**LEGAL FIREARMS CONTINUED**

Muzzleloading Firearms - In seasons restricted to muzzleloading firearms, telescopic sights are not allowed. Telescopic sights are sights that utilize magnification to increase the apparent size of an image. No person may hunt any big animal with any muzzleloading rifle which discharges a projectile less than .44 caliber. Muzzleloading handguns must discharge a projectile of .50 caliber or larger.

**ARCHERY EQUIPMENT**

A person hunting with bow and arrow must not use any of the following:

- Crossbows and draw-loyde devices that hold the bow at partial or full draw except for individuals who qualify and possess a valid crossbow/arrow-permit.
- Arrow rest, or any device that supports the arrow, except a holder attached to the bow.
- Electronic devices mounted to the bow that aid in the taking of game.
- Cameras, binoculars, telescopic sights, range finders, or similar equipment.
- Any arrow without an arrowhead (fixed or mechanical) that has at least two metal cutting edges when hunting a big animal, except blunt points may be possessed and used when hunting a Turkey. Both field points and blunt points may be possessed and used when hunting small game or at any time when possessed and ready for use.
- A bow that measures less than 40 pounds when hunting big game other than Turkey.

**NONLICENSEE/ACCOMPANIMENT**

- No one may hunt big game on interstate highways or controlled access facilities.
- No one may discharge a firearm, muzzleloader, crossbow or bow and arrow at any big game animal (except turkey) from within the right-of-way of an improved public highway.
- No one may discharge a firearm while hunting big game on state or federal lands, on which hunting is prohibited.
- No one may discharge a firearm on interstate highways or controlled access facilities.
- No one may hunt big game on any public waterway.
A motor vehicle is any self-propelled vehicle or any vehicle propelled or drawn by a self-propelled vehicle. This includes snowmobiles, motorcycles and off-road vehicles (ATV/UTV).

- No one may use a motor vehicle to chase, harass, intercept, pursue or disturb big game.
- No one may send or receive a message by cellular telephone or other electronic form of communication while in or on a motor vehicle for the purpose of hunting big game.
- No one may operate a motor vehicle or a conveyance at any time unless the lawful owner or lessee of the land or water has permission from the landowner or a lessee; and (3) The activity does not occur while the user is absent from the location.

MALICIOUSLY: Violations of most big game laws are regulations class 1 misdemeanors, punishable by fine and/or imprisonment and mandatory loss of hunting privileges for one year. If a person has been convicted of a violation of hunting or fishing regulations, he or she may be assessed civil damages in the amount of $200 for each offense, $1,000 for each non-trophy deer, non-trophy antelope or bobcat, $5,000 for each non-trophy elk, mountain lion or bison, and $200 for any other prohibited species.

- No one may possess a firearm while riding on or operating a snowmobile, motor motorcycle or all-terrain vehicle unless the firearm is unloaded and completely encased in a carrying case. This does not apply to persons using snowmobiles and ATV’s for hunting purposes. The firearms must be cased for four or more low-pressure tires or rubberized tracks with a seat a person sits upon and a steering wheel, but does apply to use of motorcycles. Additionally, this restriction does not apply to persons using snowmobiles or ATV’s for hunting purposes while the user is absent from the location.

- No person may possess an uncased firearm or a crossbow on or near a trail camera. A trail camera is a remotely activated device set up to capture video, photos, sound, or other evidence of a crime while the user is absent from the location.

- No person may use a motor vehicle or a snowmobile to harass, scare or disturb game with specific intent to prevent its lawful taking.

- No one acting as a hunting guide may guide any hunting activity on state-owned or managed Game Production Areas, state parks, archery ranges the year around.

- No one may possess an uncased firearm on the Rollings Game Production Area in Pennington County except any licensed hunter while lawfully engaged in hunting game.

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- No one may allow a firearm to protrude from a motor vehicle or a conveyance attached to it while the vehicle is on a public highway. However, a firearm may be transported in a motor vehicle in a cased or transportable firearm case.

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