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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 closes national wildlife refuges in all States except Alaska to all uses until opened. The Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) may open refuge areas to any use, including hunting and/or sport fishing, upon a determination that such uses are compatible with the purposes of the refuge and National Wildlife Refuge System mission. The action also must be in accordance with provisions of all laws applicable to the areas, developed in coordination with the appropriate State fish and wildlife agency(ies), consistent with the principles of sound fish and wildlife management and administration, and otherwise in the public interest. These requirements ensure that we maintain the biological integrity, diversity, and environmental health of the Refuge System for the benefit of present and future generations of Americans.

We annually review refuge hunting and sport fishing programs to determine whether to include additional refuges or whether individual refuge regulations governing existing programs need modifications. Changing environmental conditions, State and Federal regulations, and other factors affecting fish and wildlife populations and habitat may warrant modifications to refuge-specific regulations to ensure the continued compatibility of hunting and sport fishing programs and to ensure that these programs will not materially interfere with or detract from the fulfillment of refuge purposes or the Refuge System’s mission.

Provisions governing hunting and sport fishing on refuges are in title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations in part 32 (50 CFR part 32). We regulate hunting and sport fishing on refuges to:

- Ensure compatibility with refuge purpose(s);
- Properly manage the fish and wildlife resource(s);
- Protect other refuge values;
- Ensure refuge visitor safety; and
- Provide opportunities for quality fish- and wildlife-dependent recreation.

On many refuges where we decide to allow hunting and sport fishing, our general policy of adopting regulations identical to State hunting and sport fishing regulations is adequate in meeting these objectives. On other refuges, we must supplement State regulations with more-restrictive Federal regulations to ensure that we meet our management responsibilities, as outlined in the "Statutory Authority" section of the refuge-specific hunting and sport fishing regulations when we open wildlife refuges to migratory game bird hunting, upland game hunting, big game hunting, or sport fishing. These regulations list the wildlife species that you may hunt or fish, seasons, bag or creel (container for carrying fish) limits, methods of hunting or sport fishing, descriptions of areas open to hunting or sport fishing, and other provisions as appropriate. You may find previously issued refuge-specific regulations for hunting and sport fishing in 50 CFR part 32. In this rulemaking, we are also proposing to standardize and clarify the language of existing regulations.

Statutory Authority


Amendments enacted by the Improvement Act, built upon the Administration Act in a manner that provides an “organic act” for the Refuge System, are similar to those that exist for other public Federal lands. The Improvement Act serves to ensure that we effectively manage the Refuge System as a national network of lands, waters, and interests for the protection and conservation of our Nation’s wildlife resources. The Administration Act states first and foremost that we focus our Refuge System mission on conservation of fish, wildlife, and plant resources and their habitats. The Improvement Act requires the Secretary, before allowing a new use of a refuge, or before expanding, renewing, or extending an existing use of a refuge, to determine that the use is compatible with the purpose for which the refuge was established and the mission of the Refuge System. The Improvement Act established as the policy of the United States that wildlife-dependent recreation, when compatible, is a legitimate and appropriate public use of the Refuge System, through which the American public can develop an appreciation for fish and wildlife. The Improvement Act established six wildlife-dependent recreational uses as the priority general public uses of the Refuge System. These uses are: Hunting, fishing, wildlife observation and photography, and environmental education and interpretation.

The Recreation Act authorizes the Secretary to maintain within the Refuge System for public recreation as an appropriate incidental or secondary
use only to the extent that doing so is practicable and not inconsistent with the primary purpose(s) for which Congress and the Service established the areas. The Recreation Act requires that any recreational use of refuge lands be compatible with the primary purpose(s) for which we established the refuge and not inconsistent with other previously authorized operations.

The Administration Act and Recreation Act also authorize the Secretary to issue regulations to carry out the purposes of the Acts and regulate uses.

We develop specific management plans for each refuge prior to opening it to hunting or sport fishing. In many cases, we develop refuge-specific regulations to ensure the compatibility of the programs with the purpose(s) for which we established the refuge and the Refuge System mission. We ensure initial compliance with the Administration Act and the Recreation Act for hunting and sport fishing on newly acquired refuges through an interim determination of compatibility made at or near the time of acquisition. These regulations ensure that we make the determinations required by these acts prior to adding refuges to the lists of areas open to hunting and sport fishing in 50 CFR part 32. We ensure continued compliance by the development of comprehensive conservation plans, specific plans, and by annual review of hunting and sport fishing programs and regulations.

**Amendments to Existing Regulations**

This document proposes to codify in the Code of Federal Regulations all of the Service’s hunting and/or sport fishing regulations that are applicable at Refuge System units previously opened to hunting and/or sport fishing. We are doing this to better inform the general public of the regulations at each refuge, to increase understanding and compliance with these regulations, and to make enforcement of these regulations more efficient. In addition to now finding these regulations in 50 CFR part 32, visitors to our refuges will usually find them reiterated in literature distributed by each refuge or posted on signs.

We cross-reference a number of existing regulations in 50 CFR parts 26, 27, 28, and 32 to assist hunting and sport fishing visitors with understanding safety and other legal requirements on refuges. This redundancy is deliberate, with the intention of improving safety and compliance in our hunting and sport fishing programs.

**Table 1—Changes for 2013–14 Hunting/Fishing Season**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Refuge/region (*)</th>
<th>State</th>
<th>Migratory bird hunting</th>
<th>Upland game hunting</th>
<th>Big game hunting</th>
<th>Sport fishing</th>
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**Key:**

* number in () refers to the Region as explained in the preamble to this proposed rule for additional information regarding refuge specific regulations.

A = New Refuge opened.

B = New activity on a refuge previously open to other activities.

C = Refuge already open to activity, but added new lands/waters or modified areas open to hunting or fishing.

D = Refuge already open to activity but added new species to hunt.

The changes for the 2013–14 hunting/fishing season noted in the chart above are each based on a complete administrative record which, among other detailed documentation, also includes a hunt plan, a compatibility determination, and the appropriate National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA; 42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) analysis, all of which were the subject of a public review and comment process. These documents are available upon request.

**Fish Advisory**

For health reasons, anglers should review and follow State-issued consumption advisories before enjoying recreational sport fishing opportunities on Service-managed waters. You can
find information about current fish consumption advisories on the Internet at: http://www.epa.gov/waterscience/fish/.

Plain Language Mandate

In this proposed rule, we propose some of the revisions to the individual refuge units to comply with a Presidential mandate to use plain language in regulations; as such, these particular revisions do not modify the substance of the previous regulations. These types of changes include using “you” to refer to the reader and “we” to refer to the Refuge System, using the word “allow” instead of “permit” when we do not require the use of a permit for an activity, and using active voice (i.e., “We restrict entry into the refuge” vs. “Entry into the refuge is restricted”).

Request for Comments

You may submit comment and materials on this proposed rule by any one of the methods listed in the ADDRESSES section. We will not accept comments sent by email or fax or to an address not listed in the ADDRESSES section. We will not consider hand-delivered comments that we do not receive, or mailed comments that are not postmarked, by the date specified in the DATES section.

We will post your entire comment on http://www.regulations.gov. Before including personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that we may make your personal identifying information—publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. We will post all hardcopy comments on http://www.regulations.gov.

Public Comment

Department of the Interior policy is, whenever practicable, to afford the public a meaningful opportunity to participate in the rulemaking process. The process of opening refuges is done in stages, with the fundamental work being performed on the ground at the refuge and in the community where the program is administered. In these stages, the public is given other opportunities to comment, for example, on the comprehensive conservation plans and the compatibility determinations. The second stage is this document, when we publish the proposed rule in the Federal Register for additional comment, commonly for a 30-day comment period.

There is nothing contained in this annual regulation outside the scope of the annual review process where we determine whether individual refuges need modifications, deletions, or additions made to them. We make every attempt to collect all of the proposals from the refuges nationwide and process them expeditiously to maximize the time available for public review. We believe that a 30-day comment period, through the broader publication following the earlier public involvement, gives the public sufficient time to comment and allows us to establish hunting and fishing programs in time for the upcoming seasons. Many of these rules also relieve restrictions and allow the public to participate in recreational activities on a number of refuges. In addition, in order to continue to provide for previously authorized hunting opportunities while at the same time providing for adequate resource protection, we must be timely in providing modifications to certain hunting programs on some refuges.

We considered providing a 60-day, rather than a 30-day, comment period. However, we determined that an additional 30-day delay in processing these refuge-specific hunting and sport fishing regulations would hinder the effective planning and administration of our hunting and sport fishing programs. Such a delay would jeopardize enacting amendments to hunting and sport fishing programs in time for implementation this year and/or early next year, or shorten the duration of these programs.

Even after issuance of a final rule, we accept comments, suggestions, and concerns for consideration for any appropriate subsequent rulemaking. When final, we will incorporate these regulations into 50 CFR part 32. Part 32 contains general provisions and refuge-specific regulations for hunting and sport fishing on refuges.

Clarity of This Rule

We are required by Executive Orders 12866 and 12988 and by the Presidential Memorandum of June 1, 1998, to write all rules in plain language. This means that each rule we publish must:

(a) Be logically organized;
(b) Use the active voice to address readers directly;
(c) Use clear language rather than jargon;
(d) Be divided into short sections and sentences; and
(e) Use lists and tables wherever possible.

If you feel that we have not met these requirements, send us comments by one of the methods listed in the ADDRESSES section. To better help us revise the rule; your comments should be as specific as possible. For example, you should tell us the numbers of the sections or paragraphs that are unclearly written, which sections or sentences are too long, the sections where you feel lists or tables would be useful, etc.

Regulatory Planning and Review (Executive Orders 12866 and 13563)

Executive Order 12866 provides that the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) will review all significant rules. OIRA has determined that this rule is not significant.

Executive Order 13563 reaffirms the principles of E.O. 12866 while calling for improvements in the nation’s regulatory system to promote predictability, to reduce uncertainty, and to use the best, most innovative, and least burdensome tools for achieving regulatory ends. The executive order directs agencies to consider regulatory approaches that reduce burdens and maintain flexibility and freedom of choice for the public where these approaches are relevant, feasible, and consistent with regulatory objectives. E.O. 13563 emphasizes further that regulations must be based on the best available science and that the rulemaking process must allow for public participation and an open exchange of ideas. We have developed this rule in a manner consistent with these requirements.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

Under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (as amended by the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act [SBREFA] of 1996) (5 U.S.C. 601 et seq.), whenever a Federal agency is required to publish a notice of rulemaking for any proposed or final rule, it must prepare and make available for public comment a regulatory flexibility analysis that describes the effect of the rule on small entities (i.e., small businesses, small organizations, and small government jurisdictions). However, no regulatory flexibility analysis is required if the head of an agency certifies that the rule would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. Thus, for a regulatory flexibility analysis to be required, impacts must exceed a threshold for “significant impact” and a threshold for a “substantial number of small entities.” See 5 U.S.C. 605(b).

SBREFA amended the Regulatory Flexibility Act to require Federal agencies to provide a statement of the factual basis for certifying that a rule would not have a significant economic
impact on a substantial number of small entities. This proposed rule adds 6 national wildlife refuges to the list of refuges open to hunting, increases hunting activities on 20 additional national wildlife refuges, and increases fishing activities at 2 refuges. As a result, visitor use for wildlife-dependent recreation on these national wildlife refuges will change. If the refuges establishing new programs were a pure addition to the current supply of such activities, it would mean an estimated increase of 19,425 user days (one person per day participating in a recreational opportunity) (Table 2). Because the participation trend is flat in these activities since 1991, this increase in supply will most likely be offset by other sites losing participants. Therefore, this is likely to be a substitute site for the activity and not necessarily an increase in participation rates for the activity.

### Table 2—Estimated Change in Recreation Opportunities in 2013/2014

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<tr>
<th>Refuge</th>
<th>Additional days</th>
<th>Additional expenditures</th>
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<td>11</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL</strong></td>
<td><strong>19,425</strong></td>
<td><strong>904.8</strong></td>
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To the extent visitors spend time and money in the area of the refuge that they would not have spent there anyway, they contribute new income to the regional economy and benefit local businesses. Due to the unavailability of site-specific expenditure data, we use the national estimates from the 2011 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife Associated Recreation to identify expenditures for food and lodging, transportation, and other incidental expenses. Using the average expenditures for these categories with the maximum expected additional participation of the Refuge System yields approximately $904,800 in recreation-related expenditures (Table 2). By having ripple effects throughout the economy, these direct expenditures are only part of the economic impact of these recreational activities. Using a national impact multiplier for hunting activities (2.27) derived from the report “Hunting in America: An Economic Force for Conservation” yields a total economic impact of approximately $2.1 million (2012 dollars) (Southwick Associates, Inc., 2012). Using a local impact multiplier would yield more accurate and smaller results. However, we employed the national impact multiplier due to the difficulty in developing local multipliers for each specific region.

