



Notice of Intent to Adopt Rules

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1. General Information			
a. Agency/Board Name* Livestock Board			
b. Agency/Board Address 1934 Wyatt Drive	c. City Cheyenne	d. Zip Code 82002	
e. Name of Agency Liaison Dr. Hallie Hasel, State Veterinarian		f. Agency Liaison Telephone Number 307-777-8270	
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h. Date of Public Notice 06/03/2026		i. Comment Period End Date 07/22/2026	
j. Public Comment URL or Email Address: wlsb-rules@wyo.gov			
k. Program General Agency, Board and Commission Rules			
Amended Program Name (if applicable):			
* <input type="checkbox"/> By checking this box, the agency is indicating it is exempt from certain sections of the Administrative Procedure Act including public comment period requirements. Please contact the agency for details regarding these rules.			
2. Legislative Enactment			
For purposes of this Section 2, "new" only applies to regular non-emergency rules promulgated in response to a Wyoming legislative enactment not previously addressed in whole or in part by prior rulemaking and does not include rules adopted in response to a federal mandate.			
a. Are these non-emergency regular rules new as per the above description and the definition of "new" in Chapter 1 of the Rules on Rules?			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes. If the rules are new, please provide the Legislative Chapter Number and Year Enacted:		Chapter:	Year:
3. Rule Type and Information			
For purposes of this Section 3, "New" means an emergency or regular rule that has never been previously created.			
a. Provide the Chapter Number, Title and Proposed Action for Each Chapter. Please use the "Additional Rule Information" form to identify additional rule chapters.			
Chapter Number: 13	Chapter Name: Scrapie Prevention and Management	<input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Repealed	
Amended Chapter Name (if applicable): Scrapie Prevention and Management Rules			
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Amended Chapter Name (if applicable):			

4. Public Comments and Hearing Information

a. A public hearing on the proposed rules has been scheduled. No. Yes. Please complete the boxes below.

Date:	Time:	City:	Location:
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b. What is the manner in which interested persons may present their views on the rulemaking action?

By submitting written comments to the Agency at the physical and/or email address listed in Section 1 above.

At the following URL: _____

A public hearing will be held if requested by 25 persons, a government subdivision, or by an association having not less than 25 members. Requests for a public hearing may be submitted:

To the Agency at the physical and/or email address listed in Section 1 above.

At the following URL: _____

c. Any person may urge the Agency not to adopt the rules and request the Agency to state its reasons for overruling the consideration urged against adoption. Requests for an agency response must be made prior to, or within thirty (30) days after adoption, of the rule, addressed to the Agency and Agency Liaison listed in Section 1 above.

5. Federal Law Requirements

a. These rules are created/amended/repealed to comply with federal law or regulatory requirements. No. Yes. Please complete the boxes below.

Applicable Federal Law or Regulation Citation:
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Indicate one (1):

The proposed rules meet, but do not exceed, minimum federal requirements.

The proposed rules exceed minimum federal requirements.

Any person wishing to object to the accuracy of any information provided by the Agency under this item should submit their objections prior to final adoption to:

To the Agency at the physical and/or email address listed in Section 1 above.

At the following URL: _____

6. State Statutory Requirements

a. Indicate one (1):

The proposed rule change *MEETS* minimum substantive statutory requirements.

The proposed rule change *EXCEEDS* minimum substantive statutory requirements. Please attach a statement explaining the reason that the rules exceed the requirements.

b. The Agency has completed a takings assessment as required by W.S. 9-5-304. A copy of the assessment used to evaluate the proposed rules may be obtained:

By contacting the Agency at the physical and/or email address listed in Section 1 above.

At the following URL: _____

7. Additional APA Provisions

a. Complete all that apply in regards to uniform rules:

These rules are not impacted by the uniform rules identified in the Administrative Procedure Act, W.S. 16-3-103(j).

The following chapters do not differ from the uniform rules identified in the Administrative Procedure Act, W.S. 16-3-103(j):

(Provide chapter numbers)

These chapters differ from the uniform rules identified in the Administrative Procedure Act, W.S. 16-3-103(j) (see Statement of Principal Reasons).

(Provide chapter numbers)

b. Checklist

The Statement of Principal Reasons is attached to this Notice and, in compliance with *Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc. v. Environmental Quality Council*, 590 P.2d 1324 (Wyo. 1979), includes a brief statement of the substance or terms of the rule and the basis and purpose of the rule.

If applicable: In consultation with the Attorney General's Office, the Agency's Attorney General representative concurs that strike and underscore is not required as the proposed amendments are pervasive (Chapter 3, *Types of Rules Filings*, Section 1, Proposed Rules, of the Rules on Rules).

8. Authorization

a. I certify that the foregoing information is correct.

