

SENATE FILE NO. SF0025

Wildlife location and research information-confidentiality.

Sponsored by: Joint Travel, Recreation, Wildlife & Cultural
Resources Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to game and fish; providing for
2 confidentiality of research and studies on wildlife issues
3 as specified; limiting inspection of sensitive geospatial
4 and biological information on wildlife for purposes of
5 public records; providing a definition; and providing for
6 an effective date.

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8 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 16-4-203(b)(iii), by creating a new
11 paragraph (viii) and (d)(v) is amended to read:

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13 **16-4-203. Right of inspection; grounds for denial;**
14 **access of news media; order permitting or restricting**
15 **disclosure; exceptions.**

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2 (b) The custodian may deny the right of inspection of
3 the following records, unless otherwise provided by law, on
4 the ground that disclosure to the applicant would be
5 contrary to the public interest:

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7 (iii) The specific confidential details of bona
8 fide research projects being conducted by a state
9 institution or agency;

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11 (viii) Sensitive wildlife location data in the
12 custody of the game and fish department which could be used
13 to determine the specific location of an individual animal
14 or a group of animals.

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16 (d) The custodian shall deny the right of inspection
17 of the following records, unless otherwise provided by law:

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19 (v) Trade secrets, privileged information and
20 confidential commercial, financial, geological, geospatial
21 information related to wildlife or geophysical data
22 furnished by or obtained from any person;

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1 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2017.

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