Since we know that most of the fishing and hunting occurs within 100 miles of a participant’s residence, then it is unlikely that most of this spending would be “new” money coming into a local economy; therefore, this spending would be offset with a decrease in some other sector of the local economy. The net gain to the local economies would be no more than $2.1 million, and most likely considerably less. Since 80 percent of the participants travel less than 100 miles to engage in hunting and fishing activities, their spending patterns would not add new money into the local economy and, therefore, the real impact would be on the order of about $411,000 annually.

Small businesses within the retail trade industry (such as hotels, gas stations, taxidermy shops, bait and tackle shops, and similar businesses) may be impacted from some increased or decreased refuge visitation. A large percentage of these retail trade establishments in the local communities around national wildlife refuges qualify as small businesses (Table 3). We expect that the incremental recreational changes will be scattered, and so we do not expect that the rule will have a significant economic effect on a substantial number of small entities in any region or nationally. As noted previously, we expect approximately $411,000 to be spent in total in the refuges’ local economies. The maximum increase at most would be less than one-tenth of 1 percent for local retail trade spending (Table 3).
TABLE 3—COMPARATIVE EXPENDITURES FOR RETAIL TRADE ASSOCIATED WITH ADDITIONAL REFUGE VISITATION FOR 2013/2014

[thousands, 2012 dollars]

<table>
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<th>Refuge/county(lies)</th>
<th>Retail trade in 2007</th>
<th>Estimated maximum addition from new activities</th>
<th>Addition as % of total</th>
<th>Establishments in 2011</th>
<th>Establ. with &lt;10 emp in 2011</th>
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With the small change in overall spending anticipated from this proposed rule, it is unlikely that a substantial number of small entities will have more than a small impact from the spending change near the affected refuges. Therefore, we certify that this proposed rule will not have a significant economic effect on a substantial number of small entities as defined under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 et seq.). An initial/final regulatory flexibility analysis is not required. Accordingly, a small entity compliance guide is not required.

Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act

The proposed rule is not a major rule under 5 U.S.C. 804(2), the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act. We anticipate no significant employment or small business effects. This rule:

a. Would not have an annual effect on the economy of $100 million or more. The minimal impact would be scattered across the country and would most likely not be significant in any local area.

b. Would not cause a major increase in costs or prices for consumers; individual industries; Federal, State, or local government agencies; or geographic regions. This proposed rule would have only a slight effect on the costs of hunting opportunities for Americans. If the substitute sites are farther from the participants’ residences, then an increase in travel costs would occur. The Service does not have information to quantify this change in travel cost but assumes that, since most people travel less than 100 miles to hunt, the increased travel cost would be small. We do not expect this proposed rule to affect the supply or demand for hunting opportunities in the United States and, therefore, it should not affect prices for hunting equipment and supplies, or the retailers that sell equipment.

c. Would not have significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation, or the ability of U.S.-based enterprises to compete with foreign-based enterprises. This proposed rule represents only a small proportion of recreational
spending at national wildlife refuges. Therefore, this rule would have no measurable economic effect on the wildlife-dependent industry, which has annual sales of equipment and travel expenditures of $72 billion nationwide.

Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

Since this proposed rule would apply to public use of federally owned and managed refuges, it would not impose an unfunded mandate on State, local, or Tribal governments or the private sector of more than $100 million per year. The rule would not have a significant or unique effect on State, local, or Tribal governments or the private sector. A statement containing the information required by the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (2 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) is not required.

Takings (E.O. 12630)

In accordance with E.O. 12630, this proposed rule would not have significant takings implications. This regulation would affect only visitors at national wildlife refuges and describe what they can do while they are on a refuge.

Federalism (E.O. 13132)

As discussed in the Regulatory Planning and Review and Unfunded Mandates Reform Act sections above, this proposed rule would not have sufficient federalism summary impact statement implications to warrant the preparation of a Federalism Assessment under E.O. 13132. In preparing this proposed rule, we worked with State governments.

Civil Justice Reform (E.O. 12988)

In accordance with E.O. 12988, the Office of the Solicitor has determined that the proposed rule would not unduly burden the judicial system and that it meets the requirements of sections 3(a) and 3(b)(2) of the Order. The regulation would clarify established regulations and result in better understanding of the regulations by refuge visitors.

Energy Supply, Distribution or Use (E.O. 13211)

On May 18, 2001, the President issued E.O. 13211 on regulations that significantly affect energy supply, distribution, and use. E.O. 13211 requires agencies to prepare Statements of Energy Effects when undertaking certain actions. Because this proposed rule would increase activities at 21 other refuges, at add new hunts at five refuges and increase fishing opportunities at two refuges, it is not a significant regulatory action under E.O. 12866, and we do not expect it to significantly affect energy supplies, distribution, and use. Therefore, this action is not a significant energy action and no Statement of Energy Effects is required.

Consultation and Coordination With Indian Tribal Governments (E.O. 13175)

In accordance with E.O. 13175, we have evaluated possible effects on federally recognized Indian tribes and have determined that there are no effects. We coordinate recreational use on national wildlife refuges with Tribal governments having adjoining or overlapping jurisdiction before we propose the regulations.

Paperwork Reduction Act

This regulation does not contain any information collection requirements other than those already approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.) (OMB Control Numbers are 1018–0102 and 1018–0140). In this proposed rule, we propose to revise 50 CFR 25.23 to provide correct information concerning OMB approval for the collections of information contained in subchapter C of title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations. An agency may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Endangered Species Act Section 7 Consultation

We comply with section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.), when developing comprehensive conservation plans (CCPs) and step-down management plans (which would include hunting and/or fishing plans) for public use of refuges, and prior to implementing any new or revised public recreation program on a refuge as identified in 50 CFR 26.32. We have completed section 7 consultation on each of the affected refuges.

National Environmental Policy Act

We analyzed this proposed rule in accordance with the criteria of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), 43 CFR part 46, and 516 Departmental Manual (DM) 8.

A categorical exclusion from NEPA documentation applies to publication of proposed amendments to refuge-specific hunting and fishing regulations since they are technical and procedural in nature, and the environmental effects are too broad, speculative, or conjectural to lend themselves to meaningful analysis (43 CFR 46.210 and 516 DM 8). Concerning the actions that are the subject of this proposed rulemaking, we have complied with NEPA at the project level when developing each proposal. This is consistent with the Department of the Interior instructions for compliance with NEPA where actions are covered sufficiently by an earlier environmental document (43 CFR 46.120).

Prior to the addition of a refuge to the list of areas open to hunting and fishing in 50 CFR part 32, we develop hunting and fishing plans for the affected refuges. We incorporate these proposed refuge hunting and fishing activities in the refuge CCPs and/or other step-down management plans, pursuant to our refuge planning guidance in 602 Fish and Wildlife Service Manual (FW) 1, 3, and 4. We prepare these CCPs and step-down plans in compliance with section 102(2)(C) of NEPA, and the Council on Environmental Quality’s regulations for implementing NEPA in 40 CFR parts 1500–1508. We invite the affected public to participate in the review, development, and implementation of these plans. Copies of all plans and NEPA compliance are available from the refuges at the addresses provided below.

Available Information for Specific Refuges

Individual refuge headquarters have information about public use programs and conditions that apply to their specific programs and maps of their respective areas. To find out how to contact a specific refuge, contact the appropriate Regional office listed below:


Region 2—Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas. Regional Chief, National Wildlife Refuge System, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Box 1306, 500 Gold Avenue, Albuquerque, NM 87103; Telephone (505) 248–7419.


Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge, 9311 Groh Road, Large Lakes Research Station, Grosse Ile, MI 43138; Telephone (734) 692–7608.
Proposed Regulation Promulgation

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, we propose to amend title 50, chapter I, subchapter C of the Code of Federal Regulations as follows:

PART 32—[AMENDED]

3. The authority citation for part 32 continues to read as follows:


2. Revise §25.23 to read as follows:

§25.23 What are the general regulations and information collection requirements?

The Office of Management and Budget has approved the information collection requirements contained in subchapter C, parts 25, 26, 27, 29, 30, 31, 32, and 36 under 44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq. and assigned the following control numbers: 1018–0102 for National Wildlife Refuge Special Use Permit Applications and Reports; 1018–0140 for Hunting and Fishing Application Forms and Activity Reports for National Wildlife Refuges; and 1018–0153 for National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Check-In Permit and Use Report. We collect information to assist us in administering our programs in accordance with statutory authorities that require that recreational or other uses be compatible with the primary purposes for which the areas were established. Send comments on any aspect of these forms or the information collection requirements to the Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS 2042–PDM, Washington, DC 20240.

PART 32—[AMENDED]

4. Amend §32.20 Alabama by:

a. Revising paragraphs B.1, B.2, B.3, B.4, B.5, B.6, B.7, C.1, C.3, C.4, C.5, and D.1; adding paragraphs B.8 and B.9; and removing paragraphs C.6, C.7, C.8, C.9, and D.2 under Cahaba River National Wildlife Refuge.


c. Revising paragraphs B.1, B.4, and C.1 under Eufaula National Wildlife Refuge.

d. Revising paragraphs A.1, A.4, A.5, B.1, and adding paragraphs A.6, A.7, and B.3 under Koy Cave National Wildlife Refuge.


f. Revising paragraph B under Sauta Cave National Wildlife Refuge.


These revisions and additions read as follows:

§32.20 Alabama.

Cahaba River National Wildlife Refuge

B. Upland Game Hunting.

1. We require hunters to hunt in accordance with Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources’ William R. Ireland, Sr.—Cahaba River Wildlife Management Area hunting permit conditions.

2. We require hunters to possess and carry a current and signed Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources’ William R. Ireland, Sr.—Cahaba River Wildlife Management Area hunting permit when hunting on the refuge.

3. All youth hunters under age 16 must be supervised by a licensed and permitted adult 21 years of age or older, and must remain with the adult while hunting. One adult may supervise no more than two youth hunters.

4. We prohibit the use of horses, mules, and all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) on the refuge.
5. Hunters may hunt with shotguns using only nontoxic #4 shot or smaller (see § 32.2(k)), rifles and handguns using rim-fire ammunition only, or archery equipment that complies with State and Federal regulations.

6. We prohibit hunting or discharging firearms (including muzzle loaders) from within 50 yards (45 meters) of River Trace Road.

7. Hunting dogs may be used to hunt upland game and must be controlled by the owner/handler at all times (see § 26.21(b) of this chapter).

8. Hunters may only hunt designated game species during specified days, which are published within the Cahaba River National Wildlife Refuge Hunting dates section of the permit.

9. Hunters must remove tree stands, blinds, or other personal property from the refuge each day (see § 27.93 of this chapter).

C. Big Game Hunting. * * *
1. Conditions B1, B2, B4, B6, and B8 through B10 apply.

2. We allow hunters to hunt from tree stands in accordance with 50 CFR 32.2(i). Hunters must use a safety harness at all times while hunting from a tree.

3. All youth hunters under age 16 must be supervised by a properly licensed and permitted adult 21 years of age or older, and must remain with the adult while hunting. One adult may supervise no more than one youth hunter.

4. Hunters may not hunt by aid of or participate in drives to take deer or feral hogs.

D. Sport Fishing. * * *
1. Condition B4 applies.

Choctaw National Wildlife Refuge
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B. Upland Game Hunting. * * *
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5. All persons 15 years of age or younger, while hunting on the refuge, must be in the presence and under direct supervision of a licensed or exempt hunter at least 21 years of age. A licensed hunter supervising a youth as provided in this section must hold a valid State license for the species being hunted. One adult may supervise no more than one youth hunter.

6. The refuge is open every day from 1 hour before sunrise to 1 hour after sunset, except authorized uses. Personal property must be removed from the refuge daily (see § 27.93 of this chapter).

7. Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on the refuge must comply with all provisions of State and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (see § 27.42 of this chapter and specific refuge regulations in part 32). Persons may only use approved nontoxic shot in shotgun shells (see § 32.2(k)), .22 caliber rimfire or smaller rifles, or legal archery equipment according to State regulations. We prohibit magnum ammunition.

8. We prohibit equestrian use and all forms of motorized off-road vehicles.

9. We allow hunting of designated species with dogs during designated hunts.

C. Big Game Hunting. * * *
1. Conditions B1 through B9 and B11 apply.

2. We allow hunters to hunt from tree stands in accordance with 50 CFR 32.2(i). While climbing a tree, installing a tree stand that uses climbing aids, or while hunting from a tree stand on the refuge, hunters must use a fall-arrest system (full body harness) manufactured to Treestand Manufacturers Associations standards. Personal property must be removed from the refuge each day except for one portable stand (including tripods and ground blinds) (see § 27.93 of this chapter). The stand is required to be tagged with the hunter’s name, address, and phone number permanently and legibly written on or attached to the stand. Stands left on the area do not reserve hunting locations. Portable stands may not be installed on the area prior to 7 days before deer season opens, or 7 days after deer season closes. Stands not in compliance with these regulations may be confiscated and disposed of by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

4. Hunters may not hunt by aid of or harassment of game for purposes of taking deer or feral hogs.

6. Hunter orange is required according to State regulations during gun deer season in Choctaw County, AL. We recommend all user groups wear hunter orange during hunting seasons.

