



2012 – 2013 Brunot area hunting and fishing season proclamation

wildlife in the Brunot Area. Wildlife that may be trapped are those species covered under the Brunot Area Small Game permit, including: bobcat, coyote, fox, all weasels (except river otter), ringtail, raccoon, prairie dog, beaver, muskrat, rabbit/hare, marmot, and tree squirrel.

All trappers must comply with the following tribal trapping regulations:

• **Trapper Notification & Reporting.** A trapper must provide at least two weeks advance notice to the Tribal Division of Wildlife of any planned Brunot Area trapping effort. The notice must include approximate location of traps, number and type(s) of traps to be used, and approximate timeframe for operating the traps. Within two weeks of completing the trapping, the trapper must have traps completely removed from the field and report to the Division the trapping results (i.e., identify all target and non-target species captured, animals retained or harvested, and all non-target mortalities).

• **Trap Attendance.** Any individual operating a trap within the Brunot Area is required to physically inspect the trap at least once every 24 hours. Note that this is not a "once daily" requirement, a trapper cannot inspect a trap on one morning and return in the afternoon the next day, as this would be in excess of 24 hours.

• **Trap Types Allowed.** Only live traps may be used for trapping in the Brunot Area, which includes any non-lethal cage, box, or Sneed-design colony traps. All other methods of trapping are prohibited, including, but not limited to, all types of legholds, snares, and instant kill traps.

• **Bait Restrictions.** Visual lures, fresh meat baits, fish oil, and anise oil lures meant to attract felids are not permitted due to the risk of injury or mortality for Canada lynx.

• **Target and Non-Target Captures.** All captured target species must be killed on-site when the trap is checked. All captured non-target species that are un-injured must be released. Accidental mortality of non-target animals must be reported to the Wildlife Division, per the trapper reporting requirement.

Canada lynx and river otter that are captured but un-injured must be immediately released. Accidental capture of these species must be reported within 12 hours of discovery to the Tribal Wildlife Division.

• **Interference with Traps.** It is unlawful to interfere with, disturb, remove or otherwise molest any trap lawfully set by a trapper, or for a non-operator of a trap to remove any animal from said trap.

OTHER HUNTING 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 be able to present their hunter safety education card when acquiring permits, and must carry the card with them while hunting. Both the Tribe and Colorado Division of Wildlife offer hunter education classes, and should be contacted for more information.

Hunters Under Age 18

Hunters under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult while hunting.

Fluorescent Orange

For non-archery hunters hunting mule deer, elk, or moose within the Brunot Area, it is required that the hunter (and the hunter's guide, if present) wear a head covering and an outer garment above the waistline, both of solid daylight fluorescent orange color, totaling 500 square inches or more of clothing. Penalties include a \$50 fine and penalty points toward suspension of hunting/fishing privileges.

Loaded Firearm in Vehicle

It is unlawful for any person, except those authorized by law, or by the Tribe's Department of Justice and Regulatory, Enforcement Division, or Wildlife Management Division, to carry or possess any firearm other than a pistol or revolver in or on any motor vehicle, unless such firearm is unloaded. For purposes of this section, a rifle or shotgun shall be considered unloaded if it is unloaded in the chamber, a muzzle-loader shall be considered unloaded if it is not primed, and, for such purpose "primed" means having a percussion cap on the nipple, a primer in the breech, or flint in the striker and powder in the flash pan, and a bow shall be considered unloaded if an arrow is not nocked on the string. Penalties include a \$300 fine and penalty points toward suspension of hunting/fishing privileges.

Shooting from Road

It is unlawful for any person to shoot any type of firearm from or across or onto any maintained public road on the Reservation. "Road" shall mean the area extending 50 feet on either side of the center line of the roadway. Penalties include a \$250 fine and penalty points toward suspension of hunting/fishing privileges.

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 penalty points toward suspension of hunting/fishing privileges.

FISHING REGULATIONS

Presented in this section are the Tribal-approved seasons and regulations pertaining to fishing within the Brunot Area for both 2012 and 2013. The fishing season is the calendar year, January 1st through December 31st. Except as noted under Special Management Fisheries, standard angling methods and daily bag limits apply to all Brunot Area fishing by Tribal anglers.

Important Note: Numerous creeks and rivers with sport fisheries cross over the Brunot Area boundary. It is important for anglers to remember that, upon leaving the Brunot Area, Brunot fishing permits are no longer valid, State permit requirements and regulations apply outside of the Brunot Area. When entering the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, reservation requirements apply.

