

**FERAL GOAT, SHEEP, AND PIG HUNTS
ANNOUNCED FOR THE PU'U WA'AWA'A FOREST RESERVE AND
PU'U ANAHULU GAME MANAGEMENT AREA**

HILO — The Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW) announces the opening of the hunting season in the Pu'u Wa'awa'a Forest Reserve (PWW) Youth and Disabled Hunt, Makai Muzzleloader Hunt, and the Pu'u Anahulu Game Management Area Makai Muzzleloader Hunt, pursuant to Title 13, Chapter 123, "Rules Regulating Game Mammal Hunting," and [HRS § 183D-3\(b\), Adaptive Management Authority](#).

The **SPECIAL YOUTH AND DISABLED HUNT** will be open in the Safety Zone above the Pu'u Lani subdivision and the Pu'u Wa'awa'a Mauka Safety Zone on weekends and State holidays for the month of August 2026. Only youth (children who are 15 years of age or younger) and disabled hunters (hunters who possess the [Disabled Hunter's Vehicle-Use Permit](#) ONLY) may hunt in this area. Only one adult licensed hunter may accompany each youth hunter, and one licensed, non-hunting assistant may accompany each disabled hunter. The season bag limit for this hunt is three (3) non-typical rams and one (1) typical ram per hunter.

The **PU'U WA'AWA'A MAKAI AND PU'U ANAHULU MAKAI MUZZLELOADER** (West of Highway 190) seasons will take place from the first Friday of September to the last Sunday of October 2026. Open hunting days will be Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and State holidays that fall within that period (e.g., September 7, 2026; Labor Day). The bag limit for each hunt is two (2) pigs, two (2) goats, and one (1) non-typical ram per hunter per day. There is no season limit for pigs and goats. The daily bag limit of one (1) non-typical ram is also the season limit. These are separate hunting areas. Consequently, the bag limits apply to each hunting area individually.

Hunters will need to purchase 2026 ram tags (for the Youth and Disabled Hunt, ONLY) and 2026 non-typical ram tags (for all 3 hunts) to legally hunt these species in these areas. Tags may be purchased [online](#), at the Division of Forestry and Wildlife office in Hilo, or at the PWW Hunter Check Station during the Youth and Disabled Hunt, ONLY. Exact change of \$10/tag (resident hunters) and \$25/tag (non-resident hunters) is required when purchasing tags at the hunter check station. The harvest tags will be non-transferable and non-refundable and must be placed through the hind leg of the animal immediately after each kill, and remain tagged until the hunter checks out of the hunting area and arrives home or to their final destination. Deboning and skinning will be allowed. The tail and genitalia of harvested animals must remain attached for species and sex identification purposes.

Hunters are to check in at the Pu'u Wa'awa'a check station beginning at 5 a.m. the day of the hunt and must be checked out by 7:45 p.m. Hunters may also use the two check stations near Highway 190 and/or the OuterSpatial app to check in and out of the hunting area. There will be NO CAMPING allowed in the hunting area on any night before or during the hunt.

Further information may be obtained by contacting the DOFAW Offices:

Hilo: (808) 974-422

Waimea: 808-887-6063

Main office (O'ahu): 808-587-0166

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RESOURCES

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Explore Outdoor Hawai'i: <https://outdoor.hawaii.gov/>

Hunting information: <http://dlnr.hawaii.gov/recreation/hunting>

Purchase hunting tags: <https://gohunthawaii.ehawaii.gov/public/tags>.

Hawai'i Island – 04/02/2026 Adaptive Management Rule Change:

<https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/recreation/files/2026/04/Exhibit-View-Notice-AMRC-2026-3.pdf>