

REQUEST FOR ENFORCEMENT

AS STATED IN CHAPTER 20, WEST VIRGINIA CODE, ARTICLE 2, SECTION 7:

- (a) It is unlawful for any person to shoot, hunt, fish or trap upon the fenced, enclosed or posted lands of another person; or to peel trees or timber, build fires or do any other act in connection with shooting, hunting, fishing or trapping on such lands without written permission in his or her possession from the owner, tenant or agent of the owner.
- (b) Any person who hunts, traps or fishes on land without the permission of the owner, tenant or agent of the owner is guilty of a misdemeanor and liable to the owner or person suffering damage for all costs and damages for: (1) Killing or injuring any domestic animal or fowl; (2) cutting, destroying or damaging any bars, gates or fences or any part of the property; or (3) leaving open any bars or gates resulting in damage to the property.
- (c) The owner, tenant or agent of the owner may arrest a person violating this section and immediately take him or her before a magistrate. The owner, tenant or agent of the owner is vested with the powers and rights of a conservation officer for these purposes. The officers charged with the enforcement of the provisions of this chapter shall enforce the provisions of this section if requested to do so by the owner, tenant or agent of the owner, but not otherwise.
- (d) The provisions of subsections (b) and (c) of this section related to criminal penalties and being subject to arrest are inapplicable to a person whose dog, without the person's direction or encouragement, travels onto the fenced, enclosed or posted land of another in pursuit of an animal or wild bird: *Provided*, That the pursuit does not result in the taking of game from the fenced, enclosed or posted land and does not result in the killing of domestic animals or fowl or other damage to or on the fenced, enclosed or posted land.

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

- MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY.** I request that any West Virginia officer authorized to enforce the above quoted provisions arrest any person found on my property who does not have written permission from me.
- SUNDAY HUNTING.** Sunday hunting on private property was passed by the Legislature and became effective on July 13, 2001. Sunday hunting on private property is currently open unless the county closes the season on Sunday. Therefore, I request that this provision of the law be enforced on my property.

I WILL SUPPORT ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER IN ANY COURT PROCEEDING FOR ANY PERSON ARRESTED ON MY PROPERTY.

LANDOWNER (*Please print*)

LANDOWNER'S SIGNATURE

DATE

ADDRESS

COUNTY

TELEPHONE

Property Description: _____

PLEASE ATTACH MAP OF PROPERTY BOUNDARIES. Landowner needs to place name on all posted signs along with a large black dot in the upper right hand corner of the sign. This marking helps the officer know that the landowner has requested to have the hunting/fishing without written permission provision of the WV Code enforced.

Return completed form to the nearest DNR Law Enforcement Office listed below:

P.O. Box 99
Farmington WV 26571
Phone: 825-6787

#1 Depot Street
Romney WV 26757
Phone: 822-3551

P.O. Box 67
Elkins WV 26241
Phone: 637-0245

2006 Robert C. Byrd Drive
Beckley WV 25801-8320
Phone: 256-6945

4300 First Avenue
Nitro WV 25143
Phone: 759-0703

2311 Ohio Avenue
Parkersburg WV 26101
Phone: 420-4550

**TO REPORT VIOLATIONS DURING REGULAR HOURS OR TO SPEAK WITH A
CONSERVATION OFFICER, CALL THE NEAREST DNR DISTRICT OFFICE**