



SHARE & LOAN AGREEMENT

This Mobile Tannery Share & Loan Agreement (the "Agreement") is entered into by and between The Rugged Ranger Mobile Tannery ("Lender") and the undersigned borrowing farm, ranch, or individual ("Borrower").

1. Purpose of Loan & Usage Restrictions

The Rugged Ranger is a shared-use, mobile natural hide-tanning facility built into a converted livestock trailer.

Permitted Use: The trailer and its equipment shall be used strictly for traditional, natural, and bark-tanning methods (utilizing natural tannins such as chestnut, mimosa, oak bark, and other plant-based materials).

Prohibited Use: The use of synthetic chromium (chrome tanning), harsh synthetic acids, heavy metals, or any hazardous chemical contaminants inside or around the mobile unit is strictly prohibited. The facility shall not be used for any purpose other than processing hides and educational instruction as approved by the Lender.

2. Loan Period, Delivery, and Return

Term: The equipment is loaned for the specific dates outlined in the reservation schedule.

Condition upon Return: Borrower agrees to return the mobile tannery on the designated return date, fully cleaned and sanitized according to the Return & Cleaning Protocols (Section 4).

3. Liability & Indemnification

Assumption of Risk: Borrower acknowledges that hide processing and transporting a heavy livestock trailer involve inherent risks. Borrower assumes all risk of loss, damage, or injury to persons or property arising from the possession, towing, operation, or use of the mobile tannery during the loan period.

Indemnification: Borrower agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Lender, its operators, and grant administrators from any and all claims, liabilities, losses, damages, demands, actions, or causes of action (including reasonable attorney's fees) arising out of or related to the Borrower's use, transportation, or operation of the trailer, equipment, or facility.

4. Return Standards & Cleaning Protocols

To maintain a safe, organic, and biosecure environment for all participating regional farms, the Borrower must execute the following deep-clean protocol prior to returning the unit:

Debris Removal: Thoroughly scrape, shovel, and remove all physical hide scraps, flesh, hair, and raw organic waste from the trailer interior.

Equipment Wash Down: Pressure wash and scrub all scraping beams, fleshing tools, processing vats, and floors using approved eco-friendly, biodegradable sanitizers. No residual animal matter or pooling wastewater may remain.

Tannin Management: Empty and safely dispose of spent natural tannin liquors in accordance with local agricultural wastewater guidelines. Vats must be thoroughly rinsed.

Inspection: The trailer must be completely dry, odor-controlled, and organized back to its original layout before transport back to the Lender. A \$200 cleaning fee will be assessed if the unit fails visual inspection upon return.

Borrower Signature: _____ Date: _____

TOWING REQUIREMENTS & SAFETY MANDATES

Because The Rugged Ranger is built into a heavy, repurposed livestock trailer containing heavy processing equipment and liquids, strict towing guidelines must be enforced to ensure highway safety and protect the asset.

1. Driver Qualifications & Prerequisites

Before a trailer is hitched or moved, the designated driver must meet the following criteria:

Experience: The driver must possess a valid, clean driver's license and have a minimum of two (2) years of verified experience towing heavy trailers or livestock trailers.

Insurance Verification: The Borrower must provide proof of a valid commercial or farm auto insurance policy with a liability limit that explicitly covers towed trailers up to the gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of the mobile tannery. A copy of the insurance card must be kept on file with the Lender before departure.

2. Vehicle & Hitch Specifications

The towing vehicle provided by the Borrower must meet the mechanical demands of safely hauling the mobile unit:

Tow Vehicle Rating: The truck must be a minimum of a 3/4-ton rating (e.g., Class 2b/3 truck such as a 2500/F-250 or higher) with an electronic brake controller installed and fully functional.

Coupler & Ball Size: The trailer uses a standard 2 inch coupler. The hitch ball must perfectly match this dimension, be rated for the trailer's weight, and be securely torqued.

Weight Distribution: If required by the configuration, a weight-distribution hitch with sway control must be utilized.

3. Cargo Stabilization Mandates

Before moving the trailer even a short distance on or off-road, the driver must verify internal cargo security:

Liquid Control: All processing vats, soaking barrels, and liquid containers must be completely emptied or securely sealed with watertight lids to prevent liquid sloshing.

Heavy Equipment Tie-Downs: All heavy tools, fleshing beams, and educational materials must be strapped down flat using heavy-duty ratchet straps attached to the trailer's structural D-rings.

Pre-Journey Checklist

Mechanical & Structural Walkaround:

- ☐ Coupler: Locked down onto the hitch ball and secured with a safety pin or lock.
- ☐ Safety Chains: Crossed under the trailer tongue in an "X" pattern and securely hooked to the truck frame.
- ☐ Electrical Plug: 7-way cord connected, with a test of running lights, turn signals, and brake lights.
- ☐ Tires & Wheels: Check inflation pressure on all tires (including the spare) and visually inspect for dry rot or loose lug nuts.
- ☐ Brake Controller: Test the trailer's electric brakes using the manual override on the truck dashboard at a low speed before hitting the main road.

Interior Cargo Securing:

- ☐ Fluid Containment: Ensure all processing water, liquid organic tannins, or waste tanks are completely drained or tightly capped to prevent sloshing, which severely destabilizes a trailer during transit.
- ☐ Heavy Tool Lockdown: Verify that pressure washer, fleshing beam, tumbler, and storage bins are ratcheted down tightly to heavy-duty anchor points.
- ☐ Doors & Hatches: Double-check that all internal cupboards, exterior equipment doors, vents, and the main livestock ramp/tailgate are latched and padlocked.

If you have any questions or concerns, **stop immediately** and contact Brittany Duffy at **305-216-4682**. Do not haul the trailer if any part of the load feels **unsafe or unsecured**. Trailer accidents can be fatal- please prioritize safety!