

Safety tips for hunting season

Posted Oct. 21—Hunting season is already underway for bow, moose, and bear hunters, but rifle season for deer and elk opens next weekend, October 25th, and runs through the end of November. That means there will soon be a lot more hunters on the North Fork, including local residents, folks from around the state, and out of state hunters. We recommend contacting the North Fork Patrol for advice on the best ways to mark your property against trespassing (see the **Contact page** for more information on the North Fork Patrol).

Be sure to always wear orange when you go out hiking, even if you don't plan to leave the main road. And it's a good idea to get an orange vest for your dogs, too! (Just make sure the girth is snug and doesn't ride too far back on male dogs – we know of a certain dog who has had some trouble peeing in his orange suit...)

For you hunters, please be considerate of others in the woods, pay attention to private property signage, and don't leave gut piles or other attractants where they could attract bears and endanger your neighbors.

Stay safe, everybody!