

DRAFT NOTICE OF EXEMPT RULEMAKING

TITLE 12. NATURAL RESOURCES

CHAPTER 4. GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

PREAMBLE

- 1. Permission to proceed with this exempt rulemaking was granted under A.R.S. § 41-1039 by the governor on:**
May 14, 2025.

- | <u>2. Article, Part, or Section Affected (as applicable)</u> | <u>Rulemaking Action</u> |
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| R12-4-801 | Amend |
| R12-4-802 | Amend |

- 3. Citations to the agency's statutory rulemaking authority to include the authorizing statute (general) and the implementing statute (specific):**

Authorizing statute: A.R.S. § 17-231(A)(1)

Implementing statute: A.R.S. § 17-333 and 41-1005

- 4. The effective date of the rule:**
TBD

- 5. Citations to all related notices published in the *Register* as specified in R1-1-409(A) that pertain to the current record of the exempt rule:**

Not Applicable

- 6. The agency's contact person who can answer questions about the rulemaking:**

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- 7. An agency's justification and reason why a rule should be made, amended, repealed or renumbered, to include an explanation about the rulemaking:**

The purpose of this rulemaking is to reduce redundancy, add clarity, increase opportunity and add consistency to the existing rules. During the rule review process the Department identified several sections of the rule that could be combined to reduce the overall length of the rule, as they are redundant to one another. The Department also observed that while the rule identified specific rules that applied to wildlife areas, it did not have a general provision section that applies to all wildlife areas. Because of this, the Department felt that some clarity could be added by adding a general provision section, which would ensure the public was aware what activities were allowable on each wildlife area as they related to camping, fires, firewood collection, hunting, shooting and motor vehicle travel. Adding this general provisions section will also substantially reduce the overall length of the rule. The Department wants to clarify that these rules are not only restrictions, but also allowable activities. The Department feels that there is room to increase hunting opportunities at a number of wildlife areas, where the language is currently overly restrictive.

8. A reference to any study relevant to the rule that the agency reviewed and either relied on or did not rely on in its evaluation of or justification for the rule, where the public may obtain or review each study, all data underlying each study, and any analysis of each study and other supporting material:

The agency did not rely on any study in its evaluation of or justification for the rule.

9. A showing of good cause why the rulemaking is necessary to promote a statewide interest if the rulemaking will diminish a previous grant of authority of a political subdivision of this state:

Not applicable

10. A summary of the economic, small business, and consumer impact, if applicable to the exemption:

Exempt under A.R.S. § 41-1005(A)(1).

11. An agency's summary of the public or stakeholder comments made about the rulemaking and the agency response to the comments:

Answer

12. All agencies shall list other matters prescribed by statute applicable to the specific agency or to any specific rule or class of rules. Additionally, an agency subject to Council review under A.R.S. §§ 41-1052 and 41-1055 shall respond to the following questions:

- a. Whether the rule requires a permit, whether a general permit is used and if not, the reasons why a general permit is not used:

No permits are required.

- b. Whether a federal law is applicable to the subject of the rule, whether the rule is more stringent than federal law and if so, citation to the statutory authority to exceed the requirements of federal law:

Federal law is not directly applicable to the subject of the rules. The rules are based on state law.

- c. Whether a person submitted an analysis to the agency that compares the rule's impact of the competitiveness of business in this state to the impact on business in other states:

Not applicable

13. A list of any incorporated by reference material as specified in A.R.S. § 41-1028 and its location in the rules:

Not applicable

14. Whether the rule was previously made, amended or repealed as an emergency rule. If so, cite the notice published in the *Register* as specified in R1-1-409(A). Also, the agency shall state where the text was changed between the emergency and the exempt rulemaking packages:

Not applicable

15. The full text of the rules follows:

Rule text begins on the next page.

