

2026 Fishing Regulations



CHIEF WASHAKIE
(Shoshone)



CHIEF BLACK COAL
(Arapaho)

Shoshone and Arapaho Tribes Wind River Indian Reservation Wyoming

*Rules and Regulations Governing Fishing
Including a Map Showing Open Waters*

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FACTS ABOUT WIND RIVER INDIAN RESERVATION

- 4,521 Shoshones, 8177 Arapahos
- 1,880,000 acres Tribal land
- Wilderness area, 180,387 acres
- Per capita payments distribute dividends from Tribal property

BE SURE YOU VISIT —

- Sacajawea, Chief Washakie Graves in Shoshone Cemetery, Fort Washakie
- Chief Black Coal, Cemetery, for Arapaho Chief, near St. Stephens. See Chief Sharp Nose Monument

* Free Fishing Day
1st Saturday in April.

* Lower Bull Lake Creek
(Below the dam) is CLOSED
to fishing until April 1st.

All rules, regulations
and creel limits will
be enforced.

* West Bank of the Wind River
Canyon is closed to fishing,
year round.

Prior to your visit, group or
groups of 10 people or more
must meet with Fish & Game
Supervisor to consummate
fees & conditions while
enjoying the resources
of the Wind River Indian
Reservations by
emailing [info@](mailto:info@windriverfishandgame.com)
windriverfishandgame.com

Bear Spray is recommended
in the back country.

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FISHING REGULATIONS

WIND RIVER INDIAN RESERVATION

JANUARY 01 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, ANNUALLY

Section I

Fishing permits will be issued to the general public to fish, camp, hike, boat and picnic in (open or designated) areas of the Wind River Indian Reservation.

Permits will be sold at the Shoshone and Arapaho Tribal Fish & Game Office, #1 Wood Avenue, Fort Washakie, Wyoming. Office hours: 8:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m., WEEKDAYS.

Permits will also be sold at the listed vendors; Popo Agie One Stop, Lander, WY; Rocky Mtn. Sports, Riverton, WY; Crowheart Store, Crowheart, WY. The Fast Lane, Shoshoni, WY; Wind River Canyon Whitewater, Thermopolis, WY; Thermopolis Hardware, Thermopolis, WY; The Great Outdoor Shop, Pinedale, WY; Big Wind River Float Trip & Fly Fishing, Dubois, WY; Hines General Store, Fort Washakie, WY; Wild Iris, Lander, WY, Cutthroat Fly Shop, Dubois, WY, Mack's Market, Thermopolis, WY.

The fees charged for Reservation Permits and Recreational Stamp are as follows:

RECREATION STAMP..... ☐ \$ 20.00

RESIDENT FEES:

Annual Permit	\$95.00
1 Day Permit	\$35.00
7 Day Permit	\$65.00
Senior Citizen Permit (60 & Over) - Annual	\$45.00
Youth Permit (15 Years thru 17 Years) Annual	\$20.00
Handicap Permit - Annual.....	\$30.00

NON-RESIDENT FEES:

Annual Permit	\$135.00
1 Day Permit	\$40.00
7 Day Permit	\$90.00
Senior Citizen Permit (60 & Over) - Annual	\$70.00
Youth (15 Years thru 17 Years) - Annual.....	\$35.00
Handicap Permit - Annual.....	\$30.00

For additional information about permits, write, Fish and Game Office, P.O. Box 249, Fort Washakie, Wyoming 82514,
or call (307) 332-7207, Fax (307) 332-3491,
Email: info@windriverfishandgame.com.
website: windriverfishandgame.com

RECREATION STAMP REQUIRED

\$20.00

A \$20.00 Recreation Stamp, issued by the Shoshone and Arapaho Tribal Fish and Game Department and approved vendors must be purchased by all permit holders and kept in possession while angling. The stamp must be signed in ink at the appropriate location provided on the stamp. The cost of the stamp is in addition to the fishing permit cost. Permit holders are required to purchase only one Recreation Stamp per year. Duplicate Recreational Stamps are available only at the Shoshone and Arapaho Tribal Fish and Game office, located at Fort Washakie, Wyoming.

The monies generated by the Recreational Stamp will be deposited in a special account to be used for improving, developing, and maintaining recreational facilities such as boat ramps, restroom facilities and picnic areas, etc.

You Pack It In — You Pack It Out!

