

Agenda Item No.14

Use of Aircraft to Locate Protected Wildlife



Field Operations Division

Current Rule

- **19.31.10.13 USE OF VEHICLES AND ROADS IN HUNTING:**

E. Hunting after air travel: It shall be unlawful for anyone to hunt for or take any protected species until after the start of legal hunting hours on the day following any air travel except by regularly scheduled commercial airline flights or legitimate direct flight to the final destination.

F. Use of aircraft for spotting game: It shall be unlawful to use aircraft or drone to spot or locate and relay the location of any protected species to anyone on the ground by any means of communication or signaling device or action.

G. Using information gained from air flight:

(1) It shall be unlawful to hunt for or to take, or assist in the hunting for or taking of, any protected species with the use of information regarding location of any protected species gained from the use of any aircraft until 48 hours after such aircraft use.

(2) It shall be unlawful to hunt for or to take, or assist in the hunting for or taking of, any protected species with the use of information regarding location of any protected species gained from the use of any drone at any time.



Across the West

- Unlawful to hunt or use information gained from the use of an aircraft until 48 hours after flight. (New Mexico)
- Unlawful to locate big game for the purpose of hunting or to use information gained from the aid of aircraft or drone beginning 48 hours prior to the opening of any big game season in a GMU and extends until the close of all BG seasons in the GMU. (Arizona)
- Unlawful to locate or use information for the purpose of hunting during a definite period. Ex. August 1 to January 31. (Nevada)



Questions?



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