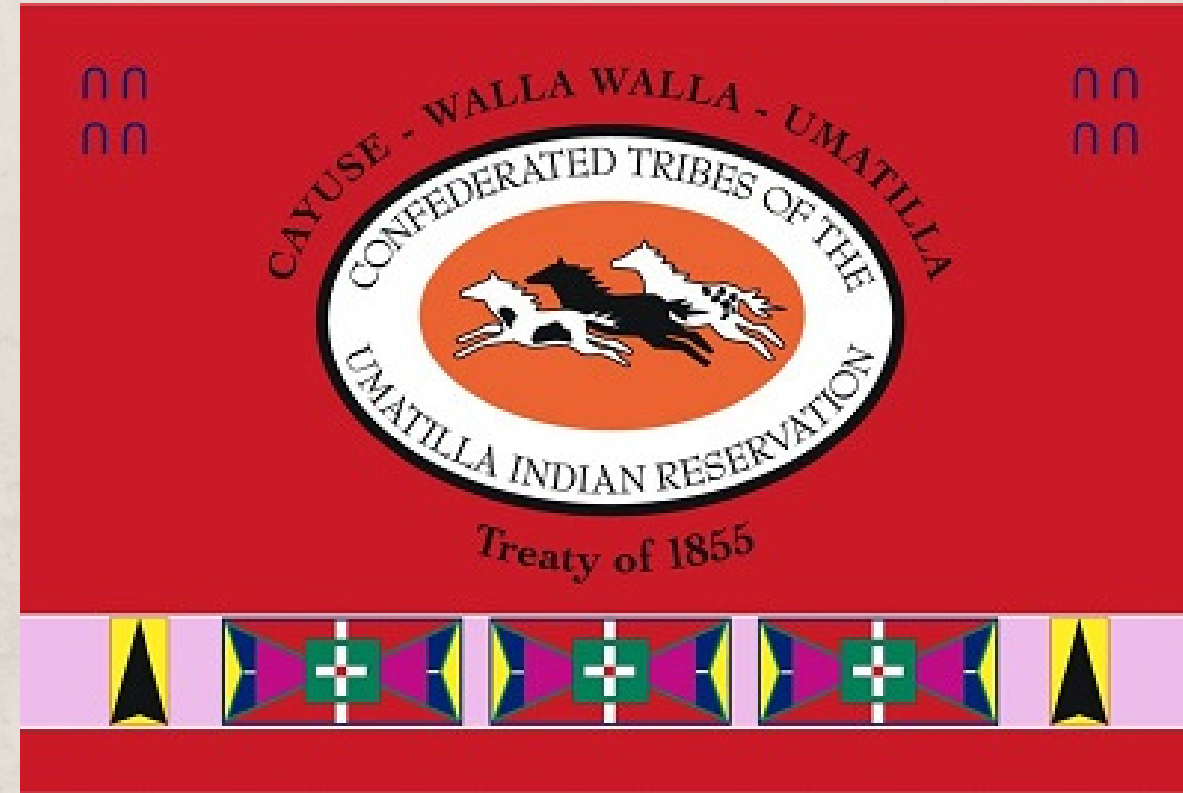


# CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE UMATILLA INDIAN RESERVATION (CTUIR)



## TREATY HUNTING SEASONS & REGULATIONS 2021-2022

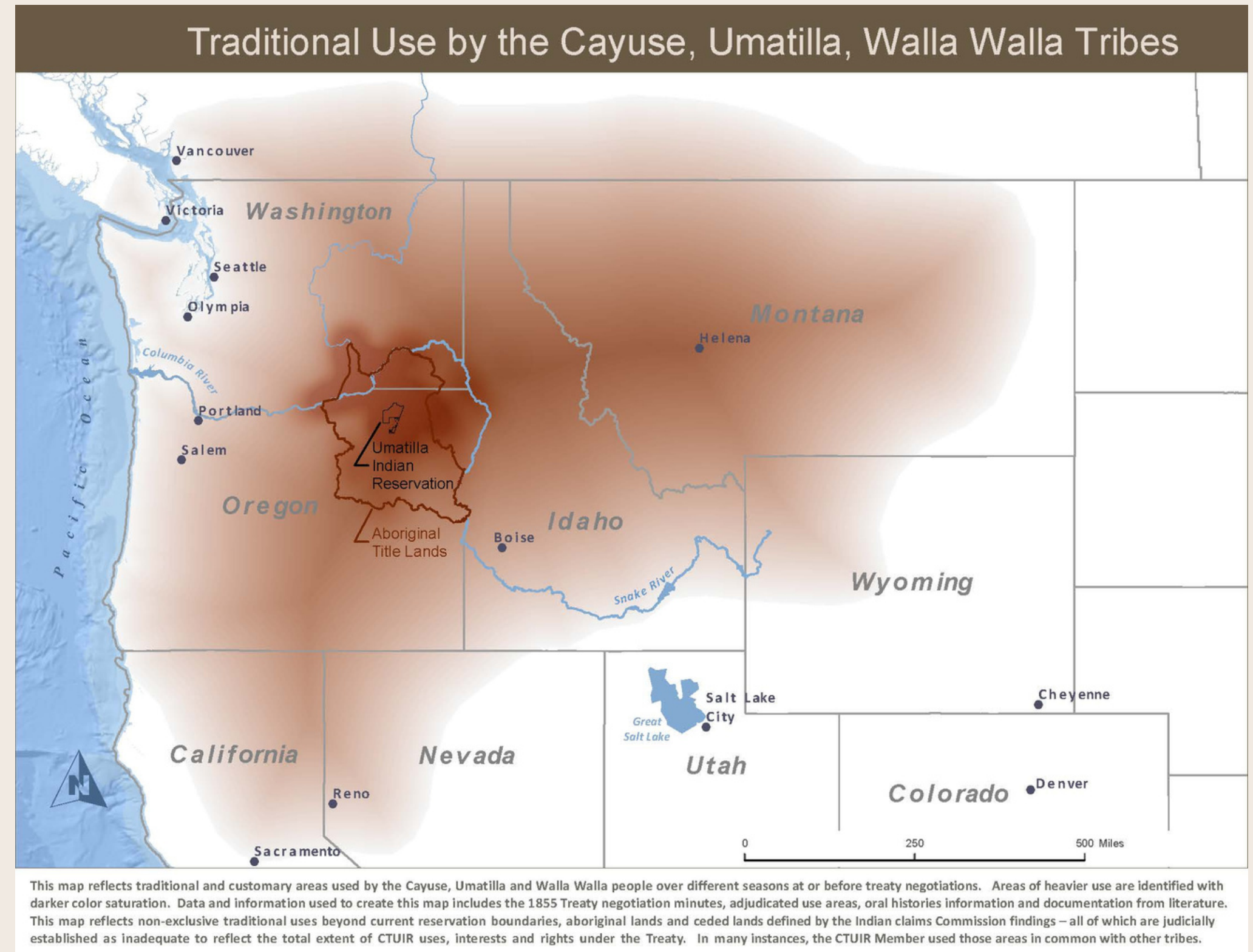


# CTUIR TRIBAL HUNTING RIGHTS RESERVED IN 1855 TREATY

When Tribal leaders negotiated the Treaty with the U.S. Government on June 9, 1855, they ceded to the United States some 6.4 million acres of land in what is now Southeast Washington and Northeast Oregon while retaining the Reservation as a permanent homeland.

