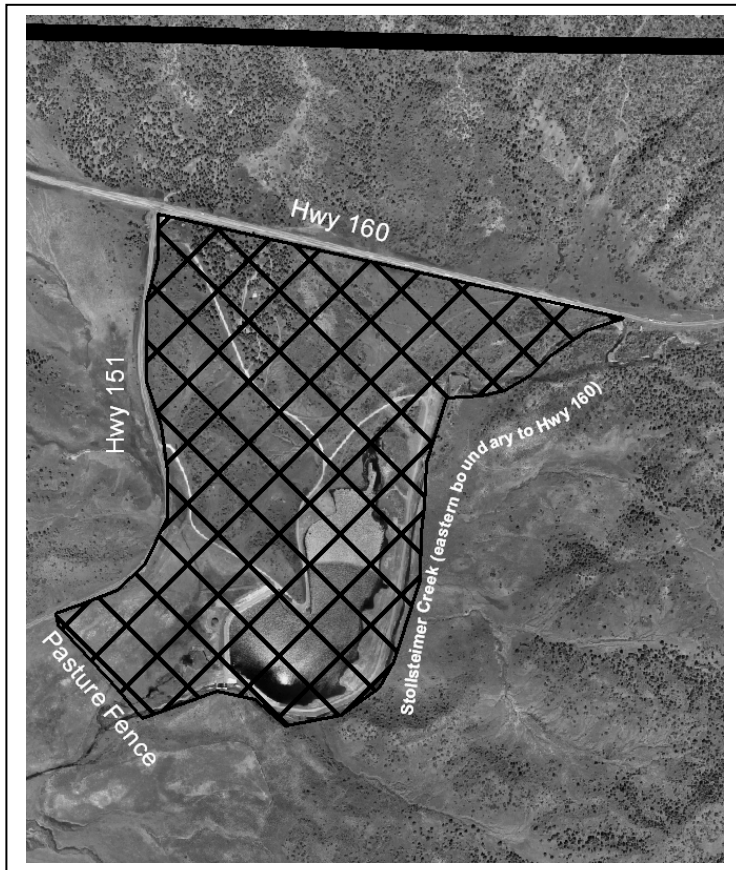


Lake Capote Closure Area

The crosshatched area represents the closure area at Lake Capote within the Sandoval Hunt Unit.



Southern Ute Indian Tribe 2018 January Native American Cow Elk Hunt Proclamation



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Please read through this document carefully and note these differences from previous years:

- **Permit Fee Payment Deadline – December 15, 2017**
- **Hunting Fee for 2018 is a TOTAL of \$150.00.**
- **Permit Pick-up Times and Location** - Permit pick-up will be 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm at the Sky Ute Casino Resort, Friday January 5, 2018.
- **Permit Transfer Deadline** – Permits will not be transferable after December 22, 2017: Transfers must be in **writing**. See Web-site form.
- **Orientation Location** – The Orientation will be held at the New Sky Ute Lodge and Casino on **Friday, January 5, 2018 starting at 6:00 PM**
- **Concurrent Seasons** – Both hunt units will have concurrent season dates for 2013. Both hunts will be open Jan 6 – 14, 2018.

Applications

Permit applications (and the \$25.00 processing fee) from all interested Native American hunters must be received (digitally online, postmarked or hand-delivered) by **October 20, 2017**.

When completing the application, applicants **MUST** include their Tribal affiliation and census number. Applicants may designate up to two (2) guests. A Crossing Permit will be issued for applicant's guest(s). When choosing the hunt unit, please indicate whether you are applying for the Archuleta Mesa or the Sandoval hunt. Hunt unit maps will be issued to successful applicants at the orientation meeting prior to the hunt.

The draw will be conducted in November and all applicants will be notified by e-mail of the results. Unsuccessful applicants **WILL NOT** have the \$25.00 processing fee returned. Successful applicants must remit full payment of **\$125.00** to the DWRM by **December 15, 2017**. Please send personal checks or money orders.

Tag Transfers

Hunters who draw a tag for the January hunt, but are ultimately unable to attend, may transfer their tag to another hunter, however; only up until **December 22, 2017**. Tags will not be transferable after this date and the processing fee will not be refunded to the original hunter drawn. **The transfer request must be in writing**. A sample form is available on our web-site.

