

Wyoming – State Public Record Laws

Citations	<p>Wyo. Stat. § 16-4-201 et seq. http://legisweb.state.wy.us/statutes/statutes.aspx?file=titles/Title16/T16CH4AR2.htm</p>
Exemptions to Disclosure	<p>Custodian may deny – on public interest grounds – requests for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “The specific details of bona fide research projects being conducted by a state institution” including “reports prepared by the custodian funded completely from non-state sources”; • Interagency or intra-agency memoranda or letters which would not be available by law to a private party in litigation with the agency; • Trade secrets, privileged information and confidential commercial, financial, geological or geophysical data furnished by or obtained from any person; • Records or information relating to individual diagnoses of contagious, infectious, communicable, toxic and genetic diseases maintained or collected by the Wyoming state veterinary laboratory; • Information concerning an agricultural operation, farming or conservation practice, or the land itself, if the information was provided by an agricultural producer or owner of agricultural land in order to participate in a program of the state or any agency, institution or political subdivision of the state. The custodian shall also deny the right of inspection to geospatial information maintained about the agricultural land or operations; • If, in the opinion of the official custodian of any public record, disclosure of the contents of the record would do substantial injury to the public interest, notwithstanding the fact that the record might otherwise be available to public inspection, he may apply to the district court of the district in which the record is located for an order permitting him to restrict disclosure. • Information concerning an agricultural operation, farming or conservation practice, or the land itself, if the information was provided by an agricultural producer or owner of agricultural land in order to participate in a program of the state or any agency, institution or political subdivision of the state. Wyo. Stat. § 16-4-203
Access Rights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any person • No statement of purpose necessary • No restrictions on use • No specified response time • Fees allowed for cost of duplication • Fees allowed for collection and assembly • If the custodian denies access to any public record, the applicant may request a written statement of the grounds for the denial. The statement shall cite the law or regulation under which access is denied and shall be furnished to the applicant. Wyo. Stat. § 16-4-203
Destruction of Public Records	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9-2-412. Destruction or disposition of public records; procedure: Public records of the state and political subdivisions shall be disposed of in accordance with W.S. 9-2-411. The records committee may approve a departmental written request upon proper and satisfactory showing that the retention of certain records for a minimum period of ten (10) years is unnecessary and uneconomical. Recommendations for the destruction or disposition of office files and memoranda shall be submitted to the records committee upon approved forms, prepared by the records officer of the agency concerned and the

	director. The committee shall determine the period of time that any office file or memorandum shall be preserved and may authorize the division of archives, records management and centralized microfilm to arrange for its destruction or disposition.
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