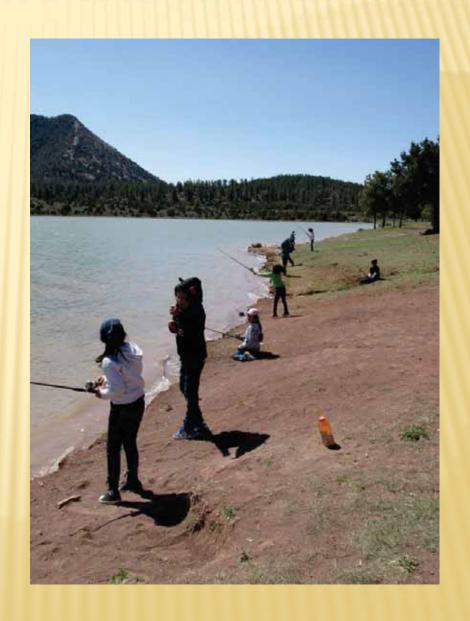
# NAVAJO NATION FISH & WILDLIFE WILDLIFE LAW ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

# HOW CAN YOU HELP US STOP POACHING

- What is poaching:
  - Poaching is the illegal taking of wildlife.
  - + What is Wildlife.
    - means all wild species of animals and native plants, and parts thereof, including, but not limited to, mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish, invertebrates, including active nest, eggs, and seeds mollusks and crustaceans.



# IT IS IMPORTANT FOR YOU TO KNOW



- All fish and wildlife within the exterior boundary of the Navajo Nation are the property of the Navajo Nation as a whole,
- Hunting on the Navajo Nation is a privilege,
- The Navajo Nation reserves the right to refuse hunting privilege to anyone.

# WHO ENFORCE WILDLIFE LAWS

- Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Wildlife Conservation Officer
- Forestry Officers
- Navajo Division of Public Safety
- \* Resource Enforcement



# WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP

- Unfortunately poaching practice do occur on the Navajo Nation, but you can make a difference. Here how:
  - Be alert to all suspicious activities,
  - + Does the person appear to act nervous?
  - + Do they hide object in the brush or vehicle?
  - + Do they avoid Law Enforcement personnel?
  - + Do they avoid check stations?
  - + Do they check there surrounding before attempting to fish or hunt?
  - + Did you see the use of spotlight with shots heard afterwards?
  - + Did you witness the poaching incident?

#### WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP

- The more information you can provide that concerns wildlife violations, the better the chance of arrest.
- When you observe a violation, make notes of as many of the following items as possible:
  - + Suspect name (If known)
  - + Height, Weight, Age, Eye Color, Hair Color. (estimate)
  - + Clothing description
  - + Nationality (Anglo, Hispanic, Native American Etc.)
  - + Vehicle Make and Year (1992 Dodge Pickup, Red in Color, Dent on Right fender)
  - License Plate and State
  - Distinguishing Marks (cross tattoo on left hand)
  - + Description of violation (What did they do)
  - + Location (3 N of Fluted Rock)
  - + Date and Time (June 12, 2013 around 2:30 am)

#### WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP

- All information you provide will remain confidential and you may remain anonymous
- The Department of Fish and Wildlife will bring civil action against any person who unlawfully poach wildlife.
- \* The Department will seek a court order for restitution for the wildlife illegally taken.
- Restitution ranged from \$100.00 dollars to \$5,000.00 dollars. This depend on the type of wildlife illegally taken.
- All funds recovered are deposited into the Wildlife Theft Prevention Funds and is used to operate the Operation Game Theft Program.

#### **REWARDS-OPERATION GAME THEFT**

- results in an arrest or issuance of a citation for the illegal taking of wildlife, you can receive a reward. These are examples
  - + Taking
  - + Wounding
  - + Killing
  - + Possessing
  - + Transporting
  - + Selling
  - + Wanton Waste
  - + Have in position parts thereof
  - + Taking Wildlife during closed season.



#### **REWARDS-OPERATION GAME THEFT**



These rewards vary in amount depending on the Wildlife Taken and are as follow:

Elk-\$800.00

Deer-\$600.00

Eagles-\$500.00

Bighorn Sheep-\$500.00

Bear-\$400.00

Antelope-\$300.00

Mountain Lion-\$300.00

T&E Species-\$300.00

Wild Turkey-\$300.00

Raptor-\$200.00

Upland Game Bird-\$200.00

Other Wildlife-\$100.00

# QUESTIONS