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ARTICLE 8. WILDLIFE AREAS AND DEPARTMENT PROPERTY

R12-4-801. General Provisions

A. Wildlife Areas:

1. Wildlife areas shall be established to:
 - a. Provide protective measures for wildlife, habitat, or both;
 - b. Allow for hunting, fishing, and other recreational activities that are compatible with wildlife habitat conservation and education;
 - c. Allow for special management or research practices; and
 - d. Enhance wildlife and habitat conservation.
2. Wildlife areas shall be:
 - a. Lands owned, leased, or otherwise managed by the Commission;
 - b. Federally-owned lands of unique wildlife habitat where cooperative agreements provide wildlife management and research implementation; or
 - c. Any lands with property interest conveyed to the Commission by any entity, through an approved land use agreement, including but not limited to deeds, patents, leases, conservation easements, special use permits, licenses, management agreements, inter-agency agreements, letter agreements, and right-of-entry, where the property interest conveyed is sufficient for management of the lands consistent with the objectives of the wildlife area.
3. Land qualified for wildlife areas shall be:
 - a. Lands with unique topographic or vegetative characteristics that contribute to wildlife,
 - b. Lands where certain wildlife species are confined because of habitat demands,
 - c. Lands that can be physically managed and modified to attract wildlife, or
 - d. Lands that are identified as critical habitat for certain wildlife species during critical periods of their life cycles.
4. The Department may temporarily 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.
5. 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. Such restrictions will include restrictions on the timing, type, or duration of certain activities on a wildlife area, including a prohibition on access to a wildlife area or type of use. No person shall conduct an activity restricted by this Article or by such posting.
- ~~6. 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.~~
- ~~7. The Department may post signs that place additional restrictions on the use of wildlife areas. Such restrictions may include the timing, type, or duration of certain activities, including the prohibition of access or nature of use.~~
- ~~8. A person shall not access or use any wildlife area or facility in violation of any Department actions authorized under subsection (A)(7) when signs are posted providing notice of the restrictions.~~

B. Commission-owned real property and -managed lands other than Wildlife Areas:

1. The Department may take action to manage public access and use of any Commission-owned real property or facilities. Such actions may include restrictions on the timing, type, or duration of certain activities, including ~~the a prohibition of on access to Commission-owned real property and -managed lands or the type nature of use.~~
2. A person shall not access or use any Commission-owned real property, facilities, or -managed lands in violation of any Department actions authorized under subsection (B)(1), if signs are posted providing notice of the restrictions.

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

- A. The following general provisions apply to all wildlife areas unless specifically authorized, prohibited, modified or addressed in R12-4-802B, or if the wildlife area has posted signs authorizing or prohibiting the activity:
1. Open to all hunting in season as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318.
 2. Motorized vehicle travel permitted on designated roads or areas only, except for big game retrieval as permitted under R12-4-110(H). Motor vehicle travel restrictions in this rule do not apply to Department authorized vehicles or law enforcement, fire response, or other emergency vehicles.
 3. Overnight public camping allowed for no more than 14 days within a 30-day period.
 4. Wood gathering is limited to dead and down material, for onsite noncommercial use only.
 5. Campfires allowed. All fires must be extinguished when not being attended. Fires may be further restricted or prohibited with seasonal restrictions, as enacted by the Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management (DFFM).
 6. Wildlife areas are closed to the discharge of firearms, muzzleloaders, precharged pneumatic weapons or archery within a ¼ mile of any occupied structure, unless authorized by the Department.
 7. Knowingly excavating or collecting any historic, archaeological or paleontological specimen or resource is prohibited under A.R.S. § 41-841.

~~A. B.~~ No person shall violate the following ~~restrictions~~ regulations on Wildlife Areas:

