

R657. Natural Resources, Wildlife Resources.

R657-33. Taking Bear.

R657-33-1. Purpose and Authority.

- (1) Under authority of Sections 23-14-18 and 23-14-19, the Wildlife Board has established this rule for taking and pursuing bear.
- (2) Specific dates, areas, number of permits, limits and other administrative details which may change annually are published in the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking and pursuing bear.

R657-33-9. Prohibited Methods.

(1) Bear may be taken or pursued only during open seasons and using methods prescribed in this rule and the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking and pursuing bear. Otherwise, under the Wildlife Resources Code, it is unlawful for any person to pursue, possess, capture, kill, injure, drug, rope, trap, snare, or in any way harm or transport bear.

(2)(a) A person may not pursue a single bear in repeated pursuits such that it renders the bear physically unable to escape.

(b) After a bear has been pursued, chased, treed, cornered, legally baited or held at bay, a person may not, in any manner, restrict or hinder the animal's ability to escape.

(c) A person must make reasonable efforts to call dogs off a bear that has been cornered or held at bay.

(3) A person may not engage in a canned hunt.

(4) A person may not take any wildlife from an airplane or any other airborne vehicle or device or any motorized terrestrial or aquatic vehicle, including snowmobiles and other recreational vehicles.

(5)(a) A person shall not place, maintain, or use ~~[any]a~~ trail camera ~~[or non-handheld device capable of capturing image, video, location, time or date data in the field to take, attempt to take, or aid in the take or attempted take of bear between July 31 and December 31]~~ as prohibited in Utah Code 23-13-18;

(b) Engage in the sale or purchase of trail camera or other non-handheld device media, including images, video, location, time, or date data to take, attempt to take, or aid in the take or attempted take of bear; or

(c) Engage in the storage and sale or purchase of stored media, including images, video, location, time, or date data to take, attempt to take, or aid in the take or attempted take of bear;

~~[(d) The prohibition on the use of trail cameras does not apply to:]~~

~~[(i) private landowners monitoring or protecting their property from trespass;]~~

~~[(ii) monitoring active agricultural operations;]~~

~~[(iii) to aid in the take of bear and cougar depredating livestock; and]~~

~~[(iv) municipalities participating in the Urban Deer Program.]~~

~~[(e) Trail cameras and other non-handheld devices described in Subsection (5)(a) on private property cannot be used to take, attempt to take, or aid in the take or attempted take of bear between July 31 and December 31.]~~

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