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Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge

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LOST MOUND DEER HUNT APPLICATION DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 25

The US Fish and Wildlife Service has announced that a special managed deer hunt will be conducted on the Lost Mound Unit (former Savanna Army Depot) of Upper Miss Refuge for youth (October 11-12) and hunters with disabilities (November 22-23), 2008. District Manager Ed Britton advised "The second annual special deer hunt will be conducted within the Closed Areas of the Lost Mound Unit where public hunting has previously been restricted. The deer population in this area is high and should provide a great opportunity for youth and hunters with disabilities."

Regulations for this special managed hunt include:

Youth hunters must first obtain a JoDaviess County firearms youth hunt permit through the Illinois DNR. Hunters with disabilities do not need to obtain a JoDaviess County deer permit but do need to obtain required licenses for deer hunting. Hunters with disabilities must have a minimum P2a disability or equivalent if non-resident.

Lost Mound Unit site hunt applications are available from September 15-25 and must be received at the Savanna District Office, 7071 Riverview Road, Thomson, Illinois 61285 by 4:00 pm September 25. For additional information, call the Refuge office at 815-273-2732.

Fifteen hunt sites will be assigned in a random draw on September 26 at 10:00 am. All selected hunters are required to have an adult attendant capable of tracking and retrieving deer, a third non-hunting attendant is allowed for each hunter.

A mandatory orientation and safety training program for youth hunters and their attendants will be held at the Savanna District Office on October 4, 2008 from 9:00 am to noon. Hunters with disabilities and their attendants will have their mandatory orientation and safety training on November 22, from 9:00 am to noon or if more convenient they can attend the October 4th session.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is the principal federal agency responsible for conserving, protecting and enhancing fish, wildlife and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. The Service manages the 95-million-acre National Wildlife Refuge System which encompasses 545 national wildlife refuges, thousands of small wetlands and other special management areas.
