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Great Dismal Swamp

National Wildlife Refuge



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SOUTH ONE FIRE HAS LITTLE IMPACT ON REFUGE DEER HUNT

Suffolk, Virginia. The Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge is moving forward with plans for the 2008 white-tailed deer hunt as usual. The deadline for permit application to hunt the full season will be September 15 although there have been few request for permits. “Hunters may have thought the South One Fire has forced a cancelation of the hunt, but that is not true,” reported Chris Lowie, refuge manager. “The only impact the fire will have on the hunt will be the closing of trails south of Railroad Ditch Road in the Railroad Ditch entrance.”

New to this year’s hunt schedule is the plan for an early season and a late season session. To hunt both sessions, permit applications must be received by the September 15 deadline. The full season hunt dates will be October 2, 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18 and then November 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22. Applications received from September 16 through October 15 will allow hunters to hunt the November dates only.

The application process for the Deer Hunt will remain as in previous years. Interested hunters are to mail the required permit fee and their full name (as it appears on their hunting license), complete address, and phone number to Great Dismal Swamp NWR, Attention Deer Hunt, 3100 Desert Rd, Suffolk, VA 23434. The cost of the refuge permit is \$15.00, payable to U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. A scouting opportunity will take place on September 27 for hunters with a signed permit. The designated hunting areas will include the Jericho Lane, Railroad Ditch, and Corapeake Ditch entrances. For additional hunt information and a downloadable application form see www.fws.gov/northeast/greatdismalswamp.

For more information please contact the Refuge office at 757/986-3705 during business hours on Monday-Friday, from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm.