

Attention Hunters!

Lead can be deadly to wildlife even in very small amounts.

Bullet fragments and residue in gut piles, discarded meat and lost game is a major source of lead poisoning for scavenging wildlife. Endangered California condors, golden eagles, bald eagles and many other bird species are extremely vulnerable. Mammal scavengers like coyotes, foxes, badgers and smaller species are also at risk. When lead-contaminated meat is eaten by scavenging wildlife, their digestive tract becomes paralyzed and they starve to death.

You Can Help

Protect our wildlife from unintended lead poisoning by taking these simple steps:

- 1) Bury gut piles and trimmings to a depth and in a location that will discourage scavengers.**
- 2) Use bullets that do not leave lead residue. Products currently available include PMC-El Dorado ammunition copperX-Bullets and the Winchester Supreme Fail Safe Bullet. Check with your ammunition supplier for the latest products.**

For more information on this topic, contact your local office of the USDA Forest Service, the US Fish and Wildlife Service, or the California Department of Fish and Game. Visit the Ventana Wilderness Society website at www.VentanaWS.org.

Thanks for doing your part to protect our wildlife.



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