

Summary of GMU 48 Law Enforcement effort in 2008-09
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The following is a summary of NMGF law enforcement effort in GMU 48 during the 2008-09 hunting season. During this time period seven different officers worked GMU 48. In addition to regular patrols we conducted an aerial night patrol, setup several roadblocks and ran several artificial wildlife operations. Several reports of violation were also responded to. A breakdown of this effort and its' results are listed below.

- 67 different visits
- 412 total hours spent in GMU 48
- 175 contacts made
- 1 Roadblock operation
- 5 Artificial wildlife operations
- 26 citations or court summons were written to 17 individuals by five Game and Fish Officers. The citations were:
 - 2 Criminal trespass
 - 1 Driving off established road by a licensed hunter
 - 1 Hunting elk in wrong unit
 - 1 Failure to legally tag elk
 - 1 Waste of game
 - 2 Hunting with aid of artificial light
 - 1 Hunting furbearer without a license
 - 12 Operating OHV without registration
 - 1 Littering
 - 1 Warning for Hunting cougar without a Habitat Management Access Validation Stamp
 - 3 Warnings for Hunting elk without a Habitat Management Access Validation Stamp

Summary of UU Bar Ranch Reports of Violation and Ranch Contacts:

1. In January 2008 UU Bar hunter called Officer Jackson to turn himself in for shooting a spike elk during a cow elk hunt.
2. On August 24, 2008 9:30 a.m. Mike Hobbs of UU Bar Ranch called Officer Coburn to report his wife had seen someone spotlighting at 4:30 a.m. that morning. Mr. Hobbs said no dead animals were found on the ranch. Officer Coburn responded to area and investigation found no evidence of violation.
3. On October 18, 2008 criminal trespass was detected by Officer Jackson near the Spruce hill area. Investigation yielded four citations written by

Officer Jackson; two criminal trespass, one hunting elk in wrong unit and one driving off road.

4. October 10, 2008, Officer Coburn received phone call from UU Bar Ranch employee Steve Boyce about a possible criminal trespass near the Sweetwater Gate. Investigation found no trespasser.
5. October 11, 2008 Steve Boyce of UU Bar Ranch called Officer Coburn in reference to the gate at the head of Prospect Canyon being damaged. Officer Coburn responded and found that the bottom hinge of the gate was broken.

Summary of Stanley Ranch Reports of Violation and Ranch Contacts:

1. In September 2008 David Stanley spoke with Lief Ahlm about the theft of fencing materials near Graham Lake. Mr. Stanley could not provide a date of when the theft occurred. Mr. Stanley also talked about off road driving north of Graham Lake where people drive around deep ruts and a muddy bog.
2. In September 2008 David Stanley called Game and Fish dispatch to report trespassers near Salt Lake, north of Ocate, NM. Officers Coburn and Jackson responded and contacted four individuals who had crossed Stanley's property through property that was not properly posted. Officers Coburn and Jackson asked the four individuals to leave and they complied.
3. In September 2008 Officer Jackson received a call from one of David Stanley's hunters reporting a trespasser. Officer Jackson responded and after talking with the hunter, the hunter said he "heard a bugle in the tree line and stepped out into the meadow and yelled for the hunter to come out because the bugle did not sound like an elk."
4. In September 2008 Officer Coburn was contacted by a sportsman who regularly hunts GMU 48. The sportsman and several from his group were willing to assist Mr. Stanley and Game and Fish in fence mending and posting of Mr. Stanley's property. Officer Coburn contacted Mr. Stanley to setup a meeting with the sportsmen and Mr. Stanley rejected the meeting saying it was too late in the season to do anything.
5. On October 3, 2008 Stanley hunters contacted Officer Coburn about a possibly poached bull elk near Cerrito Pelon area on Stanley's private land. The reporting party said they believed it was killed the day before the season. Investigation determined that the bull elk could have been legally killed during previous hunt and the area it was killed in is not legally posted.

6. On November 19, 2008 in response to continued theft and damage to Game and Fish Open Gate signs and David Stanley's no trespassing signs, the Department set up surveillance equipment at two separate locations near Rose Lake and Red Lake. DGF officers also talked with one of Stanley Ranch hands, Mr. Tim Williams, and asked about any problems they had. Mr. Williams said it was pretty quiet and not any problems he knew of.
7. On November 25, 2008 Officer Coburn found one department open gate sign to be missing and both camera setups missing. Officer Coburn was unable to find any evidence. Total cost of equipment was approximately \$1,200.00. A theft report was filed with NM State Police.
8. On December 1, 2008 Officer Jackson and Officer Coburn set up another camera and posted a new sign near Rose Lake. The sign was later taken along with the activation sensor for the video camera.
9. On December 13, 2008 Andrew Urioste, a guide for Stanley, called Officer Coburn to report his hunter killed a spike elk during a bull elk hunt. Officer Coburn met with Urioste and the hunter and seized the spike elk. Officer Coburn asked if Mr. Urioste was aware of any problems on the Stanley property and Mr. Urioste said he was unaware of any problems.

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Activity	Type P or U	# VISITS	TOTAL HOURS	TOTAL CONTACTS	TOTAL CITATIONS
District Patrol	u	18	116	6	2
Night Patrol	u	9	28.5	3	0
Hunt Patrol	u	18	160	149	19
Roadblock	u	2	4	14	0
Decoy	u	13	64.5	5	5
Aerial Night Op	u	2	8	0	0
ROV Invest'n	u	2	10	0	0
OGT Invest'n	u	0	0	0	0
LO Contact	u	0	0	0	0
Other		6	45	0	0
		1	3	0	0
District Patrol	p	0	0	0	0
Night Patrol	p	0	0	0	0
Hunt Patrol	p	0	0	0	0
Roadblock	p	0	0	0	0
Decoy	p	0	0	0	0
Aerial Night Op	p	0	0	0	0
ROV Invest'n	p	0	0	0	0
OGT Invest'n	p	0	0	0	0
LO Contact	p	0	0	0	0
		71	439	177	26

*Other includes access issues and open gate issues.

Summary of New Mexico Department of Game and Fish law enforcement effort in GMU 48 for license years 2006-2008.

		2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	Totals
NMGF LE Effort	Visits to GMU 48	78	63	71	212
	Hours law enforcement	425.5	374	439	1238.5
	Contacts made	224	290	177	691
# persons cited		not reported	23	17	n/a
Criminal charges	Criminal trespass	8	3	2	13
	Criminal damage property		2		2
	Littering			1	1
Chapter 17 Citations	Hunting in wrong unit	1	7	1	9
	Unlawful poss big game		1		1
	Unlawful kill big game		1		1
	Spotlighting			2	2
	Poss parts found	1	3		4
	Exceed bag limit big game	1	1		2
	Failure to tag	1	1	1	3
	Hunting w/o license	2	1	1	4
	Shoot f/ road		1		1
	Waste of game			1	1
	Driving off road	2	7	1	10
	No HMAV		1	4	5
	Kill sow bear w/cubs	1			1
	Proof of sex (warning)	1			1
	Negligent use firearm		1		1
Hunting on revocation		1		1	
OHV violations	No registration	1	2	12	15
	Oper on private property		2		
	<i>Total Hunting Citations</i>	18	31	14	63
	Total citations / summons	19	35	26	80