The Shoshone and Arapaho Councils have the right to regulate the fishing, and to fix seasons and bag limits; open, shorten or close seasons for any species of fish or fishes on the Reservation pertaining to protection, management, and propagation of fish. **THESE FISHING REGULATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE EACH YEAR.**

FISHING PERMITS will allow holder to fish from land or boat, camp and picnic in the **OPEN AREAS** provided in the regulations.

Non-Enrolled Indians who are married to members of the tribes, must possess a special permit at a fee of \$20.00 per year. Enrolled spouse must verify marital status each year. All **NON-ENROLLED** members of Shoshone and Arapaho tribes, 14 years of age and over must have a valid I.D. Card for **FISHING ONLY** to show that one parent or both parents are enrolled. This Card can be obtained at the Shoshone or Arapaho Enrollment Offices, Tribal Complex. It is to be renewed every 3 years. All Non-Indian Persons who are married to enrolled members of the tribes will be issued a courtesy permit at a fee of \$50.00 per year.

ALL PERSONS THAT POSSESS A SPECIAL PERMIT AND/OR COURTESY PERMIT (Tribal I.D. [For Fishing Only] Cards) SHALL ABIDE BY THESE REGULATIONS AND CREEL LIMITS STATED HEREIN.

DURING THE CLOSED SEASONS AND IN CLOSED AREAS THE ENROLLED SPOUSE OR THE ENROLLED PARENT MUST BE WITH THE CARD HOLDER.

The Wind River Inter-Tribal Council will govern all regulations concerning the activities, fees and conditions that will apply to special groups utilizing the Wind River Indian Reservation for the single or combined purpose or purposes of obtaining an experience, education, or lasting knowledge of the Wind River Indian Reservation resources. A group or groups of 10 people or more will elect or provide a Chairman representing that group to meet with the F&G Supervisor to consummate fees and conditions and all details relating to the activities of said group or groups while enjoying the combined resources of the Wind River Indian Reservation. These Fishing Regulations are subject to change each year.

BY PURCHASING A TRIBAL FISHING PERMIT AND RECREATING ON WRR, YOU AGREE TO TRIBAL AUTHORITY. ANY PERSON WHO VIOLATES ANY RULES OR REGULATIONS STATED HEREIN WILL BE SUBJECT TO TRIBAL AND/OR FEDERAL PROSECUTION AND LOSS OF LICENSE PRIVILEGES FOR NOT LESS THAN ONE YEAR.

ALL PERSON(S) WHO ARE REPEAT OFFENDERS OF SAID REGULATIONS SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE REVOCATION OF LICENSE PRIVILEGES FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE (5) YEARS.

Section II

WIND RIVER INDIAN RESERVATION

ICE FISHING REGULATIONS

Available in January

OPENING SEASON DATE:

January 01

LICENSE HOLDERS: All persons shall have a valid fishing permit to fish the OPEN AREAS of the Reservation.

OPEN AREAS: Bull Lake, Dinwoody Lakes and Ray Lake.

CREEL LIMITS: See Section III

GENERAL FISHING REGULATIONS: When fishing through the ice it will be legal to use hand lines or set lines, providing however, that no person shall use more than six (6) lines and no more than one (1) hook per line and each line shall bear that name of the angler and that angler must be in attendance while lines are in use.

Attendance shall be interpreted to mean that owner is on the ice or in the immediate vicinity of the lines.

Definition of game fish: Trout, Catfish, Walleye, Sauger and Ling.

No limit on rough fish or whitefish.

LIVE BAIT: use of live minnows is permitted. Persons with live bait fish in possession while fishing shall either have a receipt or a permit verifying origin of fish; the receipt is to state the dealer’s or permittee’s name, address and the permit number under which the fish were obtained, the number of fish received and the date of the transfer. All live bait must be from the Wind River drainage. **Carp minnows and crayfish are strictly prohibited.** All bait must be disposed of on shore, NOT in the water.

Section III

CREEL LIMITS: No person may catch, kill or destroy or attempt to catch, kill or destroy, during one day, more than the number of fish specified as a creel limit of the waters of the Reservation.

SPECIES	CREEL LIMITS
Trout *	5 only 1 fish may be 20 inches or over
Brook Trout	No limit on Brook Trout 10 inches and under
Ling	Two per day
Walleye	Four per day
Sauger	Two per day
Whitefish	No Limit
No limit on rough fish, e.g., carp and suckers	

*** Special Regulations: Bull Lake and Dinwoody Lakes.**

No limit on Lake Trout

Special regulation for Little Bob Lake located in the Bob Creek drainage.

SPECIES	CREEL LIMITS
Trout	2 only 1 fish may be 15 inches or over

LEGAL FISHING TACKLE: Artificial lures and flies only for Little Bob Lake.

LENGTH: All references to “length” in these regulations shall be construed as meaning the total length in inches, as measured in a straight line along a flat surface, from the tip of the snout to the tip of the tail.

No person may harvest or attempt to harvest during any one day, or have in possession (which includes fish in transit or storage) at any one time more than the number and length of fish specified as the daily creel limit.

All fish possessed or transported must be kept in such a manner that species and numbers can be determined. Head and tail must remain attached when length limits apply.

LIVE BAIT: use of live minnows is permitted. Persons with live bait fish in possession while fishing shall either have a receipt or a permit verifying origin of fish; the receipt is to state the dealer's or permittee's name, address and the permit number under which the fish were obtained, the number of fish received and the date of the transfer. All live bait must be from the Wind River drainage. **Carp minnows and crayfish are strictly prohibited.** THE USE OF LIVE BAIT IN ROADLESS LAKES IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.

RIGHT TO SEARCH: Any authorized officer may search without warrant any camp, camp outfit, pack, pack outfit, pack animal, motor vehicle, boat, cooler, wagon or trailer for any wildlife which he has probable cause to believe was taken or is possessed unlawfully.

LEGAL FISHING METHODS: Except as otherwise provided, fish may only be taken or fished for with a maximum of two rods or poles, with lines and hooks attached and the angler in attendance. No line may have more than three single hooked or treble or flies in series or one lure of any type which means more than one hook device attached. There is no limit on number of hookless lures that may be used (e.g. cowbells). Internal organs, eggs, eyes, fins, and skin are the only legal portions of game fish which may be used as bait.

PROHIBITED FISHING METHODS: No person shall harvest or attempt to harvest any fish on Reservation waters by the use of the following methods:

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|---------------------|--------------------|
| Spearing | Seines |
| Firearms (any type) | Electrical Devices |
| Poisons | Snagging |
| Nets (all types) | Chemicals |
| Explosives | Traps |
| **Bows (any type) | |

** Exception for Carp Only

Section IV

LIFE JACKETS AND BOAT: Each and every person who shall operate or ride in a boat, raft or other navigable vessel shall wear an approved U.S. Coast Guard type life jacket for each individual during the time the boat, raft or vessel is afloat on any waters of the Reservation. All persons, except enrolled Shoshone and Arapaho members, in the boat must possess a valid Fishing Permit.

All lakes and streams are closed to boat fishing EXCEPT the following: **BULL LAKE, DINWOODY LAKES, RAY LAKE, MOCCASIN LAKE, AND WASHAKIE RESERVOIR**, however, motorized boats are prohibited on Moccasin Lake.

Wind surfing and water skiing is allowed on Ray Lake only, with a valid Tribal Fishing Permit. This activity is not permitted on Dinwoody or Bull Lake.

Rafting and kayaking may be permitted in the Wind River Canyon during the season upon Wind River Inter-Tribal Council approval.

The use of motorized boats is prohibited on all lakes and ponds in the roadless area of the Wind River Indian Reservation. Float tubes & pack rafts are legal to use.

Section V

OPEN WATERS OF THE RESERVATION ARE TO BE DETERMINED EACH YEAR BY THE SHOSHONE AND ARAPAHO BUSINESS COUNCILS.

THE FOLLOWING WATERS OF THE RESERVATION ARE OPEN TO YEAR-ROUND FISHING WITH PERMIT: (January 1 through December 31):

1. North Fork of the Popo Agie River and Popo Agie River to Hudson.
2. Ray Lake
3. East Bank of Wind River Canyon, West Bank Closed

* THE FOLLOWING WATERS ARE OPEN JANUARY 1 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30.

1. Bull Lake
2. Upper and Lower Dinwoody Lakes, and Dinwoody Creek below Upper Dinwoody Lake to its confluence of the Wind River.

*WATERS OPEN APRIL 1 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. Washakie Reservoir
2. Wind River, excluding Wind River Canyon.
3. Downstream from the confluence of the Popo Agie and Little Wind River.
4. Bull Lake Creek, below the dam.

WATERS OPEN JUNE 1 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30.

1. All roadless area lakes and streams.
2. Moccasin Lake
3. Upper Bull Lake Creek above the inlet of the Lake.
4. South Fork of the Little Wind River (above Washakie Reservoir) above the second campground.

