



**WESTERN COLORADO
Hunting Retriever Club**
UKC Licensed Regular Hunt
July 18 & 19, 2026

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I submit \$ _____ for entry fees. # of tests entering: SAT _____ SUN _____

Enter in Hunt Category: _____

Name of Retriever: _____

UKC #R: _____ - _____ Call Name: _____ HRC Points: _____

Breed: _____ Male: _____ Female: _____ DOB: _____

Sire: _____

Dam: _____

Registered Owner: _____

Owner's H.R.C. Membership #: _____

Owner's Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail: _____

Name of Handler: _____ Phone: (_____) _____

I certify this dog's immunization is current & has no known communicable disease i.e., Kennel Cough. FURTHER, I agree not to hold the Landowner(s), HRC, UKC or the Host Club responsible for loss of property, damage or injury incurred during this event. HRC, UKC, the Host Club and the Landowner(s) are NOT responsible for loss, accident, or theft, and further assume no responsibility for any damage or injury sustained by the handlers, or to any of their dogs or property and further assume no responsibility for injury to children who are to be under the supervision & control of their parent or guardian. FURTHER, by my signature, I acknowledge and ensure that the Handler understands that he/she will have the opportunity to view a test dog run the tests; that he/she has the option of withdrawing this dog from any test the Handler in his/her sole discretion deems unsuitable or unsafe; and agrees further that by participating in said tests he/she assumes all risk of harm or accident to either the Handler or the dog.

(Signature of Owner/Agent): _____

Address of Handler (If Handler signs above) Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

HRC MEMBERSHIP # OF HANDLER: _____

HUNT LOCATION

GRAND MESA NATIONAL FOREST

(near: Cedaredge, CO)

GPS coordinates (39°01'44.5"N 108°02'56.5"W)

ELIGIBILITY

This Hunt is held under the rules of the Hunting Retriever Club and United Kennel Club and is open to all breeds in the UKC **GUN DOG** group.

ENTRIES BEFORE DEADLINE

HUNT SECRETARY
www.huntsecretary.com

ENTRIES AFTER DEADLINE

Derek Torinus
970-948-4237
dtorinus@hotmail.com

ADVANCE ENTRIES WILL CLOSE ON

TUESDAY, JULY 7th, 2026

AT 9:59pm MDT

ENTRY LIMITS

	Started	Seasoned	Finished	Upland
Max # of dogs per flight	50	25	30	n/a
Dog limit per Handler	12 (all stakes)			
Entry limit per Dog	1 entry/stake per dog for each Licensed Test Day			

YOUTH HANDLERS

- Youth Handlers are allowed to enter any stake.
- Their entries will count towards total entry limit per flight.
- Are allowed to run their dog in a lower stake when it is also being run by an adult in a higher stake (only the higher stake points will count/accrue).
- May **not** run their dog in contention (at the same level), if also being run by an adult in that stake.

JUDGES AND HUNTS TO BE JUDGED

	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
STARTED	Ben Dorenkamp Chris Coppa	Marjorie Covey Mathew Biss
SEASONED	Mark Kawalek Jamie Smith	Mary McNeese Brett Predmore *
FINISHED A	Scott Siman Erik Brekke	Scott Siman Jamie Smith
FINISHED B	Faron Eddy Brad Hjelm *	Dan Feighart David Heldt

* Denotes Apprentice/Grandfather Judge

HUNT SCHEDULE and FEES

Check-In Opens	7:00 am		
STARTED	8:00 am	\$65.00	per dog/entry
SEASONED	8:00 am	\$85.00	per dog/entry
FINISHED	8:00 am	\$95.00	per dog/entry
YOUTH HANDLERS (all stakes)		DISCOUNT	per dog/entry
Non-UKC Registered Dogs: Must provide Registration number		\$5.00	per dog/entry
Non-HRC Members: Seasoned, Finished, Upland only		\$5.00	per dog/entry

*** YOUTH PROGRAM ENTRIES:** Youth Program Handlers must provide their HRC Youth Handler Number on their entry form(s). Not enrolled yet? Online enrollment form and program info on the **PEOPLE/YOUTH HANDLERS** page of HRC website. **YOUTH HANDLER NUMBER MUST BE INCLUDED ON POINTS PASSES!**

SCRATCHES

Scratches require veterinarian's certificate for Illness, Injury or Bitch in Season

COURSES

All Hunts will use: **DUCKS**. Clothing worn in retrieving hunt tests by judges, hunt marshals, gunners and handlers must be full camouflage per the Clothing Policy stated in the current HRC Rulebook. Bring knee/hip waders for Seasoned & Finished. Bring orange hat & vest for Upland.

