M/R WHITE RIVER RANCH RFW RULES

1. All public hunters must call or email the RFW public hunt manager, Hugh Fadal *at least two weeks before your hunt* to share your arrival plans. Please call him at 719-439-1182 or email him at: Hugh@Lkranch.net

2. All public hunters are required to check in at the LK Ranch Cookhouse located at 7503 County Road 13, each morning of their hunt. Hunters are required to check in and out each day for safety reasons as well as harvest data.

3. All hunters and non-hunting guests will be required to sign a release of liability form. Please bring this signed form with you during your initial check-in.

4. Hunters must bring a vehicle or trailer capable of removing a *whole* deer or elk carcass from the Ranch after the animal is harvested. The ranch does NOT process game, or allow hunters to process their animals on ranch grounds. Hunters will be charged $100 by the LK Ranch guide staff for transporting the animal to a local packing plant. (Cash or check only.)

5. After public hunters check in to the Ranch, semi-guided (2x1) services will be provided free of charge. These services include transportation to and from the field, assistance locating and stalking elk and deer, and assistance retrieving harvested game from the field.

6. Areas near private ranch homes, cabins, dwellings, barns, buildings, and livestock handling facilities are permanently closed to hunting and are designated on the M/R White River Ranch public hunter map. Hunters will be notified at time of check in of any temporary closures on the M/R White River Ranch RFW.

7. In addition, there is a “Restricted Hunting Area” shown on the M/R White River Ranch public hunter map where hunting by all RFW hunters (both private and public) is prohibited, except for the last RFW hunting season each year. Hunting pressure and disturbance within this location on the M/R White River Ranch is restricted in hopes of encouraging elk to stay on the property throughout the annual RFW hunting seasons and allow us to maintain relatively high levels of hunter success rates and harvest opportunities.

8. The number of public RFW hunters in each area/unit on the M/R White River Ranch RFW will be regulated to ensure fairness, opportunity, and quality experiences to all public RFW hunters. We host a maximum of 6 public hunters per season.

9. Most of the M/R White River Ranch RFW will be accessible only by foot to hunters. However, guides from the Ranch will transport hunters to different areas of the property to maximize chances of success, and minimize the amount of walking necessary. Please be physically prepared for your hunt as the terrain will be challenging-especially during the later seasons when snow is a factor.

10. The property will be accessible ONLY for hunters who draw the limited public M/R White River Ranch RFW deer/elk licenses and ONLY during designated public RFW hunting seasons. Each public RFW hunter may be accompanied by no more than one non- weapon carrying guest.

11. The M/R White River Ranch expects that all hunters will take only ethical and safe shots at reasonable distances to minimize chances of wounding big game animals while hunting. The Ranch and CPW officers both expect hunters to follow up with additional shots if necessary, and pursue and retrieve any wounded game animal. If a hunter wounds, or draws blood on a big game animal, their hunt *is suspended* until that animal is located or recovered.

12. One weapon per hunter is allowed. Hunters must bring their used paper target from the gun range so that we can confirm their weapon has been properly sighted in. If a hunter misses an animal up to three times in succession, the Ranch guides will suspend their hunt until they return to a shooting range and recheck their firearm.

13. The Ranch is a working livestock operation that has yearlong activities. It is requested that hunters leave all gates and fences as they find them.

14. Hunters are not allowed to bring any dogs or other pets onto the LK Ranch.

15. For public safety and protection of ranch property, overnight camping is NOT allowed on the Ranch. However, hunters can camp on adjacent or nearby public lands if they choose to do so (refer to BLM and USFS maps for public land camping areas). Other accommodations and services are available in the nearby town of Meeker as well.

16. When NOT hunting, all firearms are to be completely unloaded (in both the magazine and chamber) and actions left open while on the Ranch.

17. Be certain of your target, and only shoot in a safe direction at a distance within your capability. Be aware of livestock, other hunters, ranch staff, and buildings in the background. Don't take any shot unless you are absolutely sure that it is 100% safe and ethical.

18. NO access to the M/R White River Ranch is allowed other than for the specific public RFW season dates that are shown on your hunting license.

19. Consumption of alcohol is not allowed before, or during your hunt.

20. Prior approval from the M/R White River Ranch RFW staff is required if you wish to bring more than one non-hunting companion.

21. Please respect our ranch and do not litter. Pack out anything that you bring in.

22. Fishing of the ponds and streams on the M/R White River Ranch is NOT allowed.

23. Public hunters are required to bring all harvested big game animals to the main check-in point at LK Ranch Cookhouse for collection of biological data (antler measurements, body weights or body condition, tooth/tissue samples, etc.) Please bring your RFW harvest report form with you at this time.

24. Public hunters may take their deer or elk heads to the Meeker CPW Office for Chronic Wasting Disease sampling, located at 73485 Hwy. 64 in Meeker, CO. 81641 or any other CPW wildlife office capable of collecting CWD samples. Hunters are personally responsible for all CWD testing

fees unless waived by CPW.

25. Hunters must abide by all state laws and ranch rules. Violation of state laws, regulations, or Ranch rules may result in expulsion from the Ranch, and possible criminal prosecution. Hunters are expected to only hunt wildlife species on the Ranch for which they possess a valid RFW hunting license for and these legal expectations will be actively enforced by CPW officers.

26. If a hunter harvests a collared animal, please return the collar to the outfitter or the Colorado Parks and Wildlife office in Meeker (73485 Hwy 64).