



## **SHARPSHOOTING PROTOCOL**

Subsequent to a decision by the landowner/s and the state wildlife management agency to implement a controlled deer reduction using White Buffalo Inc., the following procedures are used:

- 1) Prior to initiating any field activities the target area/s and surrounding properties are thoroughly surveyed using digital aerial images followed by field confirmation. By knowing the location of every occupied structure and areas of human use we are better able to work safely, discretely, and efficiently;
- 2) Bait sites are selected with the involvement of the landowner/s and the cooperating state agency. Each site is selected based on safety concerns and deer activity;
- 3) We conduct field operations during hours of lowest human activity. In addition, during the removal operation we search intensively for people and non-target animals to avoid mishaps;
- 4) Deer of all ages and sexes are harvested, however, adult does are prioritized. Deer are shot from a vehicle with a rifle during the night with the aid of spotlights. Some deer are shot over bait from a tree stand with a rifle during the day or at night. Night-vision equipment and suppressed firearms (only in states where they are legal to possess) are used to expedite field procedures and to ensure discrete operations;
- 5) During suburban deer reductions there will be continuous open communication between community members, municipality officials, and White Buffalo Inc. to keep people well informed regarding field activities to avoid conflicts;
- 6) When in doubt, never shoot;
- 7) All deer carcasses are transported and dressed with the highest degree of discretion;
- 8) When desired, we are willing to be responsible for the disposal of all by-products and transport of deer carcasses to a USDA inspected facility for processing and subsequent donation to the needy.