### 2019–2020 Hunting Southern Ute Indian Reservation

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### HUNTING PERMITS

**Southern Ute Tribal Members**
The following conditions must be met to obtain Southern Ute Tribal Member hunting permits:

1. Must be an enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Member 12 years old or older and be able to present an enrollment card at the time permits are picked up.
2. Hunters under the age of 21 must possess a hunter safety card and must present it at the time permits are picked up.
3. Issued permits must be signed by the applicant.
4. Mail-out permits will be provided to non-resident Tribal Members only after receiving a letter including the Tribal Member’s name, date of birth, copies of their enrollment card and hunter safety education card (if applicable), and a list of permits desired. Permits will not be valid until signed by the applicant.

**Duplicate Permits**
Lost or destroyed hunting permits will be replaced by the Division of Wildlife Resource Management for a cost of **$5.00 per permit**.

**New Address / Telephone Number / Driver’s License Information**
If you held a previous year’s hunting permit and your home address, telephone number, or driver’s license information has changed, you are required to provide the new information to the Division of Wildlife Resource Management.

**Legal Weapons**

Legal weapons for **mule deer, elk and mountain lion** shall include:

1) Shotguns of 20 gauge or larger firing a single slug.
2) Any bow with at least 40 pounds of draw weight. Hunting arrows must include a broadhead with an outside cutting diameter of at least 7/8” with at least 2 blades. Each cutting edge must be within the same plane throughout the length of the cutting surface.
3) Crossbows with a minimum draw weight of 125 lbs, and a minimum draw length of 14” from the front of the bow to the nocking point of the drawstring. A positive mechanical safety device is required. Bolts must be a minimum of 16” long, having a broadhead a minimum of 7/8” wide and a minimum of 2 cutting blades. Cutting edges of broadheads must be in the same plane for the entire length of the cutting surface. **Unless specifically approved by the Management Division, crossbows are illegal during the early archery season.**
4) Muzzleloading rifles with a single barrel of at least .40 caliber for deer, and .50 caliber for elk.
5) .357 magnum or larger handguns with a barrel length of 6 inches or longer, using .357 magnum or larger caliber ammunition with soft nose or hollow point bullets.
6) Center-fire rifles or center-fire handguns chambered for a center-fired cartridge, a minimum of .23 caliber. No fully automatic firearm may be used. All bullets must be soft nose or hollow pointed and not weigh more than 350 grains.

Legal weapons for **turkey** shall include:

1) Turkeys may be hunted with shotguns except .410 gauge; bow and arrow, crossbow; rifles and handguns, center-fired cartridges only; and Muzzleloading rifles and handguns;

Legal weapons for **waterfowl** shall include:

1) Any shotgun 10 gauge or smaller and not capable of holding more than 3 shotshells in the chamber and magazine combined. Shotshells must not contain lead pellets;

Legal weapons for **small game** (including upland birds) shall include:

1) Any rimfire or center-fire rifle or handgun, any shotgun, any bow and arrow or crossbow.

**HUNTER SAFETY REQUIREMENTS**

**Hunter Safety Requirements**

All hunters under the age of 21 years must have successfully completed a hunter safety education course prior to issuance of permits. Hunters under age 21 must present their hunter safety education card to the Division of Wildlife Resource Management.
Management when acquiring permits and must carry the card with them while hunting. The DWRM offers hunter education classes twice per year. Please contact the office for more information.

**Hunters Under Age 18**

Hunters under 18 years of age may only hunt regulated species when accompanied by an adult.

**DESIGNATED HUNTING**

**Designating Enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members**

Enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members over the age of 12 may designate another enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Member who meets the hunting permit eligibility requirements to hunt for them during the regular hunting season. Southern Ute Tribal Members who wish to designate another Southern Ute Tribal Member must pick up and sign their own permits, and the Division of Wildlife Resource Management will place the name of the designated hunter on permits at that time. Designated hunters will only be allowed to harvest **female deer and elk, or turkey of either sex** during the general fall hunting season. Designated hunters will not be allowed for any other form of hunting.

**Designating Division of Wildlife Resource Management**

The Division of Wildlife Resource Management will provide designated hunting services to enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Member elders (55 years of age or older), single women, or physically disabled individuals. Requests must be made to the Division of Wildlife Resource Management, and all animals will be harvested during the regular Southern Ute Tribal Member hunting season.

**TAGGING AND VALIDATION REQUIREMENTS**

**Tagging Requirements**

All big game must be tagged by the person who harvested the animal. The hunter must physically notch (cut) the **Month** and **Day** of harvest on the tag, and sign the permit in **Ink** immediately after harvesting the animal. The hunter must then remove the tag from its backing and affix to the carcass.

All big game animals must be securely tagged with the carcass tag prior to transportation. If numerous trips are required to remove the carcass from the field, the tag should remain attached to the portion of the carcass left in camp or in a vehicle.

There is an additional “Antler Tag” attached to the carcass tag. This was developed for Tribal Members to be able to have proof of legal harvest on both a set of antlers (or horns) and on a carcass if the two are separated. The antler tag should be affixed to antlers kept at a residence or brought to a taxidermist.

**Validation** is the inspection of a harvested animal and may or may not be required depending on the species or hunt type. Part of the validation process may also require the hunter obtaining a validation tag as proof of inspection prior to the hunter leaving the reservation with the harvested animal. For further information regarding validations and validation tags, please contact the DWRM.
Validation Requirements
Depending on the season and species hunted, validation of harvested animals may be required. Guidelines vary and are given in detail by species and hunting season below.

- **Early Archery mule deer, elk, and turkey**: **Mandatory Validation**

- **Buck Deer and Bull Elk**: **Mandatory Validation**
  Tribal member hunters are required to have mule deer bucks and bull elk validated within 5 business days of harvest. Please call the DWRM to make arrangements.

- **Spring and Fall Turkey**: **No Validation Required**

- **Doe mule deer and Cow elk**: **Mandatory Validation Exception**
  Hunters planning to pick up a second doe tag or a second or third cow elk tag must have their doe or cow validated prior to picking up additional tags.

- **Mountain Lion**: **Mandatory Validation**
  Validation must take place **within 24 hours** of the kill. Contact the Division of Wildlife Resource Management or Southern Ute Tribal Rangers during regular business hours or contact Southern Ute Dispatch outside of regular business hours to arrange validation.

- **Upland game birds, waterfowl and small game**: **No Validation Required**

EVIDENCE OF SEX REQUIREMENTS
Evidence of the sex of harvested mule deer, elk, wild turkeys, and mountain lions must remain naturally attached to carcasses while transporting animals from the field, while in camp, or until the animal is validated (if necessary). Evidence of sex for mule deer and elk include the head and/or the testicles or udder. Evidence of sex for wild turkeys is the beard (for males). For mountain lions, the reproductive organs of both males and females must be left attached for sex identification purposes.

GUIDING AND OUTFITTING
Guides and outfitters must be permitted by the Division of Wildlife Resource Management before operating on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. To obtain a guiding and outfitting permit or to acquire a list of permitted guides and outfitters, contact the Division of Wildlife Resource Management. Illegal guiding and outfitting on the reservation is a serious offense with consequences for both the hunter and the person providing the guiding or outfitting services. Please contact the Wildlife Division immediately if you suspect illegal guiding and outfitting is taking place on the reservation.

ACCOMPANY CROSSING PERMITS
The Division of Wildlife Resource Management issues crossing permits to non-Southern Ute Tribal Members to accompany permitted hunters while hunting. Persons holding crossing permits may not hunt or carry a firearm of any type while accompanying a permitted hunter. **Persons holding a crossing permit may not provide specialized guiding and outfitting-type assistance to permitted hunters.** Contact the DWRM for more details on crossing permits or to have crossing permits issued.

Non-Southern Ute Tribal Members who are not in the immediate family of a Southern Ute Tribal Member hunter must acquire a crossing permit so that they may accompany the permitted Southern Ute Tribal Member while hunting. **Non-Southern Ute Tribal Members who are in the immediate family of a permitted Southern Ute Tribal Member hunter may accompany the hunter without obtaining a crossing permit.** For the purposes of accompany crossing permits, immediate family is considered a spouse, mother, father, son, daughter, brother, sister, grandparent, grandchild, son-in-law, daughter-in-law or legal guardian of the permitted Southern Ute Tribal Member hunter. Note that a maximum of two permittees at a time are allowed per Southern Ute hunter and the crossing permit will be valid for 30 days or until the end of the hunt season, whichever comes first. Cost for crossing permits will be $20.00 per permittee, and each permit is valid for accompanying a single specified Tribal member hunter.

**Southern Ute Tribal Season Dates and Bag Limits (Enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members Only, unless specified)**

**Mule Deer and Elk**

- **Season Dates:**
  - Archery: August 31st through September 8th, 2019
  - General: September 9th through December 31st, 2019

- **Permits Issued:** Beginning August 12th, 2019

- **Bag Limits:**
  - 3 Mule Deer (1 Buck and 2 Does**)
  - 4 Elk (1 Bull and 3 Cows**)

**Tribal Members must have their first doe or cow validated to receive their second doe or cow tag and have their second cow validated to receive their third cow tag.**

**Spring Turkey**

- **Season Dates:** March 30th through May 26th, 2019

- **Permits Issued:** Beginning March 18th, 2019

- **Bag Limit:** 1 bearded turkey. No beard length restrictions, but a harvested bird must have a beard naturally attached.
Fall Turkey

Season Dates:  
- Early Archery: August 31st through September 8th, 2019  
- General: September 9th through December 31st, 2019  

Permits Issued: Beginning August 12th, 2019  
Bag Limit: 1 Turkey (either sex)

Mountain Lion

Season Dates: November 1st, 2019 through August 9th, 2020 or until the harvest quota is filled  

Permits Issued: Beginning September 23rd, 2019  
Bag Limit: 1 mountain lion (either sex)  
Dogs: Using trained hunting dogs in the take and attempted take of mountain lions will be allowed.  
Restrictions: It is unlawful to kill mountain lion kittens or female mountain lions accompanied by kittens. Kittens are defined as mountain lions exhibiting visible spotting of the fur. Female mountain lions accompanied by kittens are defined as female mountain lions that have kittens traveling with them or dependent on them.  
Harvest Quotas: 7 mountain lions total or 4 female mountain lions

***The mountain lion hunting season will remain open until the season ending date or until the harvest quota is filled, whichever comes first.***

**Crossing Permits and Guiding and Outfitting for mountain lions**  
Non-members accompanying Tribal Member lion hunters must possess a Hunter Accompany Crossing Permit, which can be purchased from the Wildlife Division. The Crossing Permit is specifically to accompany a permitted hunter while hunting on Tribal land. The permittee is expressly prohibited from carrying a firearm, or providing hunter assistance in the form of equipment, specially trained dogs, pack animals, or other similar types of hunting aids commonly provided by professional guides and outfitters.
Black Bear
Season Dates: There is no open season for black bear.

Upland Game Birds Including Dusky Grouse and Quail
Season Dates: September 1st – December 31st, 2019
Permits Issued: Beginning August 12th, 2019
Bag Limit:
- Dusky Grouse: 3 birds per day
- Quail: 8 birds per day

Migratory Game birds including doves, pigeons, rails and snipe
Permits Issued: Beginning August 12th, 2019

Migratory game bird season dates and bag limits will coincide with the State of Colorado migratory bird hunting seasons. Please obtain and read the Colorado Parks and Wildlife 2016 Small Game Hunting Brochure for more information regarding migratory game birds.

Waterfowl including ducks, geese and coots
Permits Issued: Beginning August 12th, 2019

Waterfowl season dates and bag limits will coincide with the Pacific flyway season framework and the State of Colorado waterfowl hunting seasons. Please obtain and read the Colorado Parks and Wildlife 2015 Waterfowl Hunting Brochure for more information. Waterfowl hunters are required to obtain a federal duck stamp before hunting waterfowl (available at the Post Office).

Small Game (including Furbearers)
Permits may be picked up at any time during the calendar year. The season runs year-round.

Small game shall include beaver, badger, bobcat, coyote, fox species, muskrat, prairie dogs, rabbits and hares, raccoon, ringtail, squirrel species, and weasel species.

While no bag limits apply to small game species, certain rules and regulations do apply to trapping:

Important Regulations for Trapping:

1. Permission from assignee to trap. No person shall trap furbearers on private, assigned and allotted lands without the permission of the landowner, assignee or person in charge of the property.
2. Interference with traps. It is unlawful to interfere with, disturb, remove or otherwise molest any trap, snare or other device lawfully set by a trapper, or remove any furbearer from said devices.
3. Unattended traps. It is the duty of a trapper to endeavor to prevent undue suffering by wildlife captured or trapped. It is unlawful for any person to set a trap and leave it unattended in excess of twenty-four (24) hours unless chemical or mechanical methods are provided to prevent suffering of trapped animals.

