

SENATE FILE NO. SF0025

Wildlife location and research information-confidentiality.

Sponsored by: Joint Travel, Recreation, Wildlife & Cultural
Resources Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to game and fish; providing for
2 confidentiality of research and studies on wildlife issues
3 as specified; authorizing disclosure of research and
4 studies on wildlife issues as specified; limiting
5 inspection of sensitive geospatial information on wildlife
6 for purposes of public records provisions as specified;
7 providing a definition; and providing for an effective
8 date.

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10 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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12 **Section 1.** W.S. 23-1-110 is created to read:

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14 **23-1-110. Confidentiality of game and fish records.**

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1 (a) Records, data and information of a proprietary
2 nature obtained by the department as a result of a study or
3 research on wildlife issues shall be deemed confidential
4 and are not public records for purposes of W.S. 16-4-201
5 through 16-4-205 if the records, data or information have
6 not been publicly released. The director may direct or
7 permit disclosure of any records, data and information
8 specified in this subsection as the director deems
9 necessary.

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11 (b) Unless otherwise provided by law, the director
12 may deny the right of inspection for purposes of W.S.
13 16-4-201 through 16-4-205 of any records, data or
14 information collected or obtained by the department that
15 concerns sensitive geospatial information if the director
16 determines releasing the records, data or information would
17 be detrimental to the public interest or to wildlife.

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19 (c) For purposes of this section, "sensitive
20 geospatial information" includes:

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22 (i) Radio frequencies used in, or locational
23 data generated by, wildlife studies;

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2 (ii) Location data collected by the department
3 or generated by global positioning system devices or other
4 devices designed to provide specific locations of wildlife;

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6 (iii) Other wildlife information which may lead
7 to the determination of a specific location, migration
8 route, den site, rendezvous site or nest site of an
9 individual animal or group of animals.

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11 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2017.

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