Despite giving up its ownership rights to the ceded lands, the CTUIR reserved certain rights necessary to continue their way of life on specified lands outside of the Reservation. Among these rights is the right to hunt on unclaimed lands throughout the ceded lands as well as traditional hunting areas outside of the ceded lands. This allows enrolled CTUIR tribal members to exercise treaty hunting rights on all publicly owned lands that are being managed in a manner consistent with the exercise of hunting rights. This applies to state and federal lands where hunting is a permitted use with only such restrictions as are placed on Tribal Members by the Fish and Wildlife Commission through its Fish and Wildlife Code and annual regulations. Open areas include all National Forest Lands, State Forest lands, Bureau of Land Management Lands, and National Wildlife Refuges where hunting is permitted.

Additionally, hunting in areas of federal or state ownership where hunting is not an acceptable use (such as safety zones or areas closed for conservation or health and human safety reasons) may not be permissible. For specific area closures please consult the appropriate land management agency.



Within the Reservation, the CTUIR reserved much broader, exclusive hunting rights. While this includes the right to cross privately held lands to access on-Reservation hunting areas, the CTUIR encourages its members to work with landowners to establish mutually agreeable access routes to minimize impacts to both affected landowners and tribal member hunters.

# CTUIR FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION

The Wildlife Code was enacted and the Fish and Wildlife Commission was established under the authority of the Board of Trustees pursuant to Article VI, Section 1 of the Constitution and By-laws of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. The Commission is responsible for formulating and implementing the policies and programs of the Umatilla Indian Reservation for the management of wildlife, which shall include the issuance of such rules and regulations as may be deemed necessary, pursuant to their authorities under the Wildlife Code of the CTUIR.

## Commission Members:

- Chair, Jeremy Red Star Wolf
- Vice-Chair, Ken Hall
- Secretary, Jim Marsh
- Member, Bud Herrera
- Member, Brandon Treloar
- Ex-Officio, Corinne Sams

To contact Commission Members you can call the Board Office at 541-276-3165. For information on membership to, or authorities and responsibilities of, the Fish and Wildlife Commission, copies of the Wildlife Code and Commission By-laws are available at the Office of the CTUIR Fish and Wildlife Programs, 46411 Timine Way, Pendleton, Oregon 97801.

# CTUIR WILDLIFE STAFF

The CTUIR Wildlife Program provides technical expertise in the field of biological sciences and natural resource management. Program staff work to develop and implement projects that provide for the sustained conservation and use of the wildlife resources throughout the areas of interest and influence of the CTUIR. Please feel free to stop by our office with questions or to discuss your ideas and concerns. We are at your service. Phone: 541-429-7200.

## Wildlife Program Staff:

- Program Manager, Carl Scheeler
- Fish and Wildlife Biologist III, Jerry Middel
- Big Game Ecologist, Scott Peckham
- Wildlife Biologist I, Lindsay Chiono
- Wildlife Biologist I, Rich Scheele
- Wildlife Technician, Mark French
- Wildlife Technician, Troy Rodriguez
- Wildlife Technician, Iosefa Taula



CTUIR 2021-2022 Tribal Treaty Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits For Big Game, Fur Bearers and Upland Game Birds				
Yáamaš (MULE DEER) Excluding Starkey Experimental forest, Mill Creek Watershed limited entry hunts				
Season: August 1 – December 31, 2021		Bag Limit: Bucks and Does		
Čatwili (WHITE-TAILED DEER)				
Season: Year round		Bag Limit: Bucks and Does		
Wawúkya (ROCKY MOUNTAIN ELK) Excluding Starkey Experimental forest, Mill Creek Watershed limited entry hunts				
Season: August 1 - August 31, 2021		Bag Limit: Any Elk		
Season: September 1-30, 2021		Bag Limit: Closed to Branch Antlered Bull Rifle Hunting. Only spike bulls and antlerless elk can be hunted with rifle. Archery hunting of any elk permitted.		
Season: Oct. 1,- Nov. 30, 2021		Bag Limit: Any Elk		
Season: December 1 – December 31, 2021		Bag Limit: Closed to Branch Antlered Bull Hunting. Antlerless or Spike Bulls Only		
Wáwataw (PRONGHORN ANTELOPE)				
Season: August 1 – December 31, 2021		Bucks and Does		
Šašík (MOOSE) NOTE: Season pending final approval of Fish and Wildlife Commission after 30 day review period				
Season: August 1 – December 31, 2021		Bag Limit: One Bull Moose per year Closed to cow and calf hunting. Kill report required within 72 hours of harvest.		
Closed in the Blue Mountains of Oregon and Washington in support of establishment of viable populations				
Wáaw (ROCKY MOUNTAIN GOAT)				
Elkhorn	Season: August 1-November 30, 2021	Bag Limit: One Billy NOTE: Pre-hunt orientation required. Contact Wildlife Program to schedule orientation session. Kill report required within 72 hours of harvest.		
Wenaha	Season: September 1-November 30, 2021			
Tnúun (BIGHORN SHEEP)				
Potamus	Season: August 1 - December 31, 2021		Bag Limit: One Ram with special tag only. See synopsis for application and tag drawing details.	
Lookout Mountain	Closed due to disease outbreak			
Burnt River	Closed due to disease outbreak			
Wenaha	Tag alternates between states and tribe. Available to CTUIR again in 2023			
Qoqáalx (BISON)				
Montana	Season: December 1, 2021– February 28, 2022	Bag Limit: Any bison Special tags and pre-hunt orientation required. See synopsis for details		
K’oy’am’á (COUGAR)				
Season: Open Year Round		Bag Limit: No spotted kittens or females with spotted kittens. Kill report required within 72 hours of harvest.		
Yáka’ (BLACK BEAR)				
Season: Open Year Round		Bag Limit: No sows with cubs less than one year old. Kill report required within 72 hours of harvest.		
UPLAND GAME BIRDS				
Waswásno/Tuy’é (MOUNTAIN GROUSE)		Season: August 1 – December 31, 2021	Either Sex,	
QUAIL, PHEASANT, TURKEY, PARTIDGE & CHUKAR		Season: Open Year Round		
WATERFOWL and MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS				
Migratory game bird seasons set nation-wide based on Federal Framework, see individual state regulations for specific seasons and bag limits for area where you are hunting.				