D. Sport Fishing. * * *
1. We allow fishing year-round, except in the waterfowl sanctuary, which is closed from November 15 through March 1.

2. Conditions B2 and B6 apply.

8. We prohibit fishing tournaments on all refuge waters.

Eufaula National Wildlife Refuge
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B. Upland Game Hunting. * * *
1. Conditions A1, A2, A3, and A7 through A15 apply.

4. We only allow shotguns as the means of take for upland game hunting.

C. Big Game Hunting. * * *
1. Conditions A1, A7 through A15, and B5 apply.

Key Cave National Wildlife Refuge
A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. * * *

1. We require hunters to possess and carry a current and signed Key Cave National Wildlife Refuge permit, which is included with the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources’ Seven Mile Island Wildlife Management Area hunting permit when hunting on the refuge.

4. All youth hunters under age 16 must be supervised by a licensed and permitted adult 21 years of age or older, and must remain with the adult while hunting. One adult may supervise no more than two youth hunters.

5. We allow hunters to use hunting dogs to hunt migratory game birds and upland game. The dogs must be controlled by the owner/handler at all times (see § 26.21(b) of this chapter).

6. Hunters may only hunt designated game species during specified days, which are published within the Key Cave National Wildlife Refuge Hunting Dates section of the permit.

7. We prohibit the use of horses, mules or all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) on all refuge hunts.

B. Upland Game Hunting. * * *
1. Conditions A1 and A3 through A7 apply.

3. Hunters may hunt with shotguns using only nontoxic #4 shot or smaller (see § 32.2(k)), rifles and handguns using rim-fire ammunition only, or archery equipment that complies with State regulations. Possession of lead shot shells for hunting is prohibited.

Mountain Longleaf National Wildlife Refuge
A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. * * *

1. We require hunters to hunt in accordance with Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources’ Choccolocco Wildlife Management Area hunting permit conditions.

2. We require hunters to possess and carry a current and signed Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources’ Seven Mile Island Wildlife Management Area hunting permit when hunting on the refuge.
Resources’ Choccolocco Wildlife Management Area hunting permit when hunting on the refuge.
3. All youth hunters under age 16 must be supervised by a properly licensed and permitted adult 21 years of age or older, and must remain with the adult while hunting. One adult may supervise no more than two youth hunters.

4. We prohibit the use of horses, mules and all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) on the refuge.

5. Hunters may only hunt designated game species during specified days, which are published within the Mountain Longleaf National Wildlife Refuge Hunting Dates portion of the permit.

6. Hunters must remove tree stands, blinds, or other personal property from the refuge each day (see § 27.93 of this chapter).

7. Hunters may not hunt by aid of or harassment of game for purposes of take for deer or feral hogs.

8. Hunters may only hunt with archery equipment that complies with State regulations and flintlocks .40 caliber or larger.

9. All youth hunters under age 16 must be supervised by a licensed and permitted adult 21 years of age or older, and must remain with the adult while hunting. One adult may supervise no more than two youth hunters.

10. Hunting dogs may be used to hunt upland game. The dogs must be controlled by the owner/handler at all times (see § 26.21(b) of this chapter).

Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge

B. Upland Game Hunting. * * *

1. We require hunters to possess and carry a current and signed Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge permit, which is found on the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources’ Choccolocco Wildlife Management Area, refuges and Coon Gulf Tract hunting permit, when hunting.

2. Hunters may only hunt designated game species during specified days, which are published within the Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge Hunting Dates portion of the permit.

3. Hunters may only hunt designated game species during specified days, which are published within the Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge Hunting Dates portion of the permit.

4. We prohibit using only nontoxic #4 shot or smaller (see § 32.2(k)), rifles and handguns using rim-fire ammunition only, or archery equipment that complies with State regulations. Possession of lead shot shells for hunting is prohibited.

5. All youth hunters under age 16 must be supervised by a licensed and permitted adult 21 years of age or older, and must remain with the adult while hunting. One adult may supervise no more than two youth hunters.

6. We allow hunters to use hunting dogs to hunt upland game. The dogs must be controlled by the owner/handler at all times (see § 26.21(b) of this chapter).

7. You may only hunt feral hog during the refuge archery and flintlock deer season.

8. Amend § 32.24 California by:
   a. Revising paragraphs A.3, A.4, A.5, A.6, A.7, A.8, and B.1; adding paragraphs A.9; and removing paragraphs B.1; and removing paragraphs B.2 under Colusa National Wildlife Refuge.
   c. Revising paragraphs A.6, A.10, A.11, and B.2; and removing paragraphs B.3, B.4, B.5, B.6, B.7, and B.8 under Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge.
   d. Revising paragraphs A.3, A.4, A.5, A.6, A.7, A.8, and B.1; adding paragraphs A.9; and removing paragraphs B.2, B.3, B.4, B.5, B.6, and B.7 under Sutter National Wildlife Refuge.

These revisions and additions read as follows:

§ 32.24 California.
Colusa National Wildlife Refuge

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.

3. Access to the hunt area is by foot traffic only. Bicycles and other conveyances are not allowed. Mobility-impaired hunters must consult the refuge manager for allowed conveyances.

4. We allow boats with electric motors to be used by hunters with disabilities only in designated areas.

5. No person may build or maintain fires. Portable gas stoves are permissible.

6. You may enter or exit only at designated locations.

7. Vehicles may stop only at designated parking areas. We prohibit the dropping of passengers or equipment or stopping between designated parking areas.

8. Overnight stays, using passenger vehicles, motor homes, and trailers, are allowed only at the check station parking areas. Tents are prohibited.

9. We require dogs be kept on a leash, except for hunting dogs engaged in authorized hunting activities and under the immediate control of a licensed hunter.

B. Upland Game Hunting.

1. Conditions A.1 through A.9 apply.

2. Conditions A.4 through A.11 apply.

Sutter National Wildlife Refuge

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.

3. Access to the hunt area is by foot traffic only. Bicycles and other conveyances are not allowed. Mobility-impaired hunters must consult the refuge manager for allowed conveyances.

10. Overnight stays, using passenger vehicles, motor homes, and trailers, are allowed only at the check station parking areas. Tents are prohibited.

11. We require dogs be kept on a leash, except for hunting dogs engaged in authorized hunting activities and under the immediate control of a licensed hunter.

B. Upland Game Hunting.

2. Conditions A.4 through A.11 apply.

Delevan National Wildlife Refuge

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.

4. Access to the hunt area is by foot traffic only. Bicycles and other conveyances are not allowed. Mobility-impaired hunters should consult the refuge manager for allowed conveyances.

10. Overnight stays, using passenger vehicles, motor homes, and trailers, are allowed only at the check station parking areas. Tents are prohibited.

11. We require dogs be kept on a leash, except for hunting dogs engaged in authorized hunting activities and under the immediate control of a licensed hunter.

B. Upland Game Hunting.

2. Conditions A.4 through A.11 apply.

Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.

6. Access to the hunt area is by foot traffic only. Bicycles and other conveyances are not allowed. Mobility-impaired hunters must consult the refuge manager for allowed conveyances.

10. Overnight stays, using passenger vehicles, motor homes, and trailers, are allowed only at the check station parking areas. Tents are prohibited.

11. We require dogs be kept on a leash, except for hunting dogs engaged in authorized hunting activities and under the immediate control of a licensed hunter.

B. Upland Game Hunting.

2. Conditions A.4 through A.11 apply.

Arapaho National Wildlife Refuge

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. We allow hunting of duck, coot, merganser, Canada goose, snipe, Virginia and Sora rail, and mourning dove on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State and Federal regulations, subject to the following conditions:

6. Legal method of take for migratory game birds is by shotgun only.

B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of jackrabbit, cottontail rabbit, and sage grouse on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations, subject to the following conditions:

4. Legal method of take for upland game is by shotgun only.

D. Sport Fishing.

4. Fishing is closed in Unit C when the refuge is open to big game rifle hunting.

5. Lead sinkers and live bait are not allowed for fishing.

8. Amend § 32.26 Connecticut by adding, in alphabetical order, an entry for Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge to read as follows:

§ 32.26 Connecticut.

9. Amend § 32.28 Florida by:


These additions and revisions read as follows:

§ 32.28 Florida.

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Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. We allow hunting of duck and coot on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State and Federal regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. You must possess and carry a signed refuge alligator hunt permit (signed brochure) while hunting. These brochures are available at the refuge visitor center and on the refuge’s Web site (http://www.fws.gov/loxahatchee/).

2. We allow hunting in the interior of the refuge south of latitude line 26.27.130 and north of mile markers 12 and 14 (SEE PERMIT MAP). We prohibit hunting from canals or levees and those areas posted as closed.

3. Consult the refuge manager for current alligator hunt season dates and times.

4. We allow hunting on the refuge 1 hour before sunset on Friday night through 1 hour after sunrise Saturday morning, and 1 hour before sunset on Saturday night through 1 hour after sunrise Sunday morning. Alligator hunting will be permitted the first two weekends during Harvest Period 1 (August) and the first two weekends during Harvest Period 2 (September). Following the close of Harvest Period 2, the remaining weekends in October will be open for alligator harvest permittees who possess unused CITES tags. Specific dates for the alligator hunt will be provided on the harvest permit.

5. Hunters 18 years and older must be in possession of all necessary State and Federal licenses, permits, and CITES tags, as well as a refuge hunt permit (signed hunt brochure) while hunting on the refuge. They must possess an Alligator Trapping License with CITES tags or an Alligator Trapping Agent License, if applicable.

6. Hunters under the age of 18 may not hunt, but may only accompany an adult of at least 21 years of age who possesses an Alligator Trapping Agent License.

7. Hunters may only enter and leave the refuge at the Hillsboro Area (Loxahatchee Road, Boca Raton).

8. Alligators may be taken using hand-held snares, harpoons, gits, snatch hooks, artificial lures, manually operated spears, spear guns, and crossbows. Alligators may not be taken using baited hooks, baited wooden pegs, or firearms. Bang sticks (a hand held pole with a pistol or shotgun cartridge on the end in a very short barrel) with non-toxic ammunition are only permitted for taking alligators attached to a restraining line. Once an alligator is captured, it must be killed immediately. Once the alligator is taken or harvested, a CITES tag must be locked through the skin of the carcass within 6 inches of the tip of the tail. The tag must remain attached to the alligator at all times.

9. Hunters must complete a Big Game Harvest Report (FWS Form 3–2359) and place it in an entrance fee canister each day prior to exiting the refuge. A State Alligator Report form required by the State along with the hunt permit (signed refuge brochure) must be submitted to the refuge within 24 hours of taking each alligator.

10. Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on national wildlife refuges must comply with all provisions of Federal, State, and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (see § 27.42 of this chapter and specific refuge regulations in this part 32).

11. Hunters must remove all personal property (see § 27.93 of this chapter) from the hunting area each day.

12. Conditions A13 through A17 apply.

D. Sport Fishing. We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with Federal and State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

J.N. “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge

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D. Sport Fishing. * * *

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4. We allow the take of blue crabs with the use of dip nets only.

5. The daily limit of blue crabs is 20 per person (including no more than 10 non-egg-bearing females).

6. We allow vessels propelled only by polling, paddling, or floating in the posted “no-motor zone” of the J.N. “Ding” Darling Wilderness Area. All motors, including electric motors, must be in a non-use position (out of the water) when in the “no-motor zone.”

7. We allow vessels propelled only by polling, paddling, floating, or electric motors in the posted “pole/troll zone” of the Wulfert Flats Management Area. All non-electric motors must be in a non-use position (out of the water) when in the “pole/troll zone.”

8. We allow vessels propelled only by polling, paddling, floating, or electric motors in the posted “pole/troll zone” of the Wulfert Flats Management Area. All non-electric motors must be in a non-use position (out of the water) when in the “pole/troll zone.”

21. We close to public entry into the impoundments on the left side of Wildlife Drive.

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22. We prohibit migratory game bird hunting in the Executive Closure Areas on the refuge.

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B. Upland Game Hunting. * * *

1. We require refuge permits (signed brochure) for hunting upland game. Permits are available at no cost from the refuge office or can be downloaded and printed from the refuge Web site. Each hunter must possess and carry a signed refuge permit while participating in a hunt.

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12. Portions of the refuge adjacent to Flint Rock Wildlife Management Area (as specified in the hunt brochure) will be open concurrent with Flint Rock Wildlife Management Area seasons and regulations except only feral hog, grey squirrel, rabbit, and raccoon may be harvested.

