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## MEMORANDUM

Date: April 22, 2025

To: Wildlife Board and Regional Advisory Council Members

From: Chelsea Duke, Wildlife Lands Coordinator

Subject: R657-28 *Use of Division Lands*.

The DWR is recommending additions to Administrative Rule R657-28. This rule amendment is in response to the passage of House Bill 309, which requires adults to hold a valid hunting, fishing, or combination license on a wildlife management area located within a class 1 or class 2 county. Below is a summary of the proposed changes. If this recommendation passes, this would provide both DWR staff and the public with a clearer understanding of the exemptions for the new requirement, as well as add additional exemptions for lands not owned by DWR.

- Addition of two definitions for terms identified in Utah Code: educational program, and education or visitor center.
- Addition of an exemption from the requirement to hold a license for DWR employees, contractors, volunteers, and guests who are conducting official duties.
- Addition of an exemption from the requirement to hold a license while on sovereign lands, which are administered by the Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands for the public.
- Addition of an exemption from the requirement to hold a license while on Utah Reclamation Mitigation Conservation Commission lands, which are owned by the federal government for mitigation purposes.

**See redline version of rule included in the RAC and Board packet.**