UKC CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS TO UKC REGISTERED DOGS

and dogs registered with UKC within 60 days of this event

STARTED	SEASONED	FINISHED	UPLAND
5	10	15	n/a

Rosette Ribbons awarded in all categories

MOTEL / CAMPING ACCOMMODATIONS

*****PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED HUNT TEST LETTER*****

BANQUET

**Cedaredge Community Center – 140 NW 2nd Street, Cedaredge, CO
Saturday, 7/18 at 6PM**

COMMITTEES

HUNT SECRETARY	Derek Torinus
	970-948-4237 / dtorinus@hotmail.com
HUNT CHAIRPERSON	Jacob Wertz
	970-260-3781
HUNT COMMITTEE	Rory Rehbeck, Chelsey Tesky, Pam Spears, RC Weller, Keith Winch, Lisa Dillahunt, Lance Cue, Dick Severin, Harley Metz
OFFICIAL GUNNER	Harley Metz
GAME STEWARD	Dick Severin

HUNT VETERINARIAN

ANIMAL ER OF THE WESTERN SLOPE	970-525-0911
1660 North Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501	

Hunting Retriever Club, Inc. encourages the participation of handlers of ALL ages and abilities. If there are accommodations which would make our event more accessible to you, please contact the club's hunt secretary as soon as possible prior to the hunt so that every effort can be made to host a safe and enjoyable hunt.

REMEMBER GUN SAFETY & SPORTSMANSHIP



Hunting Retriever Club, Inc.
MEMBERSHIP
APPLICATION



In North America today, there is an organization that was established to test the hunting retriever in a true-to-life hunting environment. This organization, the Hunting Retriever Club, Inc., was created to develop the type of testing that you, and thousands like you, have wanted for years. The Hunting Retriever Club, Inc. (HRC) has established a no-nonsense, true to life, training and testing program where gun dog owners meet, train, learn and test their dogs afield.

The HRC was formed under the auspices of the United Kennel Club, Inc. (UKC). UKC was founded in 1898 as a purebred dog registry devoted to maintaining the inherent working abilities of hunting dogs. UKC sponsors more hunting dog events than any other such organization in the world.

You can renew your HRC membership or join HRC online on [UKC's website](#) by ordering the Hunting Retriever magazine. Each membership includes a subscription to the HRC magazine, which includes training and information articles as well as local Club event results and a list of upcoming events of the HRC local Clubs. You can choose a one- or two-year membership that will begin as soon as your application is processed.

If you prefer, you may use the paper application below. Please include a check or money order payable in United States funds, made out to *HRC, Inc.* or *UKC*. Send the application & fees to:

Hunting Retriever Club, Inc.
c/o United Kennel Club, Inc.
100 E. Kilgore Rd
Kalamazoo, MI 49002

MEMBERSHIP TYPES:

USA: 1 year	Individual \$25.00	_____	Family \$30.00	_____
2 year	Individual \$50.00	_____	Family \$60.00	_____
Foreign/Canadian: 1 year	Individual \$30.00	_____	Family \$35.00	_____
2 year	Individual \$60.00	_____	Family \$70.00	_____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

What HRC Local Club are you a member of? _____

Family members name(s):

Would you be interested in forming an HRC sanctioned Club in your area? _____

PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED WELCOME LETTER!

THE FOLLOWING PAGES WILL CONTAIN INFORMATION ON ACCOMMODATIONS, CAMPING, DIRECTIONS, WEATHER, SOCIAL, AND OTHER GREAT INFORMATION!



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JULY 18th & 19th, 2026
GRAND MESA NATIONAL FOREST
(near: Cedaredge, CO)



Dear Hunting Retriever Enthusiast:

Thank you for your interest and participation in the Western Colorado Hunting Retriever Club's 2026 UKC/HRC Licensed "Back-to-Back" Regular Hunt Test on **Saturday and Sunday, July 18th & 19th**. We sincerely hope that you will attend, enter your dogs, have success, and bring home some ribbons. However, most importantly, we hope that you have a safe and fun-filled weekend!

Western Colorado HRC will be holding our Hunt Test up in the Grand Mesa National Forest ("Grand Mesa") again this year. We think that this location will provide you with a true representation of what Western Colorado is all about. The unique, picturesque, environmental adventure that this location offers is one that you will be hard pressed to find with any other Hunt Test.

