlife Area: The Alamo Wildlife Area shall be those areas described as:
  - T10N, R13W
  - Section 1, W1/2NW1/4, NW1/4SW1/4;
  - Section 2 and Section 3;
  - Section 4, E1/2SW1/4, SE1/4;
  - Section 9, NE1/4, E1/2NW1/4;
  - Section 10, N1/2NW1/4, NW1/4NE1/4.
  - T11N, R11W
  - Section 7, S1/2SW1/4;

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Section 18, N1/2 NW1/4.  
T11N, R12W  
Section 4, Lots 2, 3 and 4, SW1/4NE1/4, S1/2NW1/4, SW1/4,  
W1/2SE1/4;  
Section 5, Lot 1, SE1/4NE1/4, E1/2SE1/4;  
Section 7, S1/2, SE1/4 NE1/4;  
Section 8, NE1/4, S1/2NW1/4, S1/2;  
Section 9;  
Section 10, S1/2NW1/4, S1/2;  
Section 11, S1/2S1/2;  
Section 12, S1/2S1/2;  
Section 13, N1/2, N1/2SW1/4, NW1/4SE1/4;  
Section 14, N1/2, E1/2SE1/4;  
Section 15, N1/2, SW1/4SW1/4, SW1/4SE1/4;  
Section 16, 17, 18 and 19;  
Section 20, N1/2, N1/2SW1/4;  
Section 21, NW1/4;  
Section 29, SW1/4, SW1/4SE1/4;  
Section 30;  
Section 31, N1/2, N1/2S1/2;  
Section 32, NW1/4, N1/2SW1/4.  
T11N, R13W  
Section 12, SE1/4SW1/4, SW1/4SE1/4, E1/2SE1/4;  
Section 13;  
Section 14, S1/2NE1/4, SE1/4SW1/4, SE1/4;  
Section 22, S1/2SW1/4, SE1/4;  
Section 23, E1/2, E1/2NW1/4, SW1/4NW1/4, SW1/4;  
Section 24, 25 and 26;  
Section 27, E1/2, E1/2W1/2;  
Section 34, E1/2, E1/2NW1/4, SW1/4;  
Sections 35 and 36.  
T12N, R12W  
Section 19, E1/2, SE1/4SW1/4;  
Section 20, NW1/4NW1/4, SW1/4SW1/4;  
Section 28, W1/2SW1/4;  
Section 29, W1/2NW1/4, S1/2, SE1/4NW1/4;  
Section 30, E1/2, E1/2NW1/4, NE1/4SW1/4;

Section 31, NE1/4NE1/4;  
Section 32, N1/2, N1/2SE1/4, SE1/4SE1/4;  
Section 33, W1/2E1/2, W1/2.  
All in G&SRB&M, Mohave and La Paz Counties, Arizona.

2. Allen Severson Memorial Wildlife Area: The Allen Severson Memorial Wildlife Area shall be that area including Pintail Lake and South Marsh lying within the fenced and posted portions of:  
T11N, R22E  
Section 32, SE1/4;  
Section 33, S1/2SW1/4.  
T10N, R22E  
Section 4, N1/2NW1/4.  
T10N, R22E  
Section 4: the posted portion of the NW1/4SW1/4.  
All in G&SRB&M, Navajo County, Arizona, consisting of approximately 300 acres.

3. Aravaipa Canyon Wildlife Area: The Aravaipa Canyon Wildlife Area shall be that area within the flood plain of Aravaipa Creek and the first 50 vertical feet above the streambed within the boundaries of the Aravaipa Canyon Wilderness Area administered by the Bureau of Land Management, Graham and Pinal Counties, Arizona.

4. Arlington Wildlife Area: The Arlington Wildlife Area shall be those areas described as:  
T1S, R5W  
Section 33, E½SE¼.  
T2S, R5W  
Section 3, W½W½;  
Section 4, E½, and Parcel 401-58-001A as described by the Maricopa County Assessor's Office;  
Section 9;  
Section 15, those portions of S½N½ and NW½SW¼ lying west of the primary through road;  
Section 16;  
Section 21, E½, E½SW¼, SE¼NW¼ and Parcel 401-61-008D as described by the Maricopa County Assessor's Office.  
All in G&SRB&M, Maricopa County, Arizona.

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5. Base and Meridian Wildlife Area: The Base and Meridian Wildlife Area shall be those areas described as:  
T1N, R1E  
Section 31, Lots 3, 5, 6, and 8, and NE1/4SW1/4.  
T1N, R1W  
Section 34, N1/2SE1/4;  
Section 35, S1/2;  
Section 36, S1/2N1/2SE1/4.  
All in the G&SRB&M, Maricopa County, Arizona.
6. Becker Lake Wildlife Area: The Becker Lake Wildlife Area shall be that area including Becker Lake lying within the fenced and posted portions of:  
T9N, R29E  
Section 19, SE1/4SW1/4;  
Section 20, SW1/4SW1/4, W1/2NW1/4, and NW1/4SW1/4;  
Section 29, E1/2NE1/4;  
Section 30, NE1/4SE1/4;  
Section 32, as it is described in parcels in this Section.  
All in the G&SRB&M, Apache County, Arizona, consisting of approximately 325 acres.
- Parcel 1. Parcel 1 is located in section 30, T9N, R29E, G&SRB&M, Apache County, Arizona, and is adjacent to the western boundary of the Becker Lake Wildlife Area. The preliminary ALTA survey for the Enders property indicates that Parcel 1 is approximately 83 acres in size. Parcel 1 is also bounded by lands owned by The Hopi Tribe (26 Bar Ranch) and Arizona State Trust lands. The property is composed of Plains and Great Basin grassland habitat, and has historically been used for livestock grazing. This parcel is described by Apache County Assessor's Office parcel number 105-16-002.
- Parcel 2. This parcel is located in the northeast quarter of section 32 T9N, R29E, G&SRB&M, Apache County, Arizona. The preliminary ALTA survey for the Enders property indicates that Parcel 2 is approximately 61 acres in size. Parcel 2 includes the southernmost portion of the subject property. The Becker Lake Ditch and a short reach of the Little Colorado River are located within Parcel 2. Parcel 2 is bounded by

Parcel 3 to the west and Parcel 4 to the north. Privately owned lands are located to the east and south of Parcel 2. This parcel is described by Apache County Assessor's Office parcel number 105-18-008A.

Parcel 3. This parcel is located in the northwest quarter of section 32 T9N, R29E, G&SRB&M, Apache County, Arizona. The preliminary ALTA survey for the Enders property indicates that Parcel 3 is approximately 17 acres in size. The Becker Lake Ditch also is located within Parcel 3. Parcel 3 is bounded by Parcel 2 to the east, and Parcel 5 to the north. The Becker Lake Road comprises approximately half of the western boundary of Parcel 3, with a two-acre residential property located between Becker Lake Road and Becker Ditch owned by Mr. Jack Husted comprising the remainder of the western boundary of Parcel 3. Parcel 3 is described by Apache County Assessor's Office parcel number 105-18-012B.

