

**R657. Natural Resources, Wildlife Resources.**

**R657-10. Taking Cougar.**

**R657-10-1. 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 cougar.
- (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 cougar.

**R657-10-9. Prohibited Methods.**

- (1) Cougar 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 cougar. 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 cougar.
- (2)(a) A person may not pursue a single cougar in repeated pursuits such that it renders the cougar physically unable to escape.
- (b) After a cougar has been pursued, chased, treed, cornered 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 of a cougar 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) Electronic locating equipment may not be used to locate cougars wearing electronic radio devices.
- (6)(a) A person shall not place, maintain, or use a trail camera 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 cougar; or
- (c) Engage in the storage and sale or purchase of stored media, including image, video, location, time or date data to take, attempt to take, or aid in the take or attempted take of cougar.

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