<i>Printed Name of Authorized Individual</i>	Renae Krakow
<i>Title of Authorized Individual</i>	Executive Assistant/ Rule Coordinator
<i>Date of Authorization</i>	06/02/2026



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Statement of Principal Reasons

Chapter 13 Scrapie Prevention and Management Rules

The Wyoming Livestock Board is proposing revisions to its Chapter 13 Scrapie Prevention and Management Rules to align with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Scrapie Program Standards. To reduce repetition and enhance clarity, the Board is proposing to remove redundant language, definitions, and guidance already covered by the USDA standards. Wyoming specific rules remain within the updated chapter.

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Chapter 13

Scrapie Prevention and Management Rules

Section 1. Authority. Pursuant to Wyoming Statute § 11-18-103(a)(v), the Livestock Board promulgates the following rules.

Section 2. Definitions. The singular includes the plural and the plural the singular when consistent with the intent of these rules and necessary to effect their purpose. The following definitions apply to these rules:

- (a) “Board” means the Wyoming Livestock Board.
- (b) “Caprine” means a ruminant mammal of the genus *Capra*.
- (c) “Category II Accredited Veterinarian” means an individual who is licensed to practice veterinary medicine and is approved by USDA APHIS VS to perform Category II accredited duties on all livestock species and poultry in the specific state where the individual practices.
- (d) “DSE” means the designated Scrapie epidemiologist as defined in the Scrapie Program Standards.
- (e) “NVSL” means the USDA APHIS National Veterinary Services Laboratory in Ames, Iowa.
- (f) “Ovine” means a ruminant mammal of the genus *Ovis*.
- (g) “Premises” means the ground, area, building, or equipment occupied by one or more Caprine or Ovine.
- (h) “Quarantine” means a document issued by the State Veterinarian that restricts movement of Caprine or Ovine.
- (i) “Scrapie” has the same meaning as the definition in the Scrapie Program Standards.
- (j) “Scrapie Positive Caprine or Ovine” means any Caprine or Ovine, that has tested positive on an official test for Scrapie at the Wyoming State Veterinary Laboratory or the NVSL.
- (k) “Scrapie Program Standards” means the USDA APHIS Scrapie Program Standards Volume 1: National Scrapie Eradication Program, effective April 25, 2019.
- (l) “Suspect” means a Caprine or Ovine:

(i) Determined to be suspicious for Scrapie by a Category II Accredited Veterinarian or a State or USDA APHIS VS representative and exhibiting any of the following clinical signs of Scrapie:

- (A) Weight loss despite retention of appetite;
- (B) Behavioral abnormalities;
- (C) Pruritus (itching);
- (D) Wool pulling;
- (E) Biting at legs or side;
- (F) Lip smacking;
- (G) Motor abnormalities such as incoordination, high stepping gait of forelimbs, bunny-hop movement of rear legs, or swaying of back end;
- (H) Increased sensitivity to noise and sudden movement; tremor, star gazing, head pressing, recumbency, or other signs of neurological disease; or
- (I) Chronic wasting; or

(ii) Testing positive for Scrapie or for the protease-resistant protein associated with Scrapie on an unofficial test or a screening test.

(m) “USDA APHIS VS” means the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services.

(n) “USDA APHIS VS AVIC” means the USDA APHIS VS Area Veterinarian in Charge who is the veterinary official of USDA APHIS VS assigned to supervise and perform the official animal health work of USDA APHIS VS in Wyoming or a designee.

(o) “State Veterinarian” means the State Veterinarian or a designee.

Section 3. Incorporation of Federal Regulations and Standards.

(a) For the federal regulations incorporated by reference in these rules:

(i) The Board has determined that incorporation of the full text in these rules would be cumbersome or inefficient given the length or nature of the rules;

(ii) The incorporation by reference does not include any amendments or editions of the incorporated matter later than April 15, 2026;

(iii) The agency originally issuing the incorporated matter has copies of it readily available to the public; and

(iv) The Board maintains the incorporated matter, which are available for public inspection and copying at cost at 1934 Wyott Drive, Cheyenne, WY 82002.

(b) The following regulations and Standards are incorporated by reference in these rules, so long as the provisions are not inconsistent with the laws and rules of the State of Wyoming:

(i) The following parts of Title 9 of the United States Code of Federal Regulations, which are available electronically at: <https://www.ecfr.gov/>

(A) Part 54.7;

(B) Part 54.8;

(C) Part 79; and

(D) Part 86; and

(ii) The USDA APHIS Scrapie Program Standards Volume 1: National Scrapie Eradication Program, effective April 25, 2019, which is available electronically at: <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/livestock-poultry-disease/sheep-goat/scrapie>

Section 4. Identification Requirements of Caprine and Ovine. For identification requirements, please see 9 CFR Part 79 and the Scrapie Program Standards. A summary of those requirements is in the State Veterinarian's guidance document for Scrapie requirements.

Section 5. Reporting of Suspect and Scrapie Positive Caprine or Ovine. A Category II Accredited Veterinarian and the livestock owner must immediately report Suspect and Scrapie Positive Caprine or Ovine to the State Veterinarian pursuant to W.S. § 11-19-102 and the USDA APHIS VS AVIC.

Section 6. Protocol Used for Suspect and Scrapie Positive Caprine or Ovine.