Parcel 4. Parcel 4 is located in the southern half of section 29 T9N, R29E, G&SRB&M, Apache County, Arizona. The preliminary ALTA survey for the Enders property indicates that Parcel 4 is approximately 56 acres in size. Both the Becker Lake Ditch and an approximately 3/4 mile reach of the LCR are located within Parcel 4. Parcel 4 is bounded by Parcel 2 to the south and Parcel 5 as well as privately owned lands to the west. Private lands are also located to the north and east of Parcel 4. Highway 60 constitutes the northeast boundary of this irregularly shaped parcel. This parcel is described by Apache County Assessor's Office parcel number 105-15-014E.

Parcel 5. Parcel 5 is located in the southern half of the southwest quarter of section 29 T9N, R29E, G&SRB&M, Apache County, Arizona. The preliminary ALTA survey for the Enders property indicates that Parcel 5 is approximately 79 acres in size. The Becker Lake Ditch is also located within Parcel 5. Parcel 5 is bounded by Parcel 4 to the east and Parcel 3 to the south. The Becker Lake Wildlife Area bounds the western half of the northern boundary of this parcel. Privately owned lands are also located to the north of Parcel 5. The

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Springerville Airport as well as State Trust lands are located to the south of Parcel 5. Hopi Tribal Land (26 Bar Ranch) abuts the entire western boundary of this parcel. The Becker Lake Road and Becker Ditch bisect Parcel 5. This parcel is described by Apache County Assessor's Office parcel number 105-15-014F.

7. Bog Hole Wildlife Area: The Bog Hole Wildlife Area lying in Sections 29, 32 and 33, T22S, R17E shall be the fenced and posted area described as follows: Beginning at the southeast corner of Section 32, Township 22 South, Range 17 East, G&SRB&M, Santa Cruz County, Arizona; thence North 21°42'20" West 1394.86 feet to the true point of beginning; thence North 9°15'26" West 1014.82 feet; thence North 14°30'58" West 1088.82 feet; thence North 36°12'57" West 20.93 feet; thence North 50°16'38" West 1341.30 feet; thence North 57°51'08" West 1320.68 feet; thence N39°03'53" East 1044.90 feet; thence North 39°07'43" East 1232.32 feet; thence South 36°38'48" East 1322.93 feet; thence South 43°03'17" East 1312.11 feet; thence South 38°19'38" East 1315.69 feet; thence South 13°11'59" West 2083.31 feet; thence South 69°42'45" West 920.49 feet to the true point of beginning.

8. Chevelon Canyon Ranches Wildlife Area: The Chevelon Canyon Ranches Wildlife Area shall be those areas described as:

Duran Ranch: T12N, R14E

Sections 6 and 7, more particularly bounded and described as follows: Beginning at Corner No. 1, from which the Standard Corner to Section 31 in T13N, R14E and Section 36 T13N, R13E, bears North 11°41' West 21.53 chains distant; thence South 26°5' East 6.80 chains to Corner No. 2; thence South 66° West 12.74 chains to Corner No. 3; thence South 19°16' West 13.72 chains to Corner No. 4; thence South 29°1' West 50.02 chains to Corner No. 5; thence North 64°15' West five chains to Corner No. 6; thence North 28°54' East 67.97 chains to Corner No. 7; thence North 55°36' East 11.02 to Corner No. 1; the place of beginning, all in G&SRB&M, Coconino County, Arizona.

Dye Ranch: T12N, R14E

Sections 9 and 16, more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at Corner No. 1 from which the Standard corner to Sections 32 and 33 in T13N, R14E, bears North 2° 24' East 127.19 chains distant; thence South 50°20' East 4.96 chains to Corner No. 2; thence South 29°48' West 21.97 chains to Corner No. 3; thence South 14°45' West 21.00 chains to Corner No. 4; thence North 76°23' West 3.49 chains to Corner No. 5; thence North 10°13' West 14.02 chains to Corner No. 6; thence North 19°41' East 8.92 chains to Corner No. 7; thence North 38°2' East 24.79 chains to Corner No. 1, the place of beginning, all in G&SRB&M, Coconino County, Arizona.

Tillman Ranch: T12N, R14E

Land included in H.E. Survey No. 200 embracing a portion of approximately Sections 9 and 10 in T12N R14E of the Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian.

All in G&SRB&M, Coconino County, Arizona.

Vincent Ranch: T12N, R13E

Sections 3 and 4, more particularly described as follows: Begin at corner No. 1, from which the South 1/4 corner to Sec. 33, T13N, R13E, bears North 40°53' West 16.94 chains distance; thence South 53° 08' East 2.98 chains to corner No. 2; thence South 11°26' West 6.19 chains to corner No. 3; thence South 49°43' West 22.41 chains to corner No. 4; thence South 22°45' West 30.03 chains to corner No. 5; thence North 67°35' West 6.00 chains to corner No. 6; thence North 23° East 30.03 chains to corner No. 7; thence North 42°18' East 21.19 chains to corner No. 8; thence North 57°52' East 8.40 chains to corner No. 1, the place of beginning, all in G&SRB&M, Coconino County, Arizona.

Wolf Ranch: T12N, R14E

Sections 18 and 19, more particularly bounded and described as follows: Beginning at Corner No. 1, from which the U.S. Location Monument No. 184 H. E. S. bears South 88°53' East 4.41 chains distant; thence South 34°4' East 11.19 chains to Corner No. 2; thence South 40°31' West 31.7 chains to Corner No. 3; thence South 63°3' West 7.97 chains to Corner No. 4; thence South 23°15' West 10.69 chains to Corner No. 5; thence North 59° West 2.60 chains to Corner No. 6; thence

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North 18°45' East 10.80 chains to Corner No. 7; thence North 51°26' East 8.95 chains to Corner No. 8; thence North 30°19' East 34.37 chains to Corner No. 1; the place of beginning, all in G&SRB&M, Coconino County, Arizona.

9. Chevelon Creek Wildlife Area: The Chevelon Creek Wildlife Area shall be those areas described as:

Parcel 1: The South half of the South half of the Northwest quarter and the Southwest quarter of Section 23, Township 18 North, Range 17 East of the Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian;

Parcel 2: Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 of Section 26, Township 18 North, Range 17 East of the Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian;

Parcel 1: That portion of the Northeast Quarter of Section 26 lying Northerly of Chevelon Creek Estates East Side No. 1 Amended, according to the plat of record in Book 5 of Plats, page 35, records of Navajo County, Arizona, all in Township 18 North, Range 17 East of the Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian, Navajo County, Arizona.

Parcel 2: That part of Tract A, CHEVELON CREEK ESTATES EAST SIDE NO. I AMENDED, according to the plat of record in Book 5 of Plats, page 35, records of Navajo County, Arizona lying Northerly of the following described line: BEGINNING at the Southwest corner of Lot 3 of said subdivision; thence Southwesterly in a straight line to the Southwest corner of Lot 6 of said subdivision.

