

THAL RANCH LLC

NOTICE TO HUNTERS

LEAD-FREE AMMUNITION ONLY - 2018 HUNTING SEASON

Lead bullet fragments left in elk and deer remains by hunters are killing Golden Eagles in our region, significantly reducing their population. Lead poisoning is a leading cause of death for both Golden and Bald Eagles in the United States, and for other eagles and large raptors around the world. For more information see this personal story written by Doug Thal: <http://horsesidevetguide.com/Save+Golden+Eagles+with+Lead+Free+Bullets>

It is very important to us to preserve this noble symbol of wilderness, (and the other wildlife affected by lead) so future generations can have the privilege of seeing them in the wild.

For this reason, starting with the 2018 season, we are now requiring all hunters to use ONLY certified lead-free ammunition when hunting on this property.

Lead-free ammunition has come a long way, is made by most major bullet manufacturers and is readily available for any caliber. Here is a list of manufacturers of certified lead-free ammunition: <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/hunting/nonlead-ammunition/certified>



Dr. Doug Thal, veterinarian, at the Thal Ranch located in Northern New Mexico. This lead-poisoned Golden Eagle died later that night. November 2017. Read about this tragedy [here](#).

Lead-free bullets have comparable ballistics and killing power to lead bullets. The cost of lead-free bullets is slightly more. However, we believe this is a small additional price to pay for the preservation of our natural resources.

We want you to have a quality hunting experience here, and we appreciate your cooperation with this new rule. We recommend you research and practice with alternative ammunitions and are confident with them before arriving for your hunt.

For more information, please contact us.

Sincerely,

Doug Thal DVM DABVP of Thal Ranch