(a) The State Veterinarian shall immediately Quarantine the Flock where the Suspect or Scrapie Positive Caprine or Ovine resides.

(b) The State Veterinarian and the USDA APHIS VS AVIC shall use the procedures outlined in the Scrapie Program Standards for managing infected, trace, and source Flocks.

(c) A person may not move Suspect or Scrapie Positive Caprine or Ovine from the Premises, except under a permit issued by the State Veterinarian to:

(i) A research facility designated by the State Veterinarian;

(ii) To a site for destruction and disposal; or

- (iii) To the Flock of origin for Quarantine when appropriate.
- (d) At the conclusion of the investigation, any Suspect or Scrapie Positive Caprine or Ovine:
 - (i) Shall either be purchased by USDA APHIS VS or the State Veterinarian for diagnostic purposes and necropsied; or
 - (ii) Shall remain under Quarantine until:
 - (A) Found to be free of Scrapie by NVSL and released from Quarantine;
 - (B) Released pursuant to the PEMMP; or
 - (C) Dies and is necropsied.
 - (e) Suspect or Scrapie Positive Caprine or Ovine at slaughter facilities must be condemned by federal or state meat inspectors in accordance with regulations of the USDA APHIS VS and reported to the USDA APHIS VS AVIC, the State Veterinarian, and the DSE so that samples can be collected for diagnosis or Epidemiology and to ensure that the carcass is removed from the food chain.

Section 7. Release of Caprine or Ovine Held Pursuant to Quarantine.

Quarantine shall be released pursuant to compliance with all requirements of the Scrapie Program Standards and with the concurrence of the State Veterinarian, the DSE, and the USDA APHIS VS AVIC.

Wyoming Livestock Board **Chapter 13**
Scrapie Prevention and Management Rules

CHAPTER 13

Section 1. Authority to Create Rules. Pursuant to the authority vested in the Wyoming Livestock Board by virtue of Wyoming Statute W. S. 11-18-103(a)(v), the following rules are hereby promulgated. Livestock Board promulgates the following rules.

Section 2. Purpose of Rules. These rules are adopted to establish Scrapie prevention and management protocol for the State of Wyoming.

Section 3. Severability. If any portion of these rules is found to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of the rules shall continue in effect.

Section 4 2. Definitions Used in Rules. The following definitions apply to these rules: The singular includes the plural and the plural the singular when consistent with the intent of these rules and necessary to effect their purpose. The following definitions apply to these rules:

(a) “Board” means the Wyoming Livestock Board, ~~State Board~~, whose current address is 1934 Wyatt Drive, Cheyenne, WY 82002-0051, (307) 777-7515.

(b) “Caprine” means a ruminant mammal of the genus Capra.

(c) “Category II Accredited Veterinarian” means an individual who is licensed to practice veterinary medicine and is approved by the USDA/APHIS VS to perform Category II accredited duties on all livestock species and poultry in the specific state(s) where ~~he or she~~ the individual practices.

(d) “Contemporary Birthing Group” means all Caprine or Ovine born during the same birthing season and in the same facility. “DSE” means the designated Scrapie epidemiologist as defined in the Scrapie Program Standards.

(e) “Commingling” means animals from different owners, distinct Herds, or Flocks that are grouped together and have physical contact. “NVSL” means the USDA APHIS National Veterinary Services Laboratory in Ames, Iowa.

(f) “DSE” means the designated Scrapie epidemiologist who is a state or federal veterinarian designated by USDA/APHIS to make decisions about the use and interpretation of diagnostic tests and field investigation data and the management of Scrapie-affected Flocks. “Ovine” means a ruminant mammal of the genus Ovis.

(g) “Epidemiology” means the investigation of the patterns, causes, and effects of health and disease conditions in and between defined populations. “Premises” means the ground, area, building, or equipment occupied by one or more Caprine or Ovine.

(h) ~~“Exposed” means any Caprine or Ovine that has been in the same Flock and on the same Premise at the same time or within the previous sixty (60) months as a Scrapie Positive Caprine or Ovine. “Quarantine” means a document issued by the State Veterinarian that restricts movement of Caprine or Ovine.~~

(i) ~~“Flock” means all Caprine and/or Ovine maintained together on a single Premise or maintained together under common ownership on two or more Premises with interchange between the Premises. Caprine or Ovine maintained temporarily on a Premise for activities such as shows and sales or while in marketing channels are not a Flock. More than one Flock may be maintained on a single Premise providing Commingling, as defined in the UMR, does not occur. “Scrapie” has the same meaning as the definition in the Scrapie Program Standards.~~

(j) ~~“High Risk” means any Caprine or Ovine determined by epidemiologic investigation to face an increased probability of developing Scrapie because the Caprine or Ovine was genetically susceptible to Scrapie, and is either: “Scrapie Positive Caprine or Ovine” means any Caprine or Ovine, that has tested positive on an official test for Scrapie at the Wyoming State Veterinary Laboratory or the NVSL.~~