10. Cibola Valley Conservation and Wildlife Area: The Cibola Valley Conservation and Wildlife Area shall be those areas described as:

Parcel 1. This parcel is located in the Northwest quarter of Section 36, T1N, R24W of the Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian, La Paz County, Arizona, lying East of the right of way line of the "Cibola Channelization Project of the United States Bureau of Reclamation Colorado River Front Work and Levee System," as indicated on Bureau of Reclamation Drawing 423-300-438, dated March 31, 1964, and more particularly described as follows: beginning at the Northeast corner of the Northwest quarter of said Section 36; thence South and along the East line of the Northwest quarter of said Section 36, a distance of 2,646.00 feet to a point being the Southeast corner

of the Northwest quarter of said Section 36; thence Westerly and along the South line of the Northwest quarter, a distance of 1,711.87 feet to a point of intersection with the East line of the aforementioned right of way; thence Northerly and along said East line of the aforementioned right of way, a distance of 2,657.20 feet along a curve concave Easterly, having a radius of 9,260.00 feet to a point of intersection with the North line of the Northwest quarter of said Section 36; thence Easterly and along the North line of the Northwest quarter of said Section 36, a distance of 1,919.74 feet to the point of beginning.

Parcel 2. This parcel is located in the United States Government Survey of Lot 1 and the East half of the Southwest quarter of Section 36, T1N, R24W of the Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian, La Paz County, Arizona, lying East of the right of way line of the "Cibola Channelization Project of the United States Bureau of Reclamation Colorado River Front Work and Levee System," as indicated on Bureau of Reclamation Drawing 423-300-438, dated March 31, 1964, and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the South quarter corner of said Section 36; thence Westerly and along the South line of said Section 36, a distance of 610.44 feet to a point of intersection with the East line of the aforementioned right of way; thence Northerly along said East line of the of the aforementioned right of way and along a curve concave Southwesterly, having a radius of 17,350.00 feet, a distance of 125.12 feet to a point; thence continuing along said right of way line and along a reverse curve having a radius of 9,260.00 feet, a distance of 2,697.10 feet to a point of intersection with the East-West midsection line of said Section 36; thence Easterly along said East-West midsection line, a distance of 1,711.87 feet to a point being the center of said Section 36; thence South and along the North-South midsection line, a distance of 2,640.00 feet to the point of beginning.

Parcel 3. This parcel is located in the East half of the Northeast quarter of Section 36, T1N, R24W of the Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian, La Paz County, Arizona.

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Parcel 4. This parcel is located in the East half of the Northwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 21, T1N, R23W of the Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian, La Paz County, Arizona, lying South of the South right of way line of U.S.A. Levee; EXCEPT therefrom that portion lying within Cibola Sportsman's Park, according to the plat thereof recorded in Book 4 of Plats, Page 58, records of Yuma (now La Paz) County, Arizona; and FURTHER EXCEPTING the North half of the East half of the Northwest quarter of the Southwest quarter.

Parcel 5. This parcel is located in the South half of the Southwest quarter of Section 21, T1N, R23W of the Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian, La Paz County, Arizona. EXCEPT the West 33.00 feet thereof; and further EXCEPTING that portion more particularly described as follows: the North half of the Northwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of said Section, EXCEPTING the North 33.00 feet and the East 33.00 feet thereof.

Parcel 6. This parcel is located in the Southwest quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 21, T1N, R23W of the Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian, La Paz County, Arizona.

Parcel 7. This parcel is located in Sections 24 and 25, T1N, R24W of the Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian, La Paz County, Arizona, lying South of the Colorado River and East of Meander line per BLM Plat 2647C.

Parcel 8. This parcel is located in the West half of Section 19, T1N, R23W of the Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian, La Paz County, Arizona, lying South of the Colorado River. EXCEPT that portion in condemnation suit Civil No. 5188PHX filed in District Court of Arizona entitled USA -vs- 527.93 Acres of Land; and EXCEPTING therefrom any portion of said land lying within the bed or former bed of the Colorado River waterward of the natural ordinary high water line; and also EXCEPTING any artificial accretions to said line of ordinary high water.

Parcel 9. This parcel is located in the North half of the Northeast quarter of the Southeast quarter; and the West half of the

Southwest quarter of the Northeast quarter of the Southeast quarter; and that portion of the Southeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 20, T1N, R23W of the Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian, La Paz County, Arizona, lying South of the South right of way line of the U.S.B.R. Levee; EXCEPT the East 33.00 feet thereof; and further EXCEPTING that portion more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Northeast corner of the Southeast quarter of said Section 20; thence South 0°24'00" East along the East line, a distance of 380.27 feet; thence South 89°36'00" West, a distance of 50.00 feet to the true point of beginning; thence continuing South 89°36'00" West, a distance of 193.00 feet; thence North 0°24'00" West, a distance of 261.25 feet; thence South 70°11'00" East, a distance of 205.67 feet to the West line of the East 50.00 feet of said Southeast quarter of Section 20; thence South 0°24'00" East, a distance of 190.18 feet to the true point of beginning; EXCEPTING therefrom any portion of said land lying within the bed or former bed of the Colorado River waterward of the natural ordinary high water line; and also EXCEPTING any artificial accretions to said line of ordinary high water.

Parcel 10. This parcel is located in the South half of the Southeast quarter of Section 20, T1N, R23W of the Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian, La Paz County, Arizona; EXCEPT the East 33.00 feet thereof.

Parcel 11. This parcel is located in the Southwest quarter of the Northeast quarter; and the Northwest quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 20, T1N, R23W of the Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian, La Paz County, Arizona, lying South of the Colorado River and West of the Meander line per BLM Plat 2546B; EXCEPT any portion thereof lying within U.S.A. Lots 5 and 6 of said Section 20, as set forth on BLM Plat 2546B; and EXCEPTING therefrom any portion of said land lying within the bed or former bed of the Colorado River waterward of the natural ordinary high water line; and also EXCEPTING any artificial accretions to said line of ordinary high water.

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Parcel 12. This parcel is located in the Southeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of the Southeast quarter; and the East half of the Southwest quarter of the Northeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 20, T1N, R23W of the Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian, La Paz County, Arizona.

Parcel 13. This parcel is located in the East half of Section 19, T1N, R23W of the Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian, La Paz County, Arizona, lying South of the Colorado River; EXCEPT the West half of the West half of the Southeast quarter of the Southwest quarter of the Southeast quarter; EXCEPT the East half of the East half of the Southwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of the Southeast quarter; EXCEPT the Southwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of the Northeast quarter; EXCEPT the West half of the Southeast quarter of the Southwest quarter of the Northeast quarter; and EXCEPTING therefrom any portion of said land lying within the bed or former bed of the Colorado River waterward of the natural ordinary high water line; and also EXCEPTING any artificial accretions to said line of ordinary high water.

Parcel 14. This parcel is located in the Southwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of the Northeast quarter; and the West half of the Southeast quarter of the Southwest quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 19, T1N, R23W of the Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian, La Paz County, Arizona, lying South of the Colorado River and protection levees and front work, EXCEPTING therefrom any portion of said land lying within the bed or former bed of the Colorado River waterward of the natural ordinary high water line; and also EXCEPTING any artificial accretions to said line of ordinary high water.