4. Traps in the field must have identification of the trapper attached and available for Enforcement to see upon checking the trap. Identification must include the trapper’s name and phone number. Identification methods can include engraving into a trap or attaching an identification tag (metal preferred). Other methods can be acceptable as long as the tag is visible for inspection.

Shed Antler Collection Season

**No Permit Required**
**Season Dates:** Year Round

Shed antler collection on Tribal Lands is open to Southern Ute Tribal Members only. There is no permit required or restrictions on Tribal Members pertaining to shed antler hunting/collecting. Non-members, including spouses, immediate family or others, may not pick up and possess shed antlers while on tribal lands.

Open and Closed Areas for Hunting on the Reservation:

**Open Areas**
Open areas for hunttable species shall include all lands within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. For private, assigned and allotted lands, hunters must first obtain written access permission from the landowner. For USFS lands and Navajo State Park lands contact the respective agencies for information pertaining to access restrictions.

**Closed Areas**
Closed areas shall include all grounds immediately surrounding the Lake Capote Recreation Area including the campground. For precise boundaries contact the Wildlife Division.

Additional Hunting Regulations

A complete listing of regulations pertaining to hunting on the Southern Ute Indian reservation is contained in Title 13: Wildlife Conservation Code. Contact the DWRM for a current copy of Title 13 or visit our website: [http://www.southernute-nsn.gov/wrmweb/](http://www.southernute-nsn.gov/wrmweb/). Additionally the Division has a limited number of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Wildlife Laws Handbook 2008 available to Tribal hunters. Please ask about them in the Wildlife office.

Failure to wear Daylight or Fluorescent Orange or Pink Garments
During the big game hunting season, it is unlawful to hunt mule deer and/or elk with a firearm unless the person hunting is wearing a head covering and an outer garment above the waistline, both of solid daylight fluorescent
orange or pink color, totaling five hundred (500) square inches or more of clothing. Penalties include a $50.00 fine and 5 points towards permit revocation. Persons specifically hunting for fall turkey, or specifically hunting for mountain lions when big game seasons are running concurrently are not required to wear blaze orange, but are encouraged to do so for their own safety in the field.

Failing to Tag Wildlife Properly
It is unlawful for any person to fail to tag wildlife properly. In its simplest form, tagging means to sign and punch the dates on your tag and affix it to the animal’s carcass. Penalties include a $100 fine and 10 points towards permit revocation.

Shooting from a Motor Vehicle
It is unlawful for any person to shoot any type of firearm from a motor vehicle to take wildlife. Penalties include a $300 fine and 15 points towards permit revocation.

Wastage of Game Meat / Abandoning a Carcass
It is unlawful to abandon any edible portion of wildlife or permit it to go to waste. Penalties for big game include a $1,000 fine and 15 points. Other wildlife includes a $250 fine and 15 points towards permit revocation.

Additionally it is unlawful to take any wildlife and abandon the carcass or take wildlife only for the head, claws, teeth, hide, antlers, horns, tusks, or organs with the intent to abandon the carcass or to mutilate any living wildlife. Penalties include fines ranging from $25 - $20,000 and 25 points towards permit revocation.

Closure of Lake Capote Recreation Area
The Lake Capote Recreation Area will be closed to all hunting. Hwy 160 borders the closure area on the north and Hwy 151 on the west. The range fence directly south of the lake (running east/west) defines the southern boundary and the east boundary will follow the eastern bank of Stollsteimer Creek running north.

Off-road Travel on Tribal Lands
It is unlawful to travel off of established roads and two-tracks with any vehicle while on Tribal lands. This includes ATVs. Penalties include a $100 fine and 5 points towards permit revocation.

Schedule of Civil Penalties Connected to Poaching Convictions on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation

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**Additional penalties associated with poaching convictions often include point accrual and revocation of hunting and fishing privileges on the Southern Ute Indian reservation for 2 – 5 years**

**Authority**
These hunting regulations are approved by the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council under authority as outlined in Title 13, Article 1, Section 13-1-106, Subsections (1) through (3); Article 2, Section 13-2-101, Subsections (1) through (5); Article 2, Section 13-2-104; Article 2, Section 13-2-105, Subsections (1) through (3); of the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Code revised and amended by Tribal Resolution No’s. 89-34, 01-69, and 02-215.