

News Release Fishlake National Forest



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MOUNTAIN LION SEASON OPENS OUTFITTERS REMINDED OF PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

Richfield, UT—Federal agencies which include the USDA Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), National Park Service and the US Fish & Wildlife Service, all require a permit to outfit or guide on the lands they manage. Dave Christensen, Fishlake National Forest permit administrator, said that "many guide permits expire on December 31 each year and need to be renewed by the outfitter or guide before January 1 if they intend to hire out their services for the mountain lion hunt."

If an outfitter uses dogs to hunt they will need a pursuit permit from the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources. Operators caught guiding without the applicable permits are subject to fines of up to \$5,000; restitution; and/or up to six months imprisonment. Christensen recommends that you ask the outfitter or guide to look at their permit before hiring their services. For more information, call the Fishlake National Forest Supervisor's Office, phone (435) 896-9233.