

# COLVILLE NATIONAL FOREST DISABLED HUNTER ACCESS PROGRAM

## Terms, Conditions, & Administrative Procedures for Receiving a Disabled Hunter Access Permit\*

### Annual Sign-In Process:

- Disabled Hunters (DH) must sign in with any CNF office in person prior to hunting on any CNF Disabled Hunter routes (one-time sign-in each year). Sign-in will include:
  - DH must present state Disabled Hunter permit and identification.
  - DH will fill out registration form and provide contact info and vehicle information.
  - DH will sign a letter with a summary of the rules and FS regulations related to the access permit.
  - Issuance of a Forest Service road access permit and combination for gate access.
- All DH routes will be gated, locked closed, and signed. All routes will have a common combination. The combination received upon sign-in is not to be given to any other person unless the DH is unable to manipulate the combination dials. In this event the designated hunter companion can be given the combination.
- If the DH loses or forgets the combination, they should contact the office that issued it for re-issue.

### Forest Service Access Restrictions:

- Access permit must be displayed in the windshield of the vehicle transporting the DH, or in the case of OHVs, attached to the OHV the DH is using.
- Party size is limited to no more 3 individuals, and no more than two actual hunters with firearms or bows.
- Vehicle restrictions:
  - Hunters are limited to a maximum of two vehicles (including OHVs), one of which may be a highway legal vehicle such as high-clearance truck or SUV.
  - Due to road conditions and turnarounds, passenger automobiles and RV's are not recommended.
  - OHV use is authorized on all Disabled Hunter Access Routes, subject to the vehicle restrictions shown above (either 2 OHV's or one OHV and one street legal vehicle per hunting party). All vehicle use will be restricted to the established roadways. No off-road use is permitted.
- The gate must be shut and locked immediately upon entering and leaving the area.
- Hunting parties may not cut firewood, remove other forest products, or camp behind the route access gates.
- Routes will be available for use between September 1 and November 30, 2015:

<u>Route Name</u>	<u>Road Number(s)</u>
Brewer Mountain	9521-145/146/147
Renshaw	3140-445
Ruby	2700-300/310/320/323

### Other Rules:

- The designated hunter and all companion/s must have proper identification on his or her person during the hunt.
- Hunters may legally harvest any animal for which there is an open season in the Game Management Unit where the DH route is located.
- All WDFW harvest and hunting regulations apply, and must be followed. It is the responsibility of the disabled hunter and designated companions to have in their possession a valid hunting license and all required stamps, tags, and special permits for the species being hunted.
- The designated hunter companion or companions may assist the disabled hunter, as permitted by WDFW regulations. One designated hunter companion may also hunt and fill his/her own tags.
- Violation of the above rules and regulations may result in loss of future access privileges.

### **Warning for Users of Disabled Hunter Routes:**

**Disabled Hunter Access Routes are on otherwise “CLOSED” roads that do not receive any road maintenance. The following excerpts are from the COLVILLE NATIONAL FOREST MVUM – motor vehicle use maps:**

**“Designation of a road, trail, or area for motor vehicle use by a particular class of vehicle under 36 CFR 212.51 should not be interpreted as encouraging or inviting use or implying that the road, trail, or area is passable, actively maintained, or safe for travel. Motor vehicle designations include parking along designated routes and at facilities associated with designated routes when it is safe to do so and when not causing damage to National Forest System resources. Seasonal weather conditions and natural events may render designated roads and trails impassable for extended periods. Designated areas may contain dangerous or impassable terrain. Many designated roads and trails may be passable only by high-clearance vehicles or four-wheel-drive vehicles. Maintenance of designated roads and trails will depend on available resources, and many may receive little maintenance.”**

**“Much of the COLVILLE NATIONAL FOREST is remote. Medical assistance may not be readily available. Cellular telephones do not work in many areas of the COLVILLE NATIONAL FOREST. Take adequate food, water, first-aid supplies, and other equipment appropriate for conditions and expected weather.”**

**I have read and understand the above information and rules. I agree to comply with the terms and conditions of this permit.**

**Permittee Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\* This letter will be kept on file at the CNF office where the hunter originally registered. Any questions can be referred to the DHA Coordinator, Sandy Mosconi at (509) 684-7058.**