

Wildlife Services Directive

2.425
02/14/13

DENNING

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Directive is to provide guidelines for the use of denning to protect agriculture, natural resources, property, and human health and safety.

2. REPLACEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

This Directive revises Wildlife Services (WS) Directive 2.425 dated May 20, 2004.

3. AUTHORITY

Authority to promulgate a policy addressing fumigants or pesticide use is pursuant to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act dated September 28, 2012.

4. POLICY

To avoid exposure to disease and the potential for a den to cave in when excavating, registered fumigants will be used for denning unless circumstances render their use ineffective.

5. BACKGROUND

Denning is an approved WS method for managing wildlife damage. This form of damage management is accomplished by using fumigants registered for this purpose or by excavating the den.

6. DEFINITION

Denning is defined as a technique used for managing damage to livestock, or other resources, and/or reducing threats to human health and safety caused by predators or burrowing rodents.

7. IMPLEMENTATION

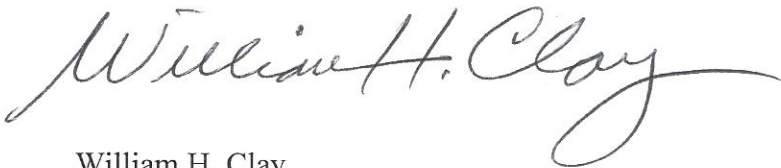
- a. Predators removed by denning will be humanely euthanized in accordance with WS Directive 2.505, Lethal Control of Animals.
- b. Deviation from this policy must be approved by the Regional Director.

8. APPLICABILITY AND SCOPE

This Directive applies to all WS personnel.

9. REFERENCES

- a. Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (7 U.S.C. 136 et seq.), as amended.
- b. 40 CFR Part 153.75 – Toxic or Adverse Effect Incident Reports (a)(1)(i) through (iii).
- c. WS Directive 2.505, Lethal Control of Animals (5/18/2011)

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