

Outfitter/Guides

All outfitter/guides operating on public lands must have the proper state and federal licenses, registration, and permits. **Although an outfitter/guide may have exclusive use of a campsite, they do not have exclusive use of an area.** To find out if an outfitter/guide is properly permitted, check with a local FS/BLM office or the Colorado Outfitters Association.

Colorado Hiking Certificate

In Colorado, the purchase of a hunting or fishing license automatically gives you "Search and Rescue" coverage (from time of purchase to the end of the calendar year) if you become injured or lost in the backcountry.

Hikers, bikers and skiers can get the same coverage with a Colorado Hiking Certificate; cost is \$3.00 for one year.

Hiking certificates are available from the San Juan Public Lands Center, Pagosa Ranger District Office, Dolores Ranger District Office and other outlets

Off-Highway Vehicle Use



On Canyon of the Ancients Nat. Monument OHV use is restricted to existing roads. The San Juan National Forest & BLM San Juan Field Office has some areas open to off road travel and trails. The Forest Service travel management is depicted on the San Juan National Forest Map.

Your OHV must be registered – either in your home state or in Colorado (cost is \$15.25). If your OHV is registered in another state, and you will be in Colorado for more than 30 days, your OHV must be registered in Colorado. **You must carry proof of registration with you when using your OHV.** Travel outside of restricted areas is strictly illegal and may result in a fine.

FIREARMS



- **May not** be discharged in or near a campground.
- **Must always** be carried in plain sight (even in your vehicle).
- **On OHVs**
- **Must be** fully unloaded in both the magazine and chamber.
- **Must be** fully enclosed in a hard or soft case. Cases with open ends or sides are prohibited.

**OHV registrations may be obtained from Navajo State Park in Arboles or at:
San Juan Public Lands Center – Durango
Columbine Ranger District – Bayfield
Lone Mesa State Park – Dolores**

For additional outlets and information call Colorado State Parks and Recreation Dept. at (303) 791-1920.

In Case of Emergency, call 911

The Buckskin Network will broadcast emergency notifications at 6 a.m., 12 noon, and 6 p.m. for hunters during the regular big game seasons. The following local radio stations broadcast these messages:

**KRTZ – 98.7 in Cortez KIUP – 930 in Durango
KRSJ – 100.5 in Durango KWUF – 1400 in Pagosa
KWUF – 106.3 in Pagosa**

The Colorado State Patrol in Grand Junction is the central clearinghouse for all messages.

Please tell us ...

**Who, What, Where and When you saw it. Be as specific as possible! To report these or other violations call the San Juan Public Lands
EYES IN THE FOREST HOTLINE AT:
(970) 385-1379**

Maps

National Forest Maps \$7.53 for plastic. Maps include: San Juan, Rio Grande, Gunnison, and Uncompaghre Forests. **BLM maps** are \$4.30 each. Also **topographic maps** of the *Weminuche Wilderness, LaGarita* and *South San Juan Wilderness, and Durango Area Maps* are \$10.75.

San Juan National Forest/San Juan Field-BLM offices are selling *Rocky Mountain Huntin' Maps* thru the San Juan Mountains Association – these maps cover at least 1 full hunting unit and parts of surrounding units. The maps retail for \$10.95 to \$12.75. Maps available cover:

**Units 70, 71, 74, 75, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81
Units 681, 711, 771**

A limited supply of USGS topographic maps are sold at the San Juan Public Lands Center, as well as many local sporting goods stores and directly from USGS in Denver.

San Juan Public Lands Center
15 Burnett Court
Durango, CO 81301
Ph: (970) 247-4874

Dolores Public Lands Office
100 N. 6th St., Box 210
Dolores, CO 81323
Ph: (970) 882-7296

Columbine Ranger District
367 S. Pearl, Box 439
Bayfield, CO 81122
Ph: (970) 884-2512

Pagosa Ranger District
2nd and Pagosa St., Box 310
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
Ph: (970) 264-2268

San Juan Mountains Center
Blair Street
Silverton, CO 81433
Ph: (970) 387-5530

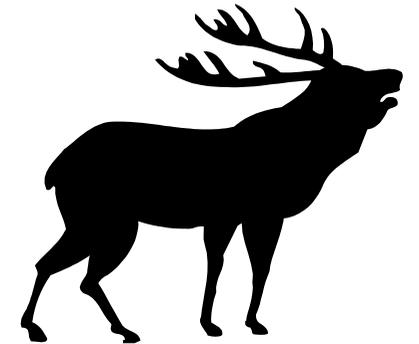


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**San Juan National Forest
San Juan Field Office – BLM**

HUNTING 2004

**National Forest
&
Bureau of Land
Management Lands!**



Welcome to public lands in southwest Colorado! You have chosen one of the most beautiful parts of Colorado for your hunt. Here is some information to point you in the right direction and help you avoid some common problems hunters face.

Where can I hunt those deer & elk?

It is important to be able to find and get to lands that are legal to hunt. In general, federal lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and U.S. Forest Service (FS) are open to hunting, as well as most State wildlife lands. Other State lands may be leased to a rancher and permission is required to cross or hunt such lands.

