

Deputy Game Wardens, Traveling Expenses Of.

Deputy Game Wardens should be allowed their actual expenses incurred in traveling in the performance of duty outside their districts at the direction of the State Game Warden.

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State Board of Examiners,
Helena, Montana.

Gentlemen:—

After careful consideration of the question by you presented, as to whether or not there is authority of the law for the payment of claims of deputy game wardens for expenses incurred by them when traveling in the performance of duty outside of the districts for which they are appointed, you are advised that under the present existing law (Sec. 13, Laws 1901, page 132) such claims are authorized to be paid, when the service has been rendered at the direction of the State Game Warden.

Deputy Game Wardens are now allowed a salary of Fifteen Hundred Dollars per annum, and Three hundred Dollars to cover their actual traveling expenses incurred when traveling in their own district (Chap. 139 Laws of 1907.) But there is nothing in this law which in any way modifies the provisions of the Act of 1901, above referred to, respecting the payment of expenses incurred when traveling outside of their districts. All claims of such deputies, whether for expenses incurred within their districts or without, should be first approved by the State Game Warden, and supported by voucher for every item of expense. The amount paid such deputies for traveling outside their districts at the direction of the State Game Warden would not be properly charged to Three Hundred Dollars allowed them for expenses within their own districts, but should be properly allowed and paid independently, from the Fish and Game Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

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