

United States Department of Agriculture  
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

# WS Directive

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DENNING

1. PURPOSE

To provide guidelines for the use of denning to protect agriculture, natural resources, property, and human health and safety.

2. REPLACEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

This directive replaces ADC Directive 2.425 dated 3/26/93.

3. BACKGROUND

Denning is the practice of removing predators or burrowing rodents from their den to manage damage to livestock, or other resources, and/or reduce threats to human health and safety.

4. POLICY

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. Predators removed by denning will be humanely euthanized in accordance with WS Directive 2.505, Euthanizing Wildlife.

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. Deviation from this policy must be approved by the Regional Director.

5. REFERENCES

WS Directive 2.505, Wildlife Euthanasia (7/28/03)

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