



**RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY  
OF THE  
THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES  
OF THE  
FORT BERTHOLD INDIAN RESERVATION**

**A Resolution Entitled, *“Approval of the 2017 Tribal Moose & Elk Proclamations”***

**WHEREAS,** This Nation having accepted the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934, and the authority under said Act and having adopted a Constitution and By-laws pursuant to said Act; and

**WHEREAS,** Article III of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes provides that the Tribal Business Council is the governing body of the Tribes; and

**WHEREAS,** The Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to engage in activities on behalf of and in the interest of the welfare and benefit of the Tribes and of the enrolled members thereof; and

**WHEREAS,** Article VI, Section 5 (l) of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes provides that the Tribal Business Council has the power to adopt resolutions regulating the procedure of the Tribal Business Council and other Tribal agencies and Tribal officials on the Reservation; and

**WHEREAS,** Article VI, Section 5 (d) of the Constitution provides that the Tribal Business Council has the power to regulate hunting and fishing on all lands within the jurisdiction of the Tribes; and

**WHEREAS,** The Tribal Fish & Wildlife Department has developed hunting proclamations for authorized hunting on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation for 2017 and has presented said proclamations to the Natural Resource Committee for approval and the Natural Resources Committee; and the Natural Resources Committee has approved said proclamations.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** That the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes hereby approves the following Fish & Wildlife Proclamations for 2017-2018;

1. 2017 North American Elk Proclamation;
2. 2017 Moose Proclamation



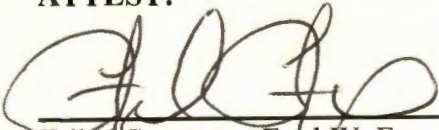
**CERTIFICATION**

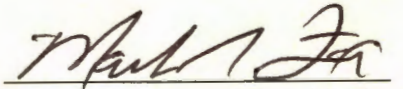
I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation, hereby certify that the Tribal Business Council is composed of 7 members of whom 5 constitute a quorum, 6 were present at a Special Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of August 2017; that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such Meeting by the affirmative vote of 6 members, 0 members opposed, 0 members abstained, 1 members not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Chairman [ X ] voting. [ ] not voting.

Dated this 29<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2017.

**ATTEST:**

  
Tribal Secretary, Fred W. Fox  
Tribal Business Council  
Three Affiliated Tribes

  
Tribal Chairman, Mark N. Fox  
Tribal Business Council  
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## 2017 MOOSE PROCLAMATION

Pursuant to Chapter 18 Code of Law of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation and the authority of the Three Affiliated Tribal Business Council; the Director of the Three Affiliated Tribes Fish and Wildlife Division hereby declares an open season on Moose as described in the following proclamation. Except as provided hereafter or otherwise by law, no person shall hunt, trap, kill, harass, take, and attempt to take, or possess any Moose or parts thereof.

### 1. SEASON:

The season for taking Moose with firearms shall be from one half (1/2) hour before sunrise to one half (1/2) hour after sunset each day from October 6, 2017 through November 5, 2017.

### 2. LIMIT:

One Bull Moose may be taken per license holder during the season.

### 3. LICENSES AND PERMITS:

Licenses and special permits shall be issued in a manner and form prescribed by the TAT Fish and Wildlife Director and in accordance with applicable laws. Such licenses and permits shall be in the form of tags that must be endorsed in ink with the licensee's signature and affixed to the back of the General License.

Seven permits will be issued after the recipients are determined by a random draw of tickets sold in a raffle manner. Sales for Moose raffle tickets go on sale on Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017. Sales will close one hour before drawing.

The drawing to determine eligible applicants will be held at the TAT Fish and Wildlife office in New Town on September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. A completed application and full payment must be received prior to issuance.

In addition to the Moose license, each applicant will be issued a Moose tag indicating the unit that he/she may legally hunt.

