

LK RANCH HUNTER INFORMATION PACKET

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June, 2016

Dear Sportsmen & Sportswomen:

Congratulations on drawing a license to hunt the LK Ranch near Meeker, Colorado. We welcome you, and hope that you have a safe, and memorable hunt. The LK is a working ranch, where we raise livestock and enjoy great wildlife habitat. We mesh our livestock and wildlife management goals, with those of the Division of Parks & Wildlife. The RFW program makes it possible to keep the LK Ranch in open space, which greatly benefits livestock and wildlife.

The public involvement is also an important part of our ranching operation. Your participation in this RFW hunt will help us properly manage the herds, through selective harvesting.

We have enclosed the new 2016 ranch rules, that we ask all hunters to follow. PLEASE REVIEW. This information also includes costs/services, harvest report form, liability form, directions, maps, recommendations, etc..

Phone numbers you may find useful: (Please allow 2 to 3 days for us to return your call.)

Hugh Fadal

LK Ranch/Hunt Manager: cell (719) 439-1182 OR (Email: Hugh@Lkranch.net)

LK Cookhouse/Main Check in point: (970) 878-0133

Colorado State Patrol Dispatch: (970) 824-6501

Rio Blanco County Sheriff Dispatch: (970) 878-9620

Bailey Franklin

CPW District Wildlife Manager: (970) 942-5111

Darby Finley

CPW Terrestrial Biologist: (970) 878-6064

Best of luck,

Lenny Klinglesmith

LK Ranch Rules

- 1.) All public hunters, please call or email Hugh, or leave a message at the Cookhouse *at least two weeks prior* to your hunt, to let the ranch know your plans regarding guests, accommodations, arrival times, etc. (Phone numbers located on page 1.)
- 2.) Lodge arrivals please check in after 2:00 pm. (Dinner will be served the night of your arrival.) All public hunters staying in town must check in at the LK Ranch cookhouse, at 7503 CR 13, between 6-6:30 am, the first morning of their hunt.
- 3.) Hunters are required to check OUT each day, at the LK Ranch cookhouse. These checks are for safety, and for gathering harvest data.
- 4.) All hunters and non-hunting guests will be required to sign a release of liability form before their hunt begins. Please bring this signed form with you.
- 5.) Hunters must bring a vehicle, or trailer, capable of removing an elk from the ranch after the elk has been harvested. Hunters will be charged \$100.00 by the LK ranch, for skinning, quartering, and/or transporting the animal to a local packing plant.
- 6.) Semi-guided (2x1) services are provided by LK. These services include: transportation to and from the field, help locating and stalking elk and deer, and assistance in retrieving harvested game from the field.
- 7.) AREAS NEAR RANCH DWELLINGS, AND LIVESTOCK HANDLING FACILITIES, are permanently closed to hunting, and designated on the LK Ranch map. Hunters will be notified at the time of check in, of any temporary closures on the LK Ranch.
- 8.) The number of public hunters on the LK will be regulated, to ensure fair hunting opportunities to all. LK hosts 6 to 7 hunters per season, with 2 hunters per 1 guide.
- 9.) Most of the LK Ranch will be accessible only by foot, to hunters.
- 10.) The LK Ranch expects that hunters attempt only ethical and sure shots within reasonable ranges, to minimize the wounding and loss of animals.
- 11.) ONE WEAPON PER HUNTER. Sighting-in is hunters responsibility prior to arrival, and expected by LK. If a hunter misses an animal up to three times in succession, LK will suspend their hunt, until they go to a range and re-check their firearm. If a hunter draws blood on an animal, their hunt is suspended until that animal is recovered.