NOTE: Unless otherwise stated in the regulations table, no limit to the number of animals that may be harvested. Wasting wildlife is illegal. Prudent conservation of the resources is the responsibility of each hunter. Failure to adhere to kill reporting deadlines and/or data collection requirements of any Tribal regulated hunt permit will result in the applicant being ineligible to apply for any CTUIR regulated hunt permit for the following 4 years.

## CALL IT IN

If you witness acts of poaching, waste or abuse of your wildlife resources, please notify:

Umatilla Tribal Police  
541-278-0550

CTUIR Wildlife Program  
541-429-7200

Oregon State Police TIP  
Hotline 1-800-452-7888

Washington Fish and Wildlife Poaching Hotline  
1-800-477-6224.



# CTUIR GENERAL HUNTING PROVISIONS

## FISHING AND HUNTING ALLOWED ONLY DURING OPEN SEASONS

No person shall fish or hunt on or off the Reservation except during open seasons established by this Code or the Commission. Violation of this section is a crime.

## TRIBAL IDENTIFICATION CARD

Possession of a Tribal identification card shall establish a presumption that the holder is entitled to exercise all fishing and hunting rights reserved for Tribal Members, subject to all restrictions of this Code and rules and regulations promulgated by the Commission. Any person, who is a Tribal Member and who fishes or hunts on the Reservation or exercises off-reservation treaty rights, shall have in his or her possession a Tribal identification card and any required permit, license or tag issued by the Confederated Tribes. Failure to possess the required Tribal identification card is an infraction.

## DISPLAY UPON DEMAND

Upon demand by any Tribal, federal or state police officer or purchaser of commercial fish, such card, permit, license or tag shall be displayed and refusal or failure to do so shall establish a presumption that such person is not authorized by the Confederated Tribes to hunt, fish or trap. Refusal to display such permit and/or tag and write his or her name on demand shall establish a presumption that such non-member has no permit and/or tag and is not the person named on the permit and/or tag in his or her possession. Refusal or failure to display a card, permit, license or tag, upon demand by a Tribal, federal or state police officer, is an infraction.

## NOT TRANSFERABLE

Tribal identification cards issued by the Confederated Tribes are not transferable. Permits, licenses or tags issued by the Commission are not transferable. Fraudulent transfer is a crime.

## CONSERVATION

The Commission shall determine the length of all open seasons and issues all fishing and hunting permits based on sound principles of conservation.

## TRAFFICKING IN WILDLIFE

Concerning any wildlife, including parts, raw or processed, no person subject to Tribal jurisdiction shall: 1) Sell it or have it in his or her possession with the intent to sell; 2) Expose or offer it for sale; 3) Use it as part of any exchange of consideration, including money or other items of value; or 4) Ship it for commercial purposes.

However, this provision does not apply to: The purchase, sale, exchange, or possession of the following parts of lawfully taken wildlife: a) Processed or unprocessed hides, hooves, dewclaws, sinews, or capes of big game or furbearers; b) Teeth, antler, horn, claws or bone of big game or furbearers that have been processed into handcrafted items. Handcrafted items do not include complete sets of antlers or whole heads and antlers which are mounted for display or other purposes; and c) naturally shed horns or antlers; or d) the bartering of subsistence wildlife by a Tribal Member to a member of a federally recognized tribe.

A Tribal member who wishes to raise money for a charitable cause by selling tickets for a dinner, lunch or other meal may include in that meal portions of lawfully taken wildlife, provided that the tribal member first obtains a permit for this purpose from the Fish and Wildlife Commission and the meal is served on the Umatilla Indian Reservation. Tickets for a properly permitted meal may be sold to the general public. Violation of this section is a crime.

## WASTING WILDLIFE

No person shall needlessly waste, after killing or wounding, any wildlife or so mutilate any wildlife that its species, sex or size cannot be determined. Waste includes the deterioration of those portions of wildlife normally utilized for human consumption, to the point where it is no longer fit for such use. Waste includes abandoning meat in a locker. If the Confederated Tribes voluntarily pay for abandoned meat in lockers, the Confederated Tribes may pursue repayment from the abandoning person through the courts. The Commission may voluntarily pay for abandoned meat in lockers.

## DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY

No one hunting or fishing on land belonging to another person or the United States on or off the Reservation shall damage the land, crops or property. All motor vehicles must remain on established roads and tracks. A violation of this section is an infraction.





# CTUIR GENERAL HUNTING PROVISIONS CONTINUED

## KILLING OF WOUNDED WILDLIFE

Anyone may kill wildlife that is found suffering from mortal wounds. However, no one shall use any such remains, out of season, for any purpose without a prior obtained permit from the Commission. Anyone who kills wildlife found suffering from mortal wounds shall take reasonable steps to prevent waste including immediately notifying Tribal Police and notifying the Fish and Wildlife Commission as soon as practicable. A violation of this section is an infraction.

## CLOSED AREAS

No one shall engage in fishing or hunting at any time, on or off-reservation, in areas closed pursuant to this Code. The Commission shall set closed areas by regulations adopted pursuant to this Code. No one shall engage or attempt to engage in hunting or fishing in areas closed by the Commission. A violation of this section is an infraction

## HUNTING GENERALLY

A violation of this section is an infraction unless specifically stated otherwise in the subsections below.

No one shall hunt, pursue, molest, catch, kill or attempt to hunt, pursue, molest, catch or kill any animal from a motor propelled vehicle. A violation of this subsection is a crime.

No one shall shoot any pistol, rifle, shotgun, or other firearm from a vehicle or along any public road.

No one shall hunt, pursue, take or attempt to hunt, pursue or take animals from one half hour after sunset to one half hour before sunrise.

No one shall hunt big game with any firearm other than a rifle or handgun with a caliber designation of .222 (center fire) or larger, or a shotgun using slugs or number one buckshot or larger.

