## PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS

## **LCB File No. R012-16**

## **COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 440**

EXPLANATION - Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets formitted material is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: §1, NRS 501.105, 501.181.

A REGULATION relating to wildlife; establishes provisions pertaining to use of trail cameras for the purpose of hunting wildlife.

Section 1. Chapter 503 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto section 2 through 5, inclusive of this regulation, to read as follows.

Section 2. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a person shall not, for the purpose of hunting, locate or observe, or assist another person in locating or observing, any big game mammal in a management unit described in NAC 504.210 during the period beginning August 1st and ending December 31st with the use of:

- (a) A trail camera, including without limitation, any device that is used for photographing or filming that captures images or video using a heat or motion detector to trigger the camera.
- (b) Any other device that is used for photographing or filming that captures images or video not held and manually operated by a person.

Section 3. Evidence of an act constituting a violation of this section includes, without limitation:

- (a) Images or video of big game mammals captured using a heat or motion detector to trigger a camera and the captured images or video are stored on the camera or video device.
- (b) Images or video of big game mammals captured using a heat or motion detector to trigger a camera and the captured images or video are transmitted to a viewing device at another location.
- (c) Any other device which captures images or video of big game mammals not held and manually operated by a person.

Section 4. No device described in Sec. 2 (a)(b) may be placed within 200 feet of a spring, water hole, or human-made water development at any time.

Section 5. The provisions of this section do not apply to a person who:

- (a) Is acting within the scope of his or her official duties and who is:
  - i. An employee or authorized agent of this State;
  - ii. An employee of a municipal or county government of this State;
  - iii. An employee of the federal government; or
  - iv. A member of a recognized conservation organization acting on behalf of the organization to monitor or document wildlife use of human-made water developments;
  - v. And is not using the cameras, images, or video for the purpose of hunting.
- (b) Is an owner of crops or livestock and utilizing cameras for the purposes of protecting such crops or livestock.