Standard Angling Methods

Game fish may be taken by hook and line only, and the use of only one fishing rod at a time per angler is allowed. For bait fishing, one line may be used with up to two single baited hooks attached. For lure fishing, one line may be used with one artificial lure attached. Artificial lures may have up to two hooks (single, double, or treble) attached. For fly-fishing, one line may be used with up to two flies attached.

Daily Bag and Possession Limits

The Daily Bag Limit is the maximum number of game fish you can take in one day. The Possession Limit is the number of fish you may have in your possession at any one time, including in your creel, ice chest, vehicle, camp, or home. The possession limit for all game fish is no more than one daily bag limit (single species or in aggregate), as indicated in the Daily Bag Limits table. Bag and Possession Limits do not apply to the "Unlimited Take" fisheries.

The Daily Bag Limits for trout, bass, sunfish, crappie, walleye and saugeye are IN AGGREGATE, meaning that the limits for each group of fish consist of one species or a mix of the different species indicated.

"UNLIMITED TAKE" FISHERIES

Species of fish with no limits on bag or possession when fishing in ALL WATERS of the Brunot Area: Northern Pike, Yellow Perch, Common Carp, Bullhead, and White Sucker.

Species of fish with no limits on bag or possession when fishing in Brunot Area RIVERS and CREEKS: Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass, Bluegill, Green Sunfish, Crappie, Channel Catfish, and Walleye.

Daily Bag Limits

Game Fish	Daily Bag Limit
Trout*	4
(Rainbow, Brown, Cutthroat, Splake, Golden, Lake, Brook over 8")	
Brook Trout (under 8")	10
Kokanee Salmon	10
Channel Catfish	10
Bass* (Largemouth, Smallmouth, Spotted)	10
Sunfish* (Bluegill and Green Sunfish)	10
Crappie* (White and Black)	20
Walleye and Saugeye*	5
Tiger Muskie	1 fish, 36" or longer

* Bag limits are IN AGGREGATE for the indicated group of fish

GENERAL FISHING REGULATIONS

Legal Fishing Hours/Duration

Fishing may occur 24-hours a day, unless the daily bag or possession limit is met. Once the daily bag or possession limit is met, the angler must discontinue fishing.

Illegal Fishing Gear/Methods

Use of the following gear or methods to catch fish is prohibited on all Brunot Area waters: all net types (excluding hand-held landing nets), trotlines, traps, explosives, poisons, guns, or any other gear or method not specified in the Standard Angling Methods section.

Chumming

Chumming, or placing in the water any type of fish attractant for the purpose of catching fish, is prohibited in all Brunot waters. Chumming does not include the use of bait, lures, and flies as specified in the Standard Angling Methods section.

Snagging

Snagging, or using hooked devices to snag fish in parts of their bodies other than the mouth, is only allowed for kokanee salmon in designated waters during certain times of the year. Standard daily bag/possession limits for kokanee and gear restrictions for lure fishing apply to snagging. See the Spawning Waters section for more information on kokanee snagging restrictions.

Bait

Use of any live, dead, or parts of fish or amphibians as bait is prohibited in all Brunot Area waters. Non-fish and amphibian baits such as worms, insects, crayfish, vegetable matter, artificial salmon eggs, and PowerBait are permitted except in designated Trophy Trout Waters and Cutthroat Conservation Waters.

Planting Fish

It is unlawful to release or move into any Brunot Area waters any fish from aquaria, ponds, bait buckets, or any other external fish source.

Fishing Pole Attendance

Anglers must attend their fishing pole (be within 50 feet) at all times.

Minnows

It is unlawful to take, possess, transport, or sell live minnows anywhere within the Brunot Area.

SPECIAL MANAGEMENT FISHERIES

Special Management Fisheries are specific streams and lakes within the Brunot Area where closures and/or special harvest and tackle restrictions are in place to protect or enhance the local fish population. These locations include: Trophy Trout Waters, Cutthroat Conservation Waters, Trophy Bass Waters, and Spawning Waters. All anglers must comply with the special regulations in place for these designated waters.

A. Trophy Trout Waters. For the waters listed below, anglers may use artificial flies and lures only, with no bait fishing allowed. Unless otherwise noted, only two trout 16 inches in length or longer may be kept, per day.

