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(Delegation of Authority for Genetically Modified Crops)**

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Purpose: This amendment delegates authority to the Regional Chiefs for the National Wildlife Refuge System, to approve the use of genetically modified crops (GMCs) on National Wildlife Refuge System lands.

Action:

Under 3.15C, change the last sentence in the paragraph:

“We do not use genetically modified organisms in refuge management unless we determine their use is essential to accomplishing refuge purpose(s) and the Director approves the use.”

to:

“We do not use genetically modified organisms in refuge management unless we determine their use is essential to accomplishing refuge purpose(s) and the Regional Chief, National Wildlife Refuge System, approves the use.

Also add the following subsections to the same paragraph:

(1) This delegation covers agricultural crops only. For genetically modified organisms other than GMCs, such as trees or fish, Director approval is required.

(2) A request for approval can cover just one refuge, or it can cover multiple units within a refuge complex.

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