The Grand Mesa is an "oasis in the sky" and is the largest flattop mountain in the world. It is comprised of over 500 sq. miles of land, stretching east from Grand Junction, and bordered north and south by the Colorado and Gunnison Rivers. The Grand Mesa rises approximately 5000 vertical feet from the valley floors, up to altitudes of over 11,000 feet. It is an environment primarily of pines, aspens, and rolling grass fields. There are over 300 lakes and reservoirs, along with incredible wildlife viewing opportunities. To top all of this off, when temperatures tend to be 90-100(+) degrees in Grand Junction and everywhere else in July and August, it is typical for the temperatures up on the Grand Mesa to be in the 60's and 70's!

We highly recommend that you take advantage of this unique place. Come out and participate in our Hunt Test and then stay for as long as you want. There are an abundant number of camping options up on the Grand Mesa (of all types too) whether you bring your RV, stay in a cabin, or pitch a tent. There are also motels, hotels, and other accommodations in nearby Cedaredge, CO. Bring your hiking boots, your mountain bike, and your fishing pole – but, most of all, plan on enjoying the Grand Mesa!

IMPORTANT ITEMS

*****WESTERN COLORADO HRC IS EXCITED TO OFFER YOUTH HANDLERS (18 YEARS OF AGE AND UNDER) A \$30.00 REFUND FOR EACH ENTRY IN OUR HUNT TEST – PLEASE SEE HUNT SECRETARY FOR REFUND*****

#1 – **"CHECK-IN"** – on both Saturday & Sunday morning, starting at 7:00am (sharp), please check-in at the Mesa Top Trail parking area (see map). The Handler's Meeting will be held at 7:30am, and the Hunt Tests will start at 8:00am.

#2 – **WALK-UP ENTRIES/CHANGES** - Walk-Up Entries/Changes will be allowed if space is available. A \$10.00 administration fee may be applied for "day-of" walk-up's/changes. WCHRC highly recommends that you sign-up early and often via HuntSecretary.com (deadline: July 7). After advanced entries close, please contact Derek Torinus at 970-948-4237 ASAP if you would like to enter the event &/or make a change. Finally, Derek will be available at Check-in on Saturday & Sunday (7am-7:30am) for additional walk-up entries or changes.



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#3 – **SOCIAL/RAFFLE** - Western Colorado HRC plans to hold a great “Social” with Dinner, Raffle, and Awards Ceremony at starting at 6:00pm on Saturday, July 18th at the Cedaredge Community Center – 140 NW 2nd Street - Cedaredge, CO 81413.

*****BRING YOUR \$\$\$ FOR OUR AWESOME DINNER & RAFFLE - HELP SUPPORT WCHRC!!!*****

ACCOMMODATIONS & CAMPING

The nearest town to the Grand Mesa National Forest, approximately 25-30 minutes (max.) down Highway 65 to the south, is Cedaredge, CO. If you don't stay up on the Grand Mesa; camping, in a cabin, in a condo/hotel at the Powderhorn Ski Area, or in a house rental; we recommend that you stay in Cedaredge. Other cities or towns a little further away that you could also consider for lodging, etc., are: Delta, CO (approx. 45 min.); Palisade, CO (approx. 45 min.); Grand Junction, CO (approx. 1 hr.); or, Hotchkiss, CO (approx. 1 hr.).

CAMPING

There are three types of camping options up on the Grand Mesa (and, in Cedaredge & surrounding areas) – primitive/dispersed, public (fee-based) campgrounds, or private RV Parks.

Primitive/Dispersed Camping & Public Campgrounds:

*****SEE ATTACHED FOR INFORMATION ON DISPERSED CAMPING & PUBLIC CAMPGROUNDS UP ON THE GRAND MESA*****

RV Parks:

#1 - Aspen Trails RV Park & Campground – Cedaredge, CO – (970) 856-6321

#2 - Shady Creek RV Park – Cedaredge, CO – (970) 856-7522 <http://www.shadycreekcolorado.com/>

LODGING

The Cedaredge Lodge

810 N. Grand Mesa Drive - Cedaredge, CO

(970) 856-3727 - www.thecedaredgelodge.com

Stay Wise Inn

530 S. Grand Mesa Drive - Cedaredge, CO

(970) 856-1000 - <http://www.staywisecedaredge.com>

Mesa Moon Motel (formally: Tri-R Motel)

