

Introduced by

Representative Zubke

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact sections 15-08-28, 15-08-29, 15-08-30, 15-08-31, and
2 15-08-32 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to access to and activities on trust lands;
3 and to provide a penalty.

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

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

7 **15-08-28. Vehicular access.**

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

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

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

19 **15-08-29. Public access.**

- 20 1. Nonvehicular public access to leased and unleased trust lands is allowed if in the best
21 interests of the trusts, unless:
 - 22 a. Specifically prohibited by the commissioner; or
 - 23 b. A lessee of any lands under the control of the board of university and school
24 lands posts the land with signage issued by the department, which:

1 (1) Requires notification to the lessee before entry by the public; or

2 (2) Closes the trust lands to all public access.

3 2. A lessee of any lands under the control of the board may not lease, sell, or otherwise
4 be compensated for access to, on, across, or over leased trust lands.

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

7 **15-08-30. Prohibited activities - Penalty.**

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

9 a. Target shooting, explosives, and exploding targets;

10 b. Camping, picnicking, or campfires;

11 c. Unattended trail cameras, hunting blinds, tree stands, and screw-in steps unless
12 otherwise authorized by the commissioner of university and school lands;

13 d. Using bait to attract, lure, feed, or habituate wildlife for any purpose. For
14 purposes of this subsection "bait" includes grains, screenings, minerals, salt,
15 fruits, vegetables, hay, or any other natural or manufactured feeds, but not the
16 use of lures, scents, or liquid attractants for hunting;

17 e. Disturbing or removing artifacts or any cultural, historical, archeological, or
18 paleontological resources found on trust lands without written permission from
19 the board of university and school lands;

20 f. Disposing of refuse, including garbage, bottles, cans, trees, branches, or other
21 waste materials;

22 g. Dog training;

23 h. Metal detecting;

24 i. Guiding and outfitting;

25 j. Collecting plant parts for sale or other commercial purposes;

26 k. Trapping, unless authorized in writing by the commissioner;

27 l. Tree cutting and firewood gathering, unless authorized in writing by the
28 commissioner;

29 m. Beehives, unless specifically authorized in a surface land lease; and

30 n. Organized events for which the commissioner has not issued a written
31 agreement or permit in accordance with section 15-08-31.

1 2. An individual who violates subdivision n of subsection 1 is guilty of a class B
2 misdemeanor.

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

5 **15-08-31. Organized event.**

6 1. Upon written request, the commissioner of university and school lands may allow by
7 written agreement or permit, an organized event involving public access or activity on
8 trust lands if the event:

9 a. Is an appropriate use of trust lands;

10 b. Does not damage trust lands;

11 c. Does not have a negative impact on the value or financial return of the trust lands
12 in violation of the board of university and school lands' fiduciary duty to the
13 applicable trusts as determined by the commissioner;

14 d. Protects the state from liability and other claims for damage; and

15 e. Has been approved by the current surface land lessee, if the trust lands are
16 leased.

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

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

22 **15-08-32. Penalty.**

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