YANTIE or YANTIC LAKE is CLOSED to General, Courtesy, Special, "For Fishing Only Card" and permit holders to fishing and trespassing.

DINWOODY CREEK above Upper Dinwoody Lake is CLOSED to fishing & trespass.

NORTH FORK OF LITTLE WIND RIVER is CLOSED to fishing downstream from its confluence with Washakie Creek.

Dinwoody Creek between the Lower and Upper Lakes is closed to fishing from April 1 to May 15.

ALL WATERS NOT EXPRESSLY OPENED TO PERMIT FISHING TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC WILL BE CLOSED.

Section VI

Sportsmen are cautioned as to the following requirements: ALL MOTORIZED VEHICLES AND NON-MOTORIZED TRAIL BIKES ARE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE WILDERNESS OR ROADLESS AREAS OF THE RESERVATION OR OTHER AREAS DESIGNATED BY PROPER AUTHORITY.

Persons coming onto the Reservation are cautioned that many of the Reservation roads and trails are not open to public travel (e.g. Dry Creek / Cold Springs Road, Bold Mountain & Dinwoody Canyon Road.) North Fork Sage Creek (Austin Springs) Trailhead, Yellowtail Trailhead on the North Rim of Bull Lake and the North Fork Sage Creek Trailhead, these areas are closed to the public.

The public will observe all road and trail closures posted by the Fish and Game Department of the Shoshone and Arapaho Tribes.

CAMPFIRES: Pursuant to the provisions of Title 18, Chapter 91, Section 156, Code of Federal Regulation. "Whoever, having kindled or caused to be kindled, a fire, leaves said fire without totally extinguishing the same or permits or suffers said fire to burn or spread beyond his control, or leaves or suffers said fire to burn unattended, shall be fined not more than \$500.00 or imprisoned not more than six months or both".

LITTERING: "Whoever dumps, throws, places or disposes of, in any manner upon any lands of the Wind River Reservation, any garbage, trash, litter, rubbish, debris or any substance which would in any way detract from the appearance of the land, shall forfeit his right to a fishing license for a period of not less than one year, pursuant to Resolution No. 3105 of the Shoshone and Arapaho Business Councils.

UPON LITTERING ALL PERSONS WILL BE FINED A MINIMUM OF \$150.00 AND LOSS OF LICENSE FOR A PERIOD OF NOT LESS THAN 1 YEAR.

Section VII

WARNING PRESERVATION OF ANTIQUITIES. Persons coming on the Reservation are cautioned that HUNTING OF ARROWHEADS AND ARTIFACTS IS PROHIBITED and violators will be subject to prosecution.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that these lands form part of a Federally owned and controlled Indian Reservation. Any person or persons who damage or destroy, without specific authority from the Assistant Secretary of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, excavate or

appropriate any historic or prehistoric ruin, monument, case or other natural curiosity, or object of antiquity or of scientific interest, will be subject to arrest and punishment under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved June 9, 1906.

Fishermen unfamiliar with the wilderness should secure the services of a local licensed Indian guide and/or outfitter. Fishermen must notify the Tribal Fish and Game Department when securing the services of a local, licensed Indian guide and/or outfitter. Persons fishing on the Reservation are cautioned to abide by all the rules, regulations and laws of the Wind River Indian Reservation applicable thereon.

“All Non-Indians, Non-Enrolled Indians and Indians from other tribes are prohibited from utilizing horses and other livestock in the back country, and other areas of the Reservation, except when utilizing professional services of an Outfitter licensed by the Tribes”.

A replacement for a lost license may be issued from the Reservation Fish and Game Office, #1 Wood Avenue, Fort Washakie, Wyoming 82514. Upon payment of \$5.00 and after the Department has been furnished an affidavit signed by the original agent, a duplicate will be issued.

BEFORE ENTERING PRIVATE LAND OR FENCED LANDS TO FISH, PERMISSION MUST BE SECURED FROM THE OWNER OR OCCUPANT OF THE LAND.

The right is reserved to close any of the fishing areas to permit-fishing in order to protect the area from fire or OTHER REASONS. Public notice of such damage will be given prior to closing when possible. In emergency, closing will be immediate and without notice. These fishing regulations do not apply to the enrolled members of the Shoshone and Arapaho Tribes. All other permits not covered in these regulations must be obtained from the Wind River Inter-Tribal Council. These regulations are subject to change by the Shoshone and Arapaho Business Councils yearly.

