

Board of Outfitters and Professional Guides

Mission and philosophy

The Wyoming Board of Outfitters and Professional Guides' mission is to safeguard and promote public health, safety and welfare by maintaining consumer confidence in obtaining professional services through adherence and enforcement of high standards for professional licensing.

Results of outcomes

The board reviewed 24 complaints during this time period, of which 19 were against licensed outfitters. Of the 24 complaints, nine were unfounded, three were mild, five were moderate and two were of a severe nature. The total number of complaints equals .053 percent of all licensed outfitters. There has been a decrease in the number of complaints filed and disciplinary actions taken each year.

Wyoming outfitters, 357, provided hunts for deer, antelope, elk, black bear, moose, sheep, mountain goat and mountain lion for 9,067 clients with a success ratio of 78 percent (6,061 were successful).

The "Memorandum of Understanding" (MOU) between the board, U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service - Rocky Mountain and Intermountain Regions, Wyoming State Land and Farm Loan Office, Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission has streamlined the issuance of licenses and investigations of fraudulent activity.

Board investigators spent 2,259 hours during the past year on investigations, court appearances and covert operations. In conjunction with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, search warrants were obtained concerning an illegal outfitting operation that included receipts of more than \$22,000 illegally obtained. The case is pending in county court.

The board continues to have problems with county attorneys viewing the cases made by the board's investigators as a very serious charge. There is also a continuing problem of those licensed outfitters who cover the illegal activities of others. Several of these persons have been placed on probation, which has helped in this area.

Strategic plan changes

Board investigators will continue to work with the task force, which includes members from various law enforcement agencies, to run covert operations and coordinate efforts to reduce illegal outfitting in Wyoming.

General information

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Other locations

Glenrock, Mountain View

Year established

1989

Statutory references

W.S. 23-2-406 through 23-2-418 and 33-1-201

Authorized personnel

Four full-time

Organization structure

Department of Administration and Information, Wyoming State Board of Outfitters and Professional Guides

Clients served

Outfitters, guides, hunters and public

Budget information

Fund 551

\$246,157

Agency to which group reports

Governor, Department of Administration and Information (Type 3 Transfer)

Number of members

Seven

Meeting frequency

Five to six times a year