Parcel 15. This parcel is located in the West half of Section 20, T1N, R23W of the Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian, La Paz County, Arizona; EXCEPT the West 133.00 feet thereof; EXCEPT any portion lying within the U.S. Levee or Channel right of way or any portion claimed by the United States for Levee purposes or related works; and EXCEPT the Southeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of the Southwest quarter of said Section 20.

Parcel 16. This parcel is located in the Southeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 20, T1N, R23W of the Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian, La Paz County, Arizona.

11. Clarence May and C.M.H. May Memorial Wildlife Area: Clarence May and C.M.H. May Memorial Wildlife Area shall be the SE1/4 of Section 8 and N1/2NE1/4 of Section 17, Township 17 South, Range 31 East, and the W1/2SE1/4, S1/2NW1/4, SW1/4 of Section 9, T17S, R31E, G&SRB&M, Cochise County, Arizona, consisting of approximately 560 acres.
12. Cluff Ranch Wildlife Area: The Cluff Ranch Wildlife Area is that area within the fenced and posted portions of Sections 13, 14, 23, 24, and 26, T7S, R24E, G&SRB&M, Graham County, Arizona; consisting of approximately 788 acres.
13. Colorado River Nature Center Wildlife Area: The Colorado River Nature Center Wildlife Area is Section 10 of T19N, R22W, that is bordered by the Fort Mojave Indian Reservation to the West, the Colorado River to the North, and residential areas of Bullhead City to the South and East, G&SRB&M, Mohave County, Arizona.
14. Fool Hollow Lake Wildlife Area: The Fool Hollow Lake Wildlife Area shall be that area lying in those portions of the South half of Section 7 and of the North half of the North half of Section 18, T10N, R22E, G&SRB&M, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the west line of the said Section 7, a distance of 990 feet South of the West quarter corner thereof; running thence South 86 degrees 12 minutes East 2533.9 feet; thence South 41 degrees 02 minutes East 634.7 feet; thence East 800 feet; thence south 837.5 feet, more or less to the South line of the said Section 7; thence south 89 degrees 53 minutes West along the South line of Section 7 a distance of 660 feet; thence South 0 degrees 07 minutes East 164.3 feet; thence North 89 degrees 32 minutes West 804.2 feet; thence North 20 degrees 46 minutes West 670 feet; thence South 88 degrees 12 minutes West 400 feet; thence North 68 degrees 04 minutes West 692 feet; thence South 2 degrees 50 minutes West 581 feet; thence North 89 degrees 32 minutes West 400 feet; thence North 12 degrees 40 minutes West 370.1 feet, more or less, the North line of the Southwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of

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- the Southwest quarter of said Section 7; thence West 483.2 feet, more or less, along said line to the West line of Section 7; thence North to the point of beginning.
15. House Rock Wildlife Area: House Rock Wildlife Area is that area described as: Beginning at the common one-quarter corner of Sections 17 and 20, T36N, R4E; thence east along the south section lines of Sections 17, 16, 15, 14, 13 T36N, R4E, and Section 18, T36N, R5E, to the intersection with the top of the southerly escarpment of Bedrock Canyon; thence meandering southeasterly along the top of said escarpment to the top of the northerly escarpment of Fence Canyon; thence meandering along the top of said north escarpment to its intersection with the top of the southerly escarpment of Fence Canyon; thence meandering northeasterly along the top of said southerly escarpment to its intersection with the top of the escarpment of the Colorado River; thence meandering southerly along top of said Colorado River escarpment to its intersection with Boundary Ridge in Section 29, T34N, R5E; thence meandering westerly along Boundary Ridge to its intersection with the top of the escarpment at the head of Saddle Canyon; thence northerly along the top of the westerly escarpment to its intersection with a line beginning approximately at the intersection of the Cockscomb and the east fork of South Canyon extending southeast to a point approximately midway between Buck Farm Canyon and Saddle Canyon; thence northwest to the bottom of the east fork of South Canyon in the SW1/4SW1/4 of Section 16, T34N, R4E; thence meandering northerly along the west side of the Cockscomb to the bottom of North Canyon in the SE1/4 of Section 12, T35N, R3E; thence meandering northeasterly along the bottom of North Canyon to a point where the slope of the land becomes nearly flat; thence northerly along the westerly edge of House Rock Valley to the point of beginning; all in G&SRB&M, Coconino County, Arizona.
16. Jacques Marsh Wildlife Area: The Jacques Marsh Wildlife Area is that area within the fenced and posted portions of the SE1/4SW1/4, NE1/4SW1/4, NE1/4SW1/4SW1/4, NW1/4SW1/4, N1/2NW1/4SE1/4, SW1/4SW1/4NE1/4, S1/2SE1/4NW1/4, SE1/4SE1/4NW1/4, Section 11; and N1/2NE1/4NW1/4 Section 14; T9N, R22E, G&SRB&M, Navajo County, Arizona.
17. Lamar Haines Wildlife Area: The Lamar Haines Wildlife Area is that area described as: T22N, R6E, Section 12 NW1/4, G&SRB&M, Coconino County, Arizona; together with all improvements thereon, and that certain water right on "Hudsonian Spring" as evidenced by certificate of Water Right from the State Water Commissioner of the State of Arizona, dated December 13, 1935 and recorded in Book 5 of Water Rights, pages 374-375, records of Coconino County, Arizona, and being Certificate #624.
18. Luna Lake Wildlife Area: The Luna Lake Wildlife Area shall be the fenced, buoyed, and posted area lying north of U.S. Highway 180 T5N, R31E, Section 17 N1/2, G&SRB&M, Apache County, Arizona.
19. Mittry Lake Wildlife Area: The Mittry Lake Wildlife Area shall be those areas described as:  
T6S, R21W  
Section 31: All of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, E1/2W1/2, and that portion of E1/2 lying westerly of Gila Gravity Main Canal Right-of-Way.  
T7S, R21W  
Section 5: that portion of SW1/4SW1/4 lying westerly of Gila Gravity Main Canal Right-of-Way;  
Section 6: all of Lots 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and that portion of Lot 1, S1/2NE1/4, SE1/4 lying westerly of Gila Gravity Main Canal R/W;  
Section 7: all of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, E1/2W1/2, S1/2E1/2, and that portion of E1/2E1/2 lying westerly of Gila Gravity Main Canal R/W;  
Section 8: that portion of W1/2W1/2 lying westerly of Gila Gravity Main Canal R/W;  
Section 18: all of Lots 1, 2, 3, E1/2NW1/4, and that portion of Lot 4, NE1/4, E1/2 SW1/4, NW1/4SE1/4 lying westerly of Gila Gravity Main Canal R/W.  
T6S, R22W  
Section 36: all of Lots 1, 2.  
T7S, R22W  
Section 1: all of Lot 1;

