

PETA urging people to break the law?

Courtesy of the U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance. There was no denying that PETA opposes hunting. Now the animal rights group also is on record urging people to violate laws-make that hunter harassment laws.

In an October 9, 2012, blog posting, PETA urges its minions to: "Help counter the cruelty of hunting in your area: Post "No Hunting" signs on your land and that of sympathetic neighbors and friends, join or form a local anti-hunting group, protest organized hunts, and spread deer repellent or human hair (from barber shops) near hunting areas. Also, before supporting any wildlife or conservation group, make sure that it opposes hunting."

Fortunately for hunters, these tactics constitute hunter harassment, a practice that is illegal in all fifty states and also on federal land. The U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance (USSA) championed the enactment of these laws during the 1980's and 1990's in response to a campaign entitled "Hints for Hunt Saboteurs" by the anti-hunting organization, Friends of Animals. The Sportsmen's Alliance also helped defend state hunter harassment laws in both Iowa and New Jersey courts when challenged by

the anti-hunting lobby. The result has been protection for American sportsmen and women from the exact sort of thing being promoted by PETA.

"It may be hunter harassment in itself for PETA to be encouraging others to break the law," observed USSA president and CEO, Bud Pidgeon. "If indeed there are foolish people out there who follow the PETA directive to harass hunters, I would not be surprised to see the authors of this article charged as well as the perpetrators."

Hunters encountering protestors, deer repellents broadcast or other items placed in their hunting areas to keep deer away should immediately contact their local Conservation Officer (game warden) or local sheriff's department and report the violation. When possible, take photographs of protestors, their vehicles, and their activities.

Full details on PETA's plans are on their website at: <http://www.peta.org/b/thepetafiles/archive/2012/10/09/looking-at-a-hunter-s-heart-of-darkness.aspx>



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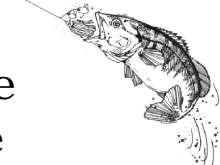
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