

Meeting Date: May 14, 2009

Agenda Item No. 15

Agenda Item: Public use rules for Department lands

Bureau Chief Approval: _____

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Background:

- These rules help keep public use of Department lands consistent with wildlife habitat needs, public safety, and other management constraints.
- The last major update of these rules was in 1993.

Statutory Authority and/or Policy issues:

- Proposed changes include:
 1. Allowing the Director to delegate more authority to regional staff;
 2. Clarifying several rules and definitions to make them more concise and easier to understand;
 3. Defining designated roads and trails where motorized travel is allowed;
 4. Defining commercial use;
 5. Without a permit, prohibiting landing or launching aircraft, discharging paintball guns, placing of geocaches, group events of over 15 people, and use of non-certified weed-seed-free forage.

Public Involvement Process:

- Public input will occur before adoption of rules at the July Commission meeting.

Staff Recommendation:

- Informational.

Justification:

- Informational.