

Navajo Nation Dept. of Fish & Wildlife-
Enforcement Section's

GAME WARDEN
OPERATION

Protect Our Fish and Wildlife
Resources...
Report Illegal Activities

All fish and Wildlife belong to the Navajo Nation. Let's put the poacher out of business! Call...

(928) 871-7062

ALL INFORMATION YOU PROVIDE WILL REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL AND YOU MAY REMAIN ANONYMOUS

WHAT IS POACHING?

Poaching is a crime. Poaching is the illegal take of wildlife.

It is important for you to know that:

- All fish and wildlife 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 privileges to anyone.

The following enforce Navajo Nation Fish & Wildlife Regulations and Laws:

- Wildlife Conservation Officers
- Navajo Nation Rangers
- Forestry Law Enforcement Officers
- Navajo Nation Department of Law Enforcement



Illegal taking of deer (doe) during antler deer hunt.



Fish taken without a permit is poaching.

Unfortunately, poaching practices do occur on the Navajo Nation, but you can make a difference! Here's how...

**REPORT ALL ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES
TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE !**

Who is the poacher? Any person that does not respect the Navajo Nation fish and wildlife resources.

The Navajo Nation Department of Fish and Wildlife may bring a civil action against any person(s) who unlawfully poaches wildlife.

The Department will seek a court order for the poacher to pay the following sums of money as restitution:

Each Bighorn Sheep	\$750
Each Elk	\$600
Each Mountain Lion	\$550
Each Black Bear	\$500
Each Eagle	\$500
Each Deer	\$400
Each Antelope	\$350
Each Raptor	\$200
Each Waterfowl/Upland Game Bird	\$100
Each Game Fish/Small Game	\$50

All funds recovered are deposited into the Wildlife Theft Prevention Fund and are used to operate the Operation Game Thief Program.



Illegal eagle kills-only wing and tail feathers were taken. Illegal selling of eagle and other raptor feathers and parts are a major problem on the Navajo Nation.



Wanton Waste-Leaving any edible portion of game, like this elk, in the field to waste.

If the information you give leads to an arrest or citation of any person, you can receive an award from \$50 to \$500.00. These cash awards will be paid from the Wildlife Theft Prevention Fund. Employees of the Department of Fish and Wildlife or their immediate families are not eligible for reward payments.

*** REWARDS ***

\$500

Bighorn Sheep

\$300

Mule Deer Antelope
Elk Bald Eagle
Golden Eagle

\$200

Threatened & Endangered Species
Raptors

\$150

Merriam's Turkey
Black Bear
Mountain Lion

\$100

Waterfowl
Upland Game Birds

\$50

Game Fish & Other Wildlife

Rewards will be given when information leads to an arrest or citation of any person who unlawfully poaches wildlife by the following:

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| Taking | Transporting |
| Wounding | Selling |
| Killing | Wanton waste |
| Possessing | Have in possession or parts thereof |
| | Taking wildlife during closed seasons |

Here are some helpful hints to detect poachers:

- Be alert to all suspicious activities.
- Does the hunter/angler appear to act nervous?
- Do they hide objects in the brush?
- Do they attempt to avoid big game check stations?
- Did you see the use of spot lighting with shots heard afterwards?
- Did you witness the poaching incident?

Print this form if you have information to provide on poachers
for Operation Game Thief

The more information you can provide that concern violations of game and fish laws, the better the chances for an arrest. When you observe a violation, make note of as many of the following items as possible:

Suspect(s) name and addresses: _____

HT____ WT____ age____ eyes____ hair_____

Clothing_____ Scars_____ Tattoos_____

Birthmarks_____ Race_____

Vehicle: Make_____ Year_____

License Plate # _____ State_____

Model_____ Color_____ Style_____

Distinguishing marks _____

Description of the violation, what happened:

Location: _____

Date and Time: _____

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