1. Alamo Wildlife Area (located in Units 16A and 44A):
 - a. Posted portions closed to all public entry.
 - ~~b. Open to all hunting in season as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318.~~
2. Allen Severson Wildlife Area (located in Unit 3B):
 - ~~a. Motorized vehicle travel permitted on designated roads or areas only, except for big game retrieval as permitted under R12-4-110(H). This subsection does not apply to Department authorized vehicles or law enforcement, fire response, or other emergency vehicles.~~
 - a. The rules and regulations of the land management agency (Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest) apply to this wildlife area.
 - ~~b. Posted portions closed to discharge of all firearms from April 1 through July 25 annually.~~
 - ~~c. Open to all hunting in season as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318, except posted portions closed to hunting from April 1 through July 25 annually.~~
3. Aravaipa Canyon Wildlife Area (located in Units 31 and 32):
 - a. Access through the Aravaipa Canyon Wildlife Area within the Aravaipa Canyon Wilderness Area is by permit only, available through the Safford Office of the Bureau of Land Management.
 - ~~b. Open to all hunting in season as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318, except the This wildlife area is closed to the discharge of all firearms.~~
4. Arivaca Lake Wildlife Area (located in Unit 36B):
 - ~~a. Open fires allowed in designated areas only. No additional regulations apply to this wildlife area.~~
 - ~~b. Wood collecting limited to dead and down material, for onsite noncommercial use only.~~
 - ~~c. Overnight public camping in the wildlife area allowed in designated areas only, for no more than 14 days within a 30-day period.~~
 - ~~d. Motorized vehicle travel permitted on designated roads or areas only, except for big game retrieval as permitted under R12-4-110(H). 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.~~
5. 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 or areas only, except for big game retrieval as permitted under R12-4-110(H). No motorized travel is permitted within agriculture and crop production areas. This subsection does not apply to Department authorized vehicles or law enforcement, fire response, or other emergency vehicles.~~
- d. Motorized travel is prohibited within agriculture and crop production areas.
- e. If conducted during an event approved under R12-4-125, Target target or clay bird shooting is permitted in designated areas only.
- f. ~~Open to all hunting in season as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318, except:~~
 - i. ~~Posted portions around Department housing are closed to the discharge of all firearms; and~~
 - ii.
- f. Archery target shooting permitted in designated areas only.
- g. This Wildlife wildlife area is closed to the discharge of centerfire rifled firearms.
- 6. Base and Meridian 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. No target or clay bird shooting.
 - e. ~~Motorized vehicle travel is not permitted on the wildlife area, prohibited, except for big game retrieval as permitted under R12-4-110(H). This subsection does not apply to Department authorized vehicles or law enforcement, fire response, or other emergency vehicles.~~
 - e. ~~No target or clay bird shooting.~~
 - f. ~~Open to all hunting in season as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318, except the wildlife area is closed to the discharge of centerfire rifled firearms. Posted portions closed to hunting.~~
 - g. This wildlife area is closed to the discharge of centerfire rifled firearms.
- 7. Becker Lake 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 or areas only, except for big game retrieval as permitted under R12-4-110(H). This subsection does not apply to Department authorized vehicles or law enforcement, fire response, or other emergency vehicles.~~
 - ed. 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.
 - fe. Posted portions closed to all public entry.
 - gf. Posted portions closed to hunting.
 - hg. ~~Open to all hunting in season as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318, except the wildlife area is closed to the discharge of rifled firearms. This wildlife area is closed to the discharge of centerfire rifled firearms~~
- 8. Bog Hole Wildlife Area (located in Unit 35B):
 - a. ~~Motorized vehicle travel is not permitted on the wildlife area, prohibited, except for big game retrieval as permitted under R12-4-110(H). This subsection does not apply to Department authorized vehicles or law enforcement, fire response or other emergency vehicles.~~
 - b. ~~Open to all hunting in season, by foot access only, as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318.~~
- 9. Chevelon Canyon Ranches Wildlife Area (located in Unit 4A):
 - a. ~~Open fires allowed in designated areas only. No additional regulations apply to this wildlife area.~~
 - 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 14 days within a 30-day period.~~
 - d. ~~Motorized vehicle travel permitted on designated roads or areas only, except for big game retrieval as permitted under R12-4-110(H). This subsection does not apply to Department authorized vehicles or law enforcement, fire response, or other emergency vehicles.~~