No one shall hunt with an artificial light of any kind. It is prima facie evidence of unlawful hunting if found with an artificial light and any rifle, shotgun or other firearm in any place where game animals may reasonably be expected to be found. However, this provision does not apply:  
1. To the headlights of a motor vehicle that is being operated on a road in the usual manner, if the operator or occupants of the motor vehicle makes no attempt to kill wildlife; or  
2. When the weapon the operator or occupants of the motor vehicle have in their possession or immediate physical presence is disassembled or stored, or in the trunk or storage compartment of a motor vehicle.

No one shall hunt small game, upland game or waterfowl with any firearm other than a shotgun, 10 gauge or smaller, except that small game may be taken with a caliber designation of 6 mm. (. 243 caliber) or smaller.

Hunting big game and small game by means of bow and arrow shall be allowed during any season set by the Commission. However, no one shall hunt with a crossbow or utilize explosive devises on arrows while bow hunting.

No one shall hunt, trap, chase, or harass big game with dogs except as authorized by Commission rule or regulation adopted pursuant to this Code.

No one under the 12 years of age shall hunt unless the person is accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older. The adult shall be either the minor's parent, legal guardian, or shall have the express permission of the minor's parent or legal guardian.

No one aged 12 to 18 years of age shall hunt unless:  
1. The person has in his or her possession a hunting safety certificate meeting the standards of the Confederated Tribes or a state government; or  
2. The person is accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older. The adult shall be either the minor's parent, legal guardian, or shall have the express permission of the minor's parent or legal guardian.

No one shall engage in any hunting right, if a court order prohibits him or her from possessing a firearm. The Commission shall deny any application for a hunting permit pursuant to this Code, if the applicant is prohibited from carrying a firearm. A violation of this subsection is a crime.

No one shall hunt with or discharge firearms while under the influence of any drug, narcotic or liquor. A violation of this subsection is a crime.

No one shall aim any firearm whether loaded or not at or towards any human being or willfully discharge any firearm, in a public place, or in any place where any person night be endangered, even if no injury results. A violation of this subsection is a crime.

No one shall carry, transport or convey or have in his or her possession or under his or her control in any vehicle any loaded shotgun, pistol or rifle. Loaded is defined as any weapon having a round of ammunition in the chamber.  
No one shall intentionally disrupt or attempt to disrupt lawful hunting activities.

Any attempt to take a wildlife decoy under the control of Tribal police officers shall be an unlawful taking of wildlife and punishable pursuant to this Code.



# CTUIR GENERAL HUNTING PROVISIONS

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**HUNTING PERMITS**

Any person who is engaged in hunting pursuant to a permit required by this Code shall have the permit in his or her possession at all times while engaging in the activity authorized by the permit. All permits issued by the Commission shall expressly state this requirement.

**ON-RESERVATION HUNTINGBY TRIBAL MEMBERS (From Chapter 10 of the Fish and Wildlife Code)**

**RESTRICTIONS**

No Tribal Member shall engage in or attempt to engage in hunting on the Reservation except during open seasons. No Tribal Member shall engage or attempt to engage in hunting on the Reservation in the company of any person not authorized to exercise treaty hunting rights.

**SUBSISTENCE HUNTING**

Any Tribal member may apply to the Commission for a subsistence hunting permit during closed seasons. Each application for a subsistence hunting permit shall be made in person to the Commission Chair who shall call a meeting for the purpose of acting on the application. Each application shall, at a minimum, include: A. The name, age, Tribal identification number of the person applying for the permit; B. Special facts and/or reasons justifying the applicant's request for a subsistence hunting permit during a closed season; C. The dates on which the hunting is to take place, not to exceed five (5) days; D. Whether one deer or one elk is to be taken, but not both; E. Any other information the Commission deems relevant.

**CEREMONIAL HUNTING**

Any Tribal Member may apply to the Commission for a ceremonial hunting permit during a closed season. Each application for a ceremonial hunting permit shall be made to the Commission Chair who shall call a meeting for the purpose of acting on the application. Each application shall, at a minimum, include: A. The name, age and tribal identification number of the applicant; B. The name of the ceremony for which the meat is to be used and an estimate of the number of people expected to attend the ceremony; C. The dates on which the hunting is to take place, not to exceed five (5) days; D. A preference on which type of game animal is desired; E. The names of persons engaging in the ceremonial hunting; F. Any other information the Commission deems relevant. An emergency ceremonial hunting permit may be granted by any two members of the Commission if a regular quorum of the Commission is unavailable, provided that the two acting members submit to the remaining Commission members a copy of the ceremonial hunting permit application acted upon within ten (10) days from the date of its approval.

**COMMERCIAL HUNTING**

No Tribal member may engage or attempt to engage in commercial hunting on the Reservation.

**OFF-RESERVATION HUNTING BY TRIBAL MEMBERS (From Chapter 13 of the Fish and Wildlife Code)**

**SEASONS**

No Tribal Member shall take wildlife off reservation pursuant to treaty hunting rights except during open seasons established by the Commission.

**RESTRICTIONS**

No Tribal Member shall take wildlife pursuant to off-reservation treaty hunting rights in the company of any person not authorized to exercise treaty hunting rights, except as follows: Any Tribal Member may engage in hunting with a person who is not authorized to exercise treaty hunting rights if: 1. Both the Tribal Member and the other person comply with the state laws as to weapons restrictions and as to the number, sex, age, location, and open season dates of animals that may be taken, or 2. The other person is unarmed and receives no payment in exchange for his or her participation. Any Tribal Member may engage in hunting or trapping with a non-member Indian who is also entitled to exercise off-reservation treaty hunting rights under another treaty. However, both the Tribal Member and the non-member Indian must comply with their respective tribal laws.

**SUBSISTENCE HUNTING**

Tribal Members may engage in off-reservation subsistence hunting pursuant to section 10.02 of this Code.

**CEREMONIAL HUNTING**

Tribal Members may engage in off reservation ceremonial hunting pursuant to section 10.03 of this Code.

**COMMERCIAL HUNTING**

No Tribal Member may engage, or attempt to engage, in commercial hunting off reservation pursuant to treaty reserved rights.

**TRAPPING (From Chapter 14 of the Fish and Wildlife Code)**

Tribal members shall not engage in or attempt to engage in subsistence or ceremonial trapping on the reservation without a permit issued by the Commission. Violation of this section is an infraction. Tribal members shall not engage in or attempt to engage in commercial or sport trapping on the reservation. Violation of this section is a crime.

REMINDER: All meat must be clean and deboned before it is brought to the Longhouse cooler.



