

By: Rabon of the Senate
and
Pruett of the House

[wildlife and plants -
emergency]

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2001, Section 7-705, is amended to read as follows:

Section 7-705. A. Except as otherwise provided, no person may collect, remove, lure, chase or cause to be removed, lured or chased any wildlife from the wilderness area or collect, remove or cause to be collected or removed any plant life from the wilderness area.

B. Persons exempt from the above subsection are:

1. Departmental employees pursuant to their duties; or
2. Any person who has obtained prior specific written permission from the Director and who, at the time of such activity, has evidence of that permission upon his or her person.

C. Under no circumstances may any department employee or any other person remove or cut any live tree that is ten (10) inches or more in diameter from the wilderness area.

D. Any person convicted of violating the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) nor more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the Senate the 8th day of March, 2005.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
2005.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives