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AAC R12-4-319 Use of Aircraft to Take Wildlife

- A. A person shall not take or assist in taking wildlife from or with the aid of aircraft, including drones.
- B. Except in hunt units with Commission-ordered special seasons under R12-4-115 and R12-4-120 and hunt units with seasons only for mountain lion and no other concurrent big game season, a person shall not locate or assist in locating wildlife from or with the aid of an aircraft, including drones, in a hunt unit with an open big game season. This restriction begins 48 hours before the opening of a big game season in a hunt unit and extends until the close of the big game season for that hunt unit.
- C. A person who possesses a special big game license tag for a special season under R12-4-115 or R12-4-120 or a person who assists or will assist such a licensee shall not use an aircraft, including drones, to locate wildlife beginning 48 hours before and during a Commission-ordered special season.
- D. This Section does not apply to any person acting within the scope of official duties as an employee or authorized agent of the state or the United States to manage or protect or aid in the management or protection of land, water, wildlife, livestock, domesticated animals, human life, or crops.
- E. For the purposes of this Section, "locate" means any act or activity that does not take or harass wildlife and is directed at locating or finding wildlife in a hunt area.

AAC R12-4-320 Harassment of Wildlife

- A. In addition to the provisions established under A.R.S. § 17-301, it is unlawful to harass, molest, chase, rally, concentrate, herd, intercept, torment, or drive wildlife with or from any aircraft, including drones, as defined under R12-4-301, or with or from any motorized terrestrial or aquatic vehicle.
- B. This Section does not apply to person's acting:
1. In accordance with the provisions established under A.R.S. § 17-239; or
 2. Within the scope of official duties as an employee or authorized agent of the state or the United States to manage or protect or aid in



the management or protection of land, water, wildlife, livestock, domesticated animals, human life, or crops.