- ~~e. No target or clay bird shooting.~~
 - ~~f. Open to all hunting in season as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318.~~
10. 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 or areas only. This subsection does not apply to Department authorized vehicles or law enforcement, fire response, or other emergency vehicles.~~
 - ed. Posted portions closed to all public entry.
 - ~~f. Additional posted portions closed to all public entry from October 1 through February 1 annually.~~
 - ~~ge. No target or clay bird shooting.~~
 - hf. 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. Posted portions closed to waterfowl hunting from October 1 through February 15 annually.
11. 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 roads or areas only, except for big game retrieval as permitted under R12-4-110(H). No motorized travel is permitted within agriculture and crop production areas. This subsection does not apply to Department authorized vehicles or law enforcement, fire response, or other emergency vehicles.~~
 - d. Motorized travel is prohibited within agriculture and crop production areas.
 - e. Posted portions closed to all public entry.
 - ~~f. Open to all hunting in season as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318.~~
12. Clarence May and C.H.M. May Memorial Wildlife Area (located in Unit 29):
- a. Closed to hunting, except for predator hunts authorized by Commission Order.
13. 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.~~
 - ~~eb. Overnight public camping allowed in designated areas only, for no more than 14 days within a 30-day period.~~
 - ~~d. Motorized vehicle travel permitted on designated roads or areas only, except for big game retrieval as permitted under R12-4-110(H). This subsection does not apply to Department authorized vehicles or law enforcement, fire response, or other emergency vehicles.~~
 - ~~ec. Posted portions around Department housing and Pond Three are closed to discharge of all firearms.~~
 - ~~fd. Open to all hunting in season as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318, except the This wildlife area is closed to the discharge of centerfire rifled firearms.~~
14. Coal Mine Spring Wildlife Area (located in Unit 34A):
- ~~a. Overnight public camping allowed for no more than 14 days within a 30-day period. No open fires.~~
 - ~~b. No firewood cutting or gathering.~~
 - ~~b-c. Motorized vehicle travel is not permitted on the wildlife area, prohibited, except for big game retrieval as permitted under R12-4-110(H). 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.~~
15. 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 permitted on designated roads or areas only. This subsection does not apply to Department authorized vehicles, law enforcement, fire response, or other emergency vehicles.~~
 - e. Closed to the discharge of firearms.
 - f. Closed to hunting.
16. 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, except for big game retrieval as permitted under R12-4-110(H). This subsection does not apply to Department authorized vehicles or law enforcement, fire response, or other emergency vehicles.~~
 - ed. 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.
 - ~~fe.~~ Closed to the discharge of firearms. This wildlife area is closed to the discharge of centerfire rifled firearms.
 - ~~g. Open to all hunting in season as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318, except the wildlife area is closed to the discharge of firearms.~~
17. House Rock Wildlife Area (located in Unit 12A):
- ~~a. Motorized vehicle travel permitted on designated roads or areas only, except for big game retrieval as permitted under R12-4-110(H). This subsection does not apply to Department authorized vehicles, law enforcement, fire response, or other emergency vehicles. The rules and regulations of the land management agency (Kaibab National Forest) apply to this wildlife area.~~
 - b. Open to all hunting in season as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318.
 - ~~e. Members of the public shall remain in an enclosed vehicle at all times when within one-quarter mile of the House Rock bison herd any bison, except when taking bison or accompanied by Department personnel.~~
18. Jacques Marsh Wildlife Area (located in Unit 3B):
- ~~a. Motorized vehicle travel permitted on designated roads or areas only, except for big game retrieval as permitted under R12-4-110(H). This subsection does not apply to Department authorized vehicles or law enforcement, fire response, or other emergency vehicles. The rules and regulations of the land management agency (Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest) apply to this wildlife area.~~
 - ~~b. Open to all hunting in season as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318, except the wildlife area is closed to the discharge of rimfire and centerfire rifled firearms.~~
19. Lamar Haines Wildlife Area (located in Unit 7):
- a. No open fires.
 - b. Wood cutting by permit only and ~~collecting~~ gathering limited to dead and down material, for noncommercial use only. Members of the public shall obtain a wood cutting permit from the Flagstaff Game and Fish Department regional office.
 - ~~c. No Overnight overnight public camping, allowed for no more than 14 days within a 30 day period.~~
 - ~~d. Motorized vehicle travel allowed for permitted wood cutting on designated roads or areas only, except for and big game retrieval as permitted under R12-4-110(H). 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.~~
20. Lower San Pedro River Wildlife Area (located in Units 32 and 37B):
- ~~a. Open fires allowed in designated areas only. The following acts are prohibited:~~
 - ~~i. Building, attending, maintaining, or using a fire without removing all flammable material from around the fire to adequately prevent the fire from spreading from the fire pit.~~
 - ~~ii. Carelessly or negligently throwing or placing any ignited substance or other substance that may cause a fire.~~
 - ~~iii. Building, attending, maintaining, or using a fire in any area that is closed to fires.~~
 - ~~iv. Leaving a fire without completely extinguishing it.~~
 - ~~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 14 days within a 30 day period.~~
 - ~~d. Motorized vehicle travel permitted on designated roads, trails, or areas only, except for big game retrieval as permitted under R12-4-110(H). This subsection does not apply to Department authorized vehicles or law enforcement, fire response, or other emergency vehicles.~~
 - ~~e.a.~~ Posted portions closed to all public entry.
 - ~~f.b.~~ Open to all hunting in season as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318, except posted Posted portions closed to hunting.

