

HUNTING on the



Frequently Asked Questions

CAN I SHOOT GAME IN MY CAMPSITE?

» No, it is illegal to discharge a firearm in or within 150 yards of a residence, building, campsite, developed recreational area or occupied area. 36CFR 261.10 (d)

CAN I TARGET PRACTICE ANYWHERE ON THE NATIONAL FOREST?

» Due to public safety we advise that target practicing be done at crater pits or rock quarries. In addition, it is illegal to discharge a firearm in or within 150 yards of a residence, building, campsite, developed recreational area or occupied area.

» It is illegal to use exploding targets on National Forest lands. 36CFR 261.16

» Firing incendiary ammunition is prohibited. 36CFR 261.5

CAN I USE NATURAL FEATURES, SUCH AS ROCKS OR TREES, OR MAN-MADE STRUCTURES AS TARGETS?

» It is illegal to damage natural resources and/or structures, including signs. It is also illegal to disturb or damage prehistoric or archaeological sites by using elements of them for target practicing. 36CFR 261.9 (a)(g)

» Please check with local officials if you are unsure whether or not shooting is allowed in a specific location or if there are any closures in effect.

CAN I BUILD A RACK TO HANG BIG GAME?

» Game racks are allowed, providing no nails, screws, or other materials are used to bore into trees. Racks must be removed before departure from site. 36 CFR 261.16 (F)

CAN I HUNT FROM MY VEHICLE?

» No, discharging a fire arm of any kind across a National Forest System road is prohibited. However, disabled hunters with a specific WA Dept. of Fish & Wildlife special use permit may hunt from a stationary vehicle with the engine turned off.

CAN I USE MY OFF-ROAD VEHICLE TO RETRIEVE MY GAME?

» You must remain on open and existing roads when operating vehicles on national forest lands. Check with local officials to find out if there are any closures in effect, such as Winter Ranger or Fire Area closures.

