



Landowner Licenses

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Recommended Changes to Qualify as a Landowner for WGFC Licenses

- 20% Ownership
- 160 contiguous acres of cultivated land
- 640 contiguous acres of land
- 3,000 animal use days



Objective

Proposed updates are part of a broader comprehensive public process to implement recommendations from Governor Gordon's Wildlife Task Force (2021-2022).

The objective is to more clearly define landowner license eligibility, family member status, and wildlife use to insure an equitable process to issue licenses to landowners and the public, and to provide more balance to license draws in Wyoming.





Modified Definitions

Section 2. Definitions

For the purpose of this regulation, definitions shall be as set forth in Title 23, Wyoming Statutes, Commission regulations and the Commission also adopts the following definitions:

(o) “Immediate Family Member” means spouse, parent, [step-parent](#), grandparent, [step-grandparent](#), sibling, [step-sibling](#), [step-child](#), or lineal descendants and their spouses.



Modified Definitions

Section 2. Definitions

For the purpose of this regulation, definitions shall be as set forth in Title 23, Wyoming Statutes, Commission regulations and the Commission also adopts the following definitions:

(s) “Landowner Applicant” means an individual who either owns real property solely or jointly with other individuals, ~~or~~ is an immediate family member of the individual or who holds a significant interest in a corporation, partnership, trust or limited liability company, which owns real property ~~or is a member of the “immediate family” of the individual.~~



New Definition

Section 2. Definitions

For the purpose of this regulation, definitions shall be as set forth in Title 23, Wyoming Statutes, Commission regulations and the Commission also adopts the following definitions:

(bbb) “Significant Interest” means individual ownership of twenty percent (20%) or more of a corporation, partnership, trust or limited liability company.



Introductory Paragraph

Section 8. Landowner Licenses

Landowner licenses shall only be issued to those landowners who own land which provides habitat for antelope, deer, elk or wild turkeys and meets the requirements as set forth in this section. Any lands purchased or subdivided for the primary purpose of obtaining landowner licenses shall not be eligible for landowner licenses. The Wyoming Game and Fish Commission authorizes the issuance of landowner licenses in order to provide the opportunity for a landowner applicant or ~~member of the~~ a landowner applicant's immediate family member to hunt antelope, deer, elk or wild turkey on the landowner's property in the case where licenses for a hunt area have been limited in number and are only available through a competitive drawing.



WGFC Chapter 44 proposed changes

Section 8. Landowner Licenses

(a) In order to qualify for a license issued under this section, the deeded land qualifying the landowner applicant shall;

(i) be located in the hunt area for which applied; ~~and shall; shall consist of a minimum of one hundred sixty (160) contiguous acres and shall~~

(A) consist of a minimum of one hundred sixty (160) contiguous acres of cultivated land or;

(B) consist of a minimum of six hundred forty (640) contiguous acres of land.

(ii) be utilized by the type of big game or wild turkeys to the extent the land provides food, water and cover for a minimum of three thousand (3,000) days of use during the twelve (12) month period immediately preceding the date of application.



Minimum Acreage

Section 8 (a) continued

~~The landowner applicant shall demonstrate that the species of wildlife for which the license application has been made utilized the described land for a minimum of two thousand (2,000) days of use during the twelve (12) month period immediately preceding the date of application.~~

(iii) The landowner applicant shall be solely responsible to provide adequate documentation verifying that they meet all Commission regulation requirements governing landowner licenses.

(iv) In no case shall more than two (2) big game licenses per species or more than two (2) spring wild turkey or no more than two (2) fall wild turkey licenses be issued for a parcel of deeded land meeting the above qualifications in a calendar year.



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(b) Resident or nonresident landowner applicants that own land in Wyoming or ~~a members of~~ the landowner applicant's immediate family member may be issued licenses upon application and payment of the specified fee. Licenses shall be issued to landowners without participating in a competitive public license drawing. Landowner license applications shall be drawn first in each respective resident and nonresident initial drawing and shall be drawn against the total quota available in each respective hunt area. ~~unless~~ if the number of landowner license applications exceeds the number of licenses authorized for the hunt area by the Commission. ~~In such cases,~~ a competitive drawing shall be utilized to determine successful landowner license applicants.

Questions?