# CTUIR LIMITED ENTRY HUNTS

## BIGHORN SHEEP LIMITED ENTRY HUNT

The CTUIR Fish and Wildlife Commission, in recognition of the Treaty-reserved right to harvest and of the sensitive nature of the harvest of these reintroduced and extremely limited bighorn sheep populations, will use a hunt-tag draw system for tribal harvest of bighorn sheep in Oregon. The draw system will be conducted to optimize hunt opportunities to benefit the greatest number of tribal hunters possible. Permit applications and complete application procedures will be available from Fish and Wildlife Program staff or Fish and Wildlife Commission or on the CTUIR Web site.

Applications must be submitted by **4 pm on Friday, July 23, 2021**. Hunt drawing will be conducted in public by the Commission at their regularly scheduled Commission meeting on **Tuesday, July 27, 2021**. This method, and the public setting, will assure that no bias is introduced to the draw program and provide clear accountability to the Tribal public. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines for public safety during the COVID-19 pandemic will be adhered to.

1. Applicants for bighorn sheep tags must be at least 18 year of age to apply for bighorn sheep.
2. Permit applications will be available from Fish and Wildlife Program Staff or Fish and Wildlife Commission.
3. Applications will rank their hunt preference with their choices of first, second, third, etc. If an applicant chooses not to make second and or third choice and their first choice is already taken by a previously drawn applicant, they will not be considered for other remaining opportunities.
4. Application is filled out and submitted to Fish and Wildlife Program Staff or Commission for processing no later than close of business (4 pm) on the application deadline.
5. Applications will be reviewed for completeness and eligibility of the applicant. Incomplete applications will not be eligible for drawing.
6. Fish and Wildlife Commission will conduct a drawing of eligible applicants on the date listed above.
7. The Fish and Wildlife Commission will notify the successful applicants and confirm there continuing interest and ability to exercise the permit. If an applicant is unable to exercise their permit, the next eligible applicant will be contacted.

8. Drawing procedures and preferences are as follows: Beginning with the drawing for 2008, successful tag applicants incur a lower priority for the following two years for receipt of tags. Preference will be given to individuals that did not successfully draw a tag in the previous two years for each applicable species. If there are tags remaining after all those with preference have received tags, remaining qualified applicants will either be issued a current year tag or placed on an ordered list of alternates for that year based on order of current year drawing and time since last successful drawing. If an applicant's first choice for bighorn sheep is already taken by a previously drawn applicant, they will be awarded their second choice. If an applicant chooses not to make second and their first is already taken by a previously drawn applicant, they will not be considered for the remaining opportunity. In the event that a successful tag holder is for any reason unable to exercise their permit, it may be turned back to the Commission prior to the first day of the season and reissued to the next qualified applicant from the list of alternates. Individuals that either decline their tag at the time of drawing or return the tag for reissue no less than 7 days prior to the first day of the hunt season will not lose preference status for the following year's drawing.
9. Permit and associated information on hunting restrictions and data collection and reporting considerations will be mailed to the successful applicants.
10. Failure to adhere to kill reporting deadlines and/or data collection requirements of any Tribal regulated hunt permit will result in the applicant being ineligible to apply for any CTUIR regulated hunt permit for the following 4 years.

Species/Bag Limit	Hunt Area	Description	Season	Tags Available
One Bighorn Ram	Potamus	All of ODFW Management Unit 48	August 1–December 31, 2021	2



# CTUIR LIMITED ENTRY HUNTS CONTINUED

## MILL CREEK WATERSHED

Mill Creek Watershed is managed by the City of Walla Walla for domestic water supply. The local elk herd is managed by the CTUIR, the Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife and Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife to limit their impact to water quality in the watershed. The Tribal hunting season is from October 1 through November 30.

Tribal treaty hunters interested in hunting in the Mill Creek Watershed during this period must notify the Tribal Wildlife Program 541-429-7200 and the Mill Creek Watershed Attendant, 541-558-3794, prior to entering the watershed. Check in with the watershed attendant is mandatory.

This includes notification if you change plans and do not intend to enter the watershed on a prescheduled day. Additionally, a kill report is mandatory to track progress toward harvest goals in the watershed. No special permits are required this year. However, information on harvest reporting and other regulations and restrictions for activities in the watershed will be provided by the Tribal Wildlife Program prior to entry.

## STARKEY EXPERIMENTAL FOREST

To exercise treaty hunting rights on federal lands within the Starkey Experimental Forest and Range Enclosure, Tribal members must obtain permits from the Fish and Wildlife Commission and assist in the collection of data from all animals harvested. Tribal members may sign up for scheduled hunts in the Starkey Experimental Forest throughout the season at the Fish and Wildlife Office. Hunt permits will be issued on a “first come – first served” basis. This strategy has been implemented to increase flexibility for tribal hunters and improve tribal participation in these hunts. If you sign up for a hunt opportunity and are unable to participate in the hunt, advise CTUIR Wildlife Program ASAP so that the hunt opportunity can be provided to tribal members on the standby list. As part of the ongoing research, you may be required to collect some animal parts or answer questions about your hunting experience. Specific requirements will be explained when you check into the fenced area at the main gate off Highway 244. Failure to adhere to kill reporting deadlines and/or data collection requirements of any Tribal regulated hunt permit will result in the applicant being ineligible to apply for any CTUIR regulated hunt permit for the following 4 years.

For hunt area maps, consult the Starkey web site at <https://www.fs.fed.us/pnw/starkey/> under the ‘Recreation’ section. To purchase maps of the Starkey Experimental Forest phone 541-963-7186 or write to USDA Forest Service, La Grande Ranger District, 3502 Highway 30, La Grande, OR 97850.

2021 Starkey Experimental Forest Hunts		
Season	Bag Limit	Tags Available
September 11-19	Archery Any Elk	2
October 27-31	Rifle Any Elk	2
October 2-13	Buck Deer	1





# MONTANA BISON HUNT REGULATIONS

## TREATY HARVEST REGULATIONS AND PROTOCOLS FOR BISON IN THE GREATER YELLOWSTONE AREA

Members of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) engaging in hunting and harvest of wild bison on open and unclaimed lands surrounding Yellowstone National Park are subject to the following regulations:

### PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS:

Exercising the tradition of “Going to Bison” for CTUIR members should be considered a communal or group effort as it was prior to the Treaty. The successful harvest and processing of bison in the field requires significant planning, equipment and support. CTUIR Treaty Bison Harvest Permits are joint application “party” hunting permits requiring the signature of a “Hunt Party Leader” and a minimum of three assistants to assure a safe and successful hunt. All applicants must have participated in a CTUIR bison hunt orientation within three years prior to the application. Hunt Party Leaders will also be required to participate in an annual pre-hunt orientation prior to receiving their permit to be updated on any new hunt conditions and issues. Permit applications that do not include all required information for Hunt Assistants or are otherwise incomplete will not be considered. Applications must be submitted at least 30 days prior to the desired hunt date to allow for Fish and Wildlife Commission review and processing.