885 S. Grand Mesa Drive – Cedaredge, CO

(970) 856-3222 - www.mesamoonmotel.com



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Creekside B&B
790 N. Grand Mesa Drive - Cedaredge, CO
(970) 856-9547 – www.creeksidebedbreakfast.com

Maison de Terre (B&B)
21704 Uintah Road - Cedaredge, CO
(970) 361-4762 – www.maisondeterre.com

Kiser Creek Cabins
24111 Highway 65 - Cedaredge, CO
(970) 986-6255 - www.kisercreekcabins.com

The Cabins of Grand Mesa
23231 U Road - Cedaredge, CO
(970) 250-3817 – www.thecabinsofgrandmesa.com

Additional Lodging: Powderhorn Ski Area; Delta, CO; Hotchkiss, CO; Grand Junction, CO; Palisade, CO; Mesa, CO

“GRAND MESA” CABINS

In addition to cabin rentals through the Forest Service, and cabin options in/near Cedaredge, there are cabin rental options up on the Grand Mesa.

Grand Mesa Lodge – (970) 856-3250
<http://grandmesalodge.com/>

Alexander Lake Lodge – (970) 856-2539
<http://www.alexanderlodge.co/>

Thunder Mountain Lodge – (970) 856-6240
www.ThunderMountainLodge.net

Mesa Lakes Lodge – (970) 268-5467
www.mesalakeslodge.com

DIRECTIONS

Distances: (approx. to Grand Mesa National Forest – Visitor’s Center)

Grand Junction, CO - approx. 55 miles (1 hour & 5 minutes) (via I-70)
Denver, CO - approx. 255 miles (4 hours & 15 minutes) (via I-70)



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- Pueblo, CO - approx. 275 miles (5 hours & 10 minutes) (via US-50)***
- Cheyenne, WY - approx. 355 miles (5 hours & 35 minutes) (via 1-25 & 1-70)
- Albuquerque, NM - approx. 370 miles (6 hours & 55 minutes) (via US-550)

I-70 – WEST (from Denver and Front Range)

Take I-70 West towards Grand Junction, CO. Take Exit #62 at DeBeque, CO – “DeBeque Cut-Off” Road/45 ½ Road. Head south (up) towards Colbran, Grand Mesa, and Powderhorn Ski Area (12 miles to intersection with Hwy. 65). At the intersection with Hwy. 65, turn left, and take Hwy. 65 heading up through Mesa, CO, and onto Powderhorn Ski Area. Go past Powderhorn Ski Area, Mesa Lakes Resort, Skyway, Land’s End Road (FS 100 Rd.), on to the “Mesa Top Trail” Parking Area.

I-70 – EAST (from Grand Junction)

Take I-70 East towards Denver, CO. Take Exit #49 – Colbran/Grand Mesa/Powderhorn Ski Area/Hwy. 65. Head south (up) towards Colbran, Grand Mesa, and Powderhorn Ski Area. At the intersection with Hwy. 330 (Colbran), stay right, and continue on Hwy. 65 heading up through Mesa, CO, and onto Powderhorn Ski Area. Go past Powderhorn Ski Area, Mesa Lakes Resort, Skyway, Land’s End Road (FS 100 Rd.), on to the “Mesa Top Trail” Parking Area.

US-50 – WEST (from Southeast Colorado)

Take Hwy. US-50 to Delta, CO. Turn east onto Hwy. 92 towards Cedaredge/Hotchkiss for approx. 3.7 miles. Turn north onto Hwy. 65 to Cedaredge, CO. Continue on Hwy. 65 north through Cedaredge, and up onto the Grand Mesa. Continue past the Grand Mesa National Forest Visitor’s Center, and on to the “Mesa Top Trail” Parking Area.

*****MAP ATTACHED – DETAILED MAPS OF THE HUNT TEST SITES WILL BE AVAILABLE AT CHECK-IN*****

OTHER NOTES

General

The Grand Mesa National Forest is **YOUR** public land. Western Colorado HRC is fortunate to have the opportunity to hold our Hunt Test up on the Grand Mesa, and we very much would like the opportunity to be considered to hold future events in this incredible place. Additionally, per our Special Event Permit, our Club and its Members are personally and financially responsible for any damage done; so, please treat the Grand Mesa with respect, pick-up your trash and the trash of others, obey all laws/rules/regulations, park only in designated areas, respect fellow users of the land and resources (the Grand Mesa, again, is public land, and we don’t have exclusive rights to it), do not smoke outdoors and extinguish all cigarettes in a proper place (fire danger is EXTREME!!!); and, as they say, “take only photos and leave only footprints”.



