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FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge
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Thomson, Illinois 61285
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Managed Deer Hunts at Lost Mound Unit

Introduction: Two managed deer hunts, one for youth and one for hunters with disabilities, are conducted within designated Closed Areas of the Lost Mound Unit, formerly Savanna Army Depot. These guidelines pertain only to these managed hunts and do not apply to the areas open to public hunting.

Eligible Hunters & Attendants: Both youth and hunters with disabilities must be accompanied by an adult (18 yrs minimum) attendant that is capable of tracking and retrieving deer. Attendants for youth are not allowed to hunt. Attendants for hunters with disabilities are allowed to hunt, must be able-bodied, and cannot be P-2a certified. All required state hunting licenses, stamps, and permits must be obtained from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (ILDNR).

Application Process: Eligible hunters must submit a Lost Mound application to the Refuge office and show proof of age or disability status. Refer to the attached application guidelines.

Random Draw: Applicants names will be entered in a random draw for the 15 hunt sites. Five standby hunters will be drawn in the event of a cancellation. Standbys must attend the mandatory safety orientation to be eligible to hunt. Hunters that did not participate in the 2008 hunt will be given priority.

Mandatory Orientation and Safety Training: All hunters, attendants, and accompanying individuals must attend a **mandatory** orientation and safety training to become familiar with the hunt areas and access restrictions. See attached schedule of training sessions.

Designated Hunt Sites & Shooting Zones: There are 15 hunt sites with designated shooting zones. You must stay within 30 yards of the hunt site markers. Hunters and attendants are not allowed to climb onto the sides or top of the earthen covered buildings (igloos). Climbing tree stands are not allowed in the disabled hunt but are allowed in the youth hunt.

Hunter Check-In and Restricted Hours of Movement: Hunters and attendants are required to register at the River Road gate, upon entry and departure, daily. Hunters and attendants may not scout areas, nor walk or drive roads within the hunt area except to travel to and from their designated hunt site even during the hours of movement. This restriction on travel route is to minimize disturbance to other hunters. Hunters and attendants must travel together (i.e., one cannot leave the hunt site without the other) but may travel in separate vehicles.

Hunters must follow these hours of movement restrictions:

4:00AM – 5:30AM: Hunters must check in at the River Road gate. After registering for the days hunt, hunters are required to go directly to their hunt site along designated routes of travel.

5:30AM - 9:00AM: To prevent hunter disturbance, no entry or departing your hunt site is allowed. Hunters must stay at their designated hunt site even if you harvest a deer.

9:00AM - 2:30PM: Hunters may depart and return to their hunt site using designated routes of travel only. No entry is allowed into the hunt area after 2:30PM.

2:30PM - End of Day: Hunters must stay at their designated hunt site until one-half hour after sunset even if you harvest a deer. Hunters are required to check out at the River Road gate no later than 1 hour after the close of shooting time.

Firearms: During the Youth Hunt, shotguns and muzzleloaders are allowed in accordance with state regulations. Hunters with disabilities may use shotguns, muzzleloaders and handguns in accordance with state regulations. Firearms must be unloaded and cased and/or dismantled at all times while in a vehicle. Archery and crossbow equipment are not allowed.

Blaze Orange & Hunting Blinds: Hunters, attendants and accompanying persons must display blaze orange in accordance with state regulations. Ground “pop up” blinds are encouraged and must display 400 square inches of solid vivid blaze orange material that is securely attached to the uppermost portion of the blind and a substantial amount of orange is visible for 360 degrees.

Cell phones are required: Each hunt site must have available one cell phone. No phones will be provided.

Deer Check Station: All harvested deer must be brought to the Deer Check Station located at the maintenance building. Hunters must also register their deer with the ILDNR by 10PM on the same calendar day the deer was taken by calling the toll-free Deer Harvest Hotline at 1-866-452-4325. You will be given a confirmation number that has to be written on the leg tag attached to the deer.

Waiver of liability: All hunters, attendants and accompanying individuals must sign a waiver of liability.

Permit Revocation: A hunter’s permit may be revoked at any time for violation of these special regulations.