- ~~g. Parking allowed within 300 feet of designated open roads and in designated areas only.~~
 - ~~h. Discharge of a firearm or pre-charged pneumatic weapon prohibited within 1/4 mile of buildings.~~
 - ~~i. A person shall not use a metal detector or similar device except as authorized by the Department. This subsection does not apply to law enforcement officers in the scope of their official duties, or to persons duly licensed, permitted, or otherwise authorized to investigate historical or cultural artifacts by a government agency with regulatory authority over cultural or historic artifacts.~~
21. Luna Lake Wildlife Area (located in Unit 1):
- ~~a. Motorized vehicle travel permitted on designated roads or areas only, except for big game retrieval as permitted under R12-4-110(H). This subsection does not apply to Department authorized vehicles or law enforcement, fire response, or other emergency vehicles. The rules and regulations of the land management agency (Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest) apply to this wildlife area.~~
 - b. Posted portions closed to all public entry from February 15 through July 31 annually.
 - ~~e. 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.~~
22. Manhattan Claims Wildlife Area (located in Unit 29):
- ~~a. Wood collecting limited to dead and down material, for onsite noncommercial use only. No additional regulations apply to this wildlife area.~~
 - ~~b. Overnight public camping allowed for no more than 14 days within a 30-day period.~~
 - ~~e. Motorized vehicle travel permitted on designated roads or areas only, except for big game retrieval as permitted under R12-4-110(H). This subsection does not apply to Department authorized vehicles or law enforcement, fire response, or other emergency vehicles.~~
23. Mittry Lake Wildlife Area (located in Unit 43B):
- ~~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 14 days within a 30-day period.~~
 - ~~d. Motorized vehicle travel permitted on designated roads or areas only, except for big game retrieval as permitted under R12-4-110(H). This subsection does not apply to Department authorized vehicles or law enforcement, fire response, or other emergency vehicles.~~
 - ~~a. No Camping in posted day use only areas.~~
 - ~~e. Posted portions closed to all public entry.~~
 - ~~f. Mittry Lake is a "No Ski" waterway as defined under R12-4-501.~~
 - ~~g. Open to all hunting in season as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318.~~
24. Planet Ranch Conservation and Wildlife Area (located in Units 16A and 44A):
- a. No open fires.
 - b. No firewood cutting or gathering.
 - ~~c. Overnight public camping allowed in designated areas only, for no more than 14 days within a 30-day period.~~
 - ~~d. Motorized vehicle travel permitted on designated roads, trails, or areas only, except for big game retrieval as permitted under R12-4-110(H), outside The posted Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program habitat area is closed to motor vehicle use. This subsection does not apply to Department authorized vehicles or law enforcement, fire response, or other emergency vehicles.~~
 - e. Posted portions closed to public entry.
 - ~~f. Open to all hunting in season as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318, except Posted portions closed to hunting.~~
25. 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 designated roads or areas only, except for big game retrieval as permitted under R12-4-110(H). No motorized travel is permitted within agriculture and crop production areas. This subsection does not apply to Department authorized vehicles or law enforcement, fire response, or other emergency vehicles.~~
 - d. Motorized travel is prohibited within agriculture and crop production areas.