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Weather & Altitude

Though, we could go on for hours detailing everything you should bring for the Hunt Test (**bring bug spray!**), for camping if you are camping, and for the various other activities you may partake in during your adventure to the Grand Mesa, we wanted to make sure you were aware of the fact that the Grand Mesa is a mountainous area, and the weather could change for the worse quickly. It is not unheard of for the mountainous areas of Western Colorado to receive heavy snow, even in July. So, with that, please watch the weather closely, and please be prepared for any/all conditions.

Also, the Grand Mesa is high in elevation. During our event, you will be spending an ample amount of time near (or above) 10,000 feet in elevation. So, if you do have health concerns, especially related to altitude (and oxygen), we highly advise that you consult with your doctor before attending our event. Recommendations: #1 – please drink plenty of water and watch how much alcohol you consume (it will go to your head quickly); and, #2 – please bring plenty of sunscreen, as you are that much closer to the sun and can burn quickly.

Emergencies

Delta County Memorial Hospital

1501 E. 3rd Street
Delta, CO 81416
(970) 874-7681 www.deltahospital.org

St. Mary's Hospital & Regional Medical Center

2635 N. 7th Street
Grand Junction, CO 81501
(970) 298-2273 www.stmarygj.org

Animal ER of the Western Slope

1660 North Ave, Grand Junction, CO 81501
970-525-0911
animalerwesternslope.com

Other Activities

As previously mentioned, there are tons of other, fun activities you can do up on the Grand Mesa and surrounding areas, including: hiking, fishing, mountain biking, horseback riding, boating, kayaking, rafting, and rock climbing to name a few.

Also, this part of Western Colorado is WINE COUNTRY! There are several award-winning wineries that you can visit in nearby Cedaredge, Paonia/Hotchkiss, and Palisade.



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Thank You!

- #1 – Grand Mesa National Forest and the U.S. Forest Service (Grand Valley Ranger District)**
- #2 – WCHRC Members & Volunteers**
- #3 – Sponsors**
- #4 – Participants**

Thank you again for your consideration and participation in our Hunt Test - we hope that you can attend. If you have any questions about entering our event, and/or the Grand Mesa, accommodations, camping, etc., please contact me at 970-260-3781 or jwertz196@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Jake Wertz

Jake Wertz
Hunt Chair



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UKC/HRC "Back-to-Back" Regular Hunt
Test!



"CHECK-IN"
LOCATION: MESA TOP TRAIL PARKING AREA
DAY: Saturday & Sunday
TIME: 7:00AM
Please check-in at the Mesa Top Trail parking
area off of Hwy 65



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Campground Information

Day Use Areas and Boat Launch

	Potable Water	Daily Fee	Other
★ Mesa Lake Day Use Area	Yes	\$5	Fishing / Hiking
★ Island Lake Boat Launch	Yes	15	Fishing / Boating / Hiking Fish Cleaning Station
★ Weir / Johnson Boat Launch	No	\$3	Fishing / Boating / Hiking

Camping

All camp sites have a limit of 2 vehicles or 8 persons.
You may picnic in campgrounds \$3 per vehicle. After 2:00 pm full campground fee will be charged.

No.	Name	Potable Water	Max. Space Length	Daily Fee	Other
1	Jumbo	Yes	45' - 60'	\$18 + \$4	Fishing / Reservable / ADA Sites \$4 electric surcharge per night
2	Spruce Grove	Yes	22' - 48'	\$12	
3	Island Lake	Yes	45' - 60'	\$18 + \$4	Fishing / ATM / CG / ADA Sites \$4 electric surcharge per night
4	Little Bear	Yes	22' - 49'	\$12	Fishing / ADA Site
5	Cobbett Lake	Yes	30' - 42'	\$14	Fishing / Reservable
6	West Lake	Yes	70' - 45'	\$14	Fishing / Boat Ramp
7	Crag Crest	No	27'	\$12	Hiking
8	Weir & Johnson	No	22' - 33'	\$12	Fishing / Hiking
9	Big Creek	Yes	30' - 33'	\$12	Fishing / Boat Ramp
10	Cottonwood Lake	No	30' - 42'	\$12	Fishing / Boat Ramp / Hiking / ATV

Campground Reservations:
1-877-444-6777
RECREATION.GOV
www.recreation.gov

These campgrounds and developed sites are managed by Recreation Resource Management of America (RRM) under a special use permit with the Forest Service.

