

BRANCH RIVER AIR SERVICE

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Branch River Air Service offers **unguided hunts** for Moose and Caribou on the Alaska Peninsula and in the Mulchatna area originating from our base of operations in King Salmon, Alaska. Each of these areas has its own unique landscape and habitat for these animals. The Dept. of Fish and Game has divided these areas into Game Management Units (GMU) #'s 9 and 17. Each of these have sub units with different regulations. Please be sure to review these prior to your departure on a hunt. It is your responsibility as a hunter and visitor to become familiar with the rules and regulations for hunting and visiting these areas. Hunters are required to have reviewed the video on meat care and moose hunting prior to transportation to the field. Information about the **hunter orientation** and hunting rules in Alaska areas can be obtained from the following agencies:

Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game	(907) 246-3340
Becharof & Alaska Peninsula NWR	(907) 246-3339
Katmai National Preserve	(907) 246-3305

There are rules regarding storage of food, disposing of human waste, disposing of garbage and refuse, use of resources such as wood and water, and other useful tips about camping and hunting in and around Alaska's Federal, State, and Native Lands. Many of the Federal lands available to hunters are monitored by these agencies to insure that proper care of sites is being taken by the hunter. Protection Officers are in surveillance of all hunting sites and will occasionally drop in to check licenses and tags and to insure that all laws are being abided by. Native Lands are private and may be monitored for fees and trespass. Some Native Lands require a fee to access.

A rule of thumb is to bury human waste 200 feet away from water sources (bring a small shovel), burn all burnable items except food, and bring all other refuse and garbage out with you when you leave. If you are in bear country, you should become familiar with bear/human interaction methods. National Park Service has flyers for proper actions of humans in bear country. Food should be stored either 10 feet high in a tree, or in an impact resistant, **bear resistant food container**. These containers (BRFC's) are available from Branch River Air. (8 to 12 gal. barrels)

It is important to remember that it is illegal to shoot a big game animal same day airborne. It is also required by law that all meat be transported to the pick up site, the location you were let out at, before the horns are brought in. All meat should be recovered and stored properly to insure that it does not spoil before being transported back to King Salmon From your hunt site. If you do not wish to transport your meat back home with you, remember that there are many people in the King Salmon Area that would gladly take your meat, however it must be in good condition and fit for human consumption. It is recommended that you do not bone the meat from the quarters until you are ready to *box the meat for shipping home*. All other neck meat and rib meat should be cut away and placed in meat bags and kept cool and dry. Pepper works great for keeping bugs from spoiling meat. It is tough at times to keep meat from spoiling due to warm temperatures and lots of rain and wind. Check flights are recommended and should be arranged prior to your departure. However, a good effort by you, the hunter, is appreciated by all of us as recipients of your efforts in the field. There are shipping boxes available in King Salmon to pack meat in for shipping and freezing. There is freezing available in King Salmon for a small fee. Processing is available in Anchorage at several locations.

If you need information on Flights or travel arrangements contact Alaska Wilderness Travel, 1-800-544-2236 in Anchorage, for the best deals to and from Alaska and the Lower 48 States. Be sure to mention Branch River Air Service to get the best possible rates to King Salmon from Anchorage. If you need accommodations in the Anchorage Area contact the Travel Agency mentioned for best rates and availability. There are many Bed and Breakfast operators in Anchorage.

Accommodations in King Salmon can be arranged by calling one of the following:

Quinnat Landing Hotel

(907) 561-2310 or 246-3000

King Ko Inn	(907) 258-0648 or 246-3377
Ponderosa Inn	(907) 246-3360 or 246-3444
Antlers Inn	(907) 246-8525
Eagle Bluff Lodge	(907) 246-4464
Bear Trail Lodge	(907) 246-2327

If you intend to book a hunt with Branch River Air Service you will need to submit a 30% deposit along with the Deposit and Itinerary Form and review the Hunter Information Sheet. Please call or write for these Forms if you do not already have them. All changes to deposit and itinerary shall be in writing. All hunts are booked on a first-deposit -in priority basis for flight scheduling.

If you require the services of a guide or do not wish to do an unguided hunt, then you should contact a guide for prices and availability of the type hunt you desire. Currently, non Alaska residents are by law required to obtain the services of a guide for hunting and taking Brown Bear, Goats and Sheep. Non residents may hunt Caribou and Moose without the assistance of a guide. I have, for your reference, listed several guides that operate in my area for you to contact should you decide that a guided hunt is best for you.

Joe Klutsch	(907) 246-3030
Butch Hautenen	(907) 243-5683
Gus Lamoreaux	1-800-437-2474
David Flynn	(907) 349-5752
Jim Hodge	907 349-0520

All of the above guide operators have good facilities and areas to hunt and can offer the hunter a good Alaskan hunting experience. Please mention Branch River Air upon contacting these guides as your point of reference.

Reservations - Call or write and request the Deposit and Itinerary Form and the Hunters General Information Sheet. We require a 30% deposit per person for the amount of the total package price within 14 days of booking to confirm reservations. Reservations will not be held without confirming the deposit. The balance is due 60 days prior to travel. Cancellations will be refunded in full prior to June 1; after June 1 refunds will only be given if available space has been sold.

Liability and Responsibility - Branch River Air is operated by Hartley, Inc. an Alaskan Corporation. Branch River Air and Hartley, Inc. reserves the right to cancel or alter any itinerary as *current conditions require*. Branch River Air and Hartley, Inc will not be responsible for any expense due to delays or cancellations of transportation services or any increase in transportation or accommodation rates. All rates are subject to change without notice. Branch River Air and Hartley, Inc. will not be responsible or liable for any loss, damage, or injury to participants or personal property or for any cancellation expenses or delays incurred as a result of weather, transportation, or acts of God (Animal Migrations and population densities). Due to the extreme weather conditions associated with the Alaska Peninsula and the South West region of Alaska we recommend the best outdoor gear and clothing you can afford. Travel insurance is recommended.

Remember to pack light and abide by all transportation rules regarding Hazardous materials. Branch River Air Service looks forward to helping you achieve your transportation needs while in pursuit of your hunting goals. Call or write for details about hunting in South West Alaska.

Check out **Chris Batin's** award winning do it yourself hunting books and periodicals at www.alaskahunter.com and send for a free copy of The Alaska Hunter Journal and information about the Alaska Hunter Information Service by e-mailing Chris at cbatin@alaskahunter.com. The Alaska Hunter has information necessary for hunters to plan successful do it yourself Alaska hunts.