~~(A) — A progeny of a Scrapie positive dam; born in the same Contemporary Birthing Group as a Scrapie Positive Caprine or Ovine; or~~

~~(B) — Born in the same Contemporary Birthing Group as progeny of a Scrapie Positive Caprine or Ovine dam.~~

(k) ~~“Infected Flock” means any Flock in which a female Scrapie Positive Caprine or Ovine may have lambed, kidded or aborted as determined by a state or USDA/APHIS representative. “Scrapie Program Standards” means the USDA APHIS Scrapie Program Standards Volume 1: National Scrapie Eradication Program, effective April 25, 2019.~~

(l) ~~“NVSL” means the USDA/APHIS National Veterinary Services Laboratory at Ames, Iowa. “Suspect” means a Caprine or Ovine:~~

~~(i) Determined to be suspicious for Scrapie by a Category II Accredited Veterinarian or a State or USDA APHIS VS representative and exhibiting any of the following clinical signs of Scrapie:~~

~~(A) Weight loss despite retention of appetite;~~

~~(B) Behavioral abnormalities;~~

~~(C) Pruritus (itching);~~

~~(D) Wool pulling;~~

~~(E) Biting at legs or side;~~

~~(F) Lip smacking;~~

(G) Motor abnormalities such as incoordination, high stepping gait of forelimbs, bunny-hop movement of rear legs, or swaying of back end;

(H) Increased sensitivity to noise and sudden movement; tremor, star gazing, head pressing, recumbency, or other signs of neurological disease; or

(I) Chronic wasting; or

(ii) Testing positive for Scrapie or for the protease-resistant protein associated with Scrapie on an unofficial test or a screening test.

(m) “Official Individual Identification” means any form of identification approved by USDA/APHIS in the UMR and that identifies the Caprine or Ovine to the Flock of birth or to the Flock in which the Caprine or Ovine most recently resided for breeding when the Flock of birth cannot be determined. “USDA APHIS VS” means the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services.

(n) “Ovine” means a ruminant mammal of the genus Ovis. “USDA APHIS VS AVIC” means the USDA APHIS VS Area Veterinarian in Charge who is the veterinary official of USDA APHIS VS assigned to supervise and perform the official animal health work of USDA APHIS VS in Wyoming or a designee.

(o) “Owners Statement” means a written statement by the owner that includes the: “State Veterinarian” means the State Veterinarian or a designee.

(i) — Owner’s name;

(ii) — Owner’s signature;

(iii) — Owner’s address;

(iv) — Owner’s telephone number;

(v) — Date the Caprine and/or Ovine left the Flock of origin;

(vi) — The identification number assigned to the Premise;

(vii) — The number of animals; and

(viii) — A statement that the animals were either born or used for breeding on the Premise.

(p) — “PEMMP” means a post exposure management and monitoring plan which is a written agreement signed by the owner of a Flock, any Accredited Veterinarian employed by the owner, and a State or USDA/APHIS representative in which each participant agrees to undertake specified actions to reduce the risk of the occurrence of Scrapie and to monitor for the occurrence of Scrapie in the Flock for at least sixty (60) months after the last High Risk or Scrapie Positive Caprine or Ovine is removed from the Flock or after the last exposure of the Flock to a Scrapie Positive Caprine or Ovine unless the monitoring time is otherwise specified by a State or

USDA/APHIS representative. The Flock owner must provide the facilities and personnel needed to carry out the required elements listed in the plan.

(q) — “Premise” means the ground, area, building and equipment occupied by one or more Caprine or Ovine.

(r) — “Quarantine” means a document issued by the Board which restricts movement of Caprine or Ovine.

(s) — “Scrapie” means a nonfebrile, transmissible, insidious, degenerative disease affecting the central nervous system of an Ovine or Caprine that cause a spongiform encephalopathy.

(t) — “Scrapie Positive Caprine or Ovine” means any Caprine or Ovine, that has tested positive on an official test for Scrapie at the WSVL or the NVSL.

(u) — “Suspect” means a Caprine or Ovine:

(i) — Determined to be suspicious for Scrapie by an Accredited Veterinarian or a State or USDA/APHIS representative and exhibiting any of the following clinical signs of Scrapie:

(A) — Weight loss despite retention of appetite;

(B) — Behavioral abnormalities;

(C) — Pruritus (itching);

(D) — Wool pulling;

(E) — Biting at legs or side;

(F) — Lip smacking;

(G) — Motor abnormalities such as incoordination, high stepping gait of forelimbs, bunny hop movement of rear legs, or swaying of back end;

(H) — Increased sensitivity to noise and sudden movement; tremor, star gazing, head pressing, recumbency, or other signs of neurological disease; or

(I) — Chronic wasting; or

(ii) — Testing positive for Scrapie or for the protease resistant protein associated with Scrapie on an unofficial test or a screening test.

(v) — “UMR” means the Scrapie Eradication Uniform Methods and Rules as issued and amended as of June 2013, which are cooperative procedures and standards adopted by USDA/APHIS/VS and participating states for controlling and eradicating Scrapie. These Rules do not include any later amendments of the UMR past June, 2013.

