General Information and Ranch Rules For Hunting On The Hill Ranch

1. The Hill Ranch is located west of Trinidad in Las Animas County and consists of the four tracts of the Rita, Rincon, Ricardo, and Lorencito ranches. The various tracts are enrolled in the Ranching for Wildlife Program as follows:
   ELK: All four tracts DEER: All four tracts
   Hunting is permitted in all of the four tracts, for the species for which they are enrolled. However, a very few number of cow elk will be found in Ricardo during late November. Hill Ranch recommends that all cow hunters hunt on the lower tracts where the elk are concentrated on winter range. Maps are attached for your reference. We suggest you transfer property lines onto a topographic map for more clarity. Area maps covering the ranch include: USGS – Valdez, Little Pine Canyon, Tercio, Torres, and Culebra Peak. There is no Forest Service Map. Not all property lines are fenced. A larger scale map will be available for eight dollars ($8.00) from Mike Powell; 19402 Hwy 350, Trinidad, Colorado 81082. The fee is to cover costs of map reproduction and mailing.

2. Access to the ranch will be at two locations with a check-in box at each location. Each box will consist of a list of hunters names with areas to mark entry and exit, morning and evening, on specific dates. Hunters ***MUST*** check the appropriate box when entering or exiting one of the three locations.

   A. Rincon East: The check-point is located at the bridge at the mouth of Lorencito Canyon, one mile east of Primero on Hwy. 12. Actual access to ranch property from that point will be through Alamosa, Pancho and upper Lorencito Canyons. Please consult your maps for property line locations.

   B. Rita: Check-point is the same as for Rincon East. Consult your map for further property line locations.

   C. Lorencito: The check-point is the same as for Rincon East. Access to the Lorencito tract begins as soon as you cross the bridge off of Hwy. 12.

   ** An automated entry system has been installed ¼ mile south of the bridge at the mouth of Lorencito Canyon. Hunters entering the ranch may use a by-pass gate to the left of the main gate. If locked, it can be opened with the combination furnished with the hunter packet. Upon leaving, hunters can stop within 12-15

feet of the main gate. An audible signal will indicate that the gate sensor has been activated, and the gate will open inward, allowing the vehicle to proceed.

D. Ricardo: The check-point is located at the Tercio-Torres road fork on County Road 13.0, five and one-half (5 ½) miles south of Hwy 12. County Road 13.0 starts about one and one-half (1 ½) miles east of Stonewall on Hwy 12. To reach the Ricardo tract, follow the main county road west from the check-point and then turn south on the private road after going through the settlement of Torres. The access route will be up Bonita Canyon beyond the big iron gate. Actual access is at the red gate into what is called the Torres tract and at the double green gates at Little Vermejo Creek near the New Mexico state line. Consult maps and pay attention to signs posted for your information.

E. Tercio: The check-point is the same as for Ricardo. From the check-point, go south on County Road 13.0 to the county road closure at the Tercio cemetery. From there, go south past the large coal slack-piles and the ranch property begins on the east immediately after passing the coal slack-piles. Due to road closures on the Bosque del Oso, hunters may no longer travel down the South Fork drainage.

3. The Ricardo Tract is the most rugged and remote part of the ranch. However, all parts of the ranch can be dangerous because of deep snow and severe weather. Hunters are advised to be prepared with the proper equipment and clothing before entering the ranch. Hill Ranch disclaims all responsibility for hunter safety except to provide information and assistance when requested.

4. Hunters are not allowed to walk into the property from public roads, unless they have first checked in at one of the above locations.

5. Campfires are permitted only if contained by a metal or rock structure.

6. Only the licensed hunter and one unarmed companion will be allowed on the ranch. License holders who would like to have their minor children accompany them as extra

guests may do so after obtaining permission from the ranch.

7. Scouting trips before season are not allowed.

8. Locked gates, to which hunters will have access, will be furnished with a combination lock. To operate a combination lock, dial in the correct numbers, squeeze the lock together, and then open. The combination will be furnished to successful RFW applicants.

9. Hunting species other than the one indicated on the special license is not allowed, i.e. varmint, furbearer, mountain lion, or small game hunting. Other activities such as fishing, wood hauling, antler collecting, etc. are not allowed.

10. All vehicles must stay on established roads and not go beyond designated parking areas. Although most roads are open, some roads will be closed due to safety or other reasons. Road closures ***MUST*** be obeyed.

11. Violation of a wildlife statute or regulation will result in the immediate revocation of hunting privileges as determined by ranch manager and CPW DWM.

12. Trespass on adjacent landowners will not be tolerated and will result in revocation of hunting privileges on the Hill Ranch.

13. Any hunter that wounds an animal will cease hunting until a reasonable effort has been made to find and kill the wounded animal. The hunter must notify a Colorado Parks and Wildlife officer before following a wounded animal onto neighboring property.

14. The hunter report form must be mailed to:
    Mike Powell
    19402 Hwy 350
    Trinidad, Colorado 81082

15. Camping is permitted at designated sites on the Lorencito and Rincon Properties. The Lorencito camping area is located at the mouth of Bonita Canyon about four (4) miles up

Lorencito Canyon from the Lorencito-Rincon East check-in point. The Rincon camping is located ¼ mile inside the property line and 250 yards north of the old stone store building near South Fork Creek on the Rincon West access route.

16. Respect personal property – no littering. All trash resulting from your stay must be taken with you when you leave.

17. In order to make this a successful season, we must have your cooperation to ensure the continued cooperation with the private landowner under the Ranching for Wildlife Program.

18. Successful hunters are asked to leave ranch property as soon as practicable after game is retrieved from the field. This will give remaining hunters a better chance to be successful, too.

Good Luck!