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IDAPA 13.01.15 RULES GOVERNING THE USE OF DOGS

In accordance with Idaho Administrative Procedures Act (IDAPA) 13.01.15.002 the following is Idaho Department of Fish & Game's interpretation of IDAPA 13.01.15.200.02 Limitation on Hound Hunting Permits for Nonresidents.

The rule says in part:

No more than seventy (70) nonresident hound hunter permits will be issued to nonresident hunters who are not licensed outfitters pursuant to the authority vested in the Outfitters and Guides Board, Sections 36-2101, et seq., Idaho Code. A licensed outfitter, who is a nonresident, is exempt from the limitation. **Nonresident licensed outfitters and guides who have obtained a hound hunter permit under this exemption shall not use this for personal hunting. ...**

IDAPA 13.01.15.200.02. (Emphasis Added.)

IDAPA 13.01.15.200.01.b. allows a licensed outfitter to convey the authority of his Hound Hunter Permit to a nonresident licensed guide operating for him. The issue is whether dog training, operating area familiarization or game scouting by a nonresident guide utilizing the outfitter's Hound Hunter Permit constitutes prohibited 'personal use.' The Department has considered the issue and interprets 'personal hunting' in IDAPA 13.01.15.200.02 as follows:

Personal hunting is:

1. Any use of the outfitter's Hound Hunter Permit to take an animal for any person other than by a client of the licensed outfitter.
2. Any use other than activity under the authority, supervision and guidance of the outfitter.
3. Any use of the outfitter's hound hunter permit outside the licensed operating area of the outfitter employing the guide.
4. Any use of the outfitter's hound hunter permit outside of work activity as instructed by the outfitter which is related to the preparation for the guided activity.

A Nonresident Guide must have in possession while running or controlling hounds for the outfitter:

1. Idaho Hunting License.
2. Idaho Guide License.
3. Valid Idaho tag for pursued species (a tag which has been filled is valid for pursuit).
4. Copy of outfitter's Hound Hunter Permit (unless they have their own).

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