

Colville Confederated Tribes

**2016 - 2017**

**Wild Horse Chase and Capture  
Regulations and Seasons**



# Chase and Capture of Wild Horses on Colville Reservation

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## **INTRODUCTION**

The purpose of this pamphlet is to supplement Colville Confederated Tribes' (CCT) laws regarding the chase and capture of wild horses on the Colville Reservation. These regulations are created pursuant to Chapter 4-14, Wild Horses (Resolution 1985-58) and are enforceable pursuant to Chapter 4-1, Fish, Wildlife and Recreation (Resolution 1997-491 and amended 2007-662) of the Colville Tribes Law and Order Code. Eligibility for chasing and capturing wild horses is limited to enrolled tribal members whose name appears on the Colville Tribes' Membership Roll maintained by the Enrollment Office. It will be the responsibility of persons prior to chasing and capturing wild horses on the Colville Reservation to review and understand the open season dates and other regulations contained in this pamphlet. Please submit any questions, comments, or suggestions concerning this pamphlet to: Natural Resource Department, Range Program, P.O. Box 150, Nespelem, WA 99155. Phone: (509) 634-2310.

## **AUTHORIZATION**

The Colville Business Council promulgated these regulations, deeming them proper and necessary to carry out the policy of the Tribes with respect to wild horse chase and capture. These regulations are established as part of the interest of preserving, protecting, and perpetuating the wildlife resources of the Colville Reservation.

## **GENERAL DEFINITIONS**

The following definitions are specific to this pamphlet.

"Authorized Officer" means the Director of Tribal Fish and Wildlife Department, or his or her designee. The Range Department is designated by the Authorized Officer to issue Chase and Capture Permits and check permittee compliance.

"Capture limit" means the maximum number of wild horses which may be captured by a tribal member during a season specific to size, sex, or species as approved by the Colville Business Council and regulated by Director of Tribal Fish and Wildlife Department, or his or her designee.

"CCT Identification Card" means the identification card (blue card) issued to enrolled members of the Colville Confederated Tribes.

"Claimed Horse" means a horse that is branded, tattooed or marked to indicate ownership. This includes foals that are accompanied by a claimed mare.

“Closed Season” means a specific period of time when chasing and capturing of wild horses is not allowed.

“Enrolled Member” means any person whose name appears on the Colville Tribes membership roll maintained by the Tribal Enrollment Office.

“Foal” means a horse, of either gender, that is less than one year old.

“Natural Resource Department” means any person employed by the Colville Tribes within the following programs: Land Operations/Range, Fish and Wildlife, Forestry, Realty, Environmental Trust, Fire Management, Parks and Recreation and Land Title Record Office.

“Regulation” means any rule, regulation, resolution, or code promulgated by the Colville Business Council.

“Reservation” or “South Half” means and refers to the present Colville Reservation (approximately 1.4 million acres) bounded on the East and South by the Columbia River, West by the Okanogan River and North by the northern boundary of Township 34 North, Willamette Meridian.

“Permit” means a special permit required for the chase and capture of wild horses.

“Wild Free Roaming Horses” means all unmarked horses (lacking brands, tattoos or other marks of ownership) and their progeny that utilize any tribal lands within the Colville Reservation as all or part of their habitat, including those horses given identifying marks upon capture for live disposal by the Authorized Officer.

## **General Regulations**

### **CHASE AND CAPTURE PERMIT IDENTIFICATION**

The chase and capture of wild horses shall be by permit only. An enrolled Colville Tribal member with a valid CCT identification card who is 16 years old or older may obtain a permit from the Range Department, with permission by a parent/legal guardian if under the age of 18 years. Permits must be obtained prior to any chase or capture activity. Permits must be in the possession of each tribal member while participating in the chase and capture of wild horses, and must be rendered as identification upon request by any law enforcement officer or **Natural Resource Department employee**.

### **CHASE AND CAPTURE ON PRIVATE LAND-TRESPASS ON PRIVATE LAND:**

It shall be unlawful to chase or capture wild horses on any private land or leased tracts without first obtaining permission from the landowner or lessee.

### **SAFETY ZONES:**

The Authorized Officer or his designee may post selected areas as safety zones. No chase or capture activity is allowed behind or within such areas. Designated Safety Zone areas shall be posted with "Safety Zone" signs. Other areas such as homesites, businesses, or public recreation areas shall be designated as Safety Zones. All Safety Zones are precautionary areas to ensure public safety. Violators will be prosecuted.

### **ROAD CLOSURES:**

It is unlawful to operate a motorized vehicle on any road or trail where motorized vehicle use is prohibited. Road closures may be by sign, gate, or other physical barrier and it shall be unlawful to tear down, deface, damage, or otherwise destroy signs, gates, or other devices used to close roads and trails. These regulations do not restrict administrative use of motorized vehicles by authorized personnel on roads or trails that are closed for administrative purposes.

### **REWARDS FOR CONVICTION OF POACHERS:**

The Natural Resource Officer shall from time to time, as needed, offer rewards for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of a person(s) involved in the poaching or mishandling of wild horses. Notices of violations and the reward amounts will be posted when applicable.

