



Re: [External] Actual wording of changes

1 message

Comments, DNR <dnrcomments@wv.gov>

Tue, Jul 20, 2021 at 3:02 PM

To: Don Ketterman [REDACTED]

Good Afternoon Mr. Ketterman,

Thank you for your interest in the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources agency proposed legislative rules. The filing of legislative rules by any state agency is regulated by the Administrative Procedures Act (APA), Chapter 29 of the West Virginia Code, and establishes procedures, timelines, and types of rules for promulgating by agencies covered by the act. Under that authority, the West Virginia Secretary of State also files rules which include the required formatting of rules proposed by any agency. In that required formatting established by the Secretary of State, all agencies must use strikethroughs to indicate language to be deleted from a rule and underlining to indicate language to be added to a rule. Because we are bound by these rules for formatting, we are unable to publish the proposed rules in any other format.

Your comments are appreciated and, again, we than you for your interest in our agency proposed legislative rules and your comment will become part of the public record.

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On Thu, Jul 15, 2021 at 11:21 AM Don Ketterman [REDACTED] wrote:

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I would like to be able to read the actual wording of the proposed changes. It is a jungle for me to try and find it. Why can't you just publish it straight up, unless you don't want most of us to read it and maybe reject it. Forgive me if I'm wrong, but it seems like politics as usual. Thank you, Don Ketterman



Re: 58CSR38 Comments

1 message

Comments, DNR <dnrcomments@wv.gov>

Thu, Jul 29, 2021 at 1:59 PM

To: sl moore [REDACTED]

Good Afternoon Ms. Moore,

Your comments are appreciated and will become part of the public record.

The proposed legislative rule for public shooting ranges (58CSR38) establishes regulations on existing public shooting ranges on wildlife management areas, state forests, and shooting ranges in which DNR has a cooperative agreement with a local or other government entity. These regulations were developed with the safety of range users, users of the public property, as well as local property owners in mind.

Again, thank you for your comments.

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On Mon, Jul 26, 2021 at 7:54 PM sl moore [REDACTED] wrote:

This rule would ensure the safety of the "users" at the public shooting range. Does it neglect the safety of the adjacent land owners and surrounding communities? This rule only considered the range without addressing the dangerous impact it has on the surrounding private properties.

Sandy Moore
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Re: Rule changes

1 message

Comments, DNR <dnrcomments@wv.gov>

Wed, Jul 28, 2021 at 3:15 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Good Afternoon Mr. Grove.

Thank you for your comments. Your interest in the rule making process is appreciated and we hope our answers to your comments help clear up any concerns you may have relating to our legislative rules.

1 - 58CSR38, the shooting range rule does include penalties relating to violations in section 5.

2 - Under the current legislative rule governing the use of Wildlife Management Areas (58CSR43) this issue is addressed. If property, including tree stands, is left unattended or is abandoned for a period in excess of 48 hours then DNR may remove and dispose of the property.

3 - The Natural Resources Commission is the regulating entity responsible for the setting of hunting and trapping seasons and bag limits including the annual buck bag limit. There are no legislative rules open which relate to the regulations set by the Commission. However you are encouraged to provide your comments to the Natural Resources Commission or through the Division of Natural Resources Sectional Questionnaires.

Again, we appreciate your interest in our agency regulations and encourage your continued input.

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On Mon, Jul 26, 2021 at 12:54 AM [REDACTED] wrote:

1. To go along with the shooting range rules it would be beneficial to have fines that are appropriate for those that don't follow them. I see too much disregard for the rules on the ranges.
2. In regards to tree stands on public lands. Doing most of my hunting on public grounds I am finding way to many stands and blinds just being left from year to year. Many never come back to retrieve them while some end up taking over certain areas as "their" spots. I found 2 areas in my post season scouting, one had 4 ladder stands and the other 6 or more in a relatively small area. This shouldn't be. Many other states have rules as to when you can hang stands and when you have to have them out by after the season and if not they can be removed. I think that would be a good law to have in place to hopefully cut down on stands being left up or at least give the land managers and game wardens the authority to remove them.
3. I urge you to continue to keep the buck limit at 3. I know much pressure continues over the subject but as has been stated by our biologists, it will have no impact on our deer herd and will just lose valuable income and resources for the state. Our state is doing a good job of managing the herd and I personally see many quality bucks and older aged bucks on my trail cameras and have been fortunate to harvest some of them. Improve the habitat on our public lands and you will see even better hunting on them for lots of species!

Thanks for your time Chad Grove

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