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Wildlife Grants Program

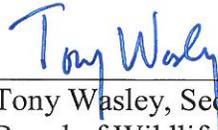
Small Business Impact Statement

The Department determined that the proposed regulation does not impose a direct and significant burden upon small business or restrict the formation, operation or expansion of a small business. In making this determination, the Department considered that a copy of the proposed regulation and associated evaluation will be provided to all 17 County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife (CABMW) for hearing at their scheduled meetings prior to the workshop and adoption hearing held by the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners (NBWC) on January 31 and February 1, 2014. Opportunities for comment from the public or small businesses regarding impact to small business will be available at CABMW meetings and during the workshop and adoption hearing held by NBWC. Any comment received at that those meetings will be incorporated into a final analysis of potential small business impacts.

Department staff assessed the potential impact of the proposed regulation on small business using a direct survey of affected businesses. This regulation establishes a granting process for a variety of NDOW funds used for special projects. The purpose of the granting process is to streamline the distribution of funds while at the same time ensuring transparency of the expenditure of those funds. Most of the grantees will be NDOW, other governmental entities – federal, state, and local – and non-profit conservation groups. The Department already implemented a granting process for one program, Wildlife Heritage, last year. The new process was well received by grant recipients as an improvement over the previous contracting process used for this program. This new regulation will expand that process to other funding sources which generally go to the same or similar entities as the Wildlife Heritage Program.

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Pending any testimony received by CABMWs or at the NBWC workshop and adoption hearing concerning any fiscal impact on small business, the Department anticipates that the proposed regulations will have no significant adverse or beneficial economic impact upon any small business, either immediately or long-term. Furthermore, it has been concluded that no additional cost will be incurred to the Department for enforcement due to this regulation. Lastly, the proposed regulations do not include provisions that will be duplicative of or more stringent than federal, state, or local standards and do not provide for a new fee or increase in an existing fee.



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Board of Wildlife Commissioners