

## **RANCH RULES FOR ALL PRIVATE AND PUBLIC HUNTERS**

Lay Creek Ranch puts a strong focus on ethical hunting. Please read these rules so you have a good understanding of what is expected of you during your time on our private ranch. Feel free to contact us with any questions. We are excited to welcome all of you to our new Ranching for Wildlife property!

- 1) All public hunters must agree, sign, and acknowledge their agreement to comply with all State and Federal laws, regulations, ranch rules/waivers. Failure to comply with or meet the conditions of such will be immediately reported to a CPW officer, and may result in criminal prosecution/penalties, and/or immediate dismissal from the ranch property, and/or prohibition of further participation in hunting/access on the ranch, and/or prohibition of future participation within the Ranching for Wildlife program as a public hunter.
- 2) All hunters must sign a waiver and agree to release all ranches of any liability associated with the purpose or access.
- 3) No camping on the ranch. The Ranch does not allow access to those looking to camp on land locked BLM within the Ranch borders.
- 4) No open fires are allowed.
- 5) No consumption of alcohol, or illegal substances will be permitted on the ranch. Anyone caught will be asked to leave and denied access for the remainder of their hunt.
- 6) Consumption or possession of marijuana or products that contain marijuana is not permitted on the ranch.
- 7) Motor vehicles such as pickup trucks and SUVs must stay on existing ranch roads. Off-road travel is not permitted, even for recovery.
- 8) ATV/OHV use is not permitted on the ranch. Snowmobiles and tracked machines are considered OHV and are also not permitted.
- 9) Hunters must abide by ranch road closures when in effect. Individual roads may be closed due to weather, personal safety, property destruction, or quality of hunt at the discretion of the ranch. Due to the timing of some hunts, weather could be a factor, certain roads on the property may be impassible when wet or snow covered. Make sure you have a 4x4, good tires and bring chains and shovels.
- 10) We feel that hunting is enjoyed more when it is shared with a friend, and it sure does help to have them along when it comes to packing time. So we are happy to welcome one non-hunting guest with each hunter. NOTE: THEY MUST ALSO SIGN A WAIVER AND ACCEPT ALL RANCH RULES. This provides proof that your check in paperwork has been completed.
- 11) No dogs or other pets are allowed on the ranch.

- 12) There will be no discharging of firearms on the ranch for any purpose other than that of animal harvest. No target practicing or random shooting is permitted.
- 13) No trash or foreign objects will be left on the ranch by any person or groups. Please help us keep the ranch clean by packing out anything you pack in.
- 14) This is a non-guided hunt.
- 15) You may gut your animal wherever it dies. The only exception to this is if it dies in or near a water hole or creek bottom. You must get the guts away from the water so you don't negatively impact the water source.
- 16) Carcasses and bones may not be left on the property. We do allow one exception to this rule:
  - If your animal dies in a location where you cannot physically recover it whole and you need to pack it out, you can leave the carcass and non-edible portions where it died.
  - This exception does not apply to those looking to conduct their own "tailgate style processing". We do not allow carcasses to be dumped from vehicles.
- 17) All gates will be left as you find them. If a gate is closed and locked, you must close it and lock it prior to walking or driving away from it. Current gate codes can be found on our online portal.
- 18) Hunting License and Hunter's Safety Card (if applicable) must be on your person at all times while on the property, unless verified on license or exempt.
- 19) Hunters must take shots within ethical ranges. To determine what an ethical hunting shot distance is, a hunter should practice shooting from field positions at the ranges he or she intends to hunt. Hunters who wound, injure, and/or draw blood from an animal must make a reasonable attempt to locate, take, and recover that animal before continuing to hunt.
- 20) Hunters must abide by all rules, written or verbally expressed by ranch representatives or CPW officers.