(w) —“USDA/APHIS/VS” means the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services.

(x) —“USDA/APHIS/VS/AD” means the USDA/APHIS/VS Assistant District Director who is the veterinary official of USDA/APHIS/VS assigned to supervise and perform the official animal health work of USDA/APHIS/VS in Wyoming.

(y) —“WSVL” means the Wyoming State Veterinary Laboratory.

(z) —“Wyoming State Veterinarian” means a Wyoming Accredited Veterinarian, employed by the Board, who serves as the State Veterinarian for the State of Wyoming as outlined in W.S. 11-19-101.

Section 5 3. Incorporation of Federal Regulations Used in Rules and Standards.

(a) ~~The Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). The following Code of Federal Regulations provisions, being too long and cumbersome to incorporate the full text, shall be incorporated by reference in these rules: 9 CFR 54.8 (1-1-14 Edition) Pages 187-189; 54.10, pages 189-190; 54.20; 54.21; and 54.22, pages 190-191; and 9 CFR 79.1, 79.2, 79.3, 79.4, 79.5, 79.6 and 79.7 (1-1-14 Edition), pages 317-340 shall be adopted by the Board in so far as those procedures are not inconsistent with the rules, regulations and laws of the State of Wyoming. These rules do not include any later amendments of the adopted CFRs past January 1, 2016. This document is available to the public at the office of the Board and online at: http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?tpl=/ecfrbrowse/Title09/9cfr2_main_02.tpl. For the federal regulations incorporated by reference in these rules:~~

(i) The Board has determined that incorporation of the full text in these rules would be cumbersome or inefficient given the length or nature of the rules;

(ii) The incorporation by reference does not include any amendments or editions of the incorporated matter later than April 15, 2026;

(iii) The agency originally issuing the incorporated matter has copies of it readily available to the public; and

(iv) The Board maintains the incorporated matter, which are available for public inspection and copying at cost at 1934 Wyo Drive, Cheyenne, WY 82002.

~~(b) The United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service’s Scrapie Eradication Uniform Methods and Rules as issued and amended June 2013, being too long and cumbersome to incorporate the full text, shall be incorporated by reference in these rules. These rules do not include any later amendments of the UMR past June 2013. Copies of the UMR are available to the public at the office of the Board and online at:~~

~~https://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/animal_diseases/scrapie/downloads/umr_scrapie.pdf The following regulations and Standards are incorporated by reference in these~~

rules, so long as the provisions are not inconsistent with the laws and rules of the State of Wyoming:

(i) The following parts of Title 9 of the United States Code of Federal Regulations, which are available electronically at: <https://www.ecfr.gov/>

- (A) Part 54.7;
- (B) Part 54.8;
- (C) Part 79; and
- (D) Part 86; and

(ii) The USDA APHIS Scrapie Program Standards Volume 1: National Scrapie Eradication Program, effective April 25, 2019, which is available electronically at: <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/livestock-poultry-disease/sheep-goat/scrapie>

Section 6 4. Identification Requirements of Caprine and Ovine. For identification requirements, please see 9 CFR Part 79 and the Scrapie Program Standards. A summary of those requirements is in the State Veterinarian's guidance document for Scrapie requirements.

~~(a) — The owner of Caprine or Ovine required to be individually identified (listed in subsection b below) shall apply Official Individual Identification to each Caprine or Ovine not already officially identified prior to change of ownership and prior to commingling with another producer's Caprine or Ovine.~~

~~(b) — Caprine and Ovine required to have Official Individual Identification:~~

- ~~(i) — All breeding Caprine and Ovine;~~
- ~~(ii) — All Caprine and Ovine for exhibition;~~
- ~~(iii) — All sexually intact Caprine and Ovine upon change of ownership;~~

and

~~(iv) — All Caprine and Ovine over eighteen (18) months of age.~~

~~(e) — Animals not required to be individually identified include:~~

~~(i) — Caprine and Ovine shipped directly to an approved slaughter facility or an approved market when all the animals in a section of a truck are from the same Premise of origin and are accompanied by an Owners Statement; and~~

~~(ii) — Caprine and Ovine moved for grazing or similar management reasons whenever the animals are moved from a Premise owned or leased by the owner of the animals to another Premise owned or leased by the owner of the Caprine or Ovine.~~

~~(d) — Premise identification may be used as Official Individual Identification as provided in the UMR.~~

~~(e) — No person shall apply a Premise identification number or a brand or ear-notch pattern to any Caprine or Ovine that is not from the Flock of origin to which the identification number, brand or ear-notch pattern was assigned or recorded.~~

~~(f) — If a Caprine or Ovine is already identified with Official Individual Identification, do not apply additional Official Individual Identification.~~

~~Section 7 5. The Removal of Official Individual Identification is Prohibited.~~
No unauthorized person shall remove or tamper with any Official Individual Identification. Reporting of Suspect and Scrapie Positive Caprine or Ovine. A Category II Accredited Veterinarian and the livestock owner must immediately report Suspect and Scrapie Positive Caprine or Ovine to the State Veterinarian pursuant to W.S. § 11-19-102 and the USDA APHIS VS AVIC.