C. Big Game Hunting. * * *

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4. There is a two deer limit per hunt as specified in condition C8 below, except in the youth hunt where the limit is as specified in C9 below. The limit for turkey is one per hunt. There is no limit on feral hog.

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8. The bag limit for white-tailed deer is two deer per scheduled hunt period. We allow hunters to harvest two antlerless deer per scheduled hunt
period. We define antlerless deer per State regulations (i.e., un-antlered deer or antlered deer with both antlers less than 5 inches in length). Otherwise, hunters may harvest one antlerless deer and one antlered deer per hunt. Hunters must ensure that antlered deer must have at least 3 points, of 1 inch (2.5 centimeters) or more length.

9. There is one youth hunt, for youth ages 12 to 17, on the St. Marks Unit in an area we will specify in the refuge hunt brochure. Hunters may harvest two deer, either two un-antlered deer as defined in C6 or one un-antlered deer and one antlered deer. An adult age 21 or older acting as a mentor must accompany each youth hunter. One youth turkey hunt will be conducted in a similar manner. The limit will be one gobbler per hunter. Only the youth hunter may handle or discharge firearms. Contact the refuge office for specific dates.

12. Portions of the refuge adjacent to Flint Rock Wildlife Management Area (as specified in the hunt brochure) will be open concurrent with Flint Rock Wildlife Management Area seasons and regulations except only white-tailed deer, feral hog, and turkey may be harvested. We require a refuge permit (signed brochure).

10. Amend § 32.29 Georgia by:
   a. Revising paragraph A.3 under Savannah National Wildlife Refuge.

These revisions read as follows:

§ 32.29 Georgia.
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Savannah National Wildlife Refuge

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.
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3. We prohibit hunting on or within 100 yards (90 meters) of U.S. Highway 17, GA Highway 25/SC Highway 170, refuge facilities, roads, trails, and railroad rights-of-way, and within areas marked as closed.

11. Amend § 32.31 Idaho by revising the introductory text in paragraph A and by revising paragraphs A.3, B, C, and D under Kootenai Flat National Wildlife Refuge to read as follows:

§ 32.31 Idaho.
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Kootenai National Wildlife Refuge

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. We allow hunting of goose, duck, and coy on designated areas (designated area changed due to increased size of safety zone) of the refuge in accordance with State and Federal regulations subject to the following conditions:
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3. We prohibit the discharge of firearms in the posted retrieving/safety zone.
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B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of forest grouse and wild turkey on that portion of the refuge that lies west of Lion’s Den Road in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: You may possess only approved nontoxic shotshells (see § 32.2(k)) while in the field.

C. Big Game Hunting. We allow hunting of deer, elk, black bear, moose, and mountain lion on that portion of the refuge that lies west of Lion’s Den Road and hunting of deer at an ADA-accessible blind near Aspen Slough in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:
   1. We prohibit all use of dogs for hunting of big game.
   2. You may only participate in deer hunting at the ADA-accessible blind with valid State licenses and tags.
   3. You may only participate in deer hunting at the ADA-accessible blind with a refuge permit issued through a random drawing for up to six 7-day archery-only permits and up to six 7-day archery/special weapons-only permits.
   4. We only allow deer hunting at the ADA-accessible blind using the following weapons: Muzzleloader, archery equipment, crossbow, shotgun using slugs, or handgun using straight-walled cartridges not originally established for rifles.
   5. We prohibit use of toxic (lead) ammunition when deer hunting at the ADA-accessible blind.

D. Sport Fishing. We allow sport fishing on Myrtle Creek in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:
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Cypress Creek National Wildlife Refuge

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.
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1. You must remove all boats, decoys, blinds, blind materials, stands, and platforms (see §§ 27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter) brought onto the refuge at the end of each day’s hunt.
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B. Upland Game Hunting.
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1. Conditions A1, A2, A4, and A5 apply.
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3. We allow the use of .22 and .17 caliber rimfire lead ammunition for the taking of small game and furbearers during open season.

C. Big Game Hunting.
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1. Conditions A1, A2, A4, and A5 apply.
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2. We prohibit deer drives, by person or animal, and participating in deer drives on all refuge divisions.

3. You may only use or possess approved nontoxic shot shells while in the field, including shot shells used for hunting wild turkey (see § 32.2(k)).

D. Sport Fishing.
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Middle Mississippi River National Wildlife Refuge

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. We allow hunting of migratory game birds on the Meissner, Wilkinson, and Beaver Island Divisions in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:
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2. You must remove boats, blinds, blind materials, stands, decoys, and other hunting equipment (see §§ 27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter) from the refuge at the end of each day.

3. We allow portable blinds on a daily basis on a first-come, first-served basis.

B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of upland game (squirrels, rabbits, and bobwhite quail only) on the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:
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1. We allow hunting of furbearers only from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

2. You may only use or possess approved nontoxic shot shells while in the field (see § 32.2(k)).

C. Big Game Hunting.
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2. In the Harlow, Crains, and Meissner Island Divisions you may use only archery equipment to harvest white-tailed deer.
3. You may only use or possess approved nontoxic shot shells while in the field, including shot shells used for hunting wild turkey (see §32.2(k)).
4. We prohibit deer drives, by person or animal, and participating in deer drives on all refuge divisions.
5. We prohibit placing temporary tree stands in dead or dying trees.
6. You may not remove any tree or limbs greater than 1 inch in diameter.

Two Rivers National Wildlife Refuge
- B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow upland game hunting only on the Apple Creek Division and the portion of the Calhoun Division east of the Illinois River Road in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:
  1. We allow hunting from legal sunrise to legal sunset.
  2. You may only use or possess approved nontoxic shot shells while in the field, including shot shells used for hunting wild turkey (see §32.2(k)).

C. Big Game Hunting.
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D. Sport Fishing.
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Patoka River National Wildlife Refuge and Management Area
- A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.
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  1. We prohibit use or possession of game trail cameras on the refuge.
  11. We require you to remove arrows from crossbows during transport in a vehicle.

§ 32.34 Iowa.
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Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge
A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. We allow the hunting of duck, goose, and cott on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State and Federal regulations and subject to the following conditions:
  1. We prohibit all hunting February 1 through August 31 due to conflict with existing appropriate and compatible uses.
  2. You may only possess approved nontoxic shot (see §32.2(k)) while hunting for any permitted bird, including waterfowl and wild turkey, or other upland or small game.
  3. We allow entry into the refuge 1 hour before sunrise and require hunters to leave the refuge no later than 1 hour after sunset.
  4. We prohibit shooting on or over any refuge road within 50 feet (15 meters) from the centerline.
  5. You must possess and carry a refuge permit (free brochure available at the refuge visitor center).
  6. We allow the use of dogs for waterfowl, pheasant, and quail hunting only.
B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of ring-necked pheasant, bobwhite quail, pigeon, mourning dove, crow, cottontail rabbit, gray fox, and squirrel, and fall wild turkey (2 weeks within the season) on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: Conditions A1 to A6 apply.
C. Big Game Hunting. * * * *
  1. Conditions A1 and A3 to A5 apply.
  2. We allow the use of portable stands and blinds for hunting, and hunters must remove them at the end of each day (see §32.93 of this chapter).

Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge
A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. We allow hunting of duck, goose, merganser, coot, rail (Virginia and Sora only), woodcock, and snipe on designated areas in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:
  1. For units adjacent to and managed by Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge, you must follow the refuge-specific regulations provided in this section of
B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow the hunting of ring-necked pheasant, bobwhite quail, gray partridge, rabbit (cottontail and jack), squirrel (fox and gray), groundhog, raccoon, opossum, fox (red and gray), coyote, badger, striped skunk, and crow on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. For units adjacent to and managed by Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge, you must follow the refuge-specific regulations provided in this section of the regulations for Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge.

2. We allow hunting of upland game in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

   a. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot for hunting (see § 32.2(k)) on the refuge.

   b. You may hunt from the roadside for waterfowl at the five designated hunting blind sites at Lake Allen.

   c. We require waterfowl hunters to use trained adult retrieving dogs while hunting duck and goose within 50 yards (45 meters) of the following impounded waters: Blue Heron Pond, Lake Allen, New Marsh, and Wood Duck Pond.

   d. You may hunt waterfowl using traditional call devices, leashes, and blinds only, and you must remove them at the end of each day's hunting.

   e. You must remove boats and all other fishing devices at the end of each day's fishing.

   f. You may use portable stands and you must follow the refuge-specific regulations for Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge.

3. We allow turkey hunting during the fall season only, as designated by the State. All State regulations governing the hunting of turkey will be followed.

4. We allow portable stand trees, ladders, and blinds only, and they must be removed daily (see § 27.93 of this chapter).

5. We close the Moody and Biddeford Pool divisions of the refuge to white-tailed deer and turkey hunting.

6. We allow archery on only those areas of the Little River division open to hunting.

7. We allow hunting of fox and coyote with archery or shotgun with a refuge big game permit, during State firearm deer season. You may only possess approved nontoxic shot for hunting (see § 32.2(k)) on the refuge.

8. We open Designated Youth Hunting Areas to hunters age 15 and under who possess and carry a refuge hunting permit. Youth hunters must be accompanied by an adult age 18 or older. The accompanying adult must possess and carry a refuge hunting permit and may also hunt.

9. You may only possess approved nontoxic shot for hunting (see § 32.2(k)) on the refuge.

10. We prohibit rifles and muzzleloading firearms for hunting.
B. Upland Game Hunting. * * *

8. We select turkey hunters by a computerized lottery for youth, disabled, and general public hunts. We require Maryland Department of Natural Resources required documentation to accommodate hunters with disabilities. * * * * *

C. Big Game Hunting. * * *

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ii. We prohibit the discharging of any hunting weapons before or after legal shooting hours, including the unloading of muzzleloaders.

6. We require bow hunters to wear either a cap of solid-fluorescent-orange color at all times or a vest or jacket containing back and front panels of at least 250 square inches (1,625 square centimeters) of solid-fluorescent-orange color when moving to and from their vehicle to their deer stand or their hunting spot and while tracking or dragging out their deer. We do not require bow hunters to wear solid-fluorescent-orange color when positioned to hunt except during the North Tract Youth Firearms Deer Hunts, the muzzleloader seasons, and the firearms seasons, when they must wear it at all times.

12. If you wish to track wounded deer beyond 2 hours after legal sunset, you must gain consent from a refuge law enforcement officer. We prohibit tracking 3 hours after legal sunset. You must make a reasonable effort to retrieve the wounded deer, which includes next-day tracking. There is no tracking on Sundays and Federal holidays except on a case-by-case basis. Hunters authorized to track on Sundays or Federal holidays must be accompanied afield by a refuge law enforcement officer.

D. Sport Fishing. * * *

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i. Conditions D1 through D13 apply. * * * * *

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i. Conditions D1 through D12 apply. * * * * *

■ 17. Amend § 32.40 Massachusetts by adding, in alphabetical order, an entry for Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge to read as follows:

§ 32.40 Massachusetts. * * * * *

Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. [RESERVED]

B. Upland Game Hunting. [RESERVED]

C. Big Game Hunting. [RESERVED]

D. Sport Fishing. [RESERVED]

■ 18. Amend § 32.41 Michigan by revising paragraph C.3 and adding paragraph C.8 under Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge to read as follows:

§ 32.41 Michigan. * * * * *

Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge

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C. Big Game Hunting. * * *

3. We allow only single-projectile shells for firearm deer hunting. We prohibit the use of buckshot for any hunting on the refuge.

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8. The Fix Unit is closed to firearm deer hunting. We allow only archery deer hunting in the Fix Unit.

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■ 19. Amend § 32.42 Minnesota by:

a. Revising the introductory text in paragraph A; revising paragraphs A.1, A.2, and A.5; adding paragraph A.9; revising paragraphs C.1 and C.2; removing paragraphs C.3, C.7, and C.10; redesignating paragraphs C.4, C.5, C.6, C.8, and C.9 as paragraphs C.3, C.4, C.5, C.6, and C.7, respectively; revising newly designated paragraph C.6; and adding paragraph C.8 under Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge.

b. Revising paragraph B under Big Stone Wetland Management District,


d. Revising paragraph B under Detroit Lakes Wetland Management District.

e. Revising paragraphs A.2 and B under Fergus Falls Wetland Management District.

f. Revising paragraph B under Litchfield Wetland Management District.

g. Revising paragraphs A.2, B, and C.2 under Morris Wetland Management District.

h. Adding paragraph C.3 under Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge.

i. Revising paragraphs A.2, A.3, A.5, B.3, C.1, C.7, and D under Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge.

j. Revising paragraph B under Windom Wetland Management District.

These additions and revisions read as follows:

§ 32.42 Minnesota. * * * * *

Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. We allow hunting of waterfowl on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow a youth hunt only in designated areas in accordance with State regulations.

2. The refuge is closed from 7:00 p.m. to 5:30 a.m.

5. You must remove all personal property, which includes stands, boats, decoys, and blinds brought onto the refuge, each day of hunting (see §§ 27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

9. We allow the public onto the refuge the day prior to the opening of the season for scouting purposes.

C. Big Game Hunting. * * *

1. We are currently closed to moose hunting.

2. Conditions A2 through A5, A7, A8, and A9 apply.

6. We prohibit hunters from occupying illegally set up or constructed ground and tree stands (see conditions A5 and C5).

8. Shooting on, from, over, across, or within 30 feet of a road edge open to public vehicle transportation at a big game animal or a decoy of a big game animal is prohibited.

C. Big Game Hunting. * * *

1. We only allow an archery deer hunt for youth hunters and a firearm deer hunt for persons with disabilities by special use permit (FWS Form 3–1383–G).

Big Stone Wetland Management District

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B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow upland game hunting throughout the district in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

2. Conditions A3 through A5 apply.

2. You may only use or possess approved nontoxic shot shells while in the field, including shot shells used for hunting wild turkey (see § 32.2(k)).

C. Big Game Hunting. * * *

1. We only allow an archery deer hunt for youth hunters and a firearm deer hunt for persons with disabilities by special use permit (FWS Form 3–1383–G).

Crane Meadows National Wildlife Refuge

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C. Big Game Hunting. * * *

1. We only allow an archery deer hunt for youth hunters and a firearm deer hunt for persons with disabilities by special use permit (FWS Form 3–1383–G).
2. We only allow a turkey hunt for youth hunters and persons with disabilities by special use permit (FWS Form 3–1383–G).

8. We prohibit entry to hunting areas earlier than 2 hours before legal shooting hours.

Detroit Lakes Wetland Management District

B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow upland game hunting in accordance with State regulations throughout the district (except that we allow no hunting on the refuge headquarters Waterfowl Production Area [WPA] in Becker County, the Hitterdal WPA in Clay County, and the McIntosh WPA in Polk County) and subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A3 through A5 apply.
2. You may only use or possess approved nontoxic shot shells while in the field, including shot shells used for hunting wild turkey (see § 32.2(k)).

Fergus Falls Wetland Management District

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.

2. You must remove boats, decoys, blinds, and blind materials (see § 27.93 of this chapter) brought onto the WPAs at the end of each day’s hunt.

B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow upland game hunting throughout the district (except that we prohibit hunting on the Townsend, Mavis, Gilmore, and designated portions of Knollwood Waterfowl Production Areas [WPAs] in Otter Tail County, and Larson WPA in Douglas County) in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A2, A3, and A6 apply.
2. You may only use or possess approved nontoxic shot shells while in the field, including shot shells used for hunting wild turkey (see § 32.2(k)).

Litchfield Wetland Management District

B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow upland game hunting throughout the district (except we prohibit hunting on that part of the Phare Lake Waterfowl Production Area in Renville County) in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1, A4, and A5 apply.
2. You may only use or possess approved nontoxic shot shells while in the field, including shot shells used for hunting wild turkey (see § 32.2(k)).

Morris Wetland Management District

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.

2. You must remove boats, decoys, blinds, and blind materials (see § 27.93 of this chapter) at the end of hunting hours.

B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of upland game, except that we prohibit hunting on the designated portions of the Edward-Long Lake Waterfowl Production Area in Stevens County, in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A2 through A4 apply.
2. You may only use or possess approved nontoxic shot shells while in the field, including shot shells used for hunting wild turkey (see § 32.2(k)).

C. Big Game Hunting.

2. You must remove all portable hunting stands and blinds each day at the close of hunting hours (see § 27.93 of this chapter).

Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge

C. Big Game Hunting.

3. You may only use or possess approved nontoxic shot shells while in the field, including shot shells used for hunting wild turkey (see § 32.2(k)).

Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.

2. We allow non-motorized boats in areas open to waterfowl hunting during the waterfowl hunting season, and they must be launched at designated access sites.
3. You must remove boats, decoys, and blinds from the refuge following each day’s hunt.

C. Big Game Hunting.

5. We prohibit hunting from March 1 through August 31.

B. Upland Game Hunting.

3. Conditions A5 through A7 apply.

Windom Wetland Management District

B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of upland game throughout the district, except that you may not hunt on the Worthington Waterfowl Production Area (WPA) in Nobles County, Headquarters WPA in Jackson County, or designated portions of the Wolf Lake WPA in Cottonwood County, in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. From March 1 through August 31 (the refuge Wildlife Sanctuary period), fishing is only permitted from non-motorized boats on the designated canoe route and on banks within 100 yards (both upstream and downstream) of designated access points.
2. We prohibit the taking of any mussel (clam), crayfish, frog, leech, and turtle species by any method on the refuge (see § 27.21 of this chapter).
3. We prohibit the use of dip nets, traps, or seines for collecting bait.

20. Amend § 32.44 Missouri by:

a. Revising the entry for Middle Mississippi River National Wildlife Refuge.

b. Revising the introductory text in paragraphs A and B; revising paragraphs A.3, A.6, B.1, B.2, B.5, B.6, B.7, and C; redesignating paragraphs A.7 and A.8 as A.8, and A.9; and adding paragraphs A.7, and B.8 under Mingo National Wildlife Refuge.

These additions and revisions read as follows:

§ 32.44 Missouri.
Middle Mississippi River National Wildlife Refuge

Refer to § 32.32 (Illinois) for Missouri regulations.

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Mingo National Wildlife Refuge

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. We allow waterfowl hunting in Pool 7 and Pool 8 in accordance with State and Federal regulations and subject to the following conditions:

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1. Conditions A3, A8, and A9 apply.
2. We allow hunter access from 1 1/2 hours before legal shooting hours.
3. We prohibit the use of paint, non-biodegradable flagging, reflectors, tacks, or other manmade materials to mark trails or hunting locations (see § 27.61 of this chapter).

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6. We require hunters to go through the Missouri Department of Conservation daily draw process at Duck Creek Conservation Area to hunt in Pool 7 and Pool 8.
7. We will only open Pool 7 for waterfowl hunting 3 days a week, when conditions allow.

*B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of squirrel, raccoon, and bobcat in designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

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1. Conditions A3, A8, and A9 apply.
2. We allow hunter access from 1 1/2 hours before legal shooting time until 1 1/2 hours after legal shooting time.

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5. We allow squirrel hunting from the State opening day until the day before the State opening of archery deer season.
6. You may only use or possess approved nontoxic shot shells while in the field, including shot shells used for hunting wild turkey (see § 32.2(k)).
7. You must remove all boats brought onto the refuge at the end of each day (see § 27.93 of this chapter).
8. We allow only one tree stand per deer hunter.
9. We only allow non-motorized boats in the Mingo Wilderness Area.
10. We require archery deer hunters to wear a hunter-orange (i.e., blaze or international orange) hat and a hunter-orange shirt, vest, or coat. These hunter-orange clothes need to be plainly visible from all sides while scouting or hunting during the overlapping portion of the squirrel, archery deer, and turkey seasons. Camouflage orange does not satisfy this requirement.

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21. Amend § 32.45 Montana by:

■ a. Removing paragraph A.7;
■ b. Revising the introductory text in paragraphs A, B, and C under Benton Lake Wetland Management District.
■ e. Revising paragraphs A.1, A.2, B.1, B.2, C.1, and D; redesignating paragraph A.3 as paragraph A.6; and adding paragraphs A.3, A.4, A.5, A.7, C.2, and C.3 under Northwest Montana Wetland Management District.
■ g. Revising paragraph A under Swan River National Wildlife Refuge.

These additions and revisions read as follows:

§ 32.45 Montana.

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Benten Lake National Wildlife Refuge

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.

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3. We allow hunting during youth waterfowl hunts in accordance with State regulations.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.

1. Conditions A2 and A7 apply.

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4. We allow hunting during youth pheasant hunts in accordance with State regulations.

*Benton Lake Wetland Management District

A. Migratory Game Bird Management.

We allow migratory game bird hunting on Waterfowl Production Areas (WPAs) throughout the District, excluding Sands WPA in Hill County and H2–0 WPA in Powell County, in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

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B. Upland Game Hunting.

We allow the hunting of coyotes, skunks, red fox, raccoons, hares, rabbits, and tree squirrels on Waterfowl Production Areas (WPAs) throughout the District, excluding Sands WPA in Hill County and H2–0 WPA in Powell County, in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

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C. Big Game Hunting.

We allow big game hunting on WPAs throughout the District, excluding Sands WPA in Hill County and H2–0 WPA in Powell County, in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following condition: Condition B2 applies.

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Lee Metcalf National Wildlife Refuge

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.

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1. Hunting Access: Hunters must enter and exit the Waterfowl Hunt Area (see map in refuge Hunting and Fishing brochure) through the Waterfowl Hunt Area parking lot. All hunters, except those with a Montana disability license, must park in the Waterfowl Hunt Area parking lot to access the Waterfowl Hunt Area. For those hunters with Montana disability licenses, contact the Refuge Manager by phone or email for disability guidelines. Hunters must walk to the blind selected along moved trails designated in the refuge Hunting and Fishing brochure. Legal entry time into the hunting area is no earlier than 2 hours before legal shooting hours. Wildlife observation, scouting, and
loitering during waterfowl hunting season are prohibited at the Waterfowl Hunting Area parking lot and on the refuge road leading to the Waterfowl Hunt Area parking lot.

3. Registration (Kiosk Sign-In/Sign-Out box): Each hunter must complete the Migratory Bird Hunt Report (FWS Form 3–2361) before departing the hunting area. All tree stands or ground blinds. All tree stands or ground blinds. All tree stands or ground blinds. All tree stands or ground blinds. All tree stands or ground blinds. All tree stands or ground blinds. All tree stands or ground blinds. All tree stands or ground blinds. All tree stands or ground blinds. All tree stands or ground blinds. All tree stands or ground blinds. All tree stands or ground blinds. All tree stands or ground blinds. All tree stands or ground blinds. All tree stands or ground blinds. All tree stands or ground blinds. All tree stands or ground blinds. All tree stands or ground blinds. All tree stands or ground blinds. All tree stands or ground blinds. All tree stands or ground blinds. All tree stands or ground blinds. All tree stands or ground blinds. All tree stands or ground blinds. 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Lost Trail National Wildlife Refuge

B. Upland Game Hunting. * * *

1. We do not allow hunting in areas posted as “Closed to Hunting” and identified in the public use leaflet.

3. We allow use of riding or pack stock on designated access routes through the refuge to access off-refuge lands as identified in the public use leaflet.

5. Hunters may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field (see § 32.2(k)).

6. We prohibit overnight camping and open fires (see § 27.95(a) of this chapter).

7. We prohibit retrieval of game in areas closed to hunting without a refuge retrieval permit.

9. We allow parking in designated areas only as identified in the public use leaflet.

C. Big Game Hunting. * * *

1. Conditions B1 through B9 apply.

2. The first week of the archery elk and deer hunting season and the first week of general elk and deer hunting season are open to youth-only (ages 12–15 only) hunting. A non-hunting adult at least 18 years of age must accompany the youth hunter in the field.

3. Persons assisting disabled hunters must not be afield with a hunting firearm, bow, or other hunting device.

Northwest Montana Wetland Management District

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. * * *

1. Hunters must remove all boats, decoys, portable blinds (including those made of native materials), boat blinds, and all other personal property at the end of each day (see §§ 27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

2. We prohibit motorboats except on the Flathead and Smith Lake Waterfowl Production Areas (WPAs) in Flathead County. Motorboats must be operated at no wake speeds.

3. We prohibit the construction or use of permanent blinds, stands, or scaffolds.

4. We allow the use of hunting dogs, provided the dog is under the immediate control of the hunter at all times during the State-approved hunting season. Commercial dog trials are not allowed. Pets must be on a leash at all other times.

5. Shotgun hunters may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field (see § 32.2(k)).

Lost Trail National Wildlife Refuge

B. Upland Game Hunting. * * *

1. We do not allow hunting in areas posted as “Closed to Hunting” and identified in the public use leaflet.

3. We allow use of riding or pack stock on designated access routes through the refuge to access off-refuge lands as identified in the public use leaflet.

5. Hunters may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field (see § 32.2(k)).

6. We prohibit overnight camping and open fires (see § 27.95(a) of this chapter).

7. We prohibit retrieval of game in areas closed to hunting without a refuge retrieval permit.

9. We allow parking in designated areas only as identified in the public use leaflet.

C. Big Game Hunting. * * *

1. We allow portable tree stands and/or portable ground blinds; however, hunters must remove them and all other personal property at the end of each day (see § 27.93 of this chapter). We prohibit construction and/or use of tree stands or portable ground blinds from dimensional lumber. We prohibit the use of nails, wire, screws, or bolts to attach a stand to a tree or hunting from a tree into which a metal object has been driven (see § 32.2(i)).

