

# **Living On A Few Acres**



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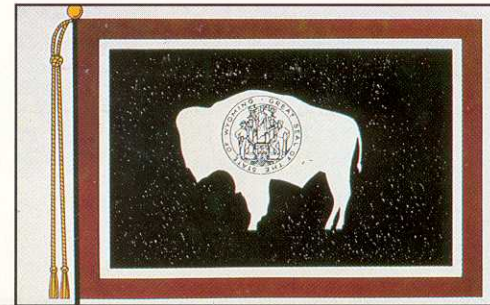
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## WHAT You Need to Know As A Wyoming Landowner

**Water Rights and Documents** - Water use permits are required before diverting, withdrawing, impounding or distributing any surfacewater or groundwater including wells and springs for domestic use.

**Protection of Streambanks** - Permits are necessary prior to any activity modifying the stream channel or streambanks.

**Floodplain Protection** - A local permit may be needed before doing any construction work in an area inundated in a 100-year flood. If you are in a floodplain, insurance and financing may be restricted.

**Control of Noxious Weeds** - All counties have laws requiring control of noxious weeds. Find out which weeds and other pests are noxious by state law or local ordinance and how to control them.

**Septic System Installation** - State law regulates septic system installation, including the minimum acceptable distance between your septic system and drinking wells, streams, and groundwater. Most counties also approve the septic system design, capacity, and soil type used to treat your wastes.

**City/County Zoning** - Before building, contact your city or your county planning office to obtain zoning requirements and information. Find out if your city or county has special ordinances, such as property access road restrictions, an aquifer protection ordinance or grazing restriction covenants which may affect your proposed activity.

**Water Quality Protection** - You are responsible for preventing livestock manure, pesticides, sediment and other pollutants from reaching surface or groundwater.

## WHO To Contact

•Wyoming State Engineer, Cheyenne; 307/777-6475

•Local Conservation and Natural Resource Districts  
•U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Cheyenne;  
307/772-2301

•Local City/County Planning Office  
•HUD Office, Casper; 307/261-5252  
•USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service

•County Weed and Pest Control Districts  
•Local Cooperative Extension Service Office  
•Wyoming Dept. of Agriculture, Cheyenne;  
307/777-6585

•County Health Department or Planning Office  
•Dept. of Environmental Quality, Cheyenne;  
307/777-7781

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