3 Bull Moose permits..... (Reservation - Wide); Unit 4 closed to Moose Season

4 Cow Moose permits..... Unit 3 (Parshall/White Shield) only.

**NORTH DAKOTA STATE LICENSES ARE NOT VALID ON THE FORT BERTHOLD INDIAN RESERVATION. ANYONE HUNTING ON TRUST OR ALLOTTED LANDS WITH A STATE MOOSE LICENSE AND NOT A TRIBAL LICENSE WILL BE CITED FOR HUNTING WITHOUT A PROPER LICENSE.**

### 4. FEES:

The raffle tickets will be sold at the TAT Fish and Wildlife Office in New Town at the cost of \$10.00 per chance. The raffle ticket is non-refundable. The Tribal Moose Permit will cost \$150.00 per tag. This is payable to the TAT Fish and Wildlife Office when you have drawn a winning ticket.

There will be no use of the designated hunter for the 2017 Moose Season.



*Persons using another's license to hunt, or the act of loaning out one's license for another to hunt for you is a violation of Section 18-3-6 of the Chapter 18 Code of Laws and is punishable by a mandatory fine of \$100 and loss of hunting privileges for a period of one (1) year.*

## **5. WEAPONS RESTRICTIONS:**

Moose may only be taken with the following weapons:

### **A) Rifles:**

- 1) Having a barrel length of 16 inches or greater.
- 2) Firing a centerfire cartridge of .25 caliber or greater.

#### **RESTRICTIONS:**

- 1) Centerfire rifles of .5 caliber or larger using smokeless powder are prohibited.
- 2) Capable of holding no more than 8 rounds in the clip or magazine.

#### **RESTRICTIONS:**

- 1) Fully automatic firearms, full metal jacketed bullets which are nonexpanding, as well as altered projectiles are prohibited.
- 2) .22 caliber and .17 caliber rimfire rifles are unlawful.

### **B) Shotguns:**

- 1) Having a barrel length of 18 inches or greater
- 2) Rifled slugs of 20 gauge or larger.

### **C) Handgun:**

- 1) Cartridge cases under .40 caliber must be at least 1.285 inches in length and bullets must be at least .257 inches in diameter
- 2) Cartridge cases of .40 caliber or larger must be at least .992 in length.

### **C) Muzzleloaders or Black Powder Rifles:**

- 1) Having a barrel length of 18 inches or greater.
- 2) .5 caliber or larger slug or ball.

#### **RESTRICTIONS:**

- 1) Muzzleloaders with powder charge and percussion cap in place will be considered loaded and are illegal for transport in that manner.
- 2) Revolvers with bullets in the cylinder will be considered loaded and are illegal for transport in that manner.

### **D) Legal Archery Equipment:**

A bow must be pulled, held, and released by hand. Any release aid may be used providing it is hand operated, the shooter supports the draw weight of the bow and the release is not attached to any part of the bow other than the bowstring. The bows used for hunting moose must have at least 50 pounds of draw at 28 inches or less draw length. Arrows must be at least 24 inches long, tipped with a metal broad head, with at least two sharp cutting edges, and have a cutting diameter of at least  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch. Broadheads used for hunting moose must be unbarbed and have fixed blades (i.e., broad heads with mechanical or retractable blades not manufactured to stay open are legal). Telescopic sights, range finding devices, battery-powered or electronically lighted sights or other electronic devices attached to bow, or the arrow, are not permitted. Exception: a lighted nock and recording devices which do not aid in range finding, sighting or shooting the bow are permitted. Handheld range finding devices are legal. Arrows capable of causing damage or injury to the animal in excess of that inflicted by the cutting edges of the broad head are prohibited while hunting big game with a bow (ex. explosive arrow points, arrows tipped with drugs or chemicals, and pneumatic or hydraulic shafts are illegal).

