

# KIOWA CREEK RANCH RFW RULES

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\* As you'll see on the two enclosed maps, our 80,000 acres is spread across quite a sizable area. Knowing if you're on our property or someone else's can sometimes be challenging. ONX can be a great tool as all our property on ONX is listed as Harmony Land & Cattle. **Note that not all land marked "Harmony Land & Cattle" is open to hunting.** A few areas closed to hunting exist and you need to use the enclosed maps to ensure you're hunting only open areas. **Trespassing, whether intentional or accidental, can not only get you in trouble with the law, it will result in immediate termination of your hunt.**

\* If you wound an animal and it gets off of Kiowa Creek property, you must first contact BOTH CPW and the Kiowa Creek RFW personnel PRIOR to attempting to retrieve the animal.

\* You'll be issued a Ranch Pass at the Hunt Orientation Meeting which must be visible on your vehicle's dashboard whenever you're on/near our property. Transferring the pass to another vehicle is authorized but prior coordination with the RFW Hunt Coordinator is required.

\* The use of horses, ATV's and motorcycles is prohibited. While most roads/trails can be traversed with a 2WD vehicle, a 4WD vehicle is recommended in case of mud or snow.

\* **Your vehicle must remain on roads/vehicle trails and avoid parking in tall grass.** Tall grass will be extremely dry and your vehicle's exhaust could start a fire. However you may take your vehicle off roads/trails to recover your game.

\* Ranch personnel will have all major gates open at the start of your hunt. This is a working cattle ranch so please leave gates as you find them: if a gate's open, leave it open. If it's closed, please close it. **Do not lock gates.**

\* Pre-season scouting by physically being on Kiowa Creek property is not allowed. However much of our land can be viewed from public roads. A good set of optics and time spent searching for animals from public roads often pays off.

## HUNT ORIENTATION MEETING

\* All hunters/companions MUST conduct a Hunt Orientation Meeting with Kiowa Creek RFW personnel prior to hunting. **The meeting will be held at 6 a.m. the first morning of the RFW season you've drawn;** however, if you're not able to hunt that first day we'll conduct one for you the first day you're available to hunt. Please see the directions at the end of this letter for your meeting location.

\* The meeting will last approximately 20 minutes and will end early enough for you to get to your desired hunting location before legal shooting light. **Once completed you're NOT required to physically check in with RFW personnel the remainder of your hunt; however, daily check in by phone with the RFW Hunt Coordinator is required.** As a participating RFW Ranch, we're required to submit data to CPW which can include how long you hunted each day, whether you

saw game, took a shot, harvested an animal, etc. Your full cooperation in providing this data is both required and appreciated.

\* At the meeting you'll turn in your waiver paperwork, receive your Ranch Pass, and receive a quick review of major rules (you're still responsible for full compliance with all CPW regulations and Ranch Rules in this document).

### **WAIVERS**

\* At the end of this document are two waivers: the Kiowa Creek Ranch Rules Waiver and the Kiowa Creek Release of Liability, Covenant Not To Sue, and Indemnity Agreement. **All hunters and their companions must turn in both signed waivers at the Hunt Orientation Meeting. No hunting is allowed until both signed waivers are turned in to Kiowa Creek RFW personnel.**

### **ADDITIONAL SERVICES**

\* Kiowa Creek RFW personnel are there to facilitate hunter success and enforce Ranch Rules. They typically guide paying clients on these same properties and will gladly offer advice on good hunting areas. While our RFW Hunts require the hunter assuming all responsibility for success or failure, animal field dressing, etc, Kiowa Creek RFW personnel may be available to lead novice hunters, field dress your animal, etc. **Tipping, while not required, is encouraged to show appreciation for their efforts.**

### **ADDITIONAL RULES**

\* **Safety is paramount; Kiowa Creek RFW personnel may terminate your hunt at any time if they feel you're acting in an unsafe manner.**

\* **All CPW rules and regulations apply.** This includes mandatory Hunter Orange requirements, no shooting from vehicles, minimum shooting distance from roadways, evidence of sex requirements, etc. Please refer to the 2022 Colorado Big Game brochure for more information.

\* **All sheds/skulls/skeletons MUST be left untouched. If you find remains of a Bighorn Sheep you MUST report it to the RFW Hunt Coordinator the same day you find it. CPW requires us to report any Bighorn Sheep remains so your cooperation is required.**

\* Areas within 800 yards (half a mile) of any structure (house, barn, garage, etc.) are off limits. This includes you being further than 800 yards away but shooting at an animal within 800 yards of the structure.

\* You may only shoot at the animal species your RFW tag is valid for (i.e. you cannot shoot at small game, varmints, waterfowl, etc. even if you have a valid license for that species/season).

\* Only the licensed hunter may carry a firearm or bow.

\* Camping is not permitted on the property. Lodging and campgrounds can be found in the Colorado Springs/Peyton areas.

- \* Campfires are prohibited.
- \* Fishing is prohibited.
- \* The speed limit on all ranch roads/trails is 15mph.
- \* These are working livestock ranches. Interference with/harassment of livestock operations is prohibited.
- \* There is no mandatory CWD testing for animals harvested on our ranches. However, you may voluntarily have your animal tested. Please contact CPW for details.
- \* A maximum of one non-hunting companion may accompany each hunter.
- \* **You must be completely familiar with your weapon and have conducted actual range fire within the two weeks prior to your hunt.** It's your responsibility to show up for your hunt proficient with your weapon; this is for your safety, the safety of others, and you ethically owe it to the animal to make a good shot. There is no rifle/archery range on the property available for your use. We recommend you being able to shoot a 3-inch group at 150 yards. You don't want to work so hard and wait so long for this RFW tag and then miss the shot.
- \* Consumption of alcohol/use of drugs (either legal or illegal) while on Kiowa Creek property is strictly prohibited. No hunting is permitted while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Violation of this rule will result in immediate termination of the remainder of your hunt.

### **PRE-HUNT COORDINATION**

**You MUST contact the Kiowa Creek RFW Hunt Coordinator by phone or email a minimum of 2 days prior to the start of your RFW season.** This helps us plan a better hunt for you.