- e. If conducted during an event approved under R12-4-125, target or clay bird shooting is permitted in designated areas only.
 - ~~f. Open to all hunting in season as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318, except:~~
 - ~~i. Posted portions around Department housing are closed to the discharge of all firearms; and~~
 - ~~ii. Wildlife area is closed to the discharge of centerfire rifled firearms.~~
 - f. Archery target shooting permitted in designated areas only.
 - g. This wildlife area is closed to the discharge of centerfire rifled firearms.
26. Quigley-Achee Wildlife Area (located in Unit 41):
- a. No open fires.
 - b. No overnight public camping.
 - ~~e. Motorized vehicle travel permitted on designated roads or areas only, except for big game retrieval as permitted under R12-4-110(H). No motorized travel is permitted within agriculture and crop production areas. This subsection does not apply to Department authorized vehicles or law enforcement, fire response, or other emergency vehicles.~~
 - c. Motorized travel is prohibited within agriculture and crop production areas.
 - d. Posted portions closed to all public entry.
 - ~~e. Open to all hunting in season as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318, except Posted portions closed to hunting.~~
27. Raymond Wildlife Area (located in Unit 5B):
- a. Open fires allowed in designated areas campgrounds only.
 - b. Overnight public camping permitted in designated sites only, for no more than 14 days within a 30-day period.
 - ~~c. Motorized vehicle travel permitted on designated roads, trails, or areas only, except for big game retrieval as permitted under R12-4-110(H). All-terrain and utility type vehicles are prohibited as defined under A.R.S. 28-101. 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.~~
 - d. Posted portions closed to all public entry from May 1 through July 29 annually.
 - ~~e. Open to all hunting in season as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318, except posted~~ Posted portions closed to hunting periodically during hunting seasons.
 - f. Members of the public shall remain in an enclosed vehicle at all times when within one-quarter mile of ~~the Raymond bison herd~~ any bison, except when taking bison or accompanied by Department personnel.
28. 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 or areas only, except for big game retrieval as permitted under R12-4-110(H). This subsection does not apply to Department authorized vehicles or law enforcement, fire response, or other emergency vehicles.~~
 - ed. Parking in designated areas only.
 - ~~fg. If conducted during an event approved under R12-4-125, target or clay bird shooting is permitted in designated areas only.~~
 - f. Archery target shooting permitted in designated areas only.
 - ~~g. Open to all hunting in season as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318 except the~~ This wildlife area is closed to the discharge of centerfire rifled firearms.
29. Roosevelt Lake Wildlife Area (located in Units 22, 23, and 24B):
- a. Posted portions closed to hunting and all public entry from November 15 through February 15 annually.
 - ~~b. Motorized vehicle travel permitted on designated roads or areas only, except for big game retrieval as permitted under R12-4-110(H). No motorized travel is permitted within agriculture and crop production areas. This subsection does not apply to Department authorized vehicles or law enforcement, fire response, or other emergency vehicles.~~
 - ~~c. 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.~~

30. Santa Rita Wildlife Area (located in Unit 34A): ~~Open to all hunting in season as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318.~~
- ~~a. Open fires allowed in designated areas only.~~
 - ~~b. Overnight public camping permitted in designated areas only, for no more than 14 days within a 30-day period.~~
 - ~~c. Posted portions closed to all public entry.~~
31. Sipe White Mountain Wildlife Area (located in Unit 1):
- ~~a. Open fires allowed in designated areas only.~~
 - ~~ba. No firewood cutting or gathering.~~
 - ~~e. Overnight public camping allowed in designated areas only, for no more than 14 days within a 30-day period.~~
 - ~~d. Motorized vehicle travel permitted on designated roads or areas only, except for big game retrieval as permitted under R12-4-110(H). 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, except posted portions around Department housing is closed to the discharge of all firearms.~~
32. Springerville Marsh 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 or areas only, except for big game retrieval as permitted under R12-4-110(H). This subsection does not apply to Department authorized vehicles or law enforcement, fire response, or other emergency vehicles.~~
 - ~~ed. Closed to the discharge of all firearms. This wildlife area is closed to the discharge of all firearms.~~
 - ~~f. Open to all hunting as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318, except the wildlife area is closed to the discharge of all firearms.~~
33. Sunflower Flat Wildlife Area (located in Unit 8):
- a. Walk-in Overnight ~~overnight~~ public camping allowed for no more than 14 days within a 30-day period.
 - b. Motorized vehicle travel is permitted on designated roads or areas only, prohibited, except for big game retrieval as permitted under R12-4-110(H). ~~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.~~
34. Three Bar Wildlife Area (located in Unit 22):
- a. Motorized vehicle travel: is prohibited within the Three Bar Wildlife and Habitat Study Area (within the Forest Road 647 loop).
 - ~~i. Is permitted on designated roads or areas only, except for big game retrieval as permitted under R12-4-110(H).~~
 - ~~ii. Is prohibited within the Three Bar Wildlife and Habitat Study Area.~~
 - ~~iii. This subsection does not apply to Department authorized vehicles or law enforcement, fire response, or other emergency vehicles.~~
 - ~~b. Open to all hunting in season, as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318.~~
35. Tucson Mountain Wildlife Area (located in Unit 38M):
- a. ~~Open to all hunting in season as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318, except: Posted portions and those portions identified on the online check-in system wildlife area map are closed to hunting.~~
 - ~~i. Portions posted closed to hunting;~~
 - ~~ii. Portions closed to hunting as identified on the online check-in system wildlife area map, and~~
 - ~~iii. Firearms and pre-charged pneumatic weapons are prohibited for the take of wildlife.~~
 - b. Firearms and pre-charged pneumatic weapons are prohibited for the take of wildlife.
 - ~~b-c.~~ Archery hunters must check-in online with the Arizona Game and Fish Department prior to going afield.
36. Upper Verde River Wildlife Area (located in Unit 8 and 19A):
- a. No open fires.
 - b. No firewood cutting or gathering.
 - c. No overnight public camping allowed.

