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LPEA supports Durango Gun Club “Sight-in Days”

Co-op helps cover costs for hunters preparing firearms for the season

DURANGO, Colo. – In an effort to both assist hunters and protect valuable electrical equipment, La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) will resume its underwriting support of “Sight-in Days” at the Durango Gun Club Outdoor Range, Thursdays and Fridays, Oct 8-9, 15-16, and 29-30, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

During Sight-in Days, the Durango Gun Club on La Posta Road is open to the general public/hunters for rifle scope sighting, and hunters are encouraged to take advantage of the controlled environment to prepare their firearms for the season. LPEA has contributed \$500 to cover costs incurred by the club for the Sight-in Days. In past years, some 500-600 hunters have taken advantage of the complimentary service.

“At LPEA, we realize that hunting deer and elk is a tradition in this part of the country, and we know hunters need to sight their rifle scopes in preparation,” said Justin Talbot, LPEA manager of operations. “It’s to everyone’s benefit that hunters not take aim at expensive electrical equipment. Just like an animal, when you shoot it, it stops functioning, and your neighbors’ electricity will be automatically shut off.”

Durango Gun Club staff, plus volunteer club members, will be on hand during the special Sight-in Days to answer questions, provide assistance and do minor firearms repair. Donations to the club are welcomed, but no payment is required.

“We really want to help discourage sighting scopes in uncontrolled environments,” added Talbot. “Taking aim at LPEA equipment is vandalism. Beyond the expense and inconvenience to our customers if an outage occurs, repair requires dangerous work by our LPEA crews to get everyone back in power.”

The Durango Gun Club’s outdoor range is located on CR 213 (La Posta Road). For further information, contact Joseph Perino, Durango Gun Club secretary/treasurer, 970.749.3453.

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