## **2016-2017**

### **Season, Methods and Limit Regulations**

#### **CHASE AND CAPTURE SEASON:**

The 2016-2017 chase and capture season for wild horse capture shall be open December 1 2016 – February 29, 2017 reservation wide and June 1 – November 30, 2017 reservation wide. The season is closed March 1 thru May 31, 2017.

#### **METHODS OF CHASE AND CAPTURE:**

Wild horses may be chased or captured by persons on horseback or on foot. Use of any motorized vehicles for the chase or capture of wild horses is strictly prohibited. Horses may be captured by hand thrown lasso, baited or driven into a temporary enclosure. Temporary enclosures must be removed at the end of the season, a final inspection will be done to ensure all items are removed, call one of the individuals listed on the next page. All other methods of capture, such as snares, are strictly prohibited. Violators will be prosecuted.

#### **CAPTURE LIMIT:**

During the 2016-2017 capture season permit holders may capture an unlimited number of wild free roaming horses. If a mare is captured and accompanied by a foal, then the foal must be captured as well.

#### **MOUNT TOLMAN AREA:**

The area surrounding the Mount Tolman is closed to all motorized vehicle access by all persons (except those specifically authorized to be in the area). However, the area shall be open to foot or horseback traffic for the purpose of chasing and capturing wild horses.

It shall be unlawful for any person to chase or capture within one-quarter (1/4) mile of Mount Tolman offices or any other buildings within the project area. Unauthorized use of a motorized vehicle within this area shall constitute unlawful trespass. Violators will be prosecuted.

#### **Disposition of Captured Horses:**

All horses captured are to be held by the permittee until inspected by the Range Department. The permittee will contact the Range Department and arrange for inspection of the animals captured. Range Department staff will inspect captured horses for brands or other marks of ownership (claimed horse).

Any claimed horse with a recorded brand, tattoo or mark of ownership on the Range between November 30<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup> is in violation of the CCT codes, Chapter 4-11, Rangeland Management Code and is subject to citation and impoundment. Range staff will remove and hold claimed horses. Foals with branded, tattooed or otherwise marked mares are considered claimed.

Unclaimed horses (those horses without brands, tattoos or other marks of ownership) captured by the permittee become the property of the permittee. The Permittee may remove unclaimed captured horses to their private or leased property or sell horses to other interested parties. As stated above all horses are to be inspected and moving permits issued by the Range Department will be required to move horses.

In the event the permittee captures unclaimed horses that do not meet the permittees needs or is in excess of the permittees needs the permittee will contact the Range Department for instructions. The Range Department may opt to take possession of the horses.

#### **INSPECTION OF CAPTURED HORSES:**

All horses **must** be inspected by the Range Department within 72 hours of capture, a courtesy call to inform the program of when and where you will be chasing **before** you start would be appreciated, please contact one of the following individuals to arrange inspections:

Mathew Pakootas	634-2525	631-0276
Roy Leith III	634-2525	322-8131
Ralph Moses	634-2525	631-4250
Eduardo Orozco	634-2525	634-1886

#### **DAMAGES:**

The permittee will repair or replace any improvements damaged as a result of the permittee's activities.

#### **FAILURE TO COMPLY:**

If the permittee fails to comply with permit requirements the permit will be revoked and the permittee will lose wild horse chase and capture privileges for a period of two (2) years.

## Colville Confederated Tribes

Natural Resource Department  
PO Box 150 Nespelem, WA 99155  
Phone: (509) 634-2310

### 2016-2017 WILD HORSE CHASE AND CAPTURE PERMIT

Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Issued: \_\_\_\_\_

This Permit shall allow the following person:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Tribal ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

License plates (Number and state) of vehicles/trailers used in chasing or transporting wild horses:

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This permit authorizes you to chase and capture wild horses pursuant to chapter 4-14, Wild Horses (Resolution 1985-58), enforceable pursuant to chapter 4-1, Fish, Wildlife and Recreation (Resolution 1997-491 and amended 2007-662) of the Colville Tribes Law and Order Code. All of the rules and regulations of this resolution must be adhered to or this permit will be void or cancelled.

The season is closed from **March 1, 2017 to May 31, 2017.**

This Permit is good on the Colville Indian Reservation only. The limit for **this season** is set as unlimited for wild horses under this permit. If a mare is captured and accompanied by a colt, then the colt **must** be captured as well.

Permit Authorized By:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Range Representative

By signing this form I agree to release the Tribes from any liabilities for damages that should occur to vehicles, equipment or any other items owned by myself or others participating in the capture of horses under the terms of this permit. I also agree to release the Tribes from any liabilities such as injury, loss of body parts or death that may occur to myself or others and horses utilized while participating in the capture of horses under the terms of this permit.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Permittee



**Colville Confederated Tribes**  
**Natural Resource Department**  
**Release of Liability**  
**(Wild Horse Chase and Capture Waiver Form)**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, am giving permission for  
Parent

\_\_\_\_\_ to obtain a permit from the  
Minor

Natural Resource Department to participate in the 2016-2017 Wild Horse Chase and Capture Season.

By signing below I hereby release the Colville Confederated Tribes and the Natural Resource Department from liability for any injuries whatsoever that I might receive while participating in the Wild Horse Chase and Capture Season.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Minor Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Range Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date