• **Animas River.** From Lightner Creek to the south Brunot Area boundary located at Rivera Crossing Bridge.

• **Bear Creek.** From headwaters downstream to the Dolores River.

• **Dolores River.** From McPhee Dam downstream to the west Brunot Area boundary, near Lone Dome State Wildlife Area.

• **Emerald Lakes (Big & Little).** Located 10 mi northeast of Vallecito Res.

• **Lake Fork (of Gunnison River).** From High Bridge Gulch downstream to the north Brunot Area boundary.

• **Los Piños River.** From headwaters downstream to the Weminuche Wilderness boundary.

• **Piedra River.** CATCH & RELEASE ONLY from USFS Road 631 bridge downstream to the lower boundary of the Tres Piedra Ranch (1.5 miles above US160). All trout must be returned to the water immediately.

• **Rio Grande River.** From the lower boundary of River Hill Campground (near Rio Grande Reservoir) to the east Brunot Area boundary, just west of Creede, Colorado.

• **Vallecito Creek.** From headwaters downstream to the Weminuche Wilderness boundary.

B. Cutthroat Conservation Waters are streams and lakes within the Brunot Area that are managed to conserve pure-strain Colorado River and Rio Grande cutthroat trout. Anglers may fish these waters with artificial flies and lures only, but all fish must be returned to the water immediately. Cutthroat Conservation Waters include:

• **Deep Creek** (6 mi. west of Telluride)

• **Elk Creek** (10 mi. west of Telluride)

• **Cooper Lake** (10 mi. southwest of Lake City)

• **Sloan Lake** (10 mi. northeast of Silverton)

• **Hermosa Creek, E. Fork** (Durango Mtn. Resort)

• **Piedra River, E. Fork** (15 mi. northwest of Pagosa Springs)

C. Trophy Bass Waters – Totten Reservoir. For Totten Reservoir, near Cortez, anglers may only keep smallmouth and largemouth bass that are 15 inches in length or longer. Anglers must also refrain from fishing along the north shore of the reservoir from March 1 through May 31 in order to protect nesting waterfowl.

D. Spawning Waters are streams and lakes within the Brunot Area that are inhabited by spawning populations of kokanee salmon or wild trout. In order to conserve these important fisheries and ensure successful reproductive cycles, special seasonal fishing restrictions are necessary. The Brunot Area Spawning Waters and corresponding restrictions are listed below.

• **Florida River (above Lemon Reservoir).** Snagging of kokanee salmon is permitted above Lemon Reservoir from September 1 – December 31.

• **Grimes Creek (upstream of Vallecito Res. water line).** Snagging of kokanee salmon is permitted above Vallecito Reservoir from November 15 – December 31. All kokanee salmon caught before November 15 must be returned to the water immediately.

• **Vallecito Creek (CR501 upstream to Weminuche W.)** Snagging of kokanee salmon is permitted above Vallecito Reservoir from November 15 through December 31. All kokanee salmon caught before November 15 must be returned to the water immediately.

• **Big Emerald Lake Inlet Creek (CLOSURE).** All fishing is prohibited in Lake Creek inlet for 1/2 mile above Big Emerald Lake from April 15 – July 15.

• **Groundhog Reservoir Inlet Creeks (CLOSURE).** All fishing is prohibited in Nash Creek and Groundhog Creek inlets for 1/2 mile above Groundhog Reservoir from April 15 – July 15.

PROTECTED FISH & WILDLIFE

In order to ensure the long-term conservation of many rare and protected species that occur within the Brunot Area, the Tribe does not allow harvest of certain fish and wildlife by Brunot Area hunters and anglers. These include all species protected from take under the various Federal wildlife laws (e.g., Endangered Species Act, Migratory Bird Treaty Act, Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act), those species protected under State of Colorado Title 33, and designated wildlife populations that are the subject of special research or re-introduction efforts.

For the Brunot Area, the protected wildlife species most likely to be encountered by hunters include: **Canada lynx, river otter, Gunnison sage grouse, sharp-tailed grouse, all raptors** (eagles, hawks, falcons, owls), and all songbirds. The protected fish species most likely to be encountered by anglers include: **Colorado River and Rio Grande cutthroat trout** (designated pure populations), **roundtail chub, flannelmouth sucker, and bluehead sucker.**

None of these protected fish and wildlife species may be harvested by Tribal Brunot Area hunters or anglers. For a complete list of protected species, please contact the Tribal Division of Wildlife.

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