- 12.) Leave all gates and fences as you found them.
- 13.) NO PETS ALLOWED.
- 14.) No camping allowed.
- 15.) When NOT hunting, all firearms are to be completely unloaded (in both the magazine and chamber) and actions left open while on LK property.
- 16.) No access to the LK is allowed, other than for the specific, R.F.W. dates shown on your hunting license.
- 17.) Liquor or illegal drugs are not allowed on the LK Ranch. Consumption of alcohol is not allowed before, or during your hunt.
- 18.) Prior approval from the LK Ranch staff is required if you wish to bring more than one non-hunting companion.
- 19.) Do not litter. Pack out everything that you bring in.
- 20.) Hunters must bring harvested big game animals to the LK check-in point for collection of age and other data to help with our wildlife management program.
**Please bring your RFW harvest report form with you at this time.*
- 21.) Hunters AND LK Staff must abide by all state laws and ranch rules. It is hunters sole responsibility to be familiar with all state and local laws. Violation of state laws, regulations, or LK Ranch rules may result in expulsion from the LK Ranch, and possible criminal prosecution. Hunters are expected to only hunt wildlife species on the LK Ranch for which they possess a valid RFW hunting license, and these legal expectations will be actively enforced by CPW officers.

Acknowledgement of LK Ranch RFW Rules and Waiver of Liability Form

We have read and understand the LK Ranch rules. By signing below, we agree to abide by all ranch rules and applicable state or federal laws. We further understand that violation of ranch rules, state or federal laws may result in the immediate revocation of my RFW license, and hunting privileges on the Ranch.

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED (Name) _____ (hereinafter referred to as "Indemnitor"), for and in consideration of the grant of permission by the Klinglesmith family on the LK Ranch RFW property ("LK Ranch"), to access LK Ranch's lands located in Rio Blanco County, Colorado, for hunting does hereby agree to waive, release and indemnify the LK Ranch, its agents, owners and employees from any and all costs, damages or claims which may arise through personal injury or damage to property of Indemnitor or third persons and which is connected in any way with Indemnitor's use of LK Ranch's properties. Indemnitor acknowledges and agrees that (s)he is aware that the condition of LK Ranch lands generally are unimproved and that the unsupervised recreational activities in which Indemnitor intends to engage on said lands are, in their own right, hazardous activities. Indemnitor therefore assumes all risk of damage, bodily injury or death which might arise from said activities.

Further Indemnitor acknowledges and agrees to the following terms and conditions of access:

1. Access to LK Ranch lands is limited to the period specified on the RFW hunting license.

2. Indemnitor hereby consents and authorizes LK Ranch and/or CDOW to obtain emergency medical treatment for Indemnitor should he/she sustain any injury while participating in this special recreational activity upon the LK Ranch properties.

3. We acknowledge that participation in the RFW program involves certain dangers, including, but not necessarily limited to, those associated with the discharge of firearms and other hunting activities, the risks of which we assume, and which include, but are not necessarily limited to, injury or death.

4. We do hereby COVENANT NOT TO SUE the LK Ranch, State of Colorado, the Division of Wildlife and all other departments, agencies, commissions, boards, institutions, officials, employees, agents of the State and participating sponsors, any other private landowners and volunteers and agree to INDEMNIFY, SAVE AND FOREVER HOLD THEM AND EACH OF THEM HARMLESS from any liability, and do hereby WAIVE any and all claims, demands, actions or causes of actions against them or each of them arising out of or related in any way to our participation in the RFW Program, whether said claim, demand, or cause of action arises from the negligence of the LK Ranch, other private landowners, or any other departments, agencies, officials, employees or agents of the landowners, or from any other cause.

5. We do hereby ASSUME ALL RISK of loss, damage or injury to our person or our property, including death, arising out of or related in any way to our participation in the LK Ranch RFW Program.

This RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND AGREEMENT TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS shall be binding upon us and our heirs, executors, administrators, personal representatives, successors and assigns, and shall inure to the benefit of the LK Ranch, State of Colorado, the Division of Wildlife and all other departments, agencies, commissions, boards, institutions, officials, employees, agents of the landowners or State or participating sponsors, any other private landowners and volunteers, and their heirs, executors, administrators, personal representatives, assigns and successors in office.

The undersigned have read and understands the foregoing, and has voluntarily signed this Assumption of Risk Agreement and Release of Liability.