In the event you are drawn for a permit and cannot attend the hunt, the permit may be transferred to another Native American upon their completion and submittal of the application and fee. The \$25 processing fee is **NOT REFUNDABLE**, even if you cannot attend the hunt.

A **MANDATORY** orientation meeting will be held on the Friday, January 5, 2018, at Sky Ute Casino Resort. Permits **MUST** be picked up in person on the day of the orientation meeting.

Bag Limit

1 antlerless elk

Season Dates / Permits Available

There will be 120 total permits issued; 60 permits for each hunt unit. Seasons will run concurrently.

Archuleta Unit:

January 6– January 14, 2018

Sandoval Unit:

Authority

These hunting regulations are approved by the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council under authority as outlined in Title 13, Article 1, Section 13-1-106, Subsections (1) through (3); Article 2, Section 13-2-101, Subsections (1) through (5); Article 2, Section 13-2-104; Article 2, Section 13-2-105, Subsections (1) through (3); of the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Code revised and amended by Tribal Resolution No's. 89-34, 01-69, and 02-215.

Additional Hunting Regulations

A complete listing of regulations pertaining to hunting on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation is contained in Title 13: Wildlife Conservation Code. The Conservation Code can be reviewed at the following website: <http://www.southernut-.nsn.gov/WRMWeb/>

Several of the regulations contained in Title 13 are listed below.

Failing to Wear Daylight Fluorescent Orange or Pink Garments

During the hunting season it is unlawful to hunt big game with a firearm unless the person hunting or guiding is wearing a head covering and an outer garment above the waistline, both of solid daylight fluorescent orange or pink color, totaling five hundred (500) square inches or more of clothing.

Hunting After Daylight Hours

It is unlawful to hunt wildlife other than during daylight hours. Daylight hours shall be from one-half hour before sunrise until one-half hour after sunset.

Possessing a Loaded Firearm in a Motor Vehicle

It is unlawful for any person except those authorized by law to carry or possess any firearm except a pistol or revolver in or on any motor vehicle, unless such firearm is unloaded in the chamber.

Shooting From the Road

It is unlawful for any person to shoot any type of firearm from or across or onto any graded or maintained public road on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation.

Picking up Permits (January 5, 2018)

Permits must be picked up on January 5, 2018 between 1:00 – 5:00pm at the Sky Ute Casino and Resort (ask at the front desk for the correct conference room). Unclaimed permits will become available for the leftover draw. If there are extenuating circumstances where a hunter cannot make the time-deadline to pick up their tag, they must call the DWRM to make other arrangements.

Lodging at the Sky Ute Casino Resort

A block of rooms has been reserved for hunters participating in the January Cow Elk Hunt. Also if hunters are interested in RV hook-ups the Casino may be able to accommodate that as well. Please contact the casino directly for more information at (800) 876-7017.

Important Dates and Deadlines:

- 1) **October 20, 2017** – Application must be at the DWRM office or postmarked by this date. Must include the \$25.00 processing fee.
- 2) **November, 2017** – Drawing takes place...applicants will be notified by e-mail of drawing results. Mailed results by special request only.
- 3) **December 15, 2017** – Full payment of **\$125.00** must be received at the DWRM office. Failure to pay by this date will forfeit your tag.
- 4) **December 22, 2017** – Last day to transfer tags (**In Writing**) if the original applicant is unable to attend hunt.
- 5) **January 5, 2018**– Permit pick-up 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm at Sky Ute Casino Resort. Orientation meeting begins at 6:00 pm
- 6) **January 6, 2018** – Cow Elk hunt begins

** Required information for Crossing Permits will include:

- Name
- Date of birth
- Address and phone number; Driver's License Number
- Vehicle license plate number (if their vehicle will be used during hunting activities)

Non-Southern Ute Tribal Members

1. Must be 12 years old or older.
2. If applying as an enrolled Tribal Member of a federally recognized Indian tribe other than the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, must be able to present an enrollment card at the time permits are picked up.
3. Hunters under 21 years of age must possess a hunter safety education card and must present it at the time permits are picked up.
4. Issued permits must be signed by the applicant.

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. Hunter education numbers must be recorded on the application.

Hunters Under Age 18

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

Permit Eligibility

Convicted felons and persons who have been convicted of a hunting or fishing-related violation in the last 5 years will not be eligible to receive hunting permits.

