

Message From Marsha

Computer Assisted Remote Hunting

“Hunters” a continent away have an opportunity to shoot down wildlife with the click of a mouse!

The Rogue Pundit on March 11, 2005 reported that a San Antonio, Texas rancher was providing Internet target practice and live internet hunting for individuals who possess a Texas hunting license. This Texas ranch offers big game hunting that includes barbary, corsican and mouflon sheep, blackbuck antelope, wild hogs, and antelopes. When an unsuspecting animal wanders into view, someone a continent away with a mouse click can fire the gun and shoot the animal.

This new type of computer phenomenon is called computer-assisted remote hunting. This type of hunting uses a computer or any other device, equipment or software that is used to remotely control the aiming and discharge of a weapon including a firearm or archery equipment at wildlife, while the person engaged in the action is not physically present or in the immediate vicinity of the wildlife.

This is a practice that Colorado citizens will NOT tolerate. This year the Division of Wildlife with the support of many sportsmen organizations asked for a prohibition on this type of hunting in Colorado. I proudly co-sponsored House Bill 1200, a bill that will prohibit computer-assisted remote wildlife hunting in Colorado!

HB1200 states, if a person remotely controls a computer based weapon or establishes a computer – assisted remote-control hunting facility they will be in prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. This type of violation would be a misdemeanor offense that is punished as follows;

First Offense:

Fine between \$1,000 and \$10,000 and 20 hunting license points;

Subsequent Offenses:

Fine of between \$10,000 and \$100,000; or

Up to 1 year imprisonment in a county jail; or

A combination of a fine and imprisonment; and

Possible suspension of wildlife privileges from 1 year to a person’s lifetime.

Colorado citizens appreciate the beauty and importance of Colorado’s wildlife. We welcome hunters from all over the world! Our restaurants, lodges and travel establishments appreciate the business and look forward to seeing the sportsmen and women from other areas of the state and world! Colorado is home to some of the most outstanding wildlife on the planet. Wildlife that can only be appreciated by experiencing first hand!

If you are interested in additional information regarding the Colorado Division of Wildlife refer to the Division website at <http://wildlife.state.co.us>. If you have any questions or comments about this or any other issue, please contact me at MarshaLooper@gmail.com, or call me at 238-5600. For additional information visit WWW.GOMARSHA.ORG. Thank you for the privilege of serving you!

-Marsha Looper