

# WS Directive

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THE WS INTEGRATED WILDLIFE DAMAGE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

1. PURPOSE

To summarize the Integrated Wildlife Damage Management (IWDM) concept used by USDA/APHIS/WS.

2. REPLACEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

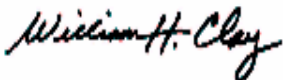
This directive revises WS Directive 2.105 dated 06/14/98.

3. BACKGROUND

The WS program applies the IWDM (commonly known as Integrated Pest Management) approach to reduce wildlife damage. As used and recommended by the WS program, IWDM encompasses the integration and application of all approved methods of prevention and management to reduce wildlife damage. The IWDM approach may incorporate cultural practices, habitat modification, animal behavior management, local population reduction, or a combination of these approaches. The selection of wildlife damage management methods and their application must consider the species causing the damage and the magnitude, geographic extent, duration, frequency, and likelihood of recurring damage. In addition, consideration is given to nontarget species, environmental conditions and impacts, social and legal factors, and relative costs of management options.

4. POLICY

WS personnel shall apply and use the IWDM approach to efficiently and effectively prevent or reduce damage caused by wildlife. In applying IWDM to wildlife damage management, the WS program may offer technical assistance, direct control, or a combination of both in response to requests for help with wildlife damage problems.



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