

**Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 5, 2021**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1081  
(Representative Zubke)

AN ACT to create and enact sections 15-08-28, 15-08-29, 15-08-30, 15-08-31, and 15-08-32 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to access to and activities on trust lands; and to provide a penalty.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

**SECTION 1.** Section 15-08-28 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

**15-08-28. Vehicular access.**

The use of vehicles on trust lands is prohibited, except:

1. Within thirty-three feet [10.06 meters] of section lines;
2. As allowed by the terms of a lease, permit, or easement issued by the board of university and school lands;
3. When used for travel on a public road easement issued by the board;
4. When used by government personnel in the performance of official duties; or
5. When hunting under a special permit issued by the director of the game and fish department to shoot from a stationary vehicle and with written permission from the lessee and commissioner.

**SECTION 2.** Section 15-08-29 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

**15-08-29. Public access.**

1. Nonvehicular public access to leased and unleased trust lands is allowed if in the best interests of the trusts, unless:
  - a. Specifically prohibited by the commissioner; or
  - b. A lessee of any lands under the control of the board of university and school lands posts the land with signage issued by the department, which:
    - (1) Requires notification to the lessee before entry by the public; or
    - (2) Closes the trust lands to all public access.
2. A lessee of any lands under the control of the board may not lease, sell, or otherwise be compensated for access to, on, across, or over leased trust lands.

**SECTION 3.** Section 15-08-30 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

**15-08-30. Prohibited activities - Penalty.**

1. The following activities and items are prohibited on trust lands:

- a. Target shooting, explosives, and exploding targets;
  - b. Camping, picnicking, or campfires;
  - c. Unattended trail cameras, hunting blinds, tree stands, and screw-in steps unless otherwise authorized by the commissioner of university and school lands;
  - d. Using bait to attract, lure, feed, or habituate wildlife for any purpose. For purposes of this subsection "bait" includes grains, screenings, minerals, salt, fruits, vegetables, hay, or any other natural or manufactured feeds, but not the use of lures, scents, or liquid attractants for hunting;
  - e. Disturbing or removing artifacts or any cultural, historical, archeological, or paleontological resources found on trust lands without written permission from the board of university and school lands;
  - f. Disposing of refuse, including garbage, bottles, cans, trees, branches, or other waste materials;
  - g. Dog training;
  - h. Metal detecting;
  - i. Guiding and outfitting;
  - j. Collecting plant parts for sale or other commercial purposes;
  - k. Trapping, unless authorized in writing by the commissioner;
  - l. Tree cutting and firewood gathering, unless authorized in writing by the commissioner;
  - m. Beehives, unless specifically authorized in a surface land lease; and
  - n. Organized events for which the commissioner has not issued a written agreement or permit in accordance with section 15-08-31.
2. An individual who violates subdivision n of subsection 1 is guilty of a class B misdemeanor.

**SECTION 4.** Section 15-08-31 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

**15-08-31. Organized event.**

1. Upon written request, the commissioner of university and school lands may allow by written agreement or permit, an organized event involving public access or activity on trust lands if the event:
  - a. Is an appropriate use of trust lands;
  - b. Does not damage trust lands;
  - c. Does not have a negative impact on the value or financial return of the trust lands in violation of the board of university and school lands' fiduciary duty to the applicable trusts as determined by the commissioner;
  - d. Protects the state from liability and other claims for damage; and
  - e. Has been approved by the current surface land lessee, if the trust lands are leased.

2. The commissioner may refuse to issue or renew a permit if the permit applicant has repeatedly violated the provisions of this chapter or rules or orders of the commissioner.

**SECTION 5.** Section 15-08-32 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

**15-08-32. Penalty.**

An individual who violates any provision of this chapter, for which another penalty is not specifically provided for a substantially similar offense, is guilty of a noncriminal offense for which a fee of one hundred dollars must be assessed.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1081.

House Vote:      Yeas 68              Nays 25              Absent 1

Senate Vote:    Yeas 40              Nays 7              Absent 0

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Governor

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Secretary of State