

## **Hunting Access Policy and Related Laws on Snyderville Basin Special Recreation Owned Property**

Snyderville Basin Special Recreation ('Basin Recreation' or 'the District') owns and manages approximately 2,560 acres of public park and open space within Snyderville Basin Special Service District. These properties are a treasured public amenity, are home to hundreds of miles of passive recreational trails and are critical wildlife habitat.

**As a policy, Basin Recreation, as the property owner, restricts access for the purpose of hunting on all District-owned property without prior written permission. A map of Basin Recreation owned lands has been provided.**

Click [here](#) to see a map of Basin Recreation owned property.

Basin Recreation has posted district-owned property in a manner that provides reasonable notice of such prohibition.

The DWR regulates hunting activity through Title 23 of the Utah Code, Title R657 of the Utah Administrative Code and through the Utah Wildlife Board, the DWR has primary authority to manage protected wildlife and regulate hunting in the State of Utah.

Notwithstanding, the following provisions of the Utah Code (Titles 23 and 76), Summit County Code, Park City Municipal Code, and Wasatch County Code of Ordinances apply and will be enforced for this area:

- **Criminal Trespass.** Utah Criminal Code prohibits entering or remaining on property to which notice against entry is given by personal communication, fencing or posted signs. In many areas, Park City, Summit County and Basin Recreation have posted signs on open space property they own that restrict access to the properties for the purpose of hunting. Members of the public can be cited for criminal trespass if they are found hunting on the posted properties. A person hunting in compliance with applicable state laws is still subject to criminal trespass statutes. See Utah Code § 76-6-206. Violation is a class B misdemeanor.
- **Taking Protected Wildlife While Trespassing.** Utah Wildlife Resources Code prohibits hunting and fishing on privately owned property without landowner permission when the property is appropriately noticed against trespass. See [Utah Code § 23-20-3.5](#) and [§ 23-20-14](#). Violation is a class B misdemeanor.
- **Discharge of Firearm From a Highway or Within 600 Feet of a Residence.** Utah Criminal Code prohibits the discharge of a firearm or dangerous weapon from a vehicle, from, upon or across a highway, or within 600 feet of a house, dwelling or any other building (without written permission from the owner or person in charge of the affected property). See [Utah Code § 76-10-508](#). Violation is a class B misdemeanor.

In addition, please be aware of additional prohibitions within the Park City Municipal.

- **Discharge of a Firearm within Park City Limits.** [Park City Municipal Code § 8-6-1](#) prohibits the discharge of firearms within the corporate limits of Park City except where legally permitted, such as a regularly licensed shooting gallery, the Park City police target range, or at a regularly organized gun club shooting range. Violation is a class B misdemeanor.

Individuals who enter Basin Recreation, Summit County, or PCMC open space for the purpose of hunting on that property can be charged with Criminal Trespass. Individuals who discharge a firearm in restricted areas can be criminally charged. Individuals who access Basin Recreation or Summit County open space property for the purpose of hunting on that property can also be charged with a class B misdemeanor Summit County Code § 7-5-4 (K). Class B misdemeanors are punishable by up to six months in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

The ordinances and laws that restrict hunting access on Basin Recreation, Summit County, and PCMC properties do not prohibit a person from hiking across the property to access adjacent public or private land open to hunting. However, if an individual is crossing the property with a firearm, muzzleloader or archery equipment to access an adjacent property for hunting, the following restrictions apply:

1. The firearm may not have ammunition in the chamber or magazine.
2. The muzzleloader may not be charged with powder or a ball.
3. The archery equipment may not have an arrow knocked.

For more information associated with these policies or to answer questions you may have, you can contact the Basin Recreation Trails & Open Space Department at 435-649-1564 or [contactus@basinrecreation.org](mailto:contactus@basinrecreation.org)