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HAVASU NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE ACCEPTING RESERVATIONS FOR 2008/2009 PINTAIL SLOUGH HUNTS

On September 16 at 8:00 a.m. PST, Havasu National Wildlife Refuge will begin accepting reservations for its 2008/2009 Pintail Slough Waterfowl hunt. Hunters calling to reserve a blind must have their Arizona hunting license number available. Hunters wishing to make a reservation for hunt dates in 2009 must have a 2009 license number.

Hunters may reserve a blind only by calling (760) 326-3853 ext 21.

"Last season we saw some of the best hunting in years, and many hunters expressed that they were pleased with the hunt," says Refuge Manager John Earle. "With continual modifications in management of the Refuge and of our hunt program we expect to continue to provide quality hunting opportunities each year".

This year, the refuge will continue to hunt on Saturday, Sunday and the following Wednesday and will include a goose hunt on Sunday only. A reservation is only for the blinds at Pintail slough, while the goose hunt on Sunday will be based on a random drawing process.

Two of the refuge's agricultural fields will be open to hunting. Last winter, for the first time in several years, large numbers of geese started using the fields. "It's great that the birds have started using the fields again. If we keep disturbance to a minimum, we're hoping that large numbers become a regular occurrence," said Earle.

Hunting brochures are available by calling refuge headquarters or for download on the refuge website at: <http://www.fws.gov/southwest/refuges/arizona/havasu/hunting.html>.

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