PRINTED NAME OF HUNTER

PRINTED NAME OF COMPANION(S)

SIGNATURE OF HUNTER

SIGNATURE OF COMPANIONS

DATE

DATE

LK RANCH RFW – HARVEST AND HUNTER ACTIVITY REPORT

PRINTED HUNTER'S NAME _____ LICENSE NUMBER _____ HUNTER'S DATE OF BIRTH _____ HUNTER'S PHONE NUMBER (optional) _____

DATES HUNTED	TIMES HUNTED Mark X if you hunted Morning or Evening		Report Date, Species, and Sex of Harvest (if male note antler, horn or beard size)														
	AM	PM	Deer		Elk		Pronghorn		Bear		Turkey		Moose		Bighorn Sheep		
			Buck	Doe	Bull	Cow	Buck	Doe	Boar	Sow	Tom	Hen	Bull	Cow	Ram	Ewe	

Comments:

LK RANCH – DIRECTIONS

-The LK Ranch Lodge and Check-in Point, is located at 7503 Rio Blanco County Road 13, Meeker, CO 81641.

-To reach the LK Ranch, travel to Meeker, via Colorado Highway 13.

-After reaching the town of Meeker, travel to 10th street, and head south, immediately crossing the White River.

-After crossing the bridge over the White River, immediately turn right, onto Rio Blanco County Road 13.

-Travel south approximately 7.5 miles on Rio Blanco County Road 13, to the LK Ranch Cookhouse/Check-in point, on your right side.

LK RANCH – RANCH MAPS

Hunters will be offered color maps at the time of check-in, which have information about the following: property boundaries, access roads, restricted areas, check-in/out points, parking areas, etc.

General maps of the LK Ranch will also be sent to the hunters prior to arrival.

Property boundaries that are difficult to discern in certain areas of the LK Ranch, will be identified during the orientation.

LK RANCH – SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Below is a list of supplemental contact information, that may be of interest or use to you during your hunt.

1.) Operation Game Thief -

Call 1-877-COLO-OGT toll-free, or Verizon cell phone users can just dial #OGT. You can also e-mail us at game.thief@state.co.us. People who turn in poachers remain anonymous and may receive cash rewards, preference points or even licenses in some cases.

2.) Colorado Division of Parks & Wildlife - Meeker Service Center

73485 Highway 64
P.O. Box 1181
Meeker, CO 81641
Phone: 970-878-6090
Website: <http://wildlife.state.co.us/>

3.) Meeker Chamber of Commerce

710 Market Street
P.O. Box 869 Meeker, CO 81641 (970) 878-5510
Fax: (970) 878-0271
email: info@meekerchamber.com Website: <http://meekerchamber.net/>

4.) Bureau of Land Management

White River Field Office
220 E. Market Street
Meeker, CO 81641
Phone: (970) 878-3800
FAX: (970) 878-3805
e-mail: wrfomail@blm.gov
Website: <http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/wrfo.html>

5.) United States Forest Service

Blanco Ranger District
220 E. Market Street
Meeker, CO 81641
Phone: (970) 878-4039
e-mail: llockwood@fs.fed.us
Website: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/whiteriver/rangerdistricts/meeker/index.shtml>

Hotels/Motels/Lodging:

White River Inn
317 Market Street Meeker CO 81641
(970) 878-5031

Elk Mountain Inn
723 E. Market Street Meeker CO 81641
(970) 878-3656

Beck's Bunkhouse
385 Park Avenue Meeker CO 81641
(970) 756-3496

The Rustic Lodge
173 1st Street Meeker CO 81641
(970) 433-1620

Meeker Hotel & Cafe
560 Main Street Meeker CO 81641
(970) 878-5255

Blue Spruce Inn
488 Market Street Meeker CO 81641
(970) 878-0777

Rambullinn Bed & Breakfast
789 8th Street Meeker CO 81641
(970) 878-5483

Restaurants/Food/Beverages

Ma Famiglia
410 Market Street Meeker CO 81641
(970) 878-4141

Holidays
364 7th Street Meeker CO 81641
(970) 878-0900

Clark's
858 Market Street Meeker CO 81641
(970) 878-3240

Mexican House Restaurant
624 Market Street Meeker, CO 81641
(970) 878-5535

Meeker Cafe
560 Main Street Meeker CO 81641
(970) 878-5062

Watt's Ranch Market-Grocery Store
271 E. Market Street Meeker CO 81641
(970) 878-5868