Private land does not have to be posted with “NO HUNTING” signs to be off limits. If you do not have permission from the landowner to hunt on private land, you are trespassing and can be prosecuted. If it is necessary to cross private land to get to public lands, you must still get permission from the landowner to cross. County roads are usually open to public use, but many dirt roads and two-tracks in the area may be private.

You must have permission to hunt on tribal lands. Crossing permits are required for crossing from tribal land to access National Forest System lands. The headquarters for the Southern Ute Tribe is in Ignacio, Colorado (Ph: (970) 563-0125, ext. 2231). Hunting is legal within the Weminuche, Lizard Head, and South San Juan Wildernesses; however, these areas are closed to motorized vehicles and equipment, including chainsaws, ATVs and mechanized vehicles, bicycles and deer carts. You must be prepared to remove your game on foot or horseback.

To help you locate the area you plan to hunt in and determine the legal access to it, pick up an appropriate land status map at a FS/BLM office.

PLEASE:

Respect any road closure you encounter. Closures are in place to prevent resource damage and protect wildlife habitat. Common sense should dictate what roads are feasible for travel. Deeply rutted, impassable roads result from people driving where they shouldn't and/or in unsuitable conditions.

Close any gates you open. Gates may be keeping livestock in or out.

Ask yourself, “Am I going to be able to get out on this road if rain or snow comes in unexpectedly?”

If the answer is no, you may want to choose another route or park your vehicle where the good road ends. The FS and BLM do not plow roads.

RUNNING A GOOD CAMP

Given the number of visitors that use these lands, the cumulative impact can be devastating. We suggest the following techniques to reduce the impacts of hunter camps. These tips will help you leave your camp looking as natural as possible for everyone's future enjoyment.

Camping

Camping outside of developed campgrounds (dispersed camping) is allowed on both FS and BLM lands unless posted otherwise. No permit is required.

Please:

- previously used camping areas.
- camp 100 to 200 feet from lakes, ponds, streams and trails.
- do not dig trenches around your tent.

You must:

- keep vehicles within 300 feet of roads.
- check trailhead postings for additional restrictions.

On the San Juan National Forest it is prohibited to camp for more than 28 days within a continuous 60-day period. After 14 days, you must move your camp or equipment 3 miles from the previous site.

On BLM lands (San Juan Resource Area), camping in any one location is limited to 14 days. If you wish to stay longer you must move your camp beyond a 3-mile radius from your original campsite.

If you must leave your camp for safety reasons, such as a heavy snowstorm – please notify the local FS/BLM office. You are responsible for removal of equipment and trash.

Fires and Wood

-A firewood permit is **not** necessary to gather wood for your campfire.

-Use a camp stove for cooking whenever possible.

-If you must build a fire keep it small, use down and dead wood only, use existing fire rings rather than building new ones, or best of all use a fire pan.

-Cutting live trees for tent poles, hanging racks, etc., is prohibited.

-Do not leave campfires unattended.

Trash and Sanitation

-“If you pack it in, pack it out.”

-Burn only trash that will be completely consumed. Foil, cans, and glass must be packed out. Do not bury food and trash as bears and other critters may quickly dig it up.

-Carry out all leftovers, including cooking grease. If buried, animals will likely dig it up.

-Dig a 6” to 8” deep “cat hole” for human waste. If there are several people in your camp – dig a latrine.

-Latrines should be located at least 100 steps from any water source. Fill latrines and remove seats and structures when you leave.

-Do NOT use soap in streams or lakes.

Horse Use

-Please stay on trails.

-Highline or picket your stock. Use tree-saver straps to protect trees from being girdled. A horse tied to a tree can soon damage the tree and destroy vegetation around it.

-Tie stock 200 feet or more from lakes, ponds, streams and trails.

-Rotate stock throughout the area to reduce trampling and prevent overgrazing.

-Restrictions may be greater in Wilderness areas; check trailhead bulletin boards.

HAY AND GRAIN: To help prevent the spread of noxious weeds, only the following are allowed on federal lands:

1. State Certified Noxious Weed-Free hay, straw or mulch with marked verification.
2. Cubed or Pelletized Feed made from certified hay.
3. Steamed-rolled Grain.

*Lists of weed-free distributors are available at FS/BLM offices.

After the Hunt

It is against the law to waste game meat in Colorado. If you are primarily interested in a trophy you must still take care of the meat. The donation of a game carcass to an orphanage, nursing home, or shelter for the homeless is most welcome.

Hides, legs, gut piles, etc., should be left scattered in the field, well away from camp areas and roadsides.

Be aware of the image you present to the general public when you transport your game. Conspicuously displayed carcasses can be extremely offensive to others.

Each year thousands of hunters enjoy the beauty of Colorado. By paying attention to a few simple guidelines you can help make this a positive experience for yourself and others.

Division of Wildlife

Wildlife management is an important part of the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management's mission and is done in cooperation with the Colorado Division of Wildlife (DOW). DOW uses hunting, as a tool for managing wildlife populations and the Forest Service is responsible for managing the habitat used by these animals.

The DOW is responsible for setting and enforcing hunting rules and regulations. Information regarding seasons, bag limits, permit drawings, and other information may be obtained at DOW offices and most sporting goods stores. In Durango, the DOW may be reached at (970) 247-0855. It is your responsibility to know the hunting regulations before you go in the field.