E) Crossbows are illegal, except if disabled or handicapped (i.e. Paraplegics and/or having lost the use of one or both arms) with a permit from the TAT Fish and Wildlife Department Director. When permitted, crossbows must: a) have a peak draw weight of at least 75 pounds and not more than 200 pounds, b) be equipped with a working safety to prevent accidental firing, c) have a stock at least 14 inches long, d) use arrows or bolts at least 14 inches in length, e) battery-powered and electronic-lighted sight pins and telescopic sights not exceeding a maximum power of four by thirty-two millimeters may be attached to crossbows used for hunting, and f) crossbow hunters must comply with all other archery equipment regulations listed above.

## 6. HUNTING AREA RESTRICTIONS:

Hunters will only be allowed to fill their permit within the unit designated on their license and tags.

It is unlawful to leave any open gates, bars or other device used to enclose any lands, upon entry or exit.

It is unlawful in any way to cut, remove, or lay down any fence to gain entry to any land for the purpose of hunting.

It is unlawful to shoot, destroy, molest, mutilate, or remove any signs.

It is unlawful to hunt or discharge a firearm within 440 yards of any occupied buildings, schools, medical facilities, or residence.

It is illegal to hunt in unharvested cereal and oilseed crops without the owner's consent. Crops also include alfalfa, clover, and other grasses grown for seed.

POSTING: It is unlawful to hunt on lands legally posted without first obtaining written permission from the owner or tenant. It is unlawful for anyone but the owner or tenant to post land. Legal signs shall give notice that no hunting is permitted and shall display: NAME, ADDRESS OF OWNER OR TENANT and DATE OF POSTING. Signs must be every eighty (80) rods on unfenced lands and at access point on fenced areas.

PLEASE OBTAIN WRITTEN PERMISSION FROM THE LANDOWNER OR TENANT EVEN IF LAND IS NOT POSTED.

*Please use good judgement when hunting during the 2017 Moose Season. Fort Berthold ranchers will still be utilizing the Range Units and cattle will be present. Ranchers will be busy moving cattle during this season. HUNTER SAFETY must be practiced at all times. Close all gates and verify your targets before shooting.*

## 7. HUNTING BIG GAME OVER BAIT:

Hunting big game over bait on ND Game and Fish Department's Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) is prohibited. Hunting big game over bait is defined as the placement and or use of bait(s) for attracting big game and other wildlife to a specific location for the purpose of hunting. Baits include but are not limited to grains, minerals, salts, fruits, vegetables, hay or any other natural or manufactured foods. The designation does not apply to the use of scents and lures, water, food plots, standing crops, or livestock feeds being used in standard practices.

## 8. AREAS CLOSED TO HUNTING:

It shall be unlawful to hunt or pursue game in the following areas:

- 1) The buffalo pasture located in Unit #1 (Mandaree Area) known as Range Unit 904 in the Skunk Creek Bay Area—this unit is designated as a Wildlife Reserve Area and no hunting is allowed.
- 2) Unit 4—Twin Buttes Area closed to Moose season.

## **9. AGE REQUIREMENTS:**

To purchase a Moose license, persons must be 14 years of age or older on the opening day of the season. A parent, guardian or a person authorized by the parent or guardian, must accompany persons under 16 years of age, afield with a gun.

**Hunter's Education Requirement:** Persons born after December 31, 1961 must complete a certified Reservation or State Hunter Safety Program and PRESENT the certification card earned to the license vendor in order to purchase a Fort Berthold hunting license. EXEMPTION: Veterans of the United States Armed Forces that have been honorably discharged. Persons applying for this exemption MUST present a copy of form DD214 to the TAT Fish and Wildlife Division to be eligible.

## **10. CLOTHING REQUIREMENTS:**

All bug game hunters are required to wear a head covering and an outer garment above the waistline of solid daylight fluorescent orange color, totaling at least 400 square inches.

## **11. MANNER OF TAKING:**

It is legal to use a horse in the process of hunting Moose.

It is illegal to use a dog as an aid to hunting Moose.

