IDAPA 13 – IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

Fisheries and Wildlife Bureaus

13.01.03 – Public Use of Lands Owned or Controlled by the Department of Fish and Game

Who does these rules apply to?
These rules apply to individuals who enter, use or occupy lands or water owned or controlled by the Commission or Department.

What is the purpose of these rules?
These rules govern the use of lands owned or controlled by the Department. The purpose of these rules include protection of these lands from damage while supporting their public use and enjoyment, consistent with the various purposes for which they are acquired. The purpose of these rules also includes balance of fish and wildlife habitat needs on Department lands, along with management of social aspects to provide a range of opportunities and balance different public user interests and preferences.

What is the legal authority for the agency to promulgate this rule?
This rule implements the following statute passed by the Idaho Legislature:

Fish and Game -
Fish and Game Commission:
- Section 36-104, Idaho Code – General Powers and Duties of Commission

Who do I contact for more information on this rule?

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This rule chapter will be reviewed in compliance with Section 67-5292, Idaho Code, and in accordance with the 8-year rule review schedule linked here.

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000. LEGAL AUTHORITY.
Section 36-104(b), Idaho Code. (7-1-26)

001. SCOPE.
These rules govern use of lands owned or controlled by the Department. (7-1-26)

002. – 009. (RESERVED)

010. DEFINITIONS.

01. Aircraft. Any vehicle capable of use for transportation on or in the air and any unmanned aircraft system. (3-31-22)

02. Camp(ing). To use a location as a temporary or permanent place of dwelling, lodging or living accommodation. Indicators of camping may include, but are not limited to, storing personal belongings, erecting tents or other temporary structures, overnight sleeping, carrying on cooking activities, laying out bedding, or making any fire. (7-1-26)

03. Commercial Use. Any use or activity related to a business venture or for which a fee is charged, or in which the primary purpose is the sale or barter of goods or services, regardless of whether the use or activity is intended to produce a profit. (3-31-22)

04. Designated Roads and Trails. All roads and trails posted as open or designated as open on Department public use maps. (3-31-22)

05. Lands Owned or Controlled by the Department. Real property, owned or controlled by the Commission or Department, managed for public recreation or for the protection, maintenance, or enhancement of fish and wildlife. (7-1-26)

06. Leash. A strap or cord with a physical connection between a dog and person, used for restraining and guiding a dog. A dog with an electronic collar is off leash. (7-1-26)

07. Safety Zone. A posted area established for the safety and protection of persons, equipment, structures, or livestock, and where shooting within, across, or into the area is not permitted. (7-1-26)

08. Unattended. As it pertains to decoys, the absence of any person within one hundred (100) yards from any decoy for a period of more than one-half (1/2) hour. (3-31-22)

09. Watercraft. Device as a means of transportation on or in the water. (7-1-26)

011. – 099. (RESERVED)

100. PUBLIC USE RESTRICTIONS.

01. Activities Not Allowed Without Authorization. Unless specifically authorized by the Commission, Director, Regional Supervisor, or designee, no person may: (3-31-22)

a. Enter, use, or occupy lands or water when said lands are posted against such entry, use, or occupancy. (3-31-22)

b. Camp. (7-1-26)

c. Park a vehicle or trailer or camp (at authorized locations) for more than ten (10) days during any thirty – (30) day period on land owned or controlled by the Department, or in excess of shorter stay limits where posted. (7-1-26)

d. Leave unattended a camp, vehicle, or trailer (at authorized location) for more than forty-eight (48) hours. (7-1-26)

e. Operate any motorized vehicle, including over-snow use, except on designated roads and trails. (3-31-22)

f. Use watercraft on any waters posted against such use. (3-31-22)

g. Use any form of fireworks, explosives, or exploding targets. (7-1-26)

h. Permit any dog or other domestic animal to run at large when not present to control or care for it when posted against such use. (7-1-26)

i. Permit any dog or other domestic animal to be off leash when posted against such use. (7-1-26)

j. Conduct a dog field trial of any type, except a dog field trial or dog training using artificially propagated game birds between August 1 and September 30 with authorization pursuant to IDAPA 13.01.15.300. (7-1-26)

k. Construct any blind, pit, platform, or tree stand, where soil is disturbed or trees are cut or altered, and fasteners, such as wire, rope, or nails are used; or to leave any portable manufactured blind or tree stand overnight. (3-31-22)

l. Adjust, open, close, tamper with, or manipulate in any manner, any diversion structure, headgate, flume, recorded or flow dock or any device for water control. This provision does not limit the powers of agencies or irrigation districts as provided by statute or rule. (3-31-22)

m. Shoot within, across, or into posted safety zones. (3-31-22)

n. Leave any decoy unattended, or to place any decoy any earlier than two (2) hours before official shooting hours for waterfowl, or to leave any decoy at a hunting site later than two (2) hours after official shooting hours for waterfowl. (3-31-22)

o. Discharge paintball or airsoft guns. (7-1-26)

p. Disturb or remove any soils, gravel, or minerals. (3-31-22)

q. Turn domestic livestock into, or allow them to graze or trail on or across Department lands, except riding and pack animals may be used in association with recreational uses or as posted. (7-1-26)

r. Cut, dig, or remove any crops, trees, shrubs, grasses, forbs, logs, or fuel wood. (3-31-22)

s. Place, maintain, or store any beehives or bee boards. (3-31-22)

t. Use lands for any commercial purpose. (3-31-22)

u. Place a geocache. (3-31-22)

v. Use for group events of over fifteen (15) people. (3-31-22)

w. Land or launch aircraft except on public airstrips. (3-31-22)

x. Use or transport any hay, straw, or mulch that is not weed-free certified. (3-31-22)

101. – 999. (RESERVED)