~~Section 8 6. Recordkeeping Requirements of Caprine and/or Ovine for Veterinarians, Dealers, Slaughter Facilities and Tagging Sites. Protocol Used for Suspect and Scrapie Positive Caprine or Ovine.~~

~~(a) For all Caprine or Ovine, records of applied tags must be kept for at least 5 years and made available to the Wyoming State Veterinarian. The State Veterinarian shall immediately Quarantine the Flock where the Suspect or Scrapie Positive Caprine or Ovine resides.~~

~~(b) Applied tag records shall include the tag number, date applied, Flock owner and contact information to include physical address and phone number. The State Veterinarian and the USDA APHIS VS AVIC shall use the procedures outlined in the Scrapie Program Standards for managing infected, trace, and source Flocks.~~

~~(c) A person may not move Suspect or Scrapie Positive Caprine or Ovine from the Premises, except under a permit issued by the State Veterinarian to:~~

- ~~(i) A research facility designated by the State Veterinarian;~~
- ~~(ii) To a site for destruction and disposal; or~~
- ~~(iii) To the Flock of origin for Quarantine when appropriate.~~

~~(d) At the conclusion of the investigation, any Suspect or Scrapie Positive Caprine or Ovine:~~

- ~~(i) Shall either be purchased by USDA APHIS VS or the State Veterinarian for diagnostic purposes and necropsied; or~~
- ~~(ii) Shall remain under Quarantine until:
 - ~~(A) Found to be free of Scrapie by NVSL and released from Quarantine;~~
 - ~~(B) Released pursuant to the PEMMP; or~~
 - ~~(C) Dies and is necropsied.~~~~

(e) Suspect or Scrapie Positive Caprine or Ovine at slaughter facilities must be condemned by federal or state meat inspectors in accordance with regulations of the USDA APHIS VS and reported to the USDA APHIS VS AVIC, the State Veterinarian, and the DSE so that samples can be collected for diagnosis or Epidemiology and to ensure that the carcass is removed from the food chain.

Section 9 7. Record Keeping Requirements for Sellers and Purchasers of Caprine and/or Ovine. Release of Caprine or Ovine Held Pursuant to Quarantine. Quarantine shall be released pursuant to compliance with all requirements of the Scrapie Program Standards and with the concurrence of the State Veterinarian, the DSE, and the USDA APHIS AVIC.

~~(a) — The following persons shall maintain records sufficient to enable State or USDA/APHIS authorities to trace Caprine or Ovine to all Flocks in which they have resided and to determine their final disposition:~~

~~(i) — Persons who purchase, deal in, or sell Caprine or Ovine, over eighteen (18) months of age;~~

~~(ii) — Persons who purchase, deal in, or sell breeding Caprine or Ovine;~~

~~(iii) — Persons who act as commission representatives or brokers of such Caprine or Ovine; and~~

~~(iv) — Persons who operate or conduct an auction at which Caprine or Ovine are sold.~~

~~(b) — The persons listed above shall maintain records that include the following minimum information:~~

~~(i) — The number of Caprine or Ovine sold or purchased;~~

~~(ii) — The date of the transaction;~~

~~(iii) — The name and address of the person with whom the transaction occurred;~~

~~(iv) — The species, breed and age of the Caprine or Ovine involved in the transaction;~~

~~(v) — A copy of the required movement document; and~~

~~(vi) — The Official Individual Identification number(s) of any tag applied at the time of the transaction.~~

~~(e) — Records must be kept for a minimum of sixty (60) months following the transaction.~~

~~(d) — Records must be made available to the Wyoming State Veterinarian.~~

Section 10. — Record Keeping Requirements for Caprine and/or Ovine Feedlot Operators.

(a) — Records of all Caprine or Ovine entering and leaving a terminal feedlot must include the person from whom the Caprine or Ovine were acquired and the slaughtering facility in which they were slaughtered.

(b) — Records must be kept for a minimum of twelve (12) months after the Caprine or Ovine leaves the feedlot.

(c) — Records must be made available to the Wyoming State Veterinarian upon request.

Section 11. — Show and Sale Requirements for Caprine and/or Ovine.

(a) — If Caprine or Ovine, that are within thirty (30) days of parturition (or that are postpartum, have aborted, or are pregnant and have a vaginal discharge), are allowed at a show, special arrangements shall be made to keep them separate from Caprine or Ovine from different Flocks such that direct contact does not occur and they shall be kept in an area that can and shall be properly cleaned and disinfected.

(b) — Should a kidding or lambing occur at the show:

(i) — The placenta, placental fluids, and bedding must be removed immediately and disposed of in a sanitary landfill or by another method approved by the State.

