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

Southern Ute Indian Tribe
2020 January Native American Cow Elk Hunt Proclamation

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http://www.southernute-nsn.gov/WRMWeb/
Please read through this document carefully and note these differences from previous years:

- **Permit Fee Payment Deadline** – December 13, 2019
- **Hunting Fee for 2019** is a TOTAL of $350.00.
- **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 10, 2020.
- **Permit Transfer Deadline** – Permits will not be transferable after December 13, 2019: 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 10, 2020** starting at **6:00 PM**
- **Concurrent Seasons** – Both hunt units will have concurrent season dates for 2020. Both hunts will be open Jan 11 – 19, 2020.

**Applications**

Permit applications (and the **$50.00 application fee**) from all interested Native American hunters must be received, digitally online by **October 11, 2019**.

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.

**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)

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 $50.00 processing fee returned. Successful applicants must remit full payment of **$300.00** to the DWRM by **December 13, 2019**.

**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 13, 2019**. 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

A **MANDATORY** orientation meeting will be held on the Friday, January 10, 2020, 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 80 total permits issued; 40 permits for each hunt unit. Seasons will run concurrently.

**Archuleta Unit:** January 11– January 19, 2020

**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.
Picking up Permits (January 10, 2020)
Permits must be picked up on January 10, 2020 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 11, 2019 – Application must be submitted online by this date. Must include the $50.00 processing fee.
2) November 2019 – Drawing takes place…applicants will be notified by e-mail of drawing results. Mailed results by special request only.
3) December 13, 2019 – Full payment of $300.00 must be received by online payment. Failure to pay by this date will forfeit your tag.
4) December 13, 2019 – Last day to transfer tags (Online) if the original applicant is unable to attend hunt.
5) January 10, 2020 – Permit pick-up 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm at Sky Ute Casino Resort. Orientation meeting begins at 6:00 pm
6) January 11, 2020 – Cow Elk hunt begins

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.

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 $50 processing fee is NOT REFUNDABLE, even if you cannot attend the hunt.

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.
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 to be used during this hunt. Firearms acceptable for this hunt include centerfire rifles .26 caliber or greater, excluding .30-.30 and 7.62 x 39 (SKS rounds).