It is illegal to take or attempt to take a Moose by dragging a wire, rope, or other contrivance.

It is illegal to use any artificial light for the purpose of locating or observing Moose between sunset of one day and sunrise of the next.

## **12. TAGGING:**

**Hunters are required to contact the TAT Fish and Wildlife Division within 24 hours of their harvest to aide in the collection of scientific data.**

Immediately after a moose had been killed, the hunter must indicated the date of kill by cutting out the appropriate month and day from the tag provided with the license and securely attach it to the antler on an antlered moose or in a slit in the ear on an antlerless moose to prevent its removal. The tag, placed immediately upon the antler or slit in ear shall remain with the antlers or head until March 31, 2018. After the antlers, head or hide have been removed from the carcass, the carcass tag shall remain with the carcass or processed meat until consumed or until March 31, 2018.

In no case is it legal to possess or transport a moose unless it is properly tagged. The carcass tag must remain with the carcass until it is cut up and packaged as food. The carcass tag must be kept for inspection until all the meat is consumed or until March 31, 2018. No person may reuse or attempt to reuse any tag issued. Tags are non-transferrable.

When any part of an animal is mounted, if the tag is removed from the antlers or ear, the tag must be securely fastened to the back or bottom of the mount and remain there.

## **13. TRANSPORTING AND PROCESSING:**

License holders must accompany their game animal, or parts thereof, (excluding hide) during transportation, unless a permit for the transportation of game is issued by the TAT Fish & Wildlife Department upon request. Game may be shipped by common carrier in receipt of proper bill of lading. A moose carcass must be accompanied by the head to the final place of storage. It is illegal to possess or transport another's moose, or parts thereof, (excluding hide) without the license holder accompanying or as otherwise permitted. Processed and packaged meat of legally taken moose may be gifted to another. Unprocessed, unpackaged game meat may be gifted as follows: 1) Prior to reaching the licensee's personal



residence a transportation permit must be obtained and accompany the moose meat. 2) After reaching the licensee's personal residence if accompanied by the name and address of the licensee.

Commercial processors and common carriers may possess any person's legally taken possession limit or game.

#### **14. AIRCRAFT, MOTOR-DRIVEN VEHICLES, LIGHTS:**

It is illegal to use all types of aircraft, manned or unmanned, for spotting game 72 hours prior to and during the hunting season. A licensee cannot hunt the same day they are airborne over their hunting unit, except on a scheduled passenger airline flight. It is illegal to drive, concentrate, rally, raise, stir up, spot or disturb game with all types of aircraft, manned or unmanned.

Motor-driven vehicles may not be used to pursue game and may not be used to retrieve a big game animal until the animal has been taken into possession and legally tagged.

It is illegal to shoot with bow and arrow or firearm while in or on a motor-driven vehicle.

No person may carry a firearm with a cartridge in the chamber in or on a motor-driven vehicle while hunting big game animals. The entire cylinder of a revolver is considered the chamber, requiring the revolver to be completely unloaded. Handguns with removable magazines or clips must have the magazine or clip removed from the firearm if the magazine or clip contains any loaded shells. It is illegal to carry any muzzleloading firearm in or on a motor-driven vehicle with a percussion cap or primer on the nipple or powder in the flash pan.

Except for persons having a special disability permit, No person may use a motor-driven vehicle in the process of hunting moose or aid another in the process of hunting moose unless the motor-driven vehicle is on an established trail. Exception: After a moose has been killed and properly tagged, a motor-driven vehicle may be used to make the retrieval by leaving the established road or trail and proceeding to the carcass by the shortest accessible route, and returning to the road or trail immediately by the same route.

**ESTABLISHED ROADS AND TRAILS DO NOT INCLUDE TEMPORARY TRAILS ACROSS CULTIVATED LAND AND PASTURES USED FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES.**

It shall be illegal to engage in shining for big game with any artificial light for the purpose of locating or observing big game between sunset of one day and sunrise of the next.

