

**STATE OF NEVADA  
NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS  
NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE  
SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT PURSUANT TO NRS233B**

**Re: Commission General Regulation 440 LCB File No. R012-16 - Establish provision pertaining use of trail cameras for the purpose of hunting wildlife.**

**The purpose of this form is to provide a framework pursuant to NRS 233B.0608 to determine whether a small business impact statement is required for submittal of a proposed regulation before the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners. Note: Small business is defined as a “business conducted for profit which employs fewer than 150 full-time or part-time employees” (NRS233B.0382).**

1. Describe the manner in which comment was solicited from affected small businesses, a summary of their response and an explanation of the manner in which other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary:

**ANSWER:**

Comment was solicited from affected small businesses by using SurveyMonkey to survey all master guides licensed in Nevada. Of the master guides surveyed, 45 percent responded.

60% of respondents stated that they use trail cameras, trail camera photos, or trail camera video in their guide businesses. 40% of respondents stated that restricting the use of trail cameras would adversely affect their business financially.

A copy of the summary can be obtained through the Nevada Department of Wildlife, Division of Law Enforcement, 6980 Sierra Center Parkway, Suite 120, Reno, NV 89511.

2. Describe the manner in which the analysis was conducted:

**ANSWER:**

SurveyMonkey automatically analyzes the emailed data. Additional mail-in responses were then included in the total analysis. This analysis gave percentages for each answer of each question. From this analysis, Chief Game Warden Tyler Turnipseed determined the proposed regulation could cause a financial impact to approximately 40 small businesses (licensed master guides).

3. Describe the estimated economic effect of the proposed regulation on the small businesses which it is to regulate, including, without limitation:

- a.) Both adverse and beneficial effects:

**ANSWER:**

40% of respondents (18 licensed master guides) stated there would be an adverse effect on their small business if this regulation change were to pass. It is assumed that these guides would not be able to find trophy animals for their clients as easily and would have to work harder and spend more time scouting and hunting to locate the animals, rather than simply checking their remote cameras to see if animals came in to a water source.

- b.) Both direct and indirect effects:

**ANSWER:**

A potential indirect beneficial effect would be an improvement in the reputation of the guiding industry for conforming to a fair chase ethic that may not be in line with use of trail cameras during a hunt. It could also help guides that do not believe in using trail cameras for hunting and scouting.

4. Describe the methods that the agency considered to reduce the impact of the proposed regulation on small businesses and a statement regarding whether the agency actually used any of those methods:

**ANSWER:**

At question in the proposed regulation change is the disturbance of wildlife at desert water sources and the unfair advantage that trail cameras may provide for hunters and guides. Methods to reduce economic impacts of regulation implementation are unknown.

5. Describe the estimated cost to the agency for enforcement of the proposed regulation:

**ANSWER:**

The enforcement of the regulation falls within current operations of the Department; therefore, there will be no additional cost to the agency above the current legislatively approved budget.

6. If the proposed regulation provides a new fee or increases an existing fee, the total annual amount the agency expects to collect and the manner in which the money will be used:

**ANSWER:**

This regulation change does not propose new or increased fees.

7. If the proposed regulation includes provisions which duplicate or are more stringent than federal, state or local standards regulating the same activity, an explanation of why such duplicative or more stringent provisions are necessary:

**ANSWER:**

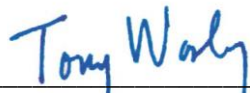
This regulation does not overlap or duplicate any local, state, or federal regulation.

8. The reasons for the conclusions of the agency regarding the impact of a regulation on small businesses:

**ANSWER:**

At question in the proposed regulation change is the disturbance of animals and the unfair advantage that trail cameras may create for hunters and guides who would use them during hunting seasons. Restricting the use of trail cameras may adversely impact some guide businesses that currently rely on them to locate trophy big game animals. It can be speculated that this regulation change could benefit guides that believe trail cameras violate the fair chase ethic by creating greater equality of tactics.

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge or belief, a concerted effort was made to determine the impact of the proposed regulation on small businesses and that the information contained in this statement was prepared properly and is accurate.



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