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- Section 12: all of Lots 1, 2, SE1/4SE1/4;  
Section 13: all of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, NE1/4, N1/2SE1/4, and that portion of S1/2SE1/4 lying northerly of Gila Gravity Main Canal R/W, all in G&SRB&M, Yuma County, Arizona.
20. Powers Butte (Mumme Farm) Wildlife Area: The Powers Butte Wildlife Area shall be that area described as:  
T1S, R5W  
Section 25, N1/2SW1/4, SW1/4SW1/4;  
Section 26, S1/2;  
Section 27, E1/2SE1/4;  
Section 34.  
T2S, R5W  
Section 3, E1/2W1/2, W1/2SE1/4, NE1/4SE1/4, NE1/4;  
Section 10, NW1/4, NW1/4NE1/4;  
Section 15, SE1/4SW1/4;  
Section 22, E1/2NW1/4, NW1/4NW1/4.  
All in G&SRB&M, Maricopa County, Arizona.
21. Quigley Wildlife Area: The Quigley Wildlife Area shall be those areas described as:  
T8S, R17W  
Section 13, W1/2SE1/4, SW1/4NE1/4, and a portion of land in the West half of Section 13, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the South Quarter corner, thence South 89°17'09" West along the south line of said Section 13, a distance of 2627.50 feet to the southwest corner of said Section 13; thence North 41°49'46" East, a distance of 3026.74 feet to a point; thence North 0°13'30" West, a distance of 1730.00 feet to a point on the north 1/16th line of said Section 13; thence North 89°17'36" East along said north 1/16th line, a distance of 600.00 feet to the Center of said Section 13; thence South 0°13'30" E. along the north-south mid-section line, a distance of 3959.99 feet to the point of beginning.  
Section 23, SE1/4NE1/4, and a portion of land in the NE1/4NE1/4 of Section 23, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Northeast Corner, thence South 0°10'19" East along the east line of said Section 23, a distance of 1326.74 feet to a point on the south line of the NE1/4NE1/4 of said
- Section 23; thence South 89°29'58" West along said south line, a distance of 1309.64 feet to a point; thence North 44°17'39" East, a distance of 1869.58 feet to the point of beginning.  
Section 24, NW1/4, N1/2SW1/4, W1/2NE1/4 all in G&SRB&M, Yuma County, Arizona.
22. Raymond Ranch Wildlife Area: The Raymond Ranch Wildlife Area is that area described as: All of Sections 24, 25, 26, 34, 35, 36, and the portions of Sections 27, 28, and 33 lying east of the following described line: Beginning at the west one-quarter corner of Section 33; thence northeasterly through the one-quarter corner common to Sections 28 and 33, one-quarter corner common to Sections 27 and 28 to the north one-quarter corner of Section 27 all in T19N, R11E. All of Sections 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, and 34 all in T19N, R12E, all in G&SRB&M, Coconino County, Arizona.
23. Robbins Butte Wildlife Area: The Robbins Butte Wildlife Area shall be those areas described as:  
T1S, R3W  
Section 17, S1/2NE1/4, SE1/4, NW1/4SW1/4;  
Section 18, Lots 3, 4, and E1/2SW1/4, S1/2NE1/4, W1/2SE1/4, NE1/4SE1/4.  
T1S, R4W  
Section 13, all EXCEPT that portion of W1/2SW1/4SW1/4 lying west of State Route 85;  
Section 14, all EXCEPT the W1/2NW1/4 and that portion of the SW1/4 lying north of the Arlington Canal;  
Section 19, S1/2SE1/4;  
Section 20, S1/2S1/2, NE1/4SE1/4;  
Section 21, S1/2, S1/2NE1/4, SE1/4NW1/4;  
Section 22, all EXCEPT for NW1/4NW1/4;  
Section 23;  
Section 24, that portion of SW1/4, W1/2SW1/4NW1/4 lying west of State Route 85;  
Section 25, that portion of the NW1/4NW1/4 lying west of State Route 85;  
Section 26, NW1/4, W1/2NE1/4, NE1/4NE1/4;  
Section 27, N1/2, SW1/4;

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- Section 28;  
Section 29, N1/2N1/2, SE1/4NE1/4;  
Section 30, Lots 1,2, and E1/2NW1/4, NE1/4, SE1/4SE1/4.  
All in G&SRB&M, Maricopa County, Arizona.
24. Roosevelt Lake Wildlife Area: The Roosevelt Lake Wildlife Area is that area described as: Beginning at the junction of A-Cross Road and AZ. Hwy. 188; south on AZ. Hwy. 188 to junction of AZ. Hwy. 88; east on AZ. Hwy. 88 to Carson's Landing; northeast across Roosevelt Lake to the south tip of Bass Point; directly north to the Long Gulch Road; northeast on this road to the A-Cross Road; northwest on the A-Cross Road to the point of beginning; all in G&SRB&M, Gila County, Arizona.
25. Santa Rita Wildlife Area: The Santa Rita Experimental Range is that area described as: Concurrent with the Santa Rita Experimental Range boundary and includes the posted portion of the following sections: Sections 33 through 36, T17S, R14E, Section 25, Section 35 and Section 36, T18S, R13E, Sections 1 through 4, Sections 9 through 16, and Sections 21 through 36, T18S, R14E, Sections 3 through 9, Sections 16 through 21, Sections 26 through 34, T18S, R15E, Sections 1 through 6, Sections 9 through 16, Section 23, T19S, R14E, Sections 3 through 10, Sections 16 through 18, T19S, R15E; all in G&SRB&M, Pima County, Arizona, and all being coincidental with the Santa Rita Experimental Range Area.
26. Sipe White Mountain Wildlife Area: The Sipe White Mountain Wildlife Area shall be those areas described as:  
T7N, R29E  
Section 1, SE1/4, SE1/4NE1/4, S1/2NE1/4NE1/4,  
SE1/4SW1/4NE1/4, NE1/4SE1/4SW1/4, and the  
SE1/4NE1/4SW1/4.  
T7N, R30E  
Section 5, W1/2W1/2SE1/4SW1/4, and the SW1/4SW1/4;  
Section 6, Lots 1, 2, 3, 7 and 8, SW1/4NW1/4NW1/4,  
SW1/4NW1/4, S1/2NW1/4NE1/4SE1/4, S1/2NE1/4SE1/4,  
S1/2NE1/4SE1/4, N1/2SE1/4SE1/4, E1/2SE1/4SE1/4SE1/4,  
SW1/4SE1/4 and the SE1/4SW1/4;  
Section 7, Parcel 10: Lots 1 and 2, E1/2NW1/4,  
E1/2E1/2NE1/4NE1/4, W1/2SW1/4NE1/4, NW1/4SE1/4,  
W1/2NE1/4SE1/4, NE1/4SW1/4, E1/2NW1/4SW1/4, and the  
NW1/4NE1/4;  
Section 8, NW1/4NW1/4, and the W1/2W1/2NE1/4NW1/4.  
T8N, R30E  
Section 31, SE1/4NE1/4, SE1/4, and the SE1/4SW1/4, all in  
G&SRB&M, Apache County, Arizona.
27. Springerville Marsh Wildlife Area: The Springerville Marsh Wildlife Area shall be those areas described as: S1/2 SE1/4 Section 27 and N1/2 NE1/4 Section 34, T9N, R29E, G&SRB&M, Apache County, Arizona.
28. Sunflower Flat Wildlife Area: The Sunflower Flat Wildlife Area shall be those areas described as:  
T20N, R3E  
Section 11, NE1/4SE1/4, N1/2NW1/4SE1/4, SE1/4NW1/4SE1/4,  
NE1/4SE1/4SE1/4, W1/2SE1/4NE1/4,  
S1/2SE1/4SE1/4NE1/4, E1/2SW1/4NE1/4;  
Section 12, NW1/4SW1/4SW1/4, NW1/4NE1/4SW1/4SW1/4,  
SW1/4NW1/4SW1/4, S1/2NW1/4NW1/4SW1/4,  
W1/2SE1/4NW1/4SW1/4, SW1/4NE1/4NW1/4 SW1/4 all in  
the G&SRB&M, Coconino County, Arizona.
29. Three Bar Wildlife Area: The Three Bar Wildlife Area shall be that area lying within the following described boundary: Beginning at Roosevelt Dam, northwesterly on AZ. Hwy. 188 to milepost 252 (Bumble Bee Wash); westerly along the boundary fence for approximately 7 1/2 miles to the boundary of Gila and Maricopa counties; southerly along this boundary through Four Peaks to a fence line south of Buckhorn Mountain; southerly along the barbed wire drift fence at Ash Creek to Apache Lake; northeasterly along Apache Lake to Roosevelt Dam.
30. Tucson Mountain Wildlife Area: The Tucson Mountain Wildlife Area shall be that area lying within the following described boundary: Beginning at the northwest corner of Section 33; T13S, R11E on the Saguaro National Monument boundary; due south approximately one mile to the El Paso Natural Gas Pipeline; southeast along this pipeline to Sandario Road; south on Sandario Road approximately two miles to the southwest corner of Section

