

## 5-1215. ACCESS RIGHTS OF OWNERS OF SURROUNDED AREAS.

IF PRIVATELY OWNED LAND IS SURROUNDED COMPLETELY BY AREAS DESIGNATED BY PART II OF THIS SUBTITLE AS STATE WILDLAND, THE PRIVATE OWNER AND HIS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST HAS THE RIGHTS NECESSARY TO ASSURE ADEQUATE ACCESS TO THE PRIVATELY OWNED LAND, OR THE PRIVATELY OWNED LAND MAY BE EXCHANGED FOR STATE-OWNED LAND IN THE SAME COUNTY OF APPROXIMATELY EQUAL VALUE UNDER AUTHORITY AVAILABLE TO THE SECRETARY. HOWEVER, THE STATE MAY NOT TRANSFER TO A PRIVATE OWNER ANY MINERAL INTERESTS UNLESS THE PRIVATE OWNER RELINQUISHES OR CAUSES TO BE RELINQUISHED TO THE STATE THE MINERAL INTEREST IN THE SURROUNDED LAND. IF VALID MINING CLAIMS OR OTHER VALID OCCUPANCIES ARE WHOLLY WITHIN A DESIGNATED WILDLANDS AREA, THE SECRETARY, BY REGULATIONS CONSISTENT WITH THE PRESERVATION OF THE AREA AS STATE WILDLANDS, MAY PERMIT INGRESS AND EGRESS TO THE SURROUNDED AREAS BY MEANS WHICH HAVE BEEN OR ARE BEING CUSTOMARILY ENJOYED WITH RESPECT TO OTHER AREAS SIMILARLY SITUATED.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section presently appears as Article 66C, section 345B(n) of the Code. The only changes made are in style.

## 5-1216. SECRETARY AUTHORIZED TO ACQUIRE PRIVATELY OWNED LAND WITHIN PERIMETER OF DESIGNATED AREA.

SUBJECT TO THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS BY THE LEGISLATURE, THE SECRETARY MAY ACQUIRE PRIVATELY OWNED LAND WITHIN THE PERIMETER OF ANY AREA DESIGNATED BY PART II OF THIS SUBTITLE AS WILDLANDS IF THE OWNER CONCURS IN THE ACQUISITION.

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## 5-1217. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS OF LAND OR WETLANDS; PURCHASE OF LAND, WETLANDS, OR SCENIC EASEMENTS.

THE DEPARTMENT MAY ACCEPT ANY GIFT OF LAND OR WETLANDS TO THE STATE, MAKE OTHER AGREEMENTS AS TO THESE LANDS, PURCHASE LAND OR WETLANDS, OR PURCHASE SCENIC EASEMENTS IN THE NAME OF THE STATE TO BE HELD, RESTORED, AND ADMINISTERED AS STATE WILDLAND AREAS. THE DEPARTMENT MAY ALSO DESIGNATE AND SET ASIDE AREAS IN STATE FORESTS AND STATE PARKS AS WILDLAND AREAS.

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