

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

**R657-19. Taking Nongame Mammals.**

**R657-19-1. Purpose and Authority.**

(1) Under authority of Sections 23-13-3, 23-14-18 and 23-14-19, this rule provides the standards and requirements for taking and possessing nongame mammals.

(2) A person capturing any live nongame mammal for a personal, scientific, educational, or commercial use must comply with R657-3 Collection, Importation, Transportation and Subsequent Possession of Zoological Animals.

**R657-19-5. Nongame Mammal Species - Certificate of Registration Not Required.**

(1) All nongame mammal species not listed in Section R657-19-4 as requiring a certificate of registration, may be taken:

- (a) without a certificate of registration;
- (b) year-round, 24-hours-a-day; and
- (c) without bag or possession limits.

(2) A certificate of registration is not required to take any of the following species of nongame mammals, however, the taking is subject to the provisions provided under Section R657-19-10:

- (a) White-tailed prairie dog, *Cynomys leucurus*; and
- (b) Gunnison prairie dog, *Cynomys gunnisoni*.

**R657-19-7. Areas Open to Taking Utah Prairie Dogs -- Dates Open --Limits on Number of Utah Prairie Dogs Taken.**

(1) A person who obtains a valid certificate of registration may take Utah prairie dogs only on private lands within the following counties:

- (a) Beaver;
- (b) Garfield;
- (c) Iron;
- (d) Kane;
- (e) Millard;
- (f) Piute;
- (g) Sanpete;
- (h) Sevier;
- (i) Washington; and
- (j) Wayne.

(2) Taking of a Utah prairie dog on any land or by any method, other than as provided in the valid certificate of registration, including any public land, is a violation of state and federal law.

(3) Any person, who is specifically named on a valid certificate of registration, may remove Utah prairie dogs, as provided in the certificate of registration.

(4) The taking of any Utah prairie dog outside the areas provided in this section is prohibited, except by division employees while acting in the performance of their assigned duties.

(5) The taking of Utah prairie dogs is limited to the dates designated on the certificate of registration. All dates are confined to June 15 through December 31, except as provided in Subsection R657-19-6(1)(b)(iii).

(6)(a) A person may take only the total number of Utah prairie dogs designated in the certificate of registration, except as provided in Subsection R657-19-6(1)(b)(iii).

(b) The total annual range-wide take of Utah prairie dogs and the total annual take of Utah Prairie dogs on agricultural lands is governed by federal law.

[(c) If the division determines that taking Utah prairie dogs has an adverse effect on conservation of the species, taking shall be further restricted or prohibited.

(7) If Utah prairie dogs are delisted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service from the endangered or threatened species list or authority over Utah prairie dogs is delegated to the State in certain areas see rule R657-70 for the division's regulations.

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