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15; T14S, R11E, east along the section line to the El Paso Natural Gas Pipeline; southeast along this pipeline to its junction with State Route 86, also known as the Ajo Highway; easterly along this highway to the Tucson city limits; north along the city limits to Silverbell Road; northwest along this road to Twin Peaks Road; west along this road to Sandario Road; south along this road to the Saguaro National Monument boundary; west and south along the monument boundary to the point of beginning, all in G&SRB&M, Pima County, Arizona.

31. Upper Verde River Wildlife Area: The Upper Verde River Wildlife Area consists of four parcels totaling 1089 acres located eight miles north of Chino Valley in Yavapai County, Arizona, along the upper Verde River and lower Granite Creek described as:
- a. Sullivan Lake: Located immediately downstream of Sullivan Lake, the headwaters of the Verde River: the NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> lying east of the California, Arizona, and Santa Fe Railway Company right-of-way in Section 15, T17N, R2W; and also the NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Sec. 15 consisting of approximately 80 acres.
  - b. Granite Creek Parcel: Includes one mile of Granite Creek to its confluence with the Verde River: The SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Section 11; the NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> and SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Section 13; the E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Section 14; all in T17N, R1W consisting of approximately 239 acres. E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> and NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Section 12, NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Section 13, T17N, R2W consisting of approximately 182.26 acres.
  - c. Campbell Place Parcel: Tracts 40 and 41 in Section 7, T17N, R1W and Section 7, T17N, R1W and Section 12, T17N, R2W consisting of 315 acres. All that portion of Government Lots 9 and 10 of Section 7, T17N, R1W consisting of approximately 70.87 acres.
  - d. Tract 39 Parcel: The east half of Tract 39 within the Prescott National Forest boundary, SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> and SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Section 5, T18N, R1W; and the W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> of Tract 39 outside the Forest boundary, SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Section 5 and NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Section 8, T18N, R1W consisting of approximately 163 acres.

Lot 3 and SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Section 8, T17N, R1W consisting of approximately 40.238 acres.

32. Wenima Wildlife Area: The Wenima Wildlife Area shall be those areas described as:

T9N, R29E

Section 5, SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, and SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> EXCEPT E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>

Section 8, NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, and NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>

Sections 8, 17 and 18, within the following boundary: From the quarter corner of Sections 17 and 18, the true point of beginning; thence North 00°12'56" East 1302.64 feet along the Section line between Sections 17 and 18 to the North 1/16 corner; then North 89°24'24" West 1331.22 feet to the Northeast 1/16 corner of Section 18; thence North 00°18'02" East 1310.57 feet to the East 1/16 corner of Sections 7 and 18; thence South 89°03'51" East 1329.25 feet to the Northeast Section corner of said Section 18; thence North 01°49'10" East 1520.28 feet to a point on the Section line between Sections 7 and 8; thence North 38°21'18" East 370.87 feet to a point; thence North 22°04'51" East 590.96 feet to a point; thence North 57°24'55" East 468.86 feet to a point on the East West mid-section line of said Section 8; thence North 89°38'03" East 525.43 feet along said mid-section line to the center West 1/16 corner; thence South 02°01'25" West 55.04 feet to a point; thence South 87°27'17" East 231.65 feet to a point; thence South 70°21'28" East 81.59 feet to a point; thence North 89°28'36" East 111.27 feet to a point; thence North 43°58'37" West 550.00 feet to a point; thence North 27°25'53" West 416.98 feet to the North South 1/16 line of said Section 8; thence North 02°01'25" East 380.04 feet along said 1/16 line to the Northwest 1/16 corner of said Section 8; thence North 89°45'28" East 1315.07 feet along the East West mid-sixteenth line to a point; thence South 45°14'41" East 67.69 feet to a point; thence South 49°28'18" East 1099.72 feet to a point; thence South 08°04'43" West 810.00 feet to a point; thence South 58°54'47" West 341.78 feet to a point; thence South

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50°14'53" West 680.93 feet to a point in the center of that cul-de-sac at the end of Jeremy's Point Road; thence North 80°02'20" West 724.76 feet to a point, said point lying North 42°15'10" West 220.12 feet from the Northwest corner of Lot 72; thence North 34°19'23" East 80.64 feet to a point; thence North 15°54'25" East 51.54 feet to a point; thence North 29°09'53" East 45.37 feet to a point; thence North 40°09'33" East 69.21 feet to a point; thence North 25°48'58" East 43.28 feet to a point; thence North 13°24'51" East 63.12 feet to a point; thence North 16°03'10" West 30.98 feet to a point; thence North 57°55'25" West 35.50 feet to a point; thence North 80°47'38" West 48.08 feet to a point; thence South 87°28'53" West 82.84 feet to a point; thence South 72°07'06" West 131.85 feet to a point; thence South 43°32'45" West 118.71 feet to a point; thence South 02°37'48" East 59.34 feet to a point; thence South 33°03'29" East 57.28 feet to a point; thence South 28°30'29" East 54.75 feet to a point; thence South 36°39'47" East 105.08 feet to a point; thence South 24°55'07" West 394.78 feet to a point; thence South 61°32'16" West 642.77 feet to the Northwest corner of Lot 23; thence North 04°35'23" West 90.62 feet to a point; thence South 85°24'37" West 26.00 feet to a point; thence North 64°21'36" West 120.76 feet to a point; thence South 61°07'57" West 44.52 feet to a point; thence South 39°55'58" West 80.59 feet to a point; thence South 11°33'07" West 47.21 feet to a point; thence South 19°53'19" East 27.06 feet to a point; thence South 54°26'36" East 62.82 feet to a point; thence South 24°56'25" West 23.92 feet to a point; thence South 48°10'38" West 542.79 feet to a point; thence South 17°13'48" West 427.83 feet to the Northwest corner of Lot 130; thence South 29°10'58" West 104.45 feet to the Southwest corner of Lot 130; thence Southwesterly along a curve having a radius of 931.52 feet, and arc length of 417.52 feet to the Southwest corner of Lot 134; thence South 15°04'25" West 91.10 feet to a point; thence South 04°29'15" West 109.17 feet to a point; thence South 01°41'24" West 60.45 feet to a point, thence South 29°16'05" West 187.12 feet to a point; thence South

14°44'00" West 252.94 feet to a point; thence South 15°42'24" East 290.09 feet to a point; thence South 89°13'25" East 162.59 feet to a point; thence South 37°19'54" East 123.03 feet to the Southeast corner of Lot 169; thence South 20°36'30" East 706.78 feet to the Northwest corner of Lot 189; thence South 04°07'31" West 147.32 feet to a point; thence South 29°11'19" East 445.64 feet to a point; thence South 00°31'40" East 169.24 feet to the East West mid-section line of Section 17 and the Southwest corner of Lot 194; thence South 89°28'20" West 891.84 feet along said East West mid-section line to the true point of beginning. All in G&SRB&M, Apache County, Arizona.

33. White Mountain Grasslands Wildlife Area: The White Mountain Grasslands Wildlife Area shall be those areas described as:

Parcel No. 1: (CL1)

The South half of Section 24; the North half of the Northwest quarter of Section 25; the Northeast quarter and the North half of the Southeast quarter of Section 26; all in Township 9 North, Range 27 East of the Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian, Apache County, Arizona; EXCEPT all coal and other minerals as reserved to the United States in the Patent of said land.

Parcel No. 2: (CL2)

The Southeast quarter and the Southeast quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 31, Township 9 North, Range 28 East of the Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian, Apache County, Arizona.

Parcel No. 3: (CL3)

The Northwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 28; and the Southwest quarter, the South half of the Southeast quarter and the Northeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 29, Township 9 North, Range 28 East of the Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian, Apache County, Arizona.

Parcel No. 4: (CL4)

The Southwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 5; the Southeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 6; the Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 7; the

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Northwest quarter of the Northwest quarter, the East half of the Southwest quarter of the Northwest quarter, the West half of the Northeast quarter, the Southeast quarter of the Northwest quarter, and that portion of the South half which lies North of Highway 260, EXCEPT the West half of the Southwest quarter of Section 8; All in Township 8 North, Range 28 East of the Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian, Apache County, Arizona.

Parcel No. 1: (O1)

The South half of the North half of Section 10, Township 8 North, Range 28 East, of the Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian, Apache County, Arizona; EXCEPT that Parcel of land lying within the South one-half of the Northeast quarter of Section 10, Township 8 North, Range 28 East, of the Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian, Apache County, Arizona, more particularly described as follows:

From the North 1/16 corner of Sections 10 and 11, monumented with a 5/8 inch rebar with a cap marked LS 13014, said point being the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; thence North 89°44'54" West 1874.70 feet along the East-West 1/16 line to a point monumented with a half-inch rebar with a tag marked LS 13014; thence South 02°26'17" West 932.00 feet to a point monumented with a half-inch rebar with a tag marked LS 13014; thence South 89°44'54" East 1873.69 feet to a point monumented with a half-inch rebar with a tag marked LS 13014, said point being on the East line of Section 10; thence North 02°30'00" East 932.00 feet along said Section line to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Parcel No.2: (O2)

The North half of the South half of Section 10, Township 8 North, Range 28 East, of the Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian, Apache County, Arizona.

Parcel No.3: (O3)

The Southeast quarter of Section 25, Township 9 North, Range 27 East, of the Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian, Apache County, Arizona; EXCEPT all coal and other minerals as reserved to the United States in the Patent of said land.

Parcel No.4: (O4)

Lots 3 and 4; the East half of the Southwest quarter; the West half of the Southeast quarter; and the Northeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 30, Township 9 North, Range 28 East, of the Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian, Apache County, Arizona; EXCEPT all coal and other minerals as reserved to the United States in the Patent of said land.

Parcel No.5: (O5)

Lots 1, 2 and 3; the South half of the Northeast quarter; the Northwest quarter of the Northeast quarter; the East half of the Northwest quarter; and the Northeast quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 31, Township 9 North, Range 28 East, of the Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian, Apache County, Arizona; EXCEPT all coal and other minerals as reserved to the United States in the Patent of said land.

Parcel No.6: (O6)

Beginning at the Northwest corner of the Southeast quarter of Section 27, Township 9 North, Range 28 East, of the Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian, Apache County, Arizona; thence East 1320.00 feet; thence South 925.00 feet; thence West 320.00 feet to the center of a stock watering tub; thence North 83° West 1000.00 feet; thence North 740.00 feet to the point of beginning; EXCEPT all gas, oil, metals and mineral rights as reserved to the State of Arizona in the Patent to said land.

34. White Water Draw Wildlife Area: The White Water Draw Wildlife Area shall be those areas described as:

T21S, R26E

Section 19, S1/2 SE1/4

Section 29, W1/2 NE1/4, and E1/2 NE1/4

Section 30, N1/2 NE1/4

Section 32

T22S, R26E

Section 4, Lots 3 and 4

T22S, R26E

Section 5, Lots 1 to 4, EXCEPT an undivided 1/2 interest in all minerals, oil, and/or gas as reserved in Deed recorded in

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Docket 209, page 117, records of Cochise County, Arizona.

35. Willcox Playa Wildlife Area: The Willcox Playa Wildlife Area shall be that area within the posted Arizona Game and Fish Department fences enclosing the following described area: Beginning at the section corner common to Sections 2, 3, 10 and 11, T15S, R25E, G&SRB&M, Cochise County, Arizona; thence, South 0°15'57" West 2645.53 feet to the east 1/4 corner of Section 10; thence South 89°47'15" West 2578.59 feet to the center 1/4 corner of Section 10; thence, North 1°45'24" East 2647.85 feet to the center 1/4 corner of Section 3; thence, North 1°02'42" West 2647.58 feet to the center 1/4 corner of said Section 3; thence North 89°41'37" East to the common 1/4 corner of Section 2 and Section 3; thence, South 0°00'03" West 1323.68 feet to the south 1/16 corner of said Sections 2 and 3; thence South 44°46'30" East 1867.80 feet to a point on the common section line of Section 2 and Section 11; thence South 44°41'13" East 1862.94 feet to a point; thence South 44°42'35" East 1863.13 feet to a point; thence North 0°13'23" East 1322.06 feet to a point; thence South 89°54'40" East 1276.24 Feet to a point on the west right-of-way fence line of Kansas Settlement Road; thence South 0°12'32" West 2643.71 feet along said fence line to a point; thence North 89°55'43" West 2591.30 feet to a point; thence North 0°14'14" East 661.13 feet to a point; thence North 89D°55'27" West 658.20 feet to a point; thence North 0°14'39" East 1322.36 feet to a point; thence North 44°41'19" West 931.44 feet to a point; thence North 44°40'31" West 1862.85 feet to the point of beginning. Said wildlife area contains 543.10 acres approximately.

