



2012 – 2013 Southern Ute Indian Reservation hunting and fishing proclamation

Hunt Date Summary

	Pick-up	Season Dates
Deer and Elk		
Early Archery	Aug. 13	Aug. 25 – Sept. 7
General	Aug. 13	Sept. 8 – Dec. 31
January Cow Elk		Jan. 12 – 20, 2013
Limited		
Upland game birds	Aug. 13	Sept. 1 – Dec. 31
Migratory game birds (doves)	Aug. 13	Sept. 1 – Oct. 31
Mountain Lion	Oct. 1	Nov. 1 – April 7, 2013
Spring Turkey	March 26	April 14 – May 27
Small Game	Anytime	Calendar Year
Fall Turkey		
Early Archery	Aug. 13	Aug. 25 – Sept. 7
General	Aug. 13	Sept. 8 – Dec. 31
Waterfowl	Aug. 13	Sept. 1 – Jan. 27, 2013

REMINDERS FOR 2012-2013

Validation Requirements

For the 2012/13 seasons there WILL NOT BE a mandatory validation requirement for off reservation transport of deer and elk harvested during the General Season. Note: There will continue to be a mandatory validation for deer, elk, and turkeys harvested during the early archery season and for all mountain lions. Additionally there will continue to be a mandatory validation on does and cows when the hunter plans to pick up additional doe or cow tags.

Hunting Tribal Lands Outside the Exterior Boundary

The Southern Ute Tribe owns lands which lay outside the exterior boundary of the reservation, e.g.: east of Redding Ranch. For a Tribal member to hunt these lands, they must possess a hunting license from the State of Colorado and abide by seasons and regulations pertaining to that license. The Tribe does not have jurisdiction over hunting on lands that fall outside of the exterior boundary of the reservation.

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.

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:

- Shotguns of 20 gauge or larger firing a single slug.
- 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 of an inch with at least 2 blades. Each cutting edge must be within the same plane throughout the length of the cutting surface. Unless specifically approved by the Management Division, crossbows are illegal during the early archery season.
- Crossbows with a minimum draw weight of 125 lbs, and a minimum draw length of 14 inches 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 inches long, having a broadhead a minimum of 7/8 inch 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.
- Muzzleloading rifles with a single barrel of at least .40 caliber for deer, and .50 caliber for elk.
- .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.
- 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:

- 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:

- 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:

- 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 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 hunt regulated species only 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 Southern Ute Tribal Member 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 within 24 hrs of harvesting an animal.

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**
- General mule deer and elk, fall and spring turkey: **Voluntary Validation**

Tribal member hunters will not be required to have mule deer, elk or turkeys validated prior to off reservation transport. Hunters wishing to have their animals validated should make arrangements with DWRM staff during regular business hours.

- Doe mule deer and Cow elk: **Mandatory Validation Exception**

Hunters planning to pick up a second doe tag, or a second or third cow tags must have their does or cows 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.

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.

CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE TESTING

In 2012-2013 the Division of Wildlife Resource Management will continue its Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) surveillance and monitoring program. CWD is a degenerative disease affecting the central nervous systems of deer and elk. Although it has not been identified on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, it has been identified in other parts of Colorado. It is important that we determine whether the disease occurs on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation so that we can properly respond to its presence or absence.

Testing for CWD requires removing the brain stem, a sample of brain tissue, and 2 lymph nodes of the deer or elk to be tested, which requires removal of the head. **Samples must be collected within 48 hours of harvest.** Samples can be collected without causing damage to the skull, skull plate, or antlers, but damage to the hide will occur if the animal is not caped prior to sample collection.

During the Southern Ute Tribal Member Hunting Seasons CWD testing will be **voluntary**, but hunters are strongly encouraged to allow collection of samples from harvested deer and elk. Hunters who wish to have animals tested should contact the Division of Wildlife Resource Management as soon after the kill as possible. We will make arrangements to meet the hunter and collect the necessary sample. Test results will be mailed 2-3 weeks after the sample is sent in for testing.

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

Open Areas

Open areas for mule deer, elk, spring and fall turkey, and upland game birds, small game and waterfowl 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.

Mule Deer and Elk

Season Dates: Archery: August 25 – September 7, 2012, **General:** September 8 – December 31, 2012

Permits Issued: Beginning August 13, 2012
Bag Limits: 3 Mule Deer (1 Buck and 2 Does**), 4 Elk (1 Bull and 3 Cows**)

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

January Cow Elk Hunt

(SUIT members and Other Native Americans)
Season Dates: January 12 – 20, 2013, Archuleta Unit, January 12 -20, 2013, Sandoval Unit
Permits issued: January 11, 2013, Archuleta Unit (60 Tags), Sandoval Unit (60 Tags)

Bag Limit: 1 antlerless elk
Permitting: There will be 10 tags made available for Southern Ute Tribal members who would like to participate in the January Cow Elk Hunt. These tags will be available on a first come, first served basis through the end of the hunt.



Southern Ute Youth Turkey Hunt April 28-29, 2012

The Southern Ute Wildlife Division and National Wild Turkey Federation (NWF) are sponsoring a Youth Turkey Hunt on Tribal lands on April 28th and 29th, 2012. Our goal is to educate and encourage Tribal Member youth about hunting and outdoor activities on the Reservation. The Hunt will be filmed and broadcast on NWF's Turkey Call television show.



Requirements:

- ✓ 12 to 17 years old (after April 28th 1995 and before April 28th 2000)
- ✓ Passed Hunter Education
- ✓ Enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Member

In addition, the Wildlife Division is interested in recruiting experienced adult Tribal Member turkey hunters to serve as mentors for the youth hunters.

Please contact the Southern Ute Wildlife Division at (970) 563-0130 for more information, to register, or volunteer.