2. Conditions A1, A3, A6, A7 and B1 apply.

3. Flathead, Blasdel, and Batavia WPAs are restricted to hunting with archery equipment, shotgun, traditional handgun, muzzleloader, or crossbow only.

D. Sport Fishing. We allow sport fishing on all Waterfowl Production Areas (WPAs) throughout the wetland district in accordance with State law (Flathead County WPAs) and per Joint State and confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribal regulations (Lake County WPAs) and subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit leaving or dumping any dead animal, fish or fish entrails, garbage, or litter on the refuge (see § 27.94 of this chapter).

2. We prohibit all public access on WPAs from March 1 to July 15 (Flathead County WPAs) each year to protect nesting birds.

3. Conditions A2 and A7 apply.

Red Rock Lakes National Wildlife Refuge

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. * * *

5. We prohibit camping along roadsides. We allow camping only in two established campgrounds. We restrict camping to 16 consecutive days within any 30-day period.
horses in the campgrounds. From March 1 to December 1, all bear attractants including, but not limited to, food, garbage, and carcasses or parts thereof, must be acceptably stored at night (unless in immediate use) and during the day if unattended. Acceptably stored means any of the following:

i. Suspended at least 10 feet high and 4 feet from any vertical support 100 yards from any camp or hiking trail;
ii. Secured in a certified bear safe container; or
iii. Secured in a hard-sided vehicle, including an enclosed camper or horse trailer.

C. Big Game Hunting.

10. We prohibit hunting and/or shooting from or onto refuge lands from within 50 yards (45 meters) of the centerline of any public road open to motorized vehicles.

Swan River National Wildlife Refuge

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.

We allow hunting of geese, ducks, and coots on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: Hunters may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field (see §32.2(k)).

§ 32.46 Nebraska.

Fort Niobrara National Wildlife Refuge

C. Big Game Hunting.

1. We require the submission of a Big/Upland Game Hunt Application (FWS Form 3–2356). We require hunters to carry a signed refuge hunting access permit (hunting application signed by the refuge officer) while hunting. We require hunters to complete a Big Game Harvest Report (FWS Form 3–2359) and return it to the refuge at the conclusion of the hunting season.

2. We allow deer hunting with muzzleloader and archery equipment. We prohibit deer hunting with firearms capable of firing cartridge ammunition.

B. Upland Game Hunting.

4. We allow deer hunting in the area defined as, “Those refuge lands situated north and west of the Niobrara River.” We allow access to this area only from designated refuge parking areas and the Niobrara River.

5. We prohibit hunting within 200 yards (180 meters) of any public use facility.

6. We allow hunter access from 2 hours before legal sunrise until 2 hours after legal sunset.

9. We require tree stands, elevated platforms, and ground blinds to be removed daily. We require hunters to clearly label unattended tree stands, elevated platforms, and ground blinds with the hunter’s name and address or hunting license number legible from the ground. Tree stands, elevated platforms, and/or ground blinds may be put up no earlier than the opening day of deer season and must be removed by the last day of deer season.

10. We prohibit hunting during the Nebraska November Firearm Deer Season.

11. We prohibit the use of game carts or any other wheeled device to retrieve game on the Wilderness Area portion of the refuge that is opened for hunting.

12. We prohibit the marking of any tree or other refuge feature with reflectors, flags, paint, or other substances.

13. We prohibit the use of electronic or photographic trail monitoring devices.

D. Sport Fishing.

3. We prohibit the take of baitfish, reptiles, and amphibians.

4. We prohibit use or possession of alcoholic beverages while fishing on refuge lands and waters.

§ 32.50 New Mexico.

Bitter Lake National Wildlife Refuge

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.

2. We only allow you to unleash dogs during the period when the State regulations: i. In the designated public hunting area, this is located in the southern portion of the Tract; ii. To no closer than 100 yards (90 meters) to the public auto tour route; iii. To Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays during the period when the State seasons for the Middle Tract area are open simultaneously for hunting all of the species allowed; and iv. All hunting must cease at 1 p.m. (local time) on each permitted hunt day.

5. We prohibit pit or permanent blinds and require removal of all
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floating through the refuge on the Rio Grande.

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chapter), and only to pursue species hunters at all time (see § 26.21(b) of this chapter).

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1 hour before legal sunrise and will not extend past 1 hour after legal sunset.

2. Refer to the refuge hunt leaflet for designated hunting areas.

Youth hunters age 17 and under or retrieving dogs on the refuge when hunters are legally present in areas where we allow hunters, only if the dogs are under the immediate control of hunters at all time (see §26.21(b) of this chapter), and only to pursue species legally in season at that time.

7. We prohibit hunters and dogs from entering closed areas for retrieval of game.

8. We prohibit falconry on the refuge.

9. We prohibit canoeing, boating, or floating through the refuge on the Rio Grande.

10. We prohibit hunting any species on the Rio Grande within the refuge.

11. We prohibit overnight camping without a permit.

12. All State and Federal hunting and fishing regulations regarding methods of take, dates, bag limits, and other factors apply to all hunting and fishing on the refuge, in addition to these refuge-specific regulations.

13. Visit the refuge visitor center or Web site, and/or refer to additional on-site brochures, leaflets, or postings for additional information.

B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of quail and cottontail rabbit on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and any special posting or publications subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow only shotguns and archery equipment for hunting of upland game.

2. We prohibit pit or permanent blinds and require daily removal of all waterfowl decoys, spent shells, all temporary blinds/stands, and all other personal equipment (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

6. We allow unleashed hunting and/or retrieving dogs on the refuge when hunters are legally present in areas where we allow hunters, only if the dogs are under the immediate control of hunters at all time (see §26.21(b) of this chapter), and only to pursue species legally in season at that time.

7. We prohibit hunters and dogs from entering closed areas for retrieval of game.

8. We prohibit falconry on the refuge.

9. We prohibit canoeing, boating, or floating through the refuge on the Rio Grande.

10. We prohibit hunting any species on the Rio Grande within the refuge.

11. We prohibit overnight camping without a permit.

12. All State and Federal hunting and fishing regulations regarding methods of take, dates, bag limits, and other factors apply to all hunting and fishing on the refuge, in addition to these refuge-specific regulations.

13. Visit the refuge visitor center or Web site, and/or refer to additional on-site brochures, leaflets, or postings for additional information.

B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of quail and cottontail rabbit on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and any special posting or publications subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow only shotguns and archery equipment for hunting of upland game. We prohibit the use of archery equipment on the refuge except when hunting for upland and big game.

2. Conditions A2 through A13 apply.

C. Big Game Hunting. We allow hunting of mule deer, oryx, and bearded Rio Grande turkey on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and any special posting or publications subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A5 through A13 apply.

2. Refer to the refuge hunt leaflet for designated hunting areas.

3. Hunting on the east side of the Rio Grande is only by foot, horseback, or bicycle. Bicycles must stay on designated roads.

4. We may allow oryx hunting from the east bank of the Rio Grande to the east boundary of the refuge for population management purposes for hunters possessing a valid State permit. We may also establish special hunts of the oryx on dates established by refuge staff. Contact the refuge for more information.

5. Legal hunting hours will run from 1 hour before legal sunrise until 1 hour after legal sunset.

8. All State and Federal fishing regulations regarding methods of take, dates, creel limits, and other factors apply to all fishing on the refuge, in addition to these refuge-specific regulations.

9. We prohibit fishing for any species on the Rio Grande within the refuge.

San Andres National Wildlife Refuge

C. Big Game Hunting. Hunting of oryx or gemsbok (Oryx gazella) and desert bighorn sheep (Ovis canadensis mexicana) is allowed on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with
New Mexico Department of Game and Fish (NMDGF) and White Sands Missile Range (WSMR) regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Hunters are required to check in and out of the hunt area.

2. Hunters are required to complete an unexploded ordnance (UXO) training prior to entering hunt area.

3. The hunter may be accompanied by no more than three guests including their guide(s).

4. Only approved WSMR outfitters can be used.

5. All hunters must enter and exit through the Small Missile Range gate on Range Road 7.

6. All members of the hunting party are required to wear solid or camouflage style florescent orange (hunter’s orange) clothing while away from the vehicle and in the field hunting. A minimum of 144 square inches must appear on both the chest and back (a typical blaze orange hunting vest).

7. Hunters may be escorted, but not guided, by WSMR, NMDGF, or refuge personnel or their agent(s). Check stations may be used in lieu of hunt escorts.

8. Hunters must follow photo and video policy as described by WSMR regulations.

9. Youth hunters, 16 years of age and younger, must be under the direct supervision of an adult, 18 years of age or older.

10. Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on National Wildlife Refuges must comply with all provisions of State and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (see § 27.42 of this chapter and specific refuge regulations in this part 32).

11. Hunters and their guests must abide by all rules established by the refuge, WSMR, and NMDGF regulations.

12. Bighorn Sheep: Hunting desert bighorn sheep is allowed on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with NMDGF and WSMR regulations and subject to the following conditions specifically for bighorn sheep:

   i. If camping is permitted on WSMR lands, then camping is allowed at Little San Nicholas Camp on the refuge.

   ii. Four-wheeled all-terrain vehicle (ATV) use by hunters or members of their hunting party is prohibited on the refuge, although ATVs may be used to retrieve game on WSMR.

   iii. Hunters using livestock (i.e., horses or mules) must provide only weed-free feed to their animals while on the refuge.

   iv. Hunters or other members of the hunting party are not permitted to hunt small game or other species during desert bighorn ram hunts. Only bighorn sheep may be hunted by individuals with ram tags.

13. Oryx. Hunting oryx is allowed on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with NMDGF and WSMR regulations and subject to the following condition specifically for oryx: Four-wheeled all-terrain vehicle (ATV) use by hunters or members of their hunting party is allowed on the refuge and WSMR only to retrieve game.

Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. We allow hunting of mourning and white-winged doves, geese, ducks, and coots on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and any special posting or publications and subject to the following conditions:

1. Legal hunting hours will run from 1/2 hour before legal sunrise and will not extend past 1:00 p.m. (local time) on each hunt day.

2. The refuge may designate special youth and/or persons with disabilities hunting days during the regular game bird season. This will apply to areas and species that are currently part of the refuge’s hunting program. Contact the refuge for more information.

3. Refer to the refuge hunt leaflet for designated hunting areas.

4. You may use only approved nontoxic shot while hunting (see § 32.2(h)).

B. Upland Game Hunting.

We require hunters to possess a signed refuge hunt permit (name and address only) at all times while scouting and hunting on the refuge. We charge a fee for all hunters except youth age 16 and younger.

1. You must submit a Big/Upland Game Hunt Application (FWS Form 3–2356) to hunt on the refuge. We require hunters to possess a signed refuge hunt permit (name and address only) at all times while scouting and hunting on the refuge. We charge a fee for all hunters except youth age 16 and younger.

2. We provide hunters with hunt maps and parking permits (name only), which they must clearly display in their vehicle. Hunters who park on the refuge must park in identified hunt parking areas.

3. We prohibit the use of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) on the refuge.

4. We prohibit baiting on refuge lands (see § 32.2(h)).

5. We require hunters to wear (in a conspicuous manner) a minimum of 400 square inches (2,600 square centimeters) of solid-color, hunter-orange clothing or material on the head, chest, and back.

6. We prohibit hunters using or erecting permanent blinds.

7. We allow pre-hunt scouting beginning two weeks prior to the bow opener and continuing through the end of the deer season.

8. The refuge only allows archery equipment (crossbows permitted) to harvest deer.

D. Sport Fishing. [RESERVED]

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24. Amend § 32.51 North Dakota by:


d. Revising the introductory text in paragraph B and revising paragraphs C.2 and D under Tewaukon National Wildlife Refuge.

§ 32.51 New York.

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§ 32.53 North Dakota.

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Audubon National Wildlife Refuge

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B. Upland Game Hunting. * * *

4. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field (see § 32.2(k)).

Des Lacs National Wildlife Refuge

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B. Upland Game Hunting. Hunters may hunt sharp-tailed grouse, Hungarian partridge, turkey, ring-necked pheasant, cottontail rabbit, jackrabbit, snowshoe hare, and fox on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We open the refuge daily from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m.

2. We only allow the use of portable fish houses for ice fishing. Portable fish houses may not be left out overnight.

3. We prohibit leaving stands and blinds overnight (see § 27.93 of this chapter) on the refuge. Tree stands cannot injure trees. Screw-in steps, bolts, nails, wire, or other objects that penetrate the bark of the tree cannot be used (see § 32.2(i)).

4. We prohibit entry to the refuge before 12 p.m. (noon) on the first day of the respective bow, gun, or muzzleloader deer hunting seasons.

5. We prohibit the use of flagging, trail markers, paint, reflective tacks, or other types of markers (see § 27.93 of this chapter).