B. Department Controlled Properties are described as follows:

Hirsch Conservation Education Area and Biscuit Tank: The Hirsch Conservation Education Area and Biscuit Tank shall be that area lying in Section 3 T5N R2E. Beginning at the North East corner of Section 3, T5N, R2E, G&SRB&M, Maricopa County, Arizona; thence South 35d33'23.43" West 2938.12 feet; to the point of true beginning; thence South 81d31'35.45" West 147.25 feet; thence South 45d46'21.90" West 552.25 feet; thence South 21d28'21.59" West 56.77 feet; thence South 16d19'49.19" East 384.44 feet; thence South 5d27'54.02" West 73.43 feet; thence South

89d50'44.45" East 431.99 feet; thence North 4d53'57.68" West 81.99 feet; thence North 46d49'53.27" West 47.22 feet; thence North 43d3'3.68" East 83.74 feet; thence South 47d30'40.79" East 47.71 feet; thence North 76d2'59.67" East 105.91 feet; thence North 15d45'0.24" West 95.87 feet; thence North 68d48'27.79" East 69.79 feet; thence North 8d31'53.39" West 69.79 feet; thence North 30d5'32.34" East 39.8 feet; thence North 46d17'32.32" East 63.77 feet; thence North 22d17'26.17" West 517.05 feet to the point of true beginning.

**Authorizing Statute**

General: A.R.S. § 17-231(A)(1)

Specific: A.R.S. §§ 17-231(B)(2) and 41-1005(A)

**Historical Note**

New Section adopted by exempt rulemaking at 6 A.A.R. 1731, effective May 1, 2000 (Supp. 00-2). Amended by exempt rulemaking at 9 A.A.R. 3141, effective August 23, 2003 (Supp. 03-2). Amended by exempt rulemaking at 11 A.A.R. 1927, effective May 20, 2005 (Supp. 05-2). Amended by exempt rulemaking at 16 A.A.R. 397, effective March 5, 2010 (Supp. 10-1). Amended by exempt rulemaking at 17 A.A.R. 800, effective June 20, 2011 (Supp. 11-2). Amended by exempt rulemaking at 18 A.A.R. 1070, effective June 15, 2012.

**ARTICLE 11. AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES**

**R12-4-1101. Definitions**

In addition to the definitions provided under A.R.S. §§ 5-301 and 17-255, the following definitions apply to this Article, unless otherwise specified:

“Aquatic invasive species” means those species listed in Director’s Order 1.

“Certified agent” means a person who meets Department standards to conduct inspections authorized under A.R.S. § 17-255.01(C)(1).

“Conveyance” means a device designed to carry or transport water. Conveyance includes, but is not limited to, dip buckets, water hauling

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tanks, and water bladders.

“Equipment” means an item used either in or on water; or to carry water. Equipment includes, but is not limited to, trailers used to launch or retrieve watercraft, rafts, inner tubes, kick boards, anchors and anchor lines, docks, dock cables and floats, buoys, beacons, wading boots, fishing tackle, bait buckets, skin diving and scuba diving equipment, submersibles, pumps, sea planes, and heavy construction equipment used in aquatic environments.

“Operator” means a person who operates or is in actual physical control of a watercraft, vehicle, conveyance or equipment.

“Owner” means a person who claims lawful possession of a watercraft, vehicle, conveyance, or equipment.

“Person” has the same meaning as defined under A.R.S. § 1-215.

“Release” means to place, plant, or cause to be placed or planted in waters.

“Transporter” means a person responsible for the overland movement of a watercraft, vehicle, conveyance, or equipment.

“Waters” means surface water of all sources, whether perennial or intermittent, in streams, canyons, ravines, drainage systems, canals, springs, lakes, marshes, reservoirs, ponds, and other bodies or accumulations of natural, artificial, public or private waters situated wholly or partly in or bordering this State.

**Authorizing Statute**

General: A.R.S. § 17-231(A)(1)

Specific: A.R.S. §§ 17-231(B)(2), 17-255, 17-255.01, 17-255.02, 17-255.03, and 17-255.04

**Historical Note**

New Section made by final rulemaking at 18 A.A.R. 196, effective January 10, 2012 (Supp. 12-1).

**R12-4-1102. Aquatic Invasive Species; Prohibitions; Inspection, Decontamination Protocols**

- A. A person shall not, unless authorized under Article 4:
1. Possess, import, ship, or transport into or within this State an

aquatic invasive species, unless authorized by the Director.

2. Sell, purchase, barter, or exchange in this State an aquatic invasive species.
  3. Release an aquatic invasive species into waters or into any water treatment facility, water supply or water transportation facility, device or mechanism in this State.
- B. Upon removing a watercraft, vehicle, conveyance, or equipment from any waters listed in Director’s Order 2 and before leaving that location, a person shall:
1. Remove all clinging materials such as plants, animals, and mud.
  2. Remove any plug or other barrier that prevents water drainage or, where none exists, take reasonable measures to drain or dry all compartments or spaces that hold water. Reasonable measures include, but are not limited to, emptying bilges, application of absorbents, or ventilation.
- C. Before transporting a watercraft, vehicle, conveyance, or equipment to any waters located within or bordering this State from waters or locations where aquatic invasive species are suspected or known to be present, as listed in Director’s Order 2, a person shall comply with the mandatory conditions and protocols identified in Director’s Order 3 for decontamination of watercraft, vehicles, conveyances, and equipment.
- D. Department employees, certified agents, and Arizona peace officers authorized under A.R.S. § 17-104 may inspect a watercraft, vehicle, conveyance, or equipment for the purposes of determining compliance with A.R.S. § Title 17, Chapter 2, Article 3.1 and this Section.
- E. If the presence of an aquatic invasive species is documented or suspected on or in a watercraft, vehicle, conveyance, or equipment, a Department employee or any Arizona peace officer may order the person to decontaminate or cause to be decontaminated such watercraft, vehicles, conveyances, and equipment using the mandatory protocols described in Director’s Order 3.
- F. The following Director’s orders are available at any Department office and online at [azgfd.gov](http://azgfd.gov):
1. Director’s Order 1 - Listing of Aquatic Invasive Species for Arizona,
  2. Director’s Order 2 - Designation of Waters or Locations Where Listed Aquatic Invasive Species are Present, and

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3. Director's Order 3 - Mandatory Conditions on the Movement of Watercraft, Vehicles, Conveyances, or Other Equipment from Listed Waters Where Aquatic Invasive Species are Present.
- G. This Section does not apply to owners and operators exempt under A.R.S. § 17-255.04.

**Authorizing Statute**

General: A.R.S. § 17-231(A)(1)

Specific: A.R.S. §§ 17-231(B)(2), 17-255, 17-255.01, 17-255.02, 17-255.03, and 17-255.04

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