ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

CHAPTER 220-4
STATE LANDS DIVISION

220-4-.15 Regulation Of Certain Conduct On Lands Under State Lands Division Jurisdiction.

(1) Except as otherwise authorized in writing by the Director of the State Lands Division, it shall be unlawful on any state-owned lands under the jurisdiction of the State Lands Division:

(a) To hunt, trap, use dogs, possess firearms, traps, or bow and arrow, without a proper license. See (1)(r) for limited exception for certain lawfully authorized handguns possessed for personal protection.

(b) For any person to carry in or on a vehicle, any of the following: any firearms [including pistols/handguns, except as described in (1)(r)] with ammunition in the magazine, breech or clip attached to firearms, or black powder weapons with primer, cap or flash powder in place, or cocked crossbows. See (1)(r) for limited exception for certain lawfully authorized handguns possessed for personal protection.

(c) To camp except in designated areas. Campers using generators must camp in an area designated for generator use. Individuals or groups may camp for a period not to exceed nine (9) days in any thirty (30) day period. Campfires must be extinguished before departing. No warming fires shall be permitted away from camping area.

(d) To kill, collect or willfully molest any species of wildlife except those designated for hunting.

(e) To discharge fireworks at any time.

(f) To discharge firearms or archery equipment for target practice.

(g) To hunt or discharge firearms or shoot a bow and arrow or crossbow within 150 yards of any designated camping area, dwelling, dam or timber operation, 100 yards of any paved public road or highway, or within a posted safety zone or on Sunday within one/half mile of any church.

(h) For any person except authorized personnel to operate any motor driven vehicle behind, under or around any locked gate, barricaded road, or sign which prohibits vehicular traffic.

(i) For any unauthorized person at any time to operate a motor scooter, ATV, motorcycle, motorized trail bike, or any motor driven vehicle except on regularly used roads or trails designated as allowing public use of specific motor driven vehicles; or for any unauthorized person to ride or possess horses except: (1) on roads open to four-wheel motorized vehicles; and (2) in areas, roads, and trails, designated as open to horses.

(j) For any person except authorized personnel to block or otherwise stop traffic on any road or at any gate by any means including by parking a vehicle in such a way that passage around the vehicle is impossible.

(k) For any person to deposit, distribute or scatter grain, salt, litter, or any other materials.

(l) To damage or remove any trees, embedded submerged logs, crops, plants or other vegetation, minerals, precious metals, dirt, gravel, stones, artifacts, fossils, firewood, mulch, leaf litter, sod, or pine straw.

(m) To erect or use a permanent tree stand or scaffold.

(n) To cast a light of any kind, either handheld, affixed to a vehicle, or otherwise, between the hours of sunset and sunrise except in areas where the state law is more restrictive. This paragraph does not apply to the headlights of vehicles traveling in a normal manner on an open established road.

(o) To hunt from an elevated stand or platform without attaching themselves to the tree or platform with a full-body safety harness, capable of supporting their weight.

(p) To violate any posted restrictions on entry, hunting, fishing, or other conduct.

(q) To release any animal, bird, fish, other wildlife, or introduce any plant or other vegetative material.

(r) Nothing in this regulation prohibits the possession of handguns by lawfully authorized persons for personal protection, provided the handguns are not used to hunt or take or to attempt to take wildlife in violation of law.

(s) To possess any open alcoholic beverages outside a designated camping area, a lodging accommodation, a dining facility, or other special event areas as may be designated by the Commissioner or his designee.

(t) For any unauthorized person, at any time, to operate a motor scooter, ATV, UTV, motorcycle, motorized trail bike, or

any motor driven vehicle (NOT to include vessels) on state-owned submerged lands.

(u) For any unauthorized person to launch, land, possess, or use any unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV)/drone without first obtaining written permission from the Alabama State Lands Division.

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