You Pack It In — You Pack It Out!

**For a list of outfitters look on our website:
windriverfishandgame.com**

**or Call Tribal Fish and Game Office at
(307) 332-7207**

ALL PERSONS USING THE SERVICES OF THESE OUTFITTERS MUST POSSESS A TRIBAL FISHING PERMIT.

Outfitting, other than outfitters licensed by the Shoshone & Arapaho Tribes are strictly prohibited. Any person and/or persons illegally outfitting within the exterior boundaries of the Wind River Indian Reservation shall be subject to a fine not less than \$500.00 and not to exceed \$10,000.00 and/or one year in jail. Plus, revocation of fishing license privileges for a period of five years.

REWARD: Any person or persons may receive a reward of \$2,000.00 for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of any person or persons engaged in the act of illegal outfitting.

Outfitters are required to be enrolled Eastern Shoshone or Northern Arapaho Tribal Members.

OUTFITTER DEFINITION: “Outfitter” means any person or agent of a domestic corporation, who, operating within the exterior boundaries of the Wind River Indian Reservation from a temporary or permanent camp, private or public lodge, private or incorporated home, for pecuniary profit or other gain, provide professional guide services, any saddle or pack animal, vehicle, boat or any other conveyance.

Section VIII

All wildlife within the exterior boundaries of the Wind River Indian Reservation, are declared to be the property of the Shoshone and Arapaho Tribes.

Wildlife meaning all the wild animals, birds, and fish within the Wind River Indian Reservation. The Wind River Indian Reservation is **CLOSED** to all **HUNTING, TRAPPING**, except by members of the Shoshone and Arapaho Tribes, public Law 86-634, 86th Congress, H.R. 4386, July 16, 1960, 1165. **HUNTING, TRAPPING OR FISHING ON INDIAN LANDS.** “Whoever, without lawful authority or permission, willfully and knowingly goes upon any land that belongs to any Indian or Indian tribe, band or group and either are held by the United States, in trust or are subject to a restriction against alienation imposed by the United States, or upon any lands of the United States that are reserved for Indian use, for the purpose of hunting, trapping, or fishing thereon or for the removal of game, peltries, or fish there from, shall be fined not more than \$500 or imprisoned not more than ninety (90) days or both and all game, fish and peltries in his possession shall be forfeited.

Also provided in Public Law 86-634, Title 18, USCA 1164, Destroying boundary and warning signs. “Whoever willfully destroys, defaces, or removes any sign erected by an Indian Tribe, or Government agency (1) to indicate the boundary of an Indian Reservation or of an Indian country as defined in Section 1151 of this title of (2) to give notice that hunting, trapping or fishing is not permitted thereon without lawful authority or permission, shall be fined not more than \$250.00 or imprisoned not more than six (6) months or both.”

NON-INDIAN TRESPASS

It is illegal for any person, other than duly enrolled members of the Shoshone and Arapaho Tribes, to hunt or trap, or trespass for the purpose of hunting or trapping, on any Tribal lands or land of the United States reserved for Indian use.

It is illegal for any person, other than duly enrolled members of the Shoshone and Arapaho Tribes, to trespass for any purpose on Tribal lands or lands of the United States reserved for Indian use, or trespass for gaining access to non-Indian lands for any purpose without specific authorization of the Shoshone and Arapaho Tribes.

Violators will be prosecuted, 1st offense \$250, 2nd offense \$500, 3rd offense \$1000 and can be subject to the Lacey Act.

HORN COLLECTING PROHIBITED

Shoshone and Arapaho Tribes do not grant consent to any person, other than duly enrolled members of the Shoshone and Arapaho Tribes of the Wind River Indian Reservation to gather, possess, sell or barter antlers either singularly or on skull or portion of skull of elk, deer, moose and horns of antelope and bighorn sheep.

The Shoshone and Arapaho Tribes do not grant consent to any person, other than duly enrolled members of the Tribes, to go upon any Tribal land or land of the United States reserved for Indian use, for the purpose of gathering, collecting of elk, deer, and moose antlers or antelope and bighorn sheep horns.

Antlers in velvet (blood antlers) are illegal to possess (except in cases of legal possession), sell or barter.

Violators will be prosecuted.

TOURIST INFORMATION

The Wind River Indian Reservation, covering a vast 2,268,000 acres is the home of two Tribes, with 11,914 enrolled members. There are 8,177 enrolled Arapaho and 3,737 enrolled Shoshones. There are 1,888,000 acres of private Indian owned land. The Reservation is rich in oil, gas, and agricultural resources. A vast wilderness area covers some 180,387 acres. This area, plus lower lying land along the Big Wind River and its tributaries provides some of the best fishing in Wyoming. Members of the Tribes receive monthly dividend payments, from oil and gas bonus bids, leasing of Tribal lands, for grazing and other uses. The total yearly income is 85% distributed, 15% held in the U.S. Treasury in reserve for Tribal Operations.

The Fish and Game is located at #1 Wood Avenue Black Coal, Fort Washakie, WY. Office is open to the General Public Monday thru Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Management of fish and wildlife and recreation on the Reservation is controlled by the Wind River Inter-Tribal Council through their Fish and Game Department. Technical advice and assistance is provided by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, with the branch office in Lander, Wyoming. The Tribes and Fish and Wildlife Service cooperate in protection and enhancement of fish and wildlife habitat. Emphasis is placed on management of high mountain lakes (primarily in the 180,387 acre roadless area) and Bull Lake, Dinwoody Lakes, and Ray Lake. Fish plants of native cutthroat, golden, rainbow, brook, brown and lake trout are made when needed in waters either lacking or with insufficient natural reproduction.

Over 1,109 miles of streams and some 265 lakes provide the fishermen with a multitude of fishing experiences. Predominant fish species caught are brown, rainbow, brook, lake and cutthroat trout. Some of the world's finest golden trout fishing can be experienced in the remote back country. Complete information is available from the Fish and Game Office, at Fort Washakie.

During July and August, the two Tribes hold Sun Dance ceremonies. In June, at Fort Washakie, the Shoshone have Indian Days, with many dances, games and a parade. The Arapaho have two pow-wows during the summer, with contest dancing, games and a parade. One at Ethete in July and one at Arapaho in August.

CAMPING AREAS

Camping areas are provided free of charge by the Shoshone and Arapaho Tribes at the following locations:

Camping area one mile west of Woods Corner.

Camping area on Highway 287 on Little Wind River, ¼ mile north of Wind River Agency.

Camping area on Highway 287 on Big Wind River, one (1) Mile West of Red Cliff Lodge.

KNOW THESE ATTRACTIONS:

The graves of Sacajawea, Shoshone girl guide and heroine of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, and of the great Shoshone Leader, Chief Washakie are near Fort Washakie.

Arapaho Chief Black Coal is buried near St. Stephen's Mission.

YOU CAN HELP PROTECT YOUR FISHERIES

AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES

Every water body is a unique ecological system. A fish, aquatic plant, or other aquatic life form that inhabits one stream or lake may cause problems in another. When a new organism arrives it may upset the delicate balance of the system causing ecological or economic harm. The common carp, New Zealand mudsnail, and the whirling disease parasite are well known examples of invasive species that can reduce the quality of Wyoming's fisheries.

STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS!



Prevent the transport of
nuisance species
Clean all recreational
equipment.

www.ProtectYourWaters.net

There are many harmful plants, fish, amphibians, crustaceans, mollusks, diseases, and parasites, some so small they can travel with you without you even being aware. However, there are simple, precautionary steps you can take every time you leave any body of water to lessen the chance you'll be moving any of them:

- ▶ Remove all visible mud, plants, fish, or other animals from equipment.
- ▶ Eliminate water from all equipment before you depart.
- ▶ Clean and dry anything that came in contact with the water.
- ▶ Do not release plants, fish, or other animals into a body of water unless they came out of that water body.

Back Country Visitors:

Be AWARE

THIS IS

BEAR COUNTRY

- * Bears are unpredictable and dangerous.
- * Dogs antagonize bears — leash your pet.
- * Odors attract bears
 - Store food in closed vehicle or hang at least 10 feet up and 5 feet out on a tree branch or between trees.
 - Do not cook or eat in sleeping area.
 - Dispose of garbage immediately (do not bury it).

Adhering to these guidelines will ensure you and future travelers can camp safely.

BLACK BEAR

*Straight
face
profile*

No hump



Shorter, darker claws

GRIZZLY BEAR

*Dished
face
profile*

Hump

*Ruff of long
hair in spring
and fall*



Long, lighter claws

FRONT FOOT

Grizzly

Black



BACK FOOT

Grizzly

Black



*no wedge
in instep*

pointed heel



*wedge in
instep*

rounded heel