(ii) — The dam and her offspring shall:

(A) — Be removed from the show grounds; or

(B) — Separated from Caprine or Ovine from different Flocks using:

(I) — Double fencing with twelve (12) inch spacing between fences; or

(II) — Solid partitions such that direct contact does not occur.

(iii) — The pen must be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected before use by another Caprine or Ovine.

Section 12. — Reporting of Suspect and Scrapie Positive Caprine or Ovine. Suspect and Scrapie Positive Caprine or Ovine must be reported by the Category II Accredited veterinarian and the livestock owner to the Wyoming State Veterinarian pursuant to W. S. §11-19-101 and the USDA/APHIS/VS/AD within forty eight (48) hours.

Section 13. — Protocol Used for Suspect and Scrapie Positive Caprine or Ovine.

~~(a) — The following protocol will be used for Suspect and Scrapie Positive Caprine or Ovine:~~

~~(i) — The Wyoming State Veterinarian shall immediately Quarantine the Flock where the Caprine or Ovine resides;~~

~~(ii) — The Wyoming State Veterinarian shall cooperate with the DSE in implementing an investigation and Epidemiology of the case; and~~

~~(iii) — Procedures outlined in the UMR for managing infected, trace and source Flocks shall be used by the Wyoming State Veterinarian and his or her designee and the USDA/APHIS/VS/AD and his or her designee.~~

~~(b) — Suspect or Scrapie Positive Caprine or Ovine shall not be moved from the Premise where identified, except under permit issued by the Wyoming State Veterinarian to:~~

~~(i) — A research facility designated by USDA/APHIS;~~

~~(ii) — To a site for destruction; or~~

~~(iii) — To the Flock of origin for Quarantine when appropriate.~~

~~(c) — Such Caprine or Ovine shall remain Quarantined until an investigation is completed.~~

~~(d) — At the conclusion of the investigation, all Suspect or Scrapie Positive Caprine or Ovine:~~

~~(i) — Shall either be purchased for diagnostic purposes and necropsied;~~
~~or~~

~~(ii) — Shall be maintained under Quarantine until:~~

~~(A) — Found to be free of Scrapie and released from Quarantine;~~

~~(B) — Released pursuant to the PEMMP; or~~

~~(C) — Dies and is necropsied.~~

~~(e) — Suspect or Scrapie Positive Caprine or Ovine at slaughter facilities must be condemned in accordance with regulations of the USDA/APHIS/VS and reported to the USDA/APHIS/VS/AD so that samples can be collected for diagnosis or Epidemiology and the carcass removed from the food chain.~~

Section 14. — Movement of Caprine or Ovine Held Pursuant to Quarantine.
~~No Suspect or Scrapie Positive Caprine or Ovine shall be removed from the Premise unless accompanied by a written permit issued by the Wyoming State Veterinarian or until the Quarantine is released.~~

~~**Section 15.—Release of Caprine or Ovine Held Pursuant to Quarantine.**~~
Quarantine shall be released pursuant to compliance with all requirements of the UMR and by concurrence of the Wyoming State Veterinarian, DSE and the USDA/APHIS/VS/AD.

~~**Section 16.—Depopulation and Carcass Disposition of Suspect or Serapie Positive Caprine or Ovine.**~~ Caprine or Ovine depopulation and carcass disposition shall be done in accordance with the UMR.



Notice of Intent to Adopt Rules

A copy of the proposed rules may be obtained at <https://rules.wyo.gov>

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1. General Information

a. Agency/Board Name* Livestock Board		
b. Agency/Board Address 1934 Wyoott Drive	c. City Cheyenne	d. Zip Code 82002
e. Name of Agency Liaison Dr. Hallie Hasel, State Veterinarian		f. Agency Liaison Telephone Number 307-777-8270
g. Agency Liaison Email Address hallie.hasel@wyo.gov		
h. Date of Public Notice 06/03/2026		i. Comment Period End Date 07/22/2026
j. Public Comment URL or Email Address: wlsb-rules@wyo.gov		
k. Program General Agency, Board and Commission Rules		
Amended Program Name (if applicable):		

* By checking this box, the agency is indicating it is exempt from certain sections of the Administrative Procedure Act including public comment period requirements. Please contact the agency for details regarding these rules.

2. Legislative Enactment

For purposes of this Section 2, "new" only applies to regular non-emergency rules promulgated in response to a Wyoming legislative enactment not previously addressed in whole or in part by prior rulemaking and does not include rules adopted in response to a federal mandate.

a. Are these non-emergency regular rules new as per the above description and the definition of "new" in Chapter 1 of the Rules on Rules?

No. Yes. If the rules are new, please provide the Legislative Chapter Number and Year Enacted: Chapter: _____ Year: _____

3. Rule Type and Information

For purposes of this Section 3, "New" means an emergency or regular rule that has never been previously created.

a. Provide the Chapter Number, Title and Proposed Action for Each Chapter. Please use the "Additional Rule Information" form to identify additional rule chapters.

