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Part 242: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Chapter 1: General Program Delegation--Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

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242 DM 1

1.1 Delegation.

A. The Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service may, except as provided in 242 DM 1.2, exercise the authority of the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks with respect to any matter relating to fish, wildlife, and plants. This includes, but is not limited to, matters relating to migratory birds, game management, wildlife refuges and monuments, endangered and threatened species, sport fisheries, sea mammals (except whales, seals, and sea lions), international treaty responsibilities concerning the conservation of fish, wildlife or plants, and other activities of the Service.

B. The Director is authorized to exercise the authority of the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks to issue Federal Register notices and rules to amend by addition, revision or revocation, rules in Chapter I and Chapter IV, Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations. This does not include final approval authority for determinations of effects.

C. The Director is delegated the Secretary's enforcement authority as specified in section 8 (b) of the Wild Free-Roaming Horse and Burro Act of 1971 (16 U.S.C. 1331-1340). This authority will be exercised in accordance with 633 DM 1.

1.2 **Limitations.** The authority granted in 242 DM 1.1 relates to the authority found in 209 DM 6, but does not include:

- A. Authority which the Secretary may not redelegate as set forth in 200 DM 1.
- B. Authority which the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks may not redelegate as set forth in 209 DM 6.
- C. Authority to make final decisions regarding issuance of mineral leases on national wildlife refuges.

1.3 **Other Delegations.** General administration and special delegations of authority are found in 242 DM 2 and 242 DM 3, respectively.

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