Use of night vision equipment, electronically enhanced light gathering optics or thermal imaging equipment for locating or hunting game is illegal.

#### **15. WANTON WASTE:**

No person shall kill or cripple any moose without making a reasonable effort to retrieve and retain the big game animal in his or her actual custody. No person shall waste, destroy, spoil, or abandon the edible flesh of a moose at the place where taken or between that place and either (a) his or her permanent residence, (b) a taxidermist, (c) a common carrier, or (d) a commercial processor.

## **16. HUNTER QUESTIONNAIRES:**

Complete and accurate information on the hunter questionnaires will greatly assist the Fish and Wildlife Division in determining the number of Moose harvested and the optimum number of permits that can be issued to maintain a stable, healthy Moose population on the Reservation lands for future generations. Successful hunters may call in their information.

### **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Possess a valid general game license.
2. Possess a hunter safety certificate if born after 12/31/61.
3. Once selected, complete your 2017 Moose Application and make payment in full.
4. Receive tag and place on your general license. Also endorse in ink.
5. Maintain your Moose tag and license at all times while you hunt.
6. Hunt only in the unit for which the tag is issued.
7. Follow all weapons, vehicle and other hunting restrictions.
8. Abstain from hunting in closed areas.
9. Wear the appropriate amount of hunter orange while in the field.
10. Only three (3) persons will be allowed to assist a legally licensed Hunter.  
However, only the legally licensed hunter is allowed to harvest an animal.  
All Non-Members Non-Residents who do not reside in the state of ND who accompany a moose hunter must possess a valid Conservation Permit.
11. Those who accompany the legally licensed hunter are not allowed to carry firearms in the field while assisting the legally licensed hunter.





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## 2017 NORTH AMERICAN ELK PROCLAMATION

Pursuant to Chapter 18 Code of Law of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation and the authority of the Three Affiliated Tribal Business Council; The Director of the Three Affiliated Tribes Fish and Wildlife Division hereby declares an open season on North American Elk or Maadoga (*Cervus elaphus*) as described in the following proclamation.

Except as provided hereafter or otherwise by law, no person shall hunt, trap, kill, harass, take, and attempt to take, or possess any elk or parts thereof.

### 1. SEASON DATES:

The season for taking Elk shall be from one half (1/2) hour before sunrise to one half (1/2) hour after sunset each day from September 29, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

### 2. LIMIT:

One North American Elk regardless of age or sex may be taken per license holder during the season.

### 3. LICENSES AND PERMITS:

Licenses and special permits shall be issued in a manner and form prescribed by the TAT Fish and Wildlife Director and in accordance with applicable laws. Such licenses and permits shall be in the form of tags that must be endorsed in ink with the licensee's signature and affixed to the back of the General License.

Four permits will be issued after the recipients are determined by a random draw of tickets sold in a raffle manner. Sales for Elk raffle tickets go on sale Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017. Sales will close one hour before drawing.

The drawing to determine eligible applicants will be held at the TAT Fish and Wildlife office in New Town on September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. A completed application and full payment must be received prior to issuance.

In addition to the Elk license, each applicant will be issued an Elk tag indicating the unit that he/she may legally hunt.

2 Bull Elk permits..... Unit 1 (Mandaree/Four Bears) only.

2 Cow Elk permits..... Unit 1 (Mandaree/Four Bears) only.

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### 4. FEES:

Raffle tickets will be sold at the TAT Fish and Wildlife Office in New Town at a cost of \$10.00 per chance. Ticket price is non-refundable. The Tribal Elk Permit will cost \$150.00 per tag. This is payable at the TAT Fish and Wildlife Office when you have drawn a winning ticket.

There will be no use of the designated hunter for the 2017 Elk Season.