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD): CWD has been confirmed in Illinois and requires hunters to be aware of the regulations regarding transporting deer to or through any other state. To avoid fines and confiscation you must process your deer according to ILDNR guidelines before crossing state lines. A list of local meat processors will be available.

Additional Information: For additional Refuge information, call the Refuge office in Thomson IL at 815-273-2732. For additional state hunting and application information, contact the local ILDNR office or access their website at: www.dnr.state.il.us

GUIDELINES FOR YOUTH HUNTERS

- 1. Youth Hunt Dates:** October 10-11, 2009 which coincides with the Illinois Youth Either Sex Deer Hunt.
- 2. Eligibility Requirements:** Youth must **first apply for and receive a Jo Daviess County Youth Deer Permit** to be eligible to hunt the Lost Mound Unit. Youth must be Illinois residents and not have reached their 16th birthday by the start of the Youth Hunt. All hunters born on or after January 1, 1980 must show proof that they have successfully completed a certified Hunter Safety Education course or show a previous year's hunting license. Youth hunters must be under the immediate control of a parent, guardian or responsible adult that has in their possession a valid Firearm Owners Identification (FOID) Card and is capable of tracking and retrieving deer. Attendants are not allowed to hunt. Youth may be accompanied by one individual in addition to the attendant.
- 3. Jo Daviess County Youth Deer Permit:** Applications for the Jo Daviess County Youth Deer Permit are available only from the ILDNR website at *www.dnr.state.il.us*. The application information will be available in July. For additional information, contact your local ILDNR office or visit the ILDNR website.
- 4. Youth Hunt Fees:** A Jo Daviess County Youth Deer Permit costs \$10.00 payable to the ILDNR. There are no other fees.
- 5. Lost Mound Application:** Applications are available on September 1, 2009. Youth can submit their Lost Mound application to the Refuge office from September 1-24, but no later than 4:00PM on the 24th. The Refuge Office address is 7071 Riverview Road, Thomson IL 61285 and is open Monday-Friday, 7:30AM-4:00PM.
- 6. Random Draw & Hunt Site Assignment:** All eligible youth applications will be entered into a random draw on September 25 at 10:00AM at the Refuge office. The random draw will also determine the hunt site assigned to each youth. A list of 5 standby youth hunters will be drawn to fill any sites that are turned down. Standbys must attend the safety orientation to be eligible to hunt. Applicants that did not hunt in 2008 will be given priority.
- 7. Mandatory Orientation & Safety Training:** Saturday, October 3, 2009 from 9:00AM-2:00PM with classroom training at the Refuge office in Thomson followed by a visit to the hunting sites at Lost Mound. Youth hunters, attendants and any individual who will accompany the hunter into the field must attend this mandatory program. This mandatory training will be held one time only with no alternative dates offered.
- 8. Daily limit/possession limit:** Youth hunters are allowed to harvest one either-sex deer.
- 9. Deer Check-In:** All deer must be checked through the Deer Check Station located at the maintenance building for the collection of biological information. You may check-in deer during the hours allowed under the restricted hours of movement or at the end of the day.

GUIDELINES FOR HUNTERS WITH DISABILITIES

1. Hunt Dates: November 14-15, 2009 which coincides with the weekend prior to the Illinois Firearms Deer First Season.

2. Disability Requirements: Hunters with disabilities must possess a minimum Class P-2a disability certification issued by the State of Illinois or the equivalent from another state. The certification requires a physical disability of a permanent nature that renders a person unable to walk 200 feet or more unassisted by another person or without the aid of a walker, wheelchair, or other device. Hunters may be Illinois residents or non-residents and must be accompanied by an adult attendant. Hunters may be accompanied by one non-hunting individual other than the attendant.

3. Jo Daviess County Deer Permit: Hunters and attendants **do not need** a Jo Daviess County Deer Permit to enter the Lost Mound drawing as this permit will be provided if the hunter is selected.

4. Lost Mound Application: Available on July 1. Hunters can submit applications to the Refuge office from July 1 - 23 but no later than 4:00PM on the 23rd. The Refuge office address is 7071 Riverview Road, Thomson IL 61285 and is open Monday-Friday, 7:30AM-4:00PM.