Chapter Number: 25	Chapter Name: Brucellosis Quarantine Mitigation Expense Reimbursement	<input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Repealed
Amended Chapter Name (if applicable):		
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4. Public Comments and Hearing Information

a. A public hearing on the proposed rules has been scheduled. No. Yes. Please complete the boxes below.

Date:	Time:	City:	Location:
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b. What is the manner in which interested persons may present their views on the rulemaking action?
 By submitting written comments to the Agency at the physical and/or email address listed in Section 1 above.
 At the following URL: _____

A public hearing will be held if requested by 25 persons, a government subdivision, or by an association having not less than 25 members. Requests for a public hearing may be submitted:
 To the Agency at the physical and/or email address listed in Section 1 above.
 At the following URL: _____

c. Any person may urge the Agency not to adopt the rules and request the Agency to state its reasons for overruling the consideration urged against adoption. Requests for an agency response must be made prior to, or within thirty (30) days after adoption, of the rule, addressed to the Agency and Agency Liaison listed in Section 1 above.

5. Federal Law Requirements

a. These rules are created/amended/revoked to comply with federal law or regulatory requirements. No. Yes. Please complete the boxes below.

Applicable Federal Law or Regulation Citation:
Indicate one (1): <input type="checkbox"/> The proposed rules meet, but do not exceed, minimum federal requirements. <input type="checkbox"/> The proposed rules exceed minimum federal requirements.
Any person wishing to object to the accuracy of any information provided by the Agency under this item should submit their objections prior to final adoption to: <input type="checkbox"/> To the Agency at the physical and/or email address listed in Section 1 above. <input type="checkbox"/> At the following URL: _____

6. State Statutory Requirements

a. Indicate one (1):
 The proposed rule change *MEETS* minimum substantive statutory requirements.
 The proposed rule change *EXCEEDS* minimum substantive statutory requirements. Please attach a statement explaining the reason that the rules exceed the requirements.

b. The Agency has completed a takings assessment as required by W.S. 9-5-304. A copy of the assessment used to evaluate the proposed rules may be obtained:
 By contacting the Agency at the physical and/or email address listed in Section 1 above.
 At the following URL: _____

7. Additional APA Provisions

a. Complete all that apply in regards to uniform rules:

These rules are not impacted by the uniform rules identified in the Administrative Procedure Act, W.S. 16-3-103(j).

The following chapters do not differ from the uniform rules identified in the Administrative Procedure Act, W.S. 16-3-103(j):

(Provide chapter numbers)

These chapters differ from the uniform rules identified in the Administrative Procedure Act, W.S. 16-3-103(j) (see Statement of Principal Reasons).

(Provide chapter numbers)

b. Checklist

The Statement of Principal Reasons is attached to this Notice and, in compliance with *Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc. v. Environmental Quality Council*, 590 P.2d 1324 (Wyo. 1979), includes a brief statement of the substance or terms of the rule and the basis and purpose of the rule.

If applicable: In consultation with the Attorney General's Office, the Agency's Attorney General representative concurs that strike and underscore is not required as the proposed amendments are pervasive (Chapter 3, *Types of Rules Filings*, Section 1, Proposed Rules, of the Rules on Rules).

8. Authorization

a. I certify that the foregoing information is correct.

<i>Printed Name of Authorized Individual</i>	Renaë Krakow
<i>Title of Authorized Individual</i>	Executive Assistant/ Rules Coordinator
<i>Date of Authorization</i>	06/02/2026



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Statement of Principal Reasons

Chapter 25 Brucellosis Quarantine Mitigation Expense Reimbursement

The Wyoming Livestock Board is proposing revisions to its Chapter 25 Brucellosis Quarantine Mitigation Expense Reimbursement and Mitigation Rules. The revisions include updating definitions and terminology, clarifying the expense mitigation claim process, requiring pre-approval for certain equipment purchases, allowing reimbursement for ongoing expenses as needed throughout the quarantine, and adding the option of cost sharing. The proposed revisions increase clarity for expense reimbursement for producers who own or manage Bovinae under brucellosis quarantine.

Proposed revisions to Section 2, Definitions Used in Rules, align definitions with recent updates to definitions throughout Board rules. Proposed changes include defining Equipment and expanding the definition of Qualified Expenses to enhance clarity.

In Section 3, Claim Process, proposed changes add the option of requesting reimbursement for ongoing expenses throughout the brucellosis quarantine to ease the financial burden to producers. Current rules allow one total claim for all expenses. Proposed changes also require the purchase of equipment to be preapproved for consideration as a reimbursable expense, and allow the option for partial approval of requested expenses.

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Chapter 25

Brucellosis Quarantine Mitigation Expense Reimbursement

Section 1. Authority to Create Rules. The following rules are promulgated pursuant to Wyoming Statutes §§ 11-19-103(k) and 11-19-118(e).

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(a) “Affected Herd Management Plan” means a written document approved by the Wyoming State Veterinarian that outlines the practices the affected herd owner or manager shall implement to eliminate Brucellosis infection from the Herd and that incorporates the requirements for the release of a Quarantine.

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Section 3. Claim Process.

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