- Visitors who are registered in RRM operated campground will not need to pay in Day Use Areas, but must display their hang tag. RRM will provide a hang tag to be displayed on each vehicle.
- 2nd vehicles being used as a camp unit will be charged full camping rate.
- Non-campground guests may dump their trash at a RRM compact dumpster for a fee of \$2.00 per bag.
- Golden Age, Golden Access and Interagency Senior & Access Pass 50% discounts apply to camping fee only.

USDA FOREST SERVICE
www.fs.usda.gov/gmug
970-242-8211

Welcome to
The Grand Mesa
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DISPERSED CAMPING:

Campers go hunting, hiking, 4-wheeling, and horseback riding throughout the Forest in many areas where developed camping areas are not available. Finding a site to camp and enjoy these activities in remote areas or in relative solitude has become a popular form of camping throughout the Forest. At some more popular areas, minimal toilet facilities are provided. Contact the local Forest Service office for current information and refer to the Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) for each area (Grand Mesa, Gunnison, and Uncompahgre National Forests). Dispersed camping is permitted in most areas of the Forest. Some caution should be used in selecting a site because of intermingled private lands within the National Forest. Recreation maps are available at all local Forest Service offices. Personnel at each station can answer questions on specific sites. Unlike developed campgrounds which are designed and maintained to protect the vegetation, soils, and natural setting; camping in undeveloped areas require more from the camper to help keep the site in the condition in which it was found. Dispersed camping must not occur within 100 feet of water sources (rivers, streams, ponds, or wetlands) or within 100 feet of any road or system trail. In some areas, dispersed camping is restricted to specific sites, contact the local Forest Service office for current information. Campsites can be occupied for no more than 14 days, then the site must be moved at least 3 miles away. Camping is also limited to a total of 28 days in a 60 day period. The following are suggestions to help maintain these areas:

-  **ACCESS:** In areas closed to the use of vehicles off Forest roads, where developed parking sites are not provided, and where not otherwise prohibited, direct access to a suitable parking site within 300 feet of the road is permitted. Such travel must not damage the land or streams. Please select your route carefully, and do not cut live timber. Off road travel should be limited to when the ground is dry. The public is encouraged to camp in locations where others have previously camped and utilized existing routes (tow-track trails) to those camp areas. Campers are required to leave a clean camp, not to damage vegetation or pollute streams and lakes on the National Forest and implement "Leave No Trace" practices.
-  **HUMAN WASTE:** Human waste can affect water quality and pose a health risk to others. Use toilets where provided. In other areas select a suitable screened spot at least 200 feet away from open water. Dig a small hole 6 to 8 inches deep. After use, fill the hole with the loose dirt and tramp in the sod with your foot. Nature will dispose of the waste in a short time by a system of "biological disposers".
-  **TRASH:** All dispersed areas are managed on a "pack it in – pack it out" basis. Cans, bottles, aluminum foil, and anything that will not burn should be carried out. Paper and other burnable items should be burned in your campfire. Please do not bury garbage or trash, animals are prone to digging it up.
-  **WATER:** For short trips, take a supply of drinking water from home or from another domestic source. For longer trips, boiling water for a minimum of 5 minutes is the most effective treatment for giardia cysts and other water borne disease organisms. A longer boiling time may be required at higher elevations.
-  **FIRE:** Select a site away from low limbs and clear away needles, twigs and other ground litter to mineral soil. Dig a shallow pit and line it with rocks. Keep your fire only as large as needed to cook or heat with. **Never leave a fire unattended.** When you are through with your fire pit make sure the ashes are dead cold out then bury the pit and disperse the rocks. Whenever a stove is available, we recommend its use. Campfires should be at least 100 feet from all lakes, streams, and National Forest System Trails and are not allowed at or above tree line.
-  **BEAR AWARE:** The GMUG is home to black bears, help discourage a bear encounter. Keep a clean camp. Store food, including stock and pet food and garbage in bear-proof containers. (Coolers and plastic boxes are not bear-proof.) Hang food in a tree 10 feet off the ground and 4 feet from the tree, if bear-proof containers are not available. Keep sleeping areas free of food and odors. Do not sleep in clothes worn while cooking or handling game or fish. **NEVER INTENTIONALLY FEED A BEAR!**