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Refuge Seeks Public Input on Draft Hunt Plan and Environmental Assessment

Washita National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge), in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, has prepared a draft Environmental Assessment (EA), Hunt Plan and Compatibility Determination for opening the refuge to spring turkey hunting. The refuge considered whether to maintain the existing hunting program (no turkey hunting), allow limited turkey hunting (the proposed action), or open the refuge to unrestricted turkey hunting during State open seasons. Copies of these documents are available for review at the refuge headquarters and on the refuge website located at: <http://www.fws.gov/refuges/washita/>

The public is encouraged to submit written comments to: Washita National Wildlife Refuge, Attn: Hunt Plan/EA, 20834 E 0940 Road, Butler, OK 73625-5001. Written comments will be accepted until 4:30 pm on Friday, October 8, 2015.

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