

Board of Outfitters and Professional Guides

❖ *Mission and philosophy*

The board's 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 36 complaints during this time period, of which 31 were against licensed outfitters. Of these 36 complaints, eight were unfounded, 12 were mild, 10 were moderate, and six were of a severe nature. The total number of complaints equals 9.8 percent of all licensed outfitters.

The memorandum of understanding (MOU) among this board, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service - Rocky Mountain and Intermountain Regions, the Wyoming State Land and Farm Loan Office, Bureau of Land Management and Wyoming Game and Fish Commission has streamlined the issuance of licenses and investigations of fraudulent activity. In September of 1999, the U.S. Department of the Interior - Fish and Wildlife Service and National Park Service - Grand Teton National Park have joined this MOU.

The major problem faced by the board is convincing county prosecutors of the serious problems caused by illegal operations. Therefore, prosecutors do not want to file charges, or if the person is convicted, he or she is fined a very small amount.

❖ *Strategic plan changes*

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.

A multi-state meeting will be held with boards from the surrounding states to discuss the problems of illegal outfitters crossing state lines.

General information

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Other locations

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Year established

1989

Statutory references

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

Number of authorized personnel

Four full-time

Organizational Structure

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

Clients served

Outfitters, guides, hunters

Budget information

Fund 551 \$242,946

Agency to which group reports

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

Number of members

Seven

Meeting frequency

Five to six times per year