- d. Motorized vehicle travel is ~~not permitted~~ prohibited, except for big game retrieval as permitted under R12-4-110(H). ~~This subsection does not apply to Department authorized vehicles or law enforcement, fire department, or other emergency vehicles.~~
 - e. ~~Open to all hunting in season as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318.~~
37. 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 or areas only, except for big game retrieval as permitted under R12-4-110(H). This subsection does not apply to Department authorized vehicles or law enforcement, fire response, or other emergency vehicles.~~
 - d. No target or clay bird shooting.
 - f. ~~Open to all hunting in season as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318.~~
38. White Mountain Grasslands Wildlife Area (located in Unit 1):
- a. ~~No open fires.~~
 - b. ~~No firewood cutting or gathering.~~
 - e. ~~Overnight public camping allowed in designated areas only, for no more than 14 days within a 30-day period.~~
 - d. ~~Motorized vehicle travel permitted on designated roads or areas only, except for big game retrieval as permitted under R12-4-110(H). This subsection does not apply to Department authorized vehicles or law enforcement, fire response, or other emergency vehicles.~~
 - ea. Posted portions closed to all public entry.
 - fb. If conducted during an event approved under R12-4-125, target or clay bird shooting is permitted in designated areas only.
 - g. ~~Open to all hunting in season as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318.~~
39. Whitewater Draw Wildlife Area (located in Unit 30B):
- a. No open fires except as authorized by the Department.
 - b. ~~Overnight public camping allowed in designated areas only, for no more than 14 days within a 30-day period.~~
 - e. ~~Motorized vehicle travel permitted on designated roads or areas only, except for big game retrieval as permitted under R12-4-110(H). This subsection does not apply to Department authorized vehicles or law enforcement, fire response, or other emergency vehicles.~~
 - eb. Posted portions closed to all public entry from October 15 through March 15 annually.
 - c. This wildlife area is closed to the discharge of centerfire rifles firearms.
 - e. ~~Open to all hunting in season as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318, except:~~
 - i. ~~The wildlife area is closed to the discharge of centerfire rifled firearms, and~~
 - ii. ~~Posted portions closed to hunting from October 15 through March 15 annually.~~
40. Willcox Playa Wildlife Area (located in Unit 30A):
- a. ~~Open fires allowed in designated areas only.~~
 - b. ~~Wood collecting limited to dead and down material, for onsite noncommercial use only.~~
 - e. ~~Overnight public camping allowed in designated areas only, for no more than 14 days within a 30-day period.~~
 - d. ~~Motorized vehicle travel permitted on designated roads or areas only, except for big game retrieval as permitted under R12-4-110(H). This subsection does not apply to Department authorized vehicles or law enforcement, fire response, or other emergency vehicles.~~
 - ea. Posted portions closed to hunting and all 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.~~
- BC.** 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 a healthy, productive, and balanced fish community; and
3. Provide public education activities and training courses that are compatible with the management of aquatic wildlife.