



## **SUN WEST RANCH PROPERTY OWNER'S ASSOCIATION**

### **Hunting Regulations**

1. A maximum of five named Hunting PERMITS are allowed per lot per season, including the property owner(s). The five permits limitation is for the entire hunting season (spring and fall) as per dates set by Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks. A hunting permit for the entire season means that once one person has registered for a hunting permit, that permit has been used up for the entire season. A maximum of two guides are allowed per lot – guides count towards the total of five permits. Each hunter and/or guide must obtain an “annual pass” that has his or her name, Montana hunting license number, lot owners name and lot number.
2. Passes are not transferable from person-to-person or lot-to-lot, nor can they be sold, bartered or traded and must be renewed each year.
3. To obtain a pass the lot owners and guests must show a valid Montana hunting or Conservation license along with the name, address and phone number for each pass, and pay the required fee. Guides must provide a valid Montana guide license. Passes must be obtained at least 24 hours prior to the hunt and may be obtained by bringing the documents to the office or by scanning all required documents and sending them to the office along with the required fee. Please be aware the office is staffed Monday through Friday with part-time hours beginning November 1<sup>st</sup>. Please give ample time for staff to receive and issue your hunting permits prior to your hunt. The office staff can put the permits in your mailbox if arriving after hours.
4. The cost of each pass will be \$50.00 excluding the lot owners' passes which are free. Each lot is allowed up to two free passes for lot owners' personal use.

5. Each HUNTING GROUP is limited to five persons total – hunters, guides and walk alongs. This means that when the home/lot owner crosses the SWR border for access to public land, the total size of the group is, at all times, limited to five people.

6. Each home/lot owner is limited to 5 named WALK ALONGS per hunting season - season meaning the entire season (spring and fall) for hunting as per dates set by Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks. One person coming along as a walk along means that one of the five allowed walk alongs for the home/lot owner has been used up for that season. Immediate family is excluded from the five walk along limit per season. Immediate family is defined as the owner's spouse and owner's children. Individuals, including immediate family members, who are going to walk along with a hunting group must register their name with the SWRPOA office prior to accompanying the hunting group on a hunt. There is no charge for a walk along, however each name will be recorded by the office to monitor the total number of walk alongs per owner per season.

7. Lot owners must inform the manager what dates they will be hunting and which parking/access sites they plan to use prior to the hunt. Access sites are as follows: The first site is at the end of South Sun West Ranch Rd just before entering BLM property. The second site is at the far southwest corner of the upper loop on Elk Ridge Rd. Signs are posted to identify these two locations. The office will keep a calendar of who is signed up and where they will be accessing public land from SWR, so that conflicts can be avoided on the day of the hunt. The calendar will also be available to all owners that are on the SWR for safety reasons. Hunters are encouraged to sign up a minimum of two weeks in advance to avoid conflicts. Sharing and alternating days is encouraged and common courtesy is always expected.

8. The lot owner must be physically present at both the time of access and return from the BLM as well as remain with the group during the hunt. Only two vehicles per hunting group will be allowed to park, and a special placard issued by SWR with the lot owner's name on it must be placed in full view on the dash of each vehicle.

9. Guides, if any, will be with lot owners at all times while on Sun West Ranch, during check in at the POA office, and during purchase of passes.

10. Game brought onto SWR must be properly covered so as to shield the harvested animal from view. When game is taken while accessing hunting areas from the SWR, the hunting group must notify the ranch manager as soon as possible but within 12 hours so that game retrieval and other hunting activities can be properly coordinated.

11. The use of snowmobiles, ATV's, UTV's or any other like vehicles is prohibited for hunting or game retrieval purposes.

12. SWR requires all hunters accessing public lands from the SWR to follow all Montana Dept. of Fish, Wildlife and Parks rules and regulations, USFS, BLM laws and any other laws or regulations pertaining to the use of public lands. All incidents or rule violations should be reported to the ranch manager.

13. Hunters may obtain help for the recovery of animals. The hunter "help" may not carry a weapon or accompany the hunting party during the hunt. If the help does accompany the hunting group, he/she will be counted in the five permits per lot. The lot owner must accompany the help during the retrieval and should make every attempt to retrieve the game without conflict with other hunters. The additional help will not count towards the number of permits granted to each lot owner unless the help accompanies the hunting group. Prior to recovery, the lot owner should notify the ranch manager when securing additional help for the recovery in order to maintain the security of the ranch during hunting season and to avoid confusion over who has been authorized to access BLM through the ranch.

14. Failure to follow these rules may result in penalties against the offender. The penalties could range from a warning to a monetary penalty to revocation of hunting access from SWR. Below is a list of penalties that the board may choose to impose when there have been violations of these rules:

1. A written warning from the board, a copy will be placed in the Property Owners file.
2. A fine of no less than \$250.00
3. Loss of hunting access to the BLM or USFS for 1 to 2 years
4. Loss of hunting access to the BLM or USFS for 5 or more years.

15. All homeowners, guests, guides, or others involved in the hunt must read and sign these Rules and Regulations before receiving a pass.

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Homeowner Signature

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Date

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Guest, Guide, Other Signature

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Date