6. We prohibit the use of trail cameras and other electronic surveillance equipment.

7. We prohibit the use of horses, mules, or similar livestock on the refuge during all hunting seasons.

C. Big Game Hunting. * * *

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1. We prohibit hunting the area around the refuge headquarters, buildings, shops, and residences. We post these areas with “Closed to Hunting” signs.

2. We prohibit hunting the area around the refuge headquarters, buildings, shops, and residences. We post these areas with “Closed to Hunting” signs.

3. We open nine designated Public Hunting Areas (as delineated on the refuge hunting brochure map available at the refuge headquarters or posted on refuge information boards and/or kiosks) on the refuge for deer hunting during the regular firearms season.

4. You must possess and carry a refuge permit to hunt antlered deer on the refuge outside the nine Public Hunting Areas during the regular firearms season.

5. We only allow the use of portable tree stands and ground blinds. We prohibit leaving stands and blinds overnight (see § 27.93 of this chapter) on the refuge.

6. We prohibit the use of flagging, trail markers, paint, reflective tacks, or other types of markers (see § 27.93 of this chapter).

7. We prohibit the use of trail cameras and other electronic surveillance equipment.

8. We prohibit entry to the refuge before 12 p.m. (noon) on the first day of the respective bow, gun, or muzzleloader deer hunting seasons.

5. We prohibit entry to the refuge before 12 p.m. (noon) on the first day of the respective bow, gun, or muzzleloader deer hunting seasons.

Refuge roads open to the public may be accessed before 12 p.m. (noon).

9. Conditions B8 and B9 apply.

D. Sport Fishing. We allow sport fishing on the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit hunting-for sharp-tailed grouse, Hungarian partridge, and ring-necked pheasant on nine designated Public Hunting Areas as delineated on the refuge hunting brochure map available at the refuge headquarters or posted on refuge information boards and/or kiosks.

2. We allow hunting for sharp-tailed grouse, Hungarian partridge, and ring-necked pheasant on nine designated Public Hunting Areas as delineated on the refuge hunting brochure map available at the refuge headquarters or posted on refuge information boards and/or kiosks.

3. We allow hunting for sharp-tailed grouse, ruffed grouse, Hungarian partridge and turkey south of the Upham-Willow City Road in accordance with State seasons.

4. We open to hunting-for sharp-tailed grouse, Hungarian partridge, and ring-necked pheasant north of the Willow-Upham road on the day following the close of the regular firearm deer season.

5. We prohibit hunting the area around the refuge headquarters, buildings, shops, and residences. We post these areas with “Closed to Hunting” signs.

6. We open the refuge to fox hunting on the day following the close of the regular firearm deer season. Fox hunting on the refuge closes March 31.

7. Hunters may possess only approved nontoxic shot for all upland game hunting, including turkey, as identified in § 20.21(j) of this chapter.

8. We prohibit the use of snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), off-highway vehicles (OHVs), utility terrain vehicles (UTVs), bicycles, or similar vehicles on the refuge.

9. We prohibit the use of boats with electric motors.

10. We prohibit access to refuge lands from refuge waters.

C. Big Game Hunting. We allow deer hunting on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We open the refuge daily from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m.

2. We only allow the use of portable tree stands and ground blinds. We prohibit leaving stands and blinds overnight (see § 27.93 of this chapter) on the refuge. Tree stands cannot injure
Tewaukon National Wildlife Refuge

*B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow ring-necked pheasant hunting on designated areas of the refuge (see refuge brochure/maps for designated areas) in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

C. Big Game Hunting.

D. Sport Fishing. We allow sport fishing on designated waters (Tewaukon and Sprague Lakes only) in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow ice fishing on designated portions of Tewaukon and Sprague Lakes (see refuge brochure/maps for designated areas) in accordance with State regulations.

2. We allow deer gun hunting on designated areas of the refuge (see refuge brochure/maps for designated areas) in accordance with State regulations.

26. Amend § 32.54 Ohio by revising paragraph C.2; removing paragraph C.3; and redesignating paragraphs C.4, C.5, C.6, C.7, C.8, and C.9 as paragraphs C.3, C.4, C.5, C.6, C.7, and C.8, respectively, under Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge to read as follows:

§ 32.54 Ohio.

Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge

*C. Big Game Hunting.

2. We require that hunters check out at the refuge check station with a State-issued Big Game Harvest Report no later than 1 hour after the conclusion of their controlled hunt.

27. Amend § 32.56 Oregon by:

a. Revising paragraph A under Bandon Marsh National Wildlife Refuge.

b. Adding, in alphabetical order, an entry for Nestucca Bay National Wildlife Refuge.


d. Adding, in alphabetical order, an entry for Siletz Bay National Wildlife Refuge.

e. Adding, in alphabetical order, an entry for Siletz Bay National Wildlife Refuge.

These revisions and additions read as follows:

§ 32.56 Oregon.

Bandon Marsh National Wildlife Refuge

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. We allow hunting of duck and goose on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Only hunters 15 years of age and younger are allowed to participate in the Youth Waterfowl Hunt. Youths must be accompanied by an adult 21 years of age or older.

2. Blinds, decoys, and other personal property must be removed at the end of each day’s hunt (see § 27.93 of this chapter).

3. Vehicles are restricted to designated public use roads and designated parking areas.

4. We prohibit dogs on the refuge, except for hunting dogs engaged in authorized hunting activities, and under the immediate control of a licensed hunter (see § 26.21(b) of this chapter).

5. You may possess only approved nontoxic shells for hunting during the early September Goose Hunt and the Youth Duck Hunt.

6. Open fires are not allowed.

7. Waterfowl and goose permit (name only) hunters must check back to the refuge check station prior to leaving the refuge and submit a Migratory Bird Hunt Report (FWS Form 3–2361).

8. Goose hunters are required to space themselves no less than 200 yards apart from each other during the early September Goose Hunt.

9. No overnight camping or after-hours parking is permitted on the refuge.

10. No hunting is permitted from refuge structures, observation blinds, boardwalks, or similar structures.

11. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (see § 27.42 of this chapter and refuge-specific regulations in this part 32).

B. Upland Game Hunting.

C. Big Game Hunting. [RESERVED]

D. Sport Fishing. [RESERVED]

Julia Butler Hansen Refuge for the Columbian White-Tailed Deer

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, and common snipe on the refuge-owned shorelines of Crims and Wallace Islands in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Only hunters 15 years of age and younger are allowed to participate in the Youth Waterfowl Hunt. Youths must be accompanied by an adult 21 years of age or older.

2. Blinds, decoys, and other personal property must be removed at the end of each day’s hunt (see § 27.93 of this chapter).

3. Vehicles are restricted to designated public use roads and designated parking areas.

4. We prohibit dogs on the refuge, except for hunting dogs engaged in authorized hunting activities, and under the immediate control of a licensed hunter (see § 26.21(b) of this chapter).

5. You may possess only approved nontoxic shells for hunting during the early September Goose Hunt and the Youth Duck Hunt.

6. Open fires are not allowed.

7. Waterfowl and goose permit (name only) hunters must check back to the refuge check station prior to leaving the refuge and submit a Migratory Bird Hunt Report (FWS Form 3–2361).

8. Goose hunters are required to space themselves no less than 200 yards apart from each other during the early September Goose Hunt.

9. No overnight camping or after-hours parking is permitted on the refuge.

10. No hunting is permitted from refuge structures, observation blinds, boardwalks, or similar structures.

11. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (see § 27.42 of this chapter and refuge-specific regulations in this part 32).

B. Upland Game Hunting.

C. Big Game Hunting. [RESERVED]

D. Sport Fishing. [RESERVED]

Basket Slough National Wildlife Refuge

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. We allow hunting of duck and goose on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Only hunters 15 years of age and younger are allowed to participate in the Youth Waterfowl Hunt. Youths must be accompanied by an adult 21 years of age or older.

2. Blinds, decoys, and other personal property must be removed at the end of each day’s hunt (see § 27.93 of this chapter).

3. Vehicles are restricted to designated public use roads and designated parking areas.

4. We prohibit dogs on the refuge, except for hunting dogs engaged in authorized hunting activities, and under the immediate control of a licensed hunter (see § 26.21(b) of this chapter).

5. You may possess only approved nontoxic shells for hunting during the early September Goose Hunt and the Youth Duck Hunt.

6. Open fires are not allowed.

7. Waterfowl and goose permit (name only) hunters must check back to the refuge check station prior to leaving the refuge and submit a Migratory Bird Hunt Report (FWS Form 3–2361).

8. Goose hunters are required to space themselves no less than 200 yards apart from each other during the early September Goose Hunt.

9. No overnight camping or after-hours parking is permitted on the refuge.

10. No hunting is permitted from refuge structures, observation blinds, boardwalks, or similar structures.

11. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (see § 27.42 of this chapter and refuge-specific regulations in this part 32).

B. Upland Game Hunting.

C. Big Game Hunting. [RESERVED]

D. Sport Fishing. [RESERVED]
3. We open the refuge for day-use access from 1 1/2 hours before legal sunrise until 1 1/2 hours after legal sunset.
4. We prohibit dogs on the refuge, except for hunting dogs engaged in authorized hunting activities, and under the immediate control of a licensed hunter (see § 26.21(b) of this chapter).

**Lewis and Clark National Wildlife Refuge**

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.

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4. We open the refuge for hunting access from 1 1/2 hours before legal sunrise until 1 1/2 hours after legal sunset.
5. We prohibit dogs on the refuge, except for hunting dogs engaged in authorized hunting activities, and under the immediate control of a licensed hunter (see § 26.21(b) of this chapter).

**Malheur National Wildlife Refuge**

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.

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1. We allow nonmotorized boats or boats equipped with only electric motors on the North and South Malheur Lake Hunt Units. All boats are prohibited on the Buena Vista Hunt Unit.
2. We allow only portable and temporary hunting blinds. We prohibit permanent structures.
3. You must remove boats, decoys, blinds, materials and all personal property at the end of each day (see § 27.93 of this chapter).
4. We may close any refuge access easement road, refuge road, or hunting access point for public safety, or when travel may be detrimental to the area.
5. The North Malheur Lake Hunt Unit is open during all established State of Oregon migratory bird hunting seasons.
6. The South Malheur Lake and Buena Vista Hunt Units open for migratory bird hunting on the fourth Saturday of October and close at the end of the State waterfowl season.
7. The South Malheur Lake and Buena Vista Hunt Units open for migratory bird hunting on the fourth Saturday of October and close at the end of the State waterfowl season.

**Nestucca Bay National Wildlife Refuge**

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. We allow hunting of ducks and coot on refuge lands at Brooten Marsh and the mouth of the Little Nestucca River 7 days per week in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field (see § 32.2(k)).
2. We allow hunting of upland game species on designated areas of the Blitzen Valley east of Highway 205 from the fourth Saturday in October through the end of the State pheasant season.
3. We allow hunting of upland game species on the North Malheur Lake Hunt Unit concurrent with the State pheasant season.
4. We allow hunting of all upland game species on designated areas of the refuge west of Highway 205 and south of Foster Flat Road, and on designated areas of Krumbo Creek east of the Krumbo Reservoir in accordance with State regulations.
5. We may close any refuge access easement road, refuge road, or hunting access point for public safety, or when travel may be detrimental to the area.

B. Upland Game Hunting.

[RESERVED]

C. Big Game Hunting. [RESERVED]

D. Sport Fishing. [RESERVED]
D. Sport Fishing. [RESERVED]

28. Amend § 32.57 Pennsylvania by adding, in alphabetical order, an entry for Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge to read as follows:

§ 32.57 Pennsylvania.

Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. We allow hunting of migratory birds, including all waterfowl (i.e., ducks, mergansers, coots, and geese), doves, woodcock, snipe, rails, moorhens, and gallinules, on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State of Pennsylvania regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. You must submit a Migratory Bird Hunt Application (FWS Form 3–2357) to hunt on the refuge. We require hunters to possess a signed refuge hunt permit (name and address only) at all times while scouting and hunting on the refuge. We charge a fee for all hunters except youth age 16 and younger.

2. We issue one companion permit (no personal information) at no charge to each hunter. We allow companions to observe and/or call, but not to shoot a firearm or bow. Companion and hunters must set up in the same location. We provide hunters with hunt maps and parking permits (name only), which they must clearly display in their vehicle. Hunters who park on the refuge must park in identified hunt parking areas.

3. We prohibit the use of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) on the refuge.

4. We require hunters to wear (in a conspicuous manner) solid-color, hunter-orange clothing or material, consistent with Pennsylvania Game Commission regulations.

5. We prohibit hunters using or erecting permanent or pit blinds.

6. We require hunters to remove all hunting blind material, boats, and decoys from the refuge at the end of each hunting season (see § 27.93 of this chapter).