Wendll's
206 Market Street Meeker CO 81641
(970) 878-3688

Ol' Crows Beer & Beverage
1030 Market Street Meeker CO 81641
(970) 878-5485

Sporting Goods/Hardware Stores:

Meeker General Mercantile
990 Market Street Meeker CO 81641
(970) 878-3333

Rocky Mountain Bowstrings
696 Main Street Meeker CO 81641
(970) 878-4300

Samuelson True Value Hardware
43900 HWY 13 Meeker CO 81641
(970) 878-3528

Wyatt's Sports Center
233 8th Street Meeker CO 81641
(970) 878-4428

Meat Packing Plants/Game Processing:

H & H Processing
68656 HWY 64 Meeker CO 81641-9300
(970) 878-5085

Purkey Packing Plant
73215 HWY 64 Meeker CO 81641
(970) 878-5501

Brothers Custom Processing
101 E. Market Street Meeker CO 81641
(970) 878-5085

Public Hunter Requirements - (Antlerless Only)

All 2016 public doe and cow elk hunters are required to notify Hugh Fadal - LK Hunting Operations Manager - no later than November 15th, or at least two weeks ahead of their specific hunt dates, to specify the number of guests accompanying them, as well as whether or not they intend to utilize LK Ranch lodging and meals, while on their hunt.

Pricing/Costs

Public hunters may utilize the fully furnished lodging facilities at the LK ranch for \$125 per person, per night, which includes three meals per day. The lodge sleeps up to 12 people. Gratuity for guides, & kitchen staff is appreciated.

Hunters will be charged \$100.00 per animal, by the LK ranch, for guides skinning, quartering, and/or transporting animals to a local packing plant. Guides will assist in bringing harvested animals to check out point, at no cost.

Realistic Expectations for Antlered Tag Holders

Bulls at the LK ranch average in size from 280 to 300 inches, with mostly 5x5's and common 6 points being the norm. October is a great month to hunt bulls in the rut. By December, the bulls return to bachelor groups, and become more sedentary. Our best bucks to date on the LK, have scored in the low 190's, with most in the 180 inch class. We have a good population of mature bucks, and both typical and non typical bucks are present. The October buck hunt tends to be easier as many local deer are patterned, whereas in December they are typically in post rut mode, and are apt to either be traveling, or recuperating from the November rut. To view photos of LK bucks and bulls, please visit our gallery, at www.lkranch.net

Recommendations/Expectations

-We recommend that all hunters practice shooting off of either the BOG tripod, or the Primos tripod, prior to their hunt. LK guides use these rests regularly.

-Hunters should be able to shoot from both a standing position as well as a seated position. Prone positioning is not as common at LK, due to the terrain.

-We recommend that all hunters have a specific distance in mind, that they are comfortable shooting out to. For example: Let your guide know that your gun is zeroed at 200 yards, and that you are comfortable shooting up to that distance. Similarly, if you don't prefer to shoot over "X" yards, please let your guide know this as well. All LK guides ARE equipped with rangefinders.

-Average shot distance at the LK for elk, is 200 yards. Practice at this distance.

-We recommend the following calibers for elk: 30.06, 7MM, .300 Win Mag, .300 short mag.

-If you're bringing a "lighter gun" such as 25.06, .270, or a .308, we suggest you shoot a heavier grain bullet in those calibers.

-We recommend hunters bring good, cold weather snow gear. (waterproof pants, coat, gaiters, gloves, layers, etc.) Bring enough so that you can ride in an open polaris ranger in single digit temperatures, and hike long distances through snow.

-Be sure to be in your best physical shape, as we have a lot of up and down terrain, which typically requires long hikes. Elevation ranges from 6 - 8,000 feet.

-If you are fighting the flu, or any other illness/virus at the time of your hunt, we respectfully ask that you please re-think attending, especially in bad weather.

-Please bring a vehicle or trailer that can transport an entire elk.

-Please remember to bring your hunting license, release of liability, and harvest report form.

-A daypack is useful as hunts may tend to run long on any given day, due to circumstances. A pack should include: water, snacks, knives, saw, rope, flagging tape, zip ties, camera, compass, ammunition, flashlight, etc.

Thank you for choosing LK Ranch, and have a safe and successful hunt!