*Persons using another's license to hunt, or the act of loaning out one's license for another to hunt for you is a violation of Section 18-3-6 of the Chapter 18 Code of Laws and is punishable by a mandatory fine of \$100 and loss of hunting privileges for a period of one (1) year.*

## **5. WEAPONS RESTRICTIONS:**

Elk may only be taken with the following weapons:

### **A) Rifles:**

- 1) Having a barrel length of 16 inches or greater.
- 2) Firing a centerfire cartridge of .25 caliber or greater.

#### **RESTRICTIONS:**

- 1) Centerfire rifles of .5 caliber or larger using smokeless powder are prohibited.
- 2) Capable of holding no more than 8 rounds in the clip or magazine.

#### **RESTRICTIONS:**

- 1) Fully automatic firearms, full metal jacketed bullets which are nonexpanding, as well as altered projectiles are prohibited.
- 2) .22 caliber and .17 caliber rimfire rifles are unlawful.

### **B) Shotguns:**

- 1) Having a barrel length of 18 inches or greater
- 2) Rifled slugs of 20 gauge or larger.

### **C) Handgun:**

- 1) Cartridge cases under .40 caliber must be at least 1.285 inches in length and bullets must be at least .257 inches in diameter
- 2) Cartridge cases of .40 caliber or larger must be at least .992 in length.

### **C) Muzzleloaders or Black Powder Rifles:**

- 1) Having a barrel length of 18 inches or greater.
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#### **RESTRICTIONS:**

- 1) Muzzleloaders with powder charge and percussion cap in place will be considered loaded and are illegal for transport in that manner.
- 2) Revolvers with bullets in the cylinder will be considered loaded and are illegal for transport in that manner.

### **D) Legal Archery Equipment:**

A bow must be pulled, held, and released by hand. Any release aid may be used providing it is hand operated, the shooter supports the draw weight of the bow and the release is not attached to any part of the bow other than the bowstring. The bows used for hunting elk must have at least 50 pounds of draw at 28 inches or less draw length. Arrows must be at least 24 inches long, tipped with a metal broad head, with at least two sharp cutting edges, and have a cutting diameter of at least  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch. Broadheads used for hunting elk must be unbarbed and have fixed blades (i.e., broad heads with mechanical or retractable blades not manufactured to stay open are legal). Telescopic sights, range finding devices, battery-powered or electronically lighted sights or other electronic devices attached to bow, or the arrow, are not permitted. Exception: a lighted nock and recording devices which do not aid in range finding, sighting or shooting the bow are permitted. Handheld range finding devices are legal. Arrows capable of causing damage or injury to the animal in excess of that inflicted by the cutting edges of the broad head are prohibited while hunting big game with a bow (ex. explosive arrow points, arrows tipped with drugs or chemicals, and pneumatic or hydraulic shafts are illegal).

- E) Crossbows are illegal, except if disabled or handicapped (i.e. Paraplegics and/or having lost the use of one or both arms) with a permit from the TAT Fish and Wildlife Department Director. When permitted, crossbows must: a) have a peak draw weight of at least 75 pounds and not more than 200 pounds, b) be equipped with a working safety to prevent accidental firing, c) have a stock at least 14 inches long, d) use arrows or bolts at least 14 inches in length, e) battery-powered and electronic-lighted sight pins and telescopic sights not exceeding a maximum power of four by thirty-two millimeters may be attached to crossbows used for hunting, and f) crossbow hunters must comply with all other archery equipment regulations listed above.

## **6. HUNTING AREA RESTRICTIONS:**

Hunters will only be allowed to fill their permit within the unit designated on their license and tags.

It is unlawful to leave any open gates, bars or other device used to enclose any lands, upon entry or exit.

It is unlawful in any way to cut, remove, or lay down any fence to gain entry to any land for the purpose of hunting.

It is unlawful to shoot, destroy, molest, mutilate, or remove any signs.

It is unlawful to hunt or discharge a firearm within 440 yards of any occupied buildings, schools, medical facilities, or residence.