The Hunt Party Leader is responsible for conduct of the Hunt Assistants on their team during the hunt and for recording and reporting of all harvest data in a complete and timely fashion. The Hunt Party Leader and at least three Hunt Assistants must be present during all permitted hunting. Hunt Assistants may not harvest bison after the Hunt Party Leader has left the hunting area and will be in violation of Tribal regulations if they do so.

### COORDINATION WITH TRIBAL ENFORCEMENT REQUIRED:

The CTUIR is required to provide their own law enforcement oversight of the treaty bison hunt. The Hunt Party Leader is required to coordinate with Umatilla Tribal Police Game Enforcement at least five working days prior to the planned hunt to allow adequate time for officers to make travel arraignments. This requirement may be waived at the discretion of the Umatilla Tribal Game Enforcement. Hunting without meeting this enforcement coordination requirement will be considered a violation of the permit.

### ELIGIBILITY:

Tribal members eligible to exercise off-reservation treaty hunting rights, in good standing with the CTUIR Fish and Wildlife Commission and who have attended the orientation administered by the Commission within the past three years may apply to the Commission for a CTUIR Treaty Bison Harvest Permit as a “Hunt Party Leader” or “Hunt Assistant”. Applicants may not apply to more than one party permit per year unless a waiver is provided by the Fish and Wildlife Commission and the participation pursuant to the additional permit does not impact the legal exercise of the first relative to the requirement of a minimum number of permitted Hunt Assistants.

### HUNT AREA:

The Bison Permit hunt area is described as those open and unclaimed lands found within the State of Montana and outside of Yellowstone National Park lands, with the exception of the Royal Teton Ranch Bison Buffer Zone U.S. Forest Service lands or any lands closed by the U.S. Forest Service for safety reasons. The Commission will provide general area maps for hunting parties.

### SEASON & BAG LIMITS:

The Treaty Bison Hunt Season is from December 1 through February 28. Bag limits will be determined annually by the Commission.



# MONTANA BISON HUNT REGULATIONS **Continued**

## **WEAPONS & AMMUNITION:**

Only a center fire rifle with bullet weight of 150 grain or larger is permitted for bison hunting.

## **HARVEST LIMITATIONS AND GAME WASTE:**

All party members identified on a valid bison permit may actively hunt bison. However, only two bison per party may be on the ground at any one time. Each bison carcass must be completely processed and off the hunt field before another animal is taken. This includes hide, head, heart, liver and meat. Bone and gut pile may be left in place. Failure to strictly follow this provision may be grounds for prosecution for game waste. Note: the Fish and Wildlife Commission strongly recommends hunt teams that have not previously killed and processed a bison limit their first kill to one animal on the ground at a time.

## **HARVEST REPORTING:**

The CTUIR Treaty Bison Harvest Permit shall consist of two parts as follows:

1. A hunt reporting card. All Hunt Party Leaders are required to submit a completed kill report following completion of the hunt or within 72 hours of the end of the season. The Lead Hunter is required to update harvest information on the permit prior to taking another animal or leaving the field. All hunters, including those who are not successful, must return the completed kill report in order to remain in good standing with the Commission and to be eligible for future hunts.

2. A hunt permit. The Hunt Party Leader and each permitted Hunt Assistant will be issued a current year hunt permit. This permit will include the hunter's name and enrollment number, hunt season, bag limit, and must be validated by signatures of the hunter and Commission Chair. This permit must be in the possession of each hunter at all times during the hunt.

## **PROVISION OF ASSISTANCE:**

Non- members or Members not eligible to exercise treaty hunting rights off-Reservation (or Non-member Indians with treaty hunting rights for the Yellowstone area) may assist a Tribal member with the field dressing, retrieval and transportation of a downed bison to the Members' hunting vehicle but may not assist or accompany the Member with any aspect of the pursuit or harvest of the animal. Such assistance is in addition to and shall not be considered a substitute for the minimum hunt assistants required by the Off-Reservation Bison Permit.

## **REQUIREMENT TO DISCLOSE:**

The hunt party leader and all hunt assistants must have their Tribal I.D. card and a valid Off-Reservation Bison Permit issued by the CTUIR Fish and Wildlife Commission in their possession while hunting or while in possession of a bison or parts thereof. Tribal I.D. and Off-Reservation Bison Permit must be presented upon request to any Tribal, State or Federal enforcement personnel.



## **OFF ROAD TRAVEL AND SAFETY:**

The use of over snow vehicles (snowmobiles or ATV's equipped with tracks) for bison hunting is allowed where not specifically restricted. Shooting from or across groomed snowmobile trails or off any vehicle is prohibited.

The Bison Permit Hunt Areas may be directly adjacent to the town of Gardiner, Montana or other numerous dispersed residences. Discharging a firearm in a negligent manner or in any posted safety zone is a violation of the CTUIR Treaty Bison Harvest Permit and Tribal Hunting Regulations.

## **PROVISION FOR EMERGENCY CLOSURE:**

Off-reservation bison hunting is restricted by these regulations, annual harvest quotas and any special annual regulations established by the Commission. Hunt seasons and permits may be closed by the Commission under emergency order in response to biological or human safety needs.