**** Please note - Southern Ute Tribal Members** are eligible to participate in the Native American Cow Elk Hunt. Interested Tribal Members should contact the DWRM for permitting information.

Open Areas

Open areas for the Sandoval and Archuleta Mesa Hunt Units will include all Southern Ute Indian Reservation Lands (tribal trust, tribal assignments, and tribal allotments) within the respective Hunt Unit boundary. For assigned or allotted lands, hunters must first obtain written access permission from the assignee or allottee. **Permits are not valid on private, state, or federal lands within the hunt unit boundaries.**

Hunt Unit Descriptions

Sandoval Hunt Unit Description: Beginning at the New Mexico State Line, extending north along the Piedra River to the exterior boundary of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, east along the exterior boundary of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation to Archuleta County Road 700, South along Archuleta County Road 700 to Archuleta County Road 500, south and west along Archuleta County Road 500 to Archuleta County Road 557, south along Archuleta County Road 557 to the New Mexico State Line, and West along the New Mexico State Line to the Piedra River.

Archuleta Mesa Hunt Unit Description: Beginning at the New Mexico state line, extending north along Archuleta County Road 557 to Archuleta County Road 500, north and east along Archuleta County Road 500 to Archuleta County Road 700, north along Archuleta County Road 700 to the exterior boundary of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, east and south along the exterior boundary of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation to the New Mexico state line, west along the New Mexico state line to Archuleta County Road 557.

Guest Crossing Permits

Non-Southern Ute Tribal Members must acquire a crossing permit so that they may accompany permitted hunters during the January cow elk hunting season. One crossing permit per permitted hunter will be issued at no charge. One additional crossing permit per permitted hunter will be issued at a cost of \$20.00 payable to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe (SUIT).

Pre-Hunt Scouting and Camp Preparations

Scouting by non-Southern Ute hunters prior to a hunt may only take place on established County and State roads within each specified hunt unit. Tribal roads and two-tracks will be off limits until the hunt begins and hunters are carrying their permits. Maps will not be available until the day of the orientation for each hunt.

Camps may be set up at established camping sites one day in advance of the start of the hunt (Friday). Contact the DWRM if you have further questions.

Requirements for Horses

If you are bringing horses on the hunt you must present a brand inspection certificate, a health certificate and a negative Coggins certificate at the orientation. If your state does not require brand inspection then bring a health inspection certificate along with a negative Coggins certificate. Please contact the DWRM with further questions.

Persons bringing horses may be subject to a \$25 fee (per person) for a livestock crossing permit. This can be taken care of the night of the orientation.

Hunter Surveys

All hunters participating in the January cow elk hunting season will be required to complete a hunter survey. All hunters will be given a survey form when they pick up their permit.

Tagging Requirements

All game requiring a tag must be tagged by the person who harvested the animal. Notch the month and day of harvest and sign the permit immediately after harvesting the animal. Detach the backing from the permit and affix the permit to the carcass, preferably on a leg. All big game must be securely tagged with the carcass tag provided by the Division of Wildlife Resource Management prior to transportation. Tagging instructions are printed on the back of permits. If numerous trips are required to remove the carcass from the field, the tag should remain attached to the first portion of the carcass left in camp or vehicle.

Validation Requirements

Validation will be **mandatory** for all cow elk harvested during the non-Southern Ute Tribal Member hunting season. Validation must take place **within 24 hours** of the kill. Harvested Animals can be taken to an established check station (locations and dates of check stations will be provided when permits are picked up) or validation may be arranged by contacting the Division of Wildlife Resource Management or Southern Ute Tribal Rangers during regular business hours or by contacting Southern Ute Dispatch outside of regular business hours. A representative of the Division of Wildlife Resource Management will inspect the carcass and attach a validation tag.

Firearm Restrictions for Non-Member Cow Elk Hunt

Due to concerns regarding knock-down and killing power of some firearms used in previous non-member cow elk hunts, we have established guidelines for calibers of firearms and bullet grains to be used during this hunt. Firearms acceptable for this hunt include centerfire rifles .27 caliber or greater, excluding .30-.30 and 7.62 x 39 (SKS rounds). Hunters must use a minimum of 150-grain bullets for this hunt.