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## West Elk Outfitters Meat Packing

West Elk Outfitters provides the service of packing meat out of unit 63. This service is made available by utilizing high quality stock which have been acquired, seasoned and taken care of all year long. WEO owners and operators have a huge amount of care and respect for these equine that carry heavy loads through the backcountry. We take care to keep our stock and equipment working at top performance.

Hunters should understand that the value of these animals that are used year after year, along with the high quality pack equipment are a major investment and largely irreplaceable.

WEO owners and operators will not overrun or overburden our stock. There will be several rest days within the hunting season set aside for them to recover. Hunters should allow for at least a 24 hour turnaround. This means that hunters should take the time and care after notifying WEO to debone their meat, place the meat in approved game bags and store their meat appropriately such as: hanging meat in a shaded area.

Much of the terrain that a hunter/hiker can crawl into, jump over, and climb up to find their animal of choice is not conducive to bringing a pack string to. Hunters must have concern and respect for our stock as well. It is the hunter's responsibility to bring any meat they wish for our stock to pack out to an area of REASONABLE ACCESSIBILITY.

**REASONABLE ACCESSIBILITY** defined: An established trail, a clearing, a predetermined location. The path of travel must be reasonably accessible so that our animals are not led across an area that is of extreme danger or otherwise impassable to stock.

**Areas that meat will not be picked up from** include places that would cause obvious harm to stock such as: unsafe water crossings, fallen timber that must be sawed through in order to pass, rock slide areas where there is no trail, places with extreme unsecure footing, places not wide enough for an animal with packs on to get past. Remember, your meat is not worth putting our stock at extreme risk of life or injury.

It may be to the hunter's best interest to meet WEO owner and or operators at a pre-determined location where the outfitter can be directly taken to the meat. If the hunter plans on utilizing WEO services before heading into the backcountry, a deposit will be collected. This deposit insures the hunter's interest as an WEO client. WEO will make preparations and be on call to pack their hunters out.

I have read and understand the WEO Policy on meat packing

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client's printed name

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client's signature and date