## **ALL OTHER TRIBAL REGULATIONS APPLY.**



# Yellowstone Bison Hunt Gardner Clean Zones

## Existing USFS Restrictions

### Clean Zone

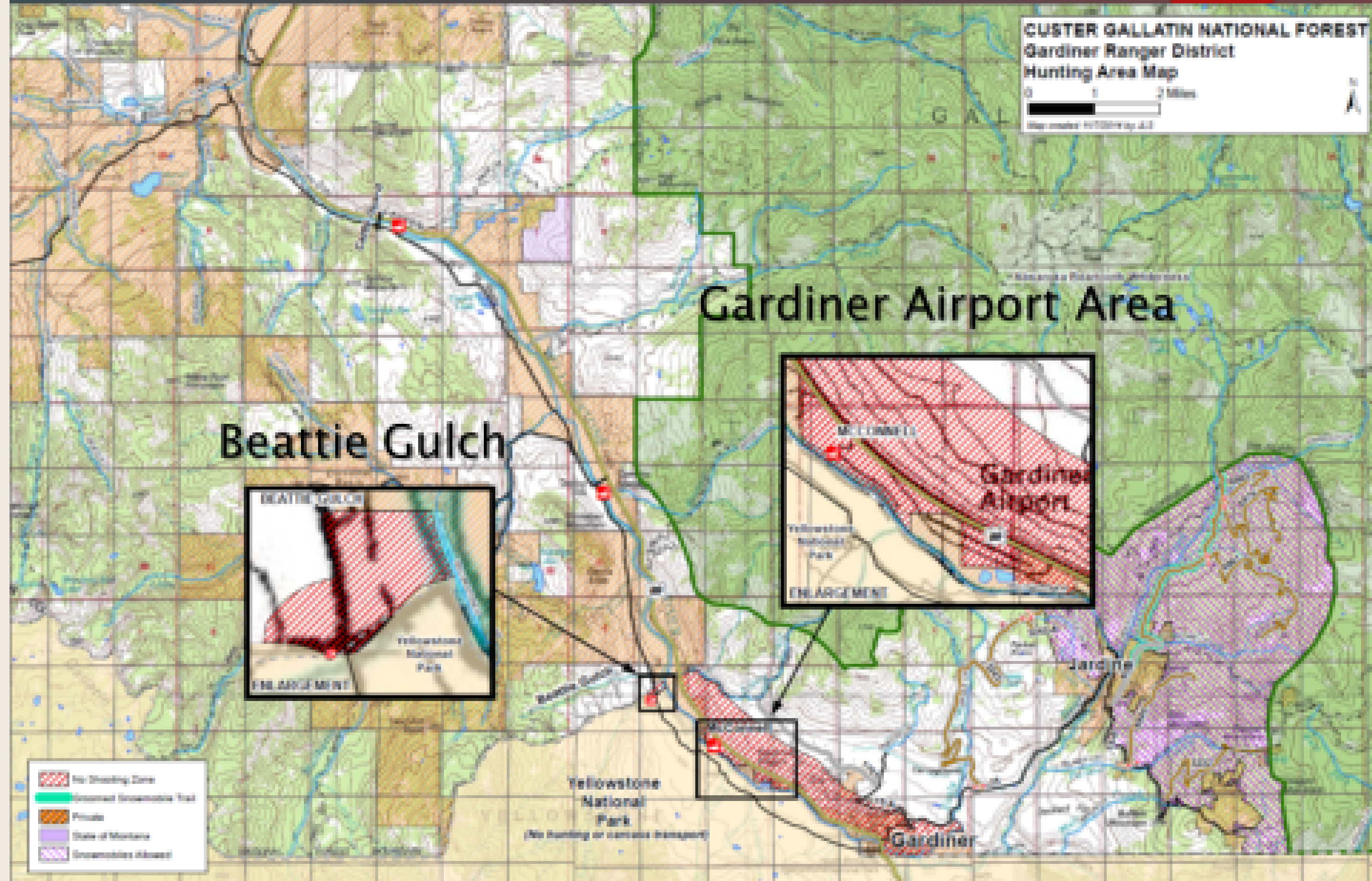
- No animal parts left of any kind as local residence & Grizzly bear buffer
- Established in 2015 IBMP in correspondence with four Tribes
- Exchange for permit access to Beattie Gulch Road for kill retrieval
- In addition to safety zones





# Yellowstone Bison Hunt Gardner Safety Zones

## Existing USFS Restrictions





# Moose Season Opened, But Still No Hunting in NE Oregon, SE Washington

With all the ongoing efforts to reintroduce, restore or protect various fish and wildlife populations in the Pacific Northwest, Sa'-slaqs, Moose (*Alces alces*), appear to have started a recovery of their own in Northeast Oregon and Southeast Washington.

The Fish and Wildlife Commission of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation want to see this new population protected. Loss of any of these animals could slow or halt the progress toward establishment of a viable local population.

The Commission wants to remind tribal hunters there are no open seasons for Moose in Oregon or Southeast Washington. They encourage hunters to be especially careful when selecting their target in these areas.

Moose are typically much larger and darker in coat than elk with black to dark brown fur grading to gray or grayish brown on the belly and legs. The shape of the head with broad overhanging muzzle and waddle like flap of skin on the throat also make identification easy.



## Gray Wolf

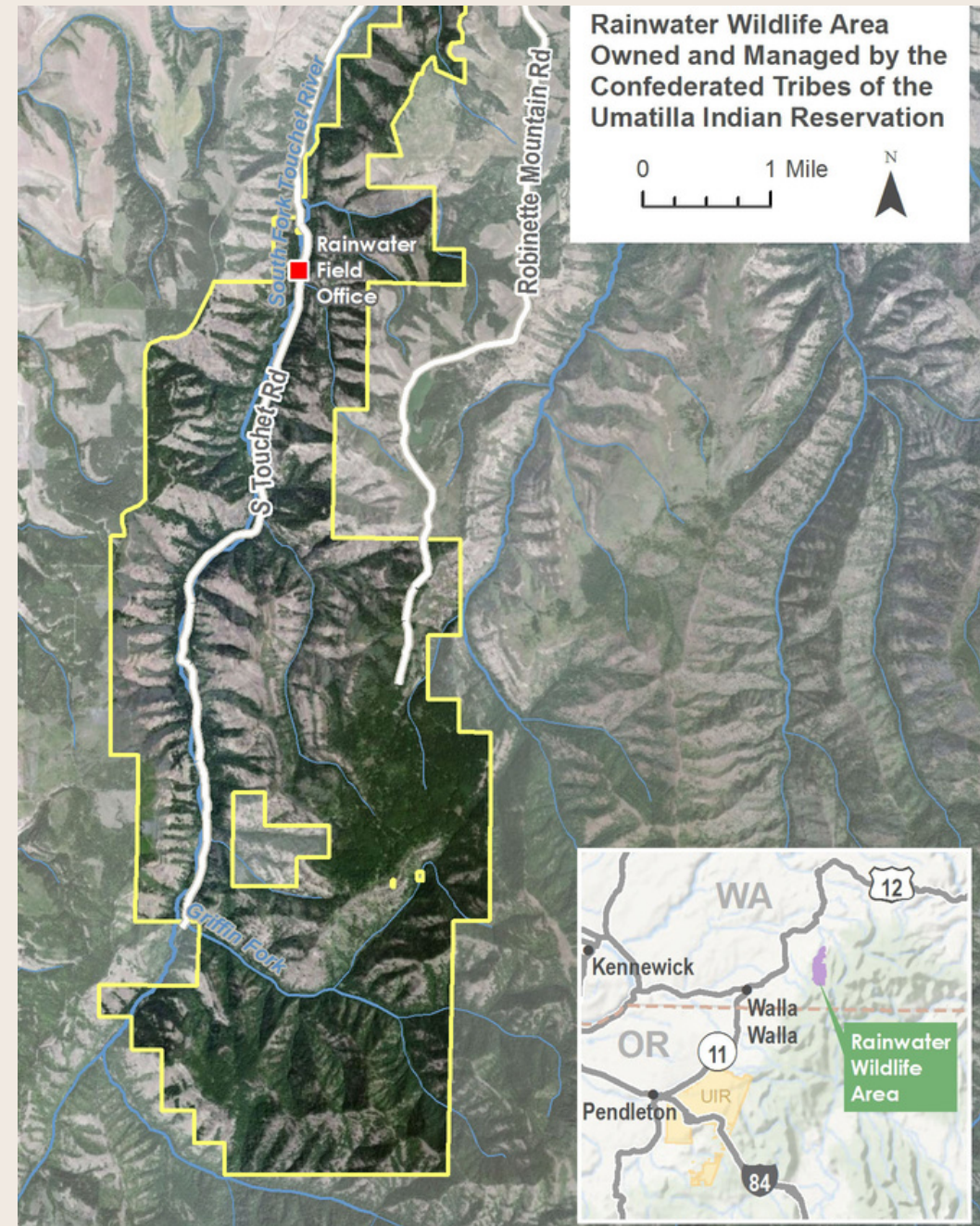
**NOTE:** Wolves are protected throughout Oregon and Washington, including the Umatilla Indian Reservation under tribal regulations. It is unlawful to kill wolves except in the defense of human life or for the protection of livestock and pets when under attack.