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*Please use good judgement when hunting during the 2017 Elk Season. Fort Berthold ranchers will still be utilizing the Range Units and cattle will be present. Ranchers will be busy moving cattle during this season. HUNTER SAFETY must be practiced at all times. Close all gates and verify your targets before shooting.*

## **7. HUNTING BIG GAME OVER BAIT:**

Hunting big game over bait on ND Game and Fish Department's Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) is prohibited. Hunting big game over bait is defined as the placement and or use of bait(s) for attracting big game and other wildlife to a specific location for the purpose of hunting. Baits include but are not limited to grains, minerals, salts, fruits, vegetables, hay or any other natural or manufactured foods. The designation does not apply to the use of scents and lures, water, food plots, standing crops, or livestock feeds being used in standard practices.

## **8. AREAS CLOSED TO HUNTING:**

It shall be unlawful to hunt or pursue game in the following areas:

- 1) The buffalo pasture located in Unit #1 (Mandaree Area) known as Range Unit 904 in the Skunk Creek Bay Area—this unit is designated as a Wildlife Reserve Area and no hunting is allowed.
- 2) Unit 4—Twin Buttes Area closed to Elk season.



## 9. AGE REQUIREMENTS:

To purchase a Elk license, persons must be 14 years of age or older on the opening day of the season. A parent, guardian or a person authorized by the parent or guardian, must accompany persons under 16 years of age, afield with a gun.

**Hunter's Education Requirement:** Persons born after December 31, 1961 must complete a certified Reservation or State Hunter Safety Program and PRESENT the certification card earned to the license vendor in order to purchase a Fort Berthold hunting license. EXEMPTION: Veterans of the United States Armed Forces that have been honorably discharged. Persons applying for this exemption MUST present a copy of form DD214 to the TAT Fish and Wildlife Division to be eligible.

## 10. CLOTHING REQUIREMENTS:

All bug game hunters are required to wear a head covering and an outer garment above the waistline of solid daylight fluorescent orange color, totaling at least 400 square inches.

## 11. MANNER OF TAKING:

It is legal to use a horse in the process of hunting Elk.

It is illegal to use a dog as an aid to hunting Elk.

It is illegal to take or attempt to take a Elk by dragging a wire, rope, or other contrivance.

It is illegal to use any artificial light for the purpose of locating or observing Elk between sunset of one day and sunrise of the next.

## 12. TAGGING:

**Hunters are required to contact the TAT Fish and Wildlife Division within 24 hours of their harvest to aide in the collection of scientific data.**

Immediately after a elk had been killed, the hunter must indicated the date of kill by cutting out the appropriate month and day from the tag provided with the license and securely attach it to the antler on an antlered elk or in a slit in the ear on an antlerless elk to prevent its removal. The tag, placed immediately upon the antler or slit in ear shall remain with the antlers or head until March 31, 2018. After the antlers, head or hide have been removed from the carcass, the carcass tag shall remain with the carcass or processed meat until consumed or until March 31, 2018.

In no case is it legal to possess or transport a elk unless it is properly tagged. The carcass tag must remain with the carcass until it is cut up and packaged as food. The carcass tag must be kept for inspection until all the meat is consumed or until March 31, 2018. No person may reuse or attempt to reuse any tag issued. Tags are non-transferrable.

When any part of an animal is mounted, if the tag is removed from the antlers or ear, the tag must be securely fastened to the back or bottom of the mount and remain there.

## 13. TRANSPORTING AND PROCESSING:

License holders must accompany their game animal, or parts thereof, (excluding hide) during transportation, unless a permit for the transportation of game is issued by the TAT Fish & Wildlife Department upon request. Game may be shipped by common carrier in receipt of proper bill of lading. A elk carcass must be accompanied by the head to the final place of storage. It is illegal to possess or transport another's elk, or parts thereof, (excluding hide) without the license holder accompanying or as otherwise permitted. Processed and packaged meat of legally taken elk may be gifted to another. Unprocessed, unpackaged game meat may be gifted as follows: 1) Prior to reaching the licensees personal

residence a transportation permit must be obtained and accompany the elk meat. 2) After reaching the licensee's personal residence if accompanied by the name and address of the licensee.

