



# TEMPORARY RULE-MAKING FINDINGS OF NEED

[Authority G.S. 150B-21.1]

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VOLUME:

ISSUE:

**1. Rule-Making Agency:**

North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission

**2. Rule citation & name:**

15A NCAC 10D .0209 BUFFALO COVE GAME LAND IN CALDWELL AND WILKES COUNTIES

**3. Action:**

☐ Adoption

☒ Amendment

☐ Repeal

**4. Was this an Emergency Rule:**

☐ Yes

Effective date:

☒ No

**5. Provide dates for the following actions as applicable:**

a. Proposed Temporary Rule submitted to OAH: 4/19/24

b. Proposed Temporary Rule published on the OAH website: 4/23/24

c. Public Hearing date: 5/14/24

d. Comment Period: 4/22/24 – 5/20/24

e. Notice pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.1(a3)(2): 4/22/24

f. Adoption by agency on: 6/6/24

g. Proposed effective date of temporary rule if other than effective date established by G.S. 150B- 21.1(b) and G.S. 150B-21.3:

**6. Reason for Temporary Action. Attach a copy of any cited law, regulation, or document necessary for the review.**

- ☐ A serious and unforeseen threat to the public health, safety or welfare.
- ☐ The effective date of a recent act of the General Assembly or of the U.S. Congress.  
Cite: S.L. 2023-137, S.6  
Effective date: 10/10/23
- ☐ A recent change in federal or state budgetary policy.  
Effective date of change:
- ☐ A recent federal regulation.  
Cite:  
Effective date:
- ☐ A recent court order.  
Cite order:
- ☒ Other: 150B-21.1(a)(7) b. and d.

**Explain:**

Buffalo Cove Game Land has acreage in both the western and northwestern deer zones. The current deer season framework for the game land is consistent with the western season. Changes to the deer rule for the 2024-2025 season shift the western blackpowder and gun season to allow the blackpowder season to begin two Saturdays before Thanksgiving and run for two weeks, and the gun season to begin the Saturday after Thanksgiving and run until January 1.

**7. Why is adherence to notice and hearing requirements contrary to the public interest and the immediate adoption of the rule is required?**

Changes are needed to reflect the new 2024-2025 season framework on this game land and update season dates in the 2024-2025 Regulations Digest.

**8. Rule establishes or increases a fee? (See G.S. 12-3.1)**

☐ Yes

Agency submitted request for consultation on:

Consultation not required. Cite authority:

☒ No

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**10. Signature of Agency Head\*:**



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**RULES REVIEW COMMISSION USE ONLY**

Action taken:

Submitted for RRC Review:

☐ Date returned to agency:

1 15A NCAC 10D .0209 is amended under temporary procedures as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10D .0209 BUFFALO COVE GAME LAND IN CALDWELL AND WILKES COUNTIES**

4 Buffalo Cove game land is a Seven Days per Week Area. The following shall apply:

- 5 (1) The Deer With Visible Antlers ~~season~~ Season for deer ~~consists of the open hunting days from the~~  
6 ~~Monday before~~ begins on the Saturday after Thanksgiving Day through ~~the third Saturday after~~  
7 ~~Thanksgiving, January 1. Deer of either sex Antlered or antlerless deer~~ may be taken with archery  
8 equipment ~~on open days~~ beginning the Saturday on or nearest September 10 through the ~~Sunday~~  
9 ~~day~~ immediately preceding the Blackpowder Firearms Season described in this rule ~~and the Sunday~~  
10 ~~immediately following the closing of Blackpowder Firearms Season described in this rule through~~  
11 ~~the Sunday before Thanksgiving Day. Deer with visible antlers may be taken with archery~~  
12 ~~equipment the Sunday immediately following the closing of the Deer With Visible Antlers Season,~~  
13 ~~as described in this Part, through January 1. Rule. Deer of either sex Antlered or antlerless deer~~ may  
14 be taken with blackpowder firearms ~~on open days~~ beginning two Saturdays preceding the first day  
15 of the open season for Deer With Visible Antlers described in this Rule ~~the Monday on or nearest~~  
16 ~~October 1~~ through the ~~Saturday of the second week~~ Friday thereafter.  
17 (2) ~~Deer of either sex Antlered or antlerless deer~~ may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable  
18 Deer With Visible Antlers Season.  
19 (3) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31 and all  
20 horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.  
21 (4) Target shooting is prohibited.

