

ABANDONED VEHICLE INFORMATION

Wyo. State Statute § 31-13-109. Any vehicle left unattended on private property without the express consent of the owner or person in lawful control of the property for at least thirty (30) days may be sold by the owner or person in lawful control of the property at public auction to the highest bidder. The thirty day period begins on the first day the owner or person in lawful control of the property has knowledge the vehicle is left unattended without consent.

To begin the process to sell the abandoned vehicle at a public auction the following needs to be obtained...

- A VIN inspection performed by any Law Enforcement Officer.
- A State of Wyoming abandoned vehicle ID request form, available at the Sheriff's Office. The entire form is to be sent to the State with a \$5.00 fee.
- The State will make every effort to identify the vehicle owner and/or lien holder of record and forward that information to the property/land owner.
- Upon receipt of this information the property/land owner will attempt to give written notice to the owner or lien holder, by certified mail not less than ten (10) days preceding the date of sale.
- Publication once per week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the County where vehicle has been abandoned.

Forms and instructions are available at the Weston County Sheriff's Office for this process.

Upon receipt of the following evidence from the seller

- ✓ A completed copy of the State Request.
- ✓ Copies of the Notice of Sale.
- ✓ Proof of Mailing to Owner/Lien Holder of said vehicle.

Make an appointment with the Sheriff's Office when completed. A Certificate of Sale will be executed for the fee of \$7.50. This Certificate may then be taken to the Clerk's Office to have a Title issued.

There is no such thing as a Sheriff's Title-the Sheriff cannot issue a title.