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Common Raven – Statewide Depredation Permit

Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

Who can apply for a statewide Common Raven depredation permit?

State agencies (such as State Fish and Wildlife Agencies or State Departments of Agriculture) and other eligible public entities may apply for a statewide depredation permit. The permittee is responsible for administering the program, authorizing participants, maintaining records, and submitting annual reports to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service).

How does the statewide permit work?

The statewide permittee may subpermit qualified individuals and entities who (1) meet the permit's eligibility criteria and (2) have documented conflicts involving Common Ravens and covered resources (such as livestock or greater sage-grouse, as specified in the permit).

How is a statewide permit different than a regular depredation permit?

The statewide permit allows the State Agency to review requests and issue written authorizations to eligible participants. The State Agency is responsible for ensuring authorizations are issued fairly, consistently, and in accordance with permit conditions.

Does an individual still need a Federal depredation permit?

No. Individuals may choose to be authorized under a statewide permit or an individual depredation permit. A person may not be authorized under both an individual depredation permit and the statewide permit for the same activities.

Are nonlethal methods required?

Yes. The statewide permit is intended to complement, not replace, appropriate nonlethal management techniques. The permittee must provide guidance to authorized participants on required or recommended nonlethal measures and ensure permit conditions are followed.

What information must the permittee maintain under a statewide permit?

The permittee must maintain records for each authorized participant, including name, location, number authorized, and number taken. The permittee should maintain an internal tracking system that allows all authorizations and reported take to be readily documented and verified.



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What are authorized subpermittees required to report?

Each authorized participant must report the number of Common Ravens taken, the dates of take, and any other information required by the statewide permit to the permittee. Reports should be submitted promptly and within the timeframe established by the permittee so annual reporting requirements can be met.

What are the permittee's reporting responsibilities?

The statewide permittee must compile participant records and submit the required annual report of calendar-year activities to the Service by January 31. The report must accurately summarize authorizations issued, total Common Ravens authorized and taken, and other information required by the permit.