

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

**R657-42. Fees, Exchanges, Surrenders, Refunds, and Reallocation of Wildlife Documents.**

**R657-42-1. Purpose and Authority.**

(1) Under the authority of Sections 23A-4-201 and 23A-4-207 the division may issue wildlife documents in accordance with the rules of the Wildlife Board.

(2) This rule provides the standards and procedures for the:

- (a) exchange of permits;
- (b) surrender of wildlife documents;
- (c) refund of wildlife documents;
- (d) reallocation of permits; and
- (e) assessment of late fees.

**R657-42-2. Definitions.**

(1) Terms used in this rule are defined in Section 23A-1-101 and the applicable rules and guidebooks of the Wildlife Board.

(2) In addition:

(a) "Alternate drawing lists" means a list of persons who have not already drawn a permit and would have been the next person in line to draw a permit.

(b) "CWMU" means cooperative wildlife management unit.

(c) "Deployed or mobilized" means that a person provides military or emergency services in the interest of national defense or national emergency pursuant to the demand, request, or order of their employer.

(d) "General season permit" means any:

(i) bull elk, buck deer, or turkey permit identified in the guidebooks of the Wildlife Board as a general season permit;

(ii) antlerless permit for elk, deer, or pronghorn antelope; or

(e) "Landowner association operator" for purposes of this rule, means:

(i) a landowner association or any of its members eligible to receive limited entry landowner permits as provided in Rule R657-43; or

(ii) CWMU - landowner association or its designated operator as provided in Rule R657-37.

(f) "Limited entry permit" means any permit, including a CWMU, conservation, expo, sportsman, or limited entry landowner permit, identified in the guidebooks of the Wildlife Board as limited entry or premium limited entry for the following;

(i) bull elk, buck deer, buck pronghorn, bear, or turkey; and

(ii) antlerless moose.

(g) "Natural disaster" means a naturally occurring event listed below that causes significant damage and impacts a person's ability to use a permitted opportunity:

(i) Wildfire;

(ii) Earthquake;

(iii) Flood;

(iv) Land/mudslide

(v) Hurricane;

(vi) Tornado;

(vii) Tsunami; or

(viii) Volcanic Eruption.

(hg) "Once-in-a-lifetime permit" means any permit, including a CWMU, conservation, expo, sportsman, or limited entry landowner permit, identified in the guidebooks of the Wildlife Board as once-in-a-lifetime for the following:

- (i) bison, bull moose, Rocky Mountain goat; and
- (ii) desert bighorn sheep, and Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep.

(i) "Substantially precluded" means participating in no more than one hunt day during the prescribed hunting season because of a qualifying natural disaster event or condition

(jh) "Wildlife document" means any license, permit, tag, or certificate of registration issued by the division.

### **R657-42-12. Natural Disaster Relief**

- (1) The Division may grant relief for natural disasters that result in the displacement of a permitted hunter from their residence or significantly impede their travel.
- (2) The Division may grant relief to individuals whose participation in a hunting activity authorized by an eligible wildlife document is completely or substantially precluded during the designated season due to a natural disaster that directly impacts the permit holder.
- (3) A person may request relief pursuant to the requirements of Subsections 1 and 2 by filing an application with the division within 30 days of the last day of the hunting season that is listed on their permit.
- (4) Under Sections 1 and 2, the hunter must provide documentation of the natural disaster occurring, along with a notarized statement with supporting documentation explaining how the disaster resulted in their displacement, significantly impeded travel, or substantially precluded them from hunting.
- (5) The following types of relief may be granted under Subsections (1) and (2) after approval, and upon furnishing a surrendered permit:
  - (a) reinstate bonus or preference points;
  - (b) waive the waiting period, if applicable; and
  - (c) refund of the permit fee minus the processing fee.
- (6) In the event a natural disaster affects a hunt unit, the division director is authorized to grant relief if the following criteria are met:
  - (a) More than 50% of hunting opportunities are unavailable; and
  - (b) Access to more than 50% of public land within an individual hunt unit has been closed due to administrative actions of the state or federal government in restricting public access to such lands.
- (7) If the criteria outlined in Subsection (6) are met, the division director is authorized to grant one or more of the following types of relief:
  - (a) reinstate bonus or preference points;
  - (b) waive the waiting period, if applicable;
  - (c) refund of the permit fee minus the processing fee; and
  - (d) extend the hunting opportunity to the subsequent year for the same season and unit.
- (8) Under Subsections (6) and (7), the hunter will be required to follow any instructions given by the division director in order to receive the relief described in Subsection (7).

**KEY: wildlife, permits**

**Date of Last Change: August 21, 2024**

**Notice of Continuation: March 15, 2023**

**Authorizing, and Implemented or Interpreted Law: 23A-4-201; 23A-4-207; 23A-4-301**