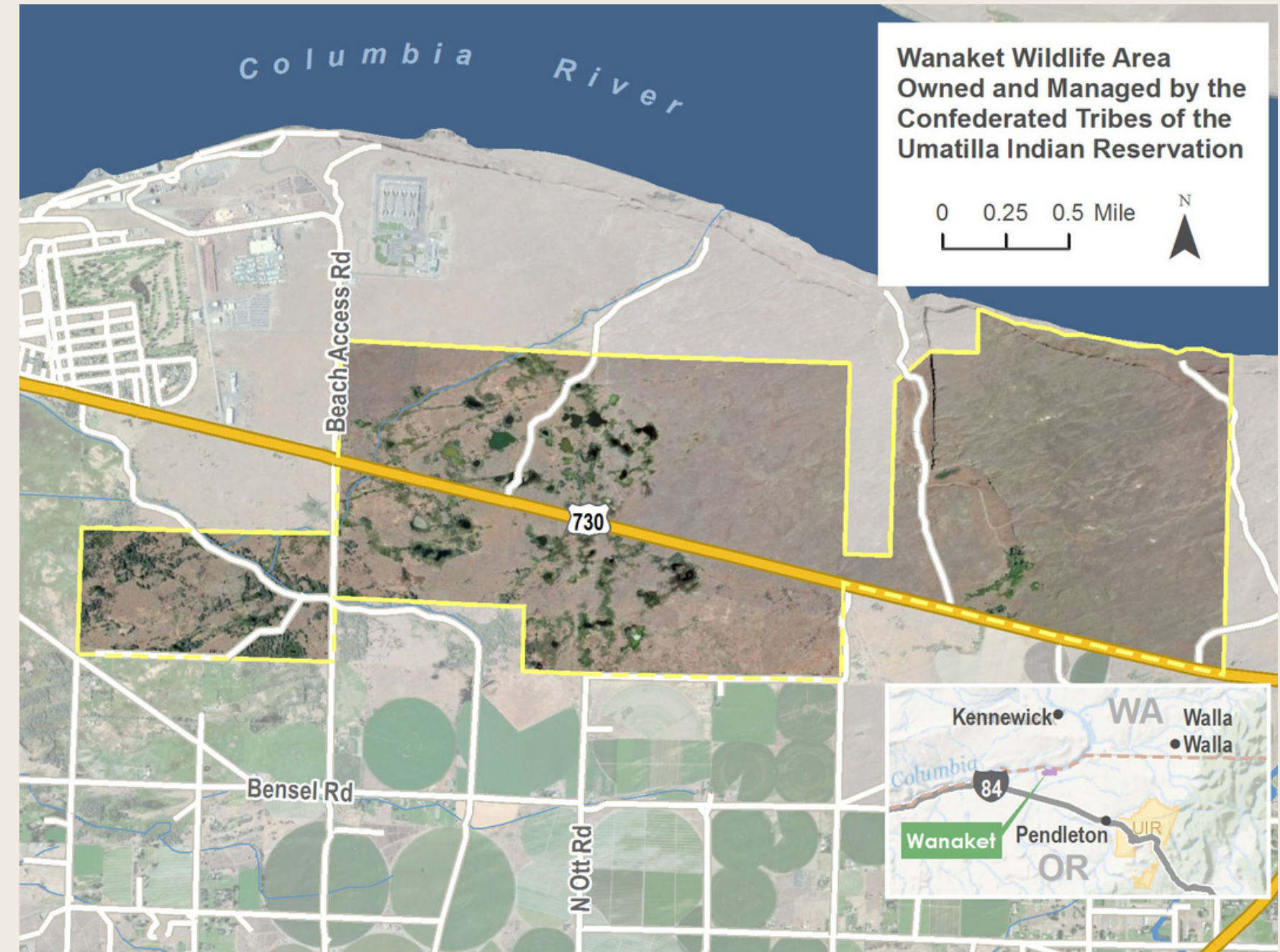


# WILDLIFE MITIGATION AREAS MANAGED BY THE CTUIR

The CTUIR Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Program is responsible for the management of two off-Reservation Wildlife Mitigation Areas. The Mitigation Areas, known as Wanaket and Rainwater, were established under the Northwest Power Planning Council's Wildlife Program to partially replace wildlife habitats lost as a result of hydropower development in the Columbia Basin. The primary purpose of these areas is to protect, enhance, and mitigate wildlife and wildlife habitat; however hunting pursuant to Treaty Rights is permissible at each Wildlife Mitigation Area. Motor vehicle access restrictions apply at both areas. Contact the Tribal Wildlife Program For more details about these hunt opportunities. Hunters are reminded to use extreme caution during severe fire conditions.



**Rainwater is located approximately 8 miles south of the town of Dayton, Washington on the South Fork of the Touchet River. The Area is over 11,000 acres in size, and offers hunting opportunities for upland game birds and big game.**



**Wanaket is located on Highway 730 approximately 3 miles east of Umatilla, Oregon. The area is approximately 2,800 acres in size, and offers hunt opportunities for waterfowl and upland game birds.**