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23 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;*  
24 *Eff. October 1, 2022.*  
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<b>1. Rule-Making Agency:</b> North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission	
<b>2. Rule citation &amp; name:</b> 15A NCAC 10D .0243 KINGS CREEK GAME LAND IN CALDWELL AND WILKES COUNTIES	
<b>3. Action:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Adoption <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment <input type="checkbox"/> Repeal	
<b>4. Was this an Emergency Rule:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <b>Effective date:</b>	
<b>5. Provide dates for the following actions as applicable:</b> a. Proposed Temporary Rule submitted to OAH: 4/19/24 b. Proposed Temporary Rule published on the OAH website: 4/23/24 c. Public Hearing date: 5/14/24 d. Comment Period: 4/22/24 – 5/20/24 e. Notice pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.1(a3)(2): 4/22/24 f. Adoption by agency on: 6/6/24 g. Proposed effective date of temporary rule if other than effective date established by G.S. 150B- 21.1(b) and G.S. 150B-21.3:	
<b>6. Reason for Temporary Action. Attach a copy of any cited law, regulation, or document necessary for the review.</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> A serious and unforeseen threat to the public health, safety or welfare. <input type="checkbox"/> The effective date of a recent act of the General Assembly or of the U.S. Congress. Cite: S.L. 2023-137, S.6 Effective date: 10/10/23 <input type="checkbox"/> A recent change in federal or state budgetary policy. Effective date of change: <input type="checkbox"/> A recent federal regulation. Cite: Effective date: <input type="checkbox"/> A recent court order. Cite order: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: 150B-21.1(a)(7) b. and d.  <b>Explain:</b> Kings Creek Game Land has acreage in both the western and northwestern deer zones. The current deer season framework for the game land is consistent with the western season. Changes to the deer rule for the 2024-2025 season shift the western blackpowder and gun season to allow the blackpowder season to begin two Saturdays before Thanksgiving and run for two weeks, and the gun season to begin the Saturday after Thanksgiving and run until January 1.	

**7. Why is adherence to notice and hearing requirements contrary to the public interest and the immediate adoption of the rule is required?**

Changes are needed to reflect the new 2024-2025 season framework on this game land and update season dates in the 2024-2025 Regulations Digest.

**8. Rule establishes or increases a fee? (See G.S. 12-3.1)**

☐ Yes

Agency submitted request for consultation on:

Consultation not required. Cite authority:

☒ No

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**RULES REVIEW COMMISSION USE ONLY**

Action taken:

Submitted for RRC Review:

☐ Date returned to agency:

1 15A NCAC 10D .0243 is amended under temporary procedures as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10D .0243 KINGS CREEK GAME LAND IN CALDWELL AND WILKES COUNTIES**

4 Kings Creek game land is a Six Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- 5 (1) The Deer With Visible Antlers ~~season~~ Season for deer consists of the open hunting days from the  
6 ~~Monday Saturday before~~ after Thanksgiving Day through ~~the third Saturday after Thanksgiving.~~  
7 ~~January 1. Deer of either sex Antlered or antlerless deer~~ may be taken with archery equipment on  
8 open days beginning the Saturday on or nearest September 10 ~~to~~ through the ~~third Saturday~~  
9 ~~thereafter, and Monday on or nearest October 15 to the Saturday before Thanksgiving Day. day~~  
10 ~~immediately preceding the Blackpowder Firearms Season described in the Rule. Deer with visible~~  
11 ~~antlers may be taken with archery equipment the Monday immediately following the closing of the~~  
12 ~~Deer With Visible Antlers Season, as described in this Part, through January 1. Deer of either sex~~  
13 ~~Antlered or antlerless deer~~ may be taken with blackpowder firearms on open days beginning ~~the~~  
14 ~~Monday on or nearest October 1~~ two Saturdays preceding the first day of the open season for Deer  
15 With Visible Antlers described in this Rule through the ~~Saturday of the second week~~ Friday  
16 thereafter.  
17 (2) ~~Deer of either sex Antlered or antlerless deer~~ may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable  
18 Deer With Visible Antlers Season.  
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20 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;*  
21 *Eff. October 1, 2022.*  
22 *-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;*  
23 *Eff. October 1, 2022.*  
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North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission

**2. Rule citation & name:**

15A NCAC 10D .0276 SOUTH MOUNTAINS GAME LAND IN BURKE, CLEVELAND, MCDOWELL, AND RUTHERFORD COUNTIES

**3. Action:**

☐ Adoption

☒ Amendment

☐ Repeal

**4. Was this an Emergency Rule:** ☐ Yes

Effective date:

☒ No

**5. Provide dates for the following actions as applicable:**

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g. Proposed effective date of temporary rule if other than effective date established by G.S. 150B- 21.1(b) and G.S. 150B-21.3:

**6. Reason for Temporary Action. Attach a copy of any cited law, regulation, or document necessary for the review.**

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Cite: S.L. 2023-137, S.6  
Effective date: 10/10/23
- ☐ A recent change in federal or state budgetary policy.  
Effective date of change:
- ☐ A recent federal regulation.  
Cite:  
Effective date:
- ☐ A recent court order.  
Cite order:
- ☒ Other: 150B-21.1(a)(7) b. and d.

**Explain:**

South Mountains Game Land has acreage in both the western and northwestern deer zones. The current deer season framework for the game land is consistent with the western season. Changes to the deer rule for the 2024-2025 season shift the western blackpowder and gun season to allow the blackpowder season to begin two Saturdays before Thanksgiving and run for two weeks, and the gun season to begin the Saturday after Thanksgiving and run until January 1.

**7. Why is adherence to notice and hearing requirements contrary to the public interest and the immediate adoption of the rule is required?**

Changes are needed to reflect the new 2024-2025 season framework on this game land and update season dates in the 2024-2025 Regulations Digest.

**8. Rule establishes or increases a fee? (See G.S. 12-3.1)**

☐ Yes

Agency submitted request for consultation on:

Consultation not required. Cite authority:

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☐ Date returned to agency:



1 15A NCAC 10D .0276 is amended under temporary procedures as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10D .0276 SOUTH MOUNTAINS GAME LAND IN BURKE, CLEVELAND, MCDOWELL,**  
4 **AND RUTHERFORD COUNTIES**

5 South Mountains game land is a Seven Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- 6 (1) The Deer With Visible Antlers ~~season~~ Season for deer begins on the Saturday after ~~consists of the~~  
7 ~~open hunting days from the Monday before~~ Thanksgiving Day through ~~the third Saturday after~~  
8 ~~Thanksgiving, January 1. Deer of either sex Antlered or antlerless deer~~ may be taken with archery  
9 equipment ~~on open days~~ beginning the Saturday on or nearest September 10 through the ~~Sunday~~  
10 ~~day~~ immediately preceding the Blackpowder Firearms Season described in this rule ~~and the Sunday~~  
11 ~~immediately following the closing of Blackpowder Firearms Season described in this rule through~~  
12 ~~the Sunday before Thanksgiving Day. Deer with visible antlers may be taken with archery~~  
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14 ~~as described in this Part, through January 1. Rule. Deer of either sex Antlered or antlerless deer~~ may  
15 be taken with blackpowder firearms ~~on open days~~ beginning ~~the Monday on or nearest October 1~~  
16 ~~two Saturdays preceding the first day of the open season for Deer With Visible Antlers described in~~  
17 ~~this Rule~~ through the ~~Saturday of the second week~~ Friday thereafter.
- 18 (2) ~~Deer of either sex Antlered or antlerless deer~~ may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable  
19 Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- 20 (3) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails during the following dates:
- 21 (a) January 2 through March 31;
- 22 (b) May 16 through August 31;
- 23 (c) Sundays only - April 1 through May 15; and
- 24 (d) Sundays only - September 1 through January 1.
- 25 (4) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 26 (5) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May  
27 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
- 28 (6) The maximum period of consecutive overnight camping at any posted and designated camping area  
29 is 14 days within any 30-day period.

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31 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;*  
32 *Eff. October 1, 2022.*  
33