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Farm Ownership & Corporate Farming Laws:

*Wyoming*



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### Fast Find:

- 1) Prohibition: WY Stat. §§ 19-13-501, 502
- 2) Permission: WY Const. art. I, § 29
- 3) Reporting: None
- 4) Corporate Farming: None

### WY Const. art. I, § 29 WY Stat. §§ 19-13-501 to 502

*Current through laws passed by the General Session of the 2025 Wyoming State Legislature. Some statute sections may be more current.*

#### **WY Const. art. I, § 29. Rights of aliens.**

No distinction shall ever be made by law between resident aliens and citizens as to the possession, taxation, enjoyment and descent of property.

#### **WY Stat. § 19-13-501. Definitions.**

(a) As used in this article:

(i) "Conveyance" means as defined by W.S. 34-1-102 and includes conveyances of real property, surface interests, mineral interests and pore space interests;

(ii) "Critical infrastructure" means any property, system and asset, whether physical or cyber-based, so vital to the United States or the state of Wyoming that the degradation or destruction of the property, system and asset would have a debilitating impact on national security, including national economic security and national public health or safety;

(iii) "Critical infrastructure zone" means an area of property, whether covering the surface estate, mineral estate, pore space estate or nonphysical property, designated by the governor in consultation with the director of the office of homeland security as property encompassing critical infrastructure;

(iv) "Designated country or person" means:

(A) A foreign government or foreign nongovernment person determined to be a foreign



adversary by the United States secretary of commerce and specified in 15 C.F.R. 7.4(a); or

(B) A country or government designated as a state sponsor of terrorism by the United States secretary of state under the federal Export Administration Act of 1979, the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, the Arms Export Control Act or any other provision of federal law.

(v) "Director" means the director of the office of homeland security appointed under W.S. 19-13-104.

**WY Stat. § 19-13-502. Critical infrastructure zones; reporting of conveyances; investigations; rulemaking.**

(a) The governor, in consultation with the director, shall designate any property or area of property that qualifies under this article as a critical infrastructure zone. The governor and director shall identify each property designated as a critical infrastructure zone by using a legal description of the property. Any designation under this section shall be the least restrictive designation necessary to ensure the security of the critical infrastructure to be protected. The director, in consultation with the governor, may remove a designation of a critical infrastructure zone from any property. Not later than July 1, 2025 and each July 1 thereafter, the director, in consultation with the governor, shall review the designations made under this subsection to determine whether designations should be removed or amended. Any property designated as a critical infrastructure zone under this subsection shall remain designated until removed in accordance with this subsection or by order of a court.

(b) Not later than July 1 of each year, the director shall provide a list of all currently designated critical infrastructure zones to each county clerk.

(c) Within fifteen (15) days after the conveyance is executed and completed, the county clerk shall report each conveyance that involves any property located within a critical infrastructure zone or that is located not more than five (5) miles from a critical infrastructure zone to the director and to the division of criminal investigation.

(d) Upon receiving a report from a county clerk under subsection (c) of this section, the director and the division of criminal investigation shall, upon reasonable suspicion, investigate the conveyance to determine if the conveyance involves a designated country or person or if the conveyance poses a threat to national or state security or to critical infrastructure.

(e) The director, the attorney general and the division of criminal investigation may take any action authorized by law to determine the actual identity of any party to a conveyance reported under this section if the party's actual identity is not clear from the conveyance. Any investigation and information obtained during



the investigation shall remain confidential and shall not be open to public inspection.

(f) The director shall promulgate any rules necessary for the designation of critical infrastructure zones in accordance with this section.