Commercial processors and common carriers may possess any person's legally taken possession limit or game.

#### **14. AIRCRAFT, MOTOR-DRIVEN VEHICLES, LIGHTS:**

It is illegal to use all types of aircraft, manned or unmanned, for spotting game 72 hours prior to and during the hunting season. A licensee cannot hunt the same day they are airborne over their hunting unit, except on a scheduled passenger airline flight. It is illegal to drive, concentrate, rally, raise, stir up, spot or disturb game with all types of aircraft, manned or unmanned.

Motor-driven vehicles may not be used to pursue game and may not be used to retrieve a big game animal until the animal has been taken into possession and legally tagged.

It is illegal to shoot with bow and arrow or firearm while in or on a motor-driven vehicle.

No person may carry a firearm with a cartridge in the chamber in or on a motor-driven vehicle while hunting big game animals. The entire cylinder of a revolver is considered the chamber, requiring the revolver to be completely unloaded. Handguns with removable magazines or clips must have the magazine or clip removed from the firearm if the magazine or clip contains any loaded shells. It is illegal to carry any muzzleloading firearm in or on a motor-driven vehicle with a percussion cap or primer on the nipple or powder in the flash pan.

Except for persons having a special disability permit, No person may use a motor-driven vehicle in the process of hunting elk or aid another in the process of hunting elk unless the motor-driven vehicle is on an established trail. Exception: After an elk has been killed and properly tagged, a motor-driven vehicle may be used to make the retrieval by leaving the established road or trail and proceeding to the carcass by the shortest accessible route, and returning to the road or trail immediately by the same route.

**ESTABLISHED ROADS AND TRAILS DO NOT INCLUDE TEMPORARY TRAILS ACROSS CULTIVATED LAND AND PASTURES USED FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES.**

It shall be illegal to engage in shining for big game with any artificial light for the purpose of locating or observing big game between sunset of one day and sunrise of the next.

Use of night vision equipment, electronically enhanced light gathering optics or thermal imaging equipment for locating or hunting game is illegal.

#### **15. WANTON WASTE:**

No person shall kill or cripple any elk without making a reasonable effort to retrieve and retain the big game animal in his or her actual custody. No person shall waste, destroy, spoil, or abandon the edible flesh of an elk at the place where taken or between that place and either (a) his or her permanent residence, (b) a taxidermist, (c) a common carrier, or (d) a commercial processor.

## **16. HUNTER QUESTIONNAIRES:**

Complete and accurate information on the hunter questionnaires will greatly assist the Fish and Wildlife Division in determining the number of Elk harvested and the optimum number of permits that can be issued to maintain a stable, healthy Elk population on the Reservation lands for future generations. Successful hunters may call in their information.

### **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Possess a valid general game license.
2. Possess a hunter safety certificate if born after 12/31/61.
3. Once selected, complete your 2017 Elk Application and make payment in full.
4. Receive tag and place on your general license. Also endorse in ink.
5. Maintain your Elk tag and license at all times while you hunt.
6. Hunt only in the unit for which the tag is issued.
7. Follow all weapons, vehicle and other hunting restrictions.
8. Abstain from hunting in closed areas.
9. Wear the appropriate amount of hunter orange while in the field.
10. Only three (3) persons will be allowed to assist a legally licensed Hunter.  
However, only the legally licensed hunter is allowed to harvest an animal.  
All Non-Members Non-Residents who do not reside in the state of ND who accompany a elk hunter must possess a valid Conservation Permit.
11. Those who accompany the legally licensed hunter are not allowed to carry firearms in the field while assisting the legally licensed hunter.