5. Random Draw & Hunt Site Assignment: All eligible applications will be entered into a random draw to be conducted at the Refuge office on July 24 at 10:00AM. The random draw will determine the site assigned to each hunter. A list of 5 standby hunters will be drawn to fill any sites that are turned down. Standbys must attend the safety orientation to be eligible to hunt. Applicants that did not hunt in 2008 will be given priority.

6. Fees for Hunters and Attendants: \$15.00 for each hunter to harvest one deer, with option to purchase additional \$5.00 permits (one day, site specific) to harvest additional deer. There is no fee for non-hunting attendants.

7. Orientation and Safety Training Program: Hunters with disabilities have two opportunities to attend an Orientation/Training program to be held on Saturday, October 3, from 9:00AM-2:00PM and on Friday, November 13, from 9:00AM-2:00PM. Both programs will be held at the Refuge office in Thomson followed by a visit to the Lost Mound hunt sites. Hunters, attendants, and any individual who will accompany the hunter into the field must attend one of these mandatory programs.

8. Daily limit/possession limit: Hunters with disabilities must harvest an antlerless deer first. Attendants cannot hunt until after the disabled hunter harvests an antlerless deer. Hunters and attendants can purchase additional permits but cannot harvest additional deer until they purchase additional permits. Multiple doe permits (up to 3 at a time) can be purchased. The possession limit for hunters with disabilities is 5 deer to include 4 antlerless and 1 antlered. The possession limit for attendants is 4 antlerless deer, no antlered deer are allowed. If the disabled hunter has not harvested an antlerless deer by noon on the second day, then the hunter may harvest an antlered deer.

9. Deer Check-In: All deer must be checked through the Deer Check Station located at the maintenance building for the collection of biological information. You may check-in deer during the hours allowed under the restricted hours of movement or at the end of the day.



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Application Form for Youth - Lost Mound Unit Deer Hunt

October 10-11, 2009

This application form must be submitted to the Refuge office (7071 Riverview Road, Thomson, IL 61285) from **September 1 - 24, 2009**. Applications will not be accepted after 4:00PM on September 24. All eligible applications will be entered into a random draw to determine hunt sites on September 25 at 10:00AM at the Refuge office. You do not have to be present at the drawing. You will be notified by mail immediately after the drawing of your selection or non-selection. A mandatory Youth Hunt Orientation and Safety Training will be held at the Refuge office in Thomson followed by a visit to the hunt sites on Saturday, October 3 from 9AM to 2:00PM. **This mandatory training will be held one time only with no alternate date offered.** Youth hunters, attendants and any individuals who will accompany the hunter into the field **must** attend this mandatory program.

Youth Hunter Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____

Hunter Safety Education Yes / No

'09 Hunting License Yes / No Youth Deer Permit Yes / No

Adult Attendant/Supervisor: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____

Cell Phone # to be used during hunt: _____

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Application #: _____ Site #: _____

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Application Form for Hunters with Disabilities

Lost Mound Unit Deer Hunt

November 14-15, 2009

This application form must be submitted to the Refuge office (7071 Riverview Road, Thomson, IL 61285) from **July 1 – 23, 2009**. Applications will not be accepted after 4:00PM on July 23rd. All eligible applications will be entered into a random draw to determine hunt sites on July 24 at 10:00AM at the Refuge office. You do not have to be present at the drawing. You will be notified by mail immediately after the drawing of your selection or non-selection. All hunters, attendants, and others who accompany the hunter into the field **must** attend a Hunt Orientation and Safety Training session. Two training sessions will be held: Saturday, October 3 from 9AM to 2PM and; Friday, November 13 from 9AM to 2PM. Training sessions will be held at the Refuge office in Thomson followed by a visit to the hunt sites.

Hunter's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime Phone #: _____ - _____ - _____ Non-Resident: Yes / No

Class P2A Disability # _____ Non-Res. Hunting License: Yes / No/ NA

Do you prefer a wheelchair accessible hunt site? Yes / No

Attendant's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime Phone #: _____ - _____ - _____

Will Attendant also hunt deer? Yes / No '09 Hunting License Yes / No

Cell Phone # to be used during hunt: _____ - _____ - _____

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Site #: _____

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