7. We allow pre-hunt scouting concurrent with big game scouting continuing through the end of the migratory bird season; however, we prohibit the use of dogs during scouting.

8. Dogs may only be used for waterfowl hunting. We limit the number of dogs per waterfowl hunting party to no more than two dogs.

9. We allow hunters to enter the refuge 2 hours before shooting time (as prescribed by Pennsylvania Game Commission regulations), and they must leave no later than 2 hours after the end of shooting time.

B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of squirrels, grouse, rabbit, pheasant, quail, woodchuck, crow, fox, raccoon, opossum, skunk, weasel, coyote, and bobcat on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State of Pennsylvania regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We require hunters to submit a Big/Upland Game Hunt Application/Permit (FWS Form 3–2356) to hunt on the refuge. We require hunters to possess a signed refuge hunt permit (name and address only) at all times while scouting and hunting on the refuge. We charge a fee for all hunters except youth age 16 and younger.

2. Conditions A3, A4, A5, and A9 apply.

3. We prohibit scouting.

4. We prohibit baiting on refuge lands (see § 32.2(h)).

5. We allow hunting from 1 half hour before legal sunrise to legal sunset. We prohibit night hunting.

C. Big Game Hunting. We allow hunting of white-tailed deer, bear, and wild turkey on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State of Pennsylvania regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A3, A4, A5, A9, B1, and B5 apply.

2. We allow pre-hunt scouting beginning two weeks prior to the bow opener and continuing through the end of the deer season.

3. We require hunters to remove all portable hunting blind materials from the refuge at the end of each hunting season (see § 27.93 of this chapter).

4. You must remove boats, decoys, hunting blinds, trail cameras, and other personal property by the end of each day (see §§ 27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

D. Sport Fishing. [RESERVED]

29. Amend § 32.61 South Dakota by:

a. Removing paragraph A.1; redesignating paragraphs A.2 and A.3 as paragraphs A.1 and A.2, respectively; revising paragraphs B.1 and C.5; and adding paragraphs B.3 and C.10 under Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge.

b. Revising paragraphs A.4, C.4, and D under Sand Lake Wetland Management District.

These revisions and additions read as follows:

§ 32.61 South Dakota.

Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. We allow migratory game bird hunting on Waterfowl Production Areas throughout the District in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. You must remove boats, decoys, portable blinds, other personal property, and any materials brought onto the area for blind construction by the end of each day (see §§ 27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

2. We prohibit bringing any type of live or dead vegetation onto the refuge for any purpose at any time.

3. We allow the use of motorized boats.

B. Upland Game Hunting.

C. Big Game Hunting.

4. You must remove portable ground blinds, trail cameras, and other personal property by the end of each day (see §§ 27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

D. Sport Fishing. We allow sport fishing on Waterfowl Production Areas throughout the District in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. You must remove boats, motor vehicles, fishing equipment, and other personal property (excluding ice houses) by the end of each day (see §§ 27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

2. We allow the use of motorized boats.

30. Amend § 32.63 Texas by:


These additions and revisions read as follows:

§ 32.63 Texas.
A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. We allow hunting of ducks, coots, and mergansers on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Each adult hunter 17 years of age or older must possess an Annual Public Hunting Permit (APH) administered by the State.
2. Hunters may enter the refuge hunt units no earlier than 4 a.m. Hunting starts at the designated legal shooting time and ends at 12 p.m. (noon). Hunters must leave refuge hunt units by 12:30 p.m.
3. Youth under 17 years of age are required to be under the immediate supervision of a duly permitted, authorized supervising adult, age 18 or older.
4. Shotgun with nontoxic shot are the legal means that may be used or possessed during these hunts (see § 32.2(k)).
5. We prohibit pits and permanent blinds. We allow portable blinds or temporary natural vegetation blinds. You must remove all blinds from the refuge daily (see § 27.93 of this chapter).
6. We only allow vehicular travel on designated roads and in parking areas.
7. All hunters are transported to and from their hunting location by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) personnel.
8. Hunter check-in begins at 5:00 a.m. and ends at 5:30 a.m. All hunters are required to check in and out at the hunter check station located on the north end of the Island.
9. Hunters will select hunt sites on a first-come, first-served basis.
10. Waterfowl hunts are morning only, begin at legal shooting time, and end at 12:00 p.m. (noon).
11. Dogs accompanying hunters must be under the immediate control of handlers at all times (see § 26.21(b) of this chapter).
12. Hunters must remove all decoys, boats, spent shells, marsh chairs, and other equipment from the refuge daily (see §§ 27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter). We prohibit the use of plastic flagging, reflectors, or reflective tape.
13. Hunting of geese is prohibited.
14. The entire refuge or any portion thereof may immediately close to hunting in the event of whooping crane in the hunt area or in order to conduct habitat management practices as required during the available windows (e.g., prescribed burns, roller chopping, fire breaks).
15. We prohibit the use of dogs to trail game.
16. We prohibit target practice or any nonhunting discharge of firearms.
17. Firearm hunters must wear a total of 400 square inches (2,600 square centimeters) hunter orange including 144 square inches (936 square centimeters) visible in front and 144 square inches visible in rear. Some hunter orange must appear on head gear.
18. All hunters must fill out (FWS Form 3–2359) Big Game Harvest Report upon leaving the hunt area.
19. For the archery and rifle season, hunters must have a refuge permit (name only required) and pay a fee. The hunter must tape the smaller vehicle tag on the driver’s side windshield. The hunter must sign the larger permit and possess it at all times while on the refuge.
20. We define youth hunters as ages 9 to 16. A Texas-licensed, adult hunter, age 17 or older who has successfully completed a Hunter Education Training Course, must accompany youth hunters. We exempt those persons born prior to September 2, 1971, who have successfully completed a Hunter Education Training Course. However, supervising adults must have passed a Hunter Education Training Course or possess a State-issued deer permit (FWS Form 3–1383–G) due to “upper 2 limb” disability. We allow the use of archery equipment and centerfire rifles for hunting in accordance with State law.
21. We allow use of portable hunting stands, stalking of game, and still hunting. There is a limit of two portable stands per permitted hunter. A hunter may set up the portable stands during the scouting week, but must remove them when the hunter’s permit expires (see § 27.93 of this chapter). We prohibit hunters from driving nails, spikes, or other objects into trees or hunting from stands secured with objects driven into trees (see § 32.2(i)). We prohibit the building of pits and permanent blinds.
22. We prohibit blocking of gates and roadways (see § 27.31(h) of this chapter). We prohibit vehicles operating off-road for any reason. Hunters must park vehicles in such a manner as to not obstruct normal vehicle traffic.
23. We allow the use of only biodegradable flagging tape to mark trails and hunt stand location during the archery and rifle hunts on the refuge. We color-code the flagging tape used each weekend during the rifle hunts. Hunters must use the designated flagging tape color specified for particular hunt dates. We provide this information on the refuge hunt permit and in refuge regulations sent to permitees. Hunters must remove flagging (see § 27.93 of this chapter) at the end of the hunt. The hunter must write his/her last name in black permanent marker on the first piece of flagging tape nearest the adjacent designated roadway.
24. We prohibit camping.
25. On the Matagorda Island Unit, we allow hunting subject to the following conditions:
26. Big Game Hunting Blackjack Unit conditions: C.1.i through C.1.vi apply.
27. Special permits are issued by lottery drawing through the TPWD Public Hunting Program for big game hunts.
28. TPWD staff will transport all hunters to and from the designated hunting stand.
29. All hunters are required to stay in their designated stand unless they are retrieving their game. Stalking of game is prohibited.
30. For hunts administered by TPWD, youth hunters are not required to complete a Hunter Education Training Course. However, supervising adults born on or after September 2, 1971, must have passed a Hunter Education Training Course or possess a State-issued deer permit (FWS Form 3–1383–G).
vii. Hunters can clean all harvested game in the field or at the designated cleaning area at the headquarters.

viii. All deer harvested during the hunt will be tagged with a TPWD-issued Special Drawn Legal Deer Tag.

ix. Hunters are allowed to camp in the designated camping area.

3. On the Tatton Unit, we allow hunting subject to the following conditions:

A. Big Game Hunting BlackJack Unit conditions: C.1.i through C.1.v apply.

B. Refuge permits (name only) are required with payment of a hunt fee.

B.1. Refuge permits: We allow any-legal-weapon elk hunting for youth, disabled, and depredation pool hunters during State seasons subject to refuge regulations.

C. Big Game Hunting.

C.1. Mining and construction activities may close areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations, seasons, and bag limits subject to the following conditions:

1. The entire refuge or any portion thereof may be closed to hunting for the protection of resources or public safety as determined by the Refuge Manager.

2. Refuge permits (name only) are required with payment of a hunt fee.

3. Refuge permits and the payment of a hunt fee are required.

4. Dogs are not allowed for hunting.

5. The refuge will set the bag limits.

6. Refuge permits and the payment of a hunt fee are required.

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Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. We allow hunting of ducks, geese, crows, and American woodcock at the Nulhegan Basin Division and Putney Mountain Unit in accordance with State of Vermont regulations, seasons, and bag limits subject to the following conditions:

1. The use or possession of bait is prohibited during scouting or hunting (see §32.2(h)). Bait is considered anything that can be eaten or ingested by wildlife. Scent attractants are allowed.

2. A hunter may bring one guest. Guest may not use a hunting firearm or other hunting weapon (archery). Guest may assist hunter in game retrieval or field dressing activities. Guest must be with the hunter at all times.

B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of wild turkey at designated times on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow archery elk hunting during the general and the Uintah Basin extended archery elk hunts during State seasons subject to refuge regulations.

2. We are closed for the general any-legal-weapon (rifle) and muzzleloader bull elk hunts.

3. We allow any-legal-weapon elk hunting during limited late season antlerless elk hunts starting on December 1 during State seasons subject to refuge regulations.
use permit (FWS Form 1383–G) issued by the Refuge Manager.

C. Big Game Hunting. We allow hunting of white-tailed deer, moose, black bear, and wild turkey at the Nulhegan Basin Division and Putney Mountain Unit in accordance with State of Vermont regulations, seasons, and bag limits subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1 through A4 apply.
2. We allow only temporary tree stands and you must remove them (see § 27.93 of this chapter) by the end of the final deer season. Your name and address must be clearly visible on the tree stand. We prohibit nails, screws, or screw-in climbing pegs to build or access a stand (see § 32.2(b)).
3. Moose may be retrieved at the Nulhegan Basin Division by a commercial moose hauler, subject to a special use permit (FWS Form 1383–C) issued by the Refuge Manager.

D. Sport Fishing. [RESERVED]

33. Amend § 32.66 Virginia by revising paragraphs C.1, C.5, C.12, and C.13 under Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge to read as follows:

§ 32.66 Virginia.

Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge

C. Big Game Hunting.

1. Hunt regulations, hunting application procedures, seasons, methods of hunting, maps depicting areas open to hunting, and the terms and conditions under which we issue hunting permits are available on the refuge’s Web site.

5. All selected and standby applicants must enter the refuge between 4 a.m. and 4:30 a.m. on each hunt day. We may issue standby hunters permits (name only) to fill vacant slots by lottery. Hunting hours will comply with State laws.

12. We allow scouting on designated days prior to the start of each hunt period. Hunters may enter the hunt zones on foot, on bicycle, or through transportation provided by the refuge only. Scouts must wear 400 square inches (2,600 square centimeters) of visible blaze orange.

13. Hunters may go to Hunt Zone 1 (Long Island) only by hand-launched watercraft (canoe, punt, rowboat, and similar watercraft) from the canoe launch at refuge headquarters. Your boat must meet Coast Guard safety requirements. We prohibit use of trailers.

34. Amend § 32.67 Washington by:

a. Removing paragraphs B.2 and C.2 and redesignating paragraphs B.3 and C.3 as paragraphs B.2 and C.2, respectively, under Columbia National Wildlife Refuge.


c. Revising paragraph A.6 under McNary National Wildlife Refuge.


e. Revising paragraphs A, B, and C under Willapa National Wildlife Refuge. These revisions and additions read as follows:

§ 32.67 Washington.

Julia Butler Hansen Refuge for the Columbia White-Tailed Deer

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, and common snipe on the refuge-owned shorelines of Hunting and Price Islands in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot for hunting (see § 32.2(k)).

6. On the Peninsula Unit, we allow hunting subject to the following conditions: On the east shoreline of the Peninsula Unit, we allow hunting only from established numbered blind sites, assigned on a first-come, first-served basis, and we require hunters to remain within 100 feet (30 meters) of marked posts unless retrieving birds or setting decoys.

Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.

3. We limit hunting of dusky Canada goose in accordance with State regulations and quotas. The State defines dusky Canada goose as a dark breasted Canada goose, as determined by a Munsell color chart 10 YR, 5 or less, with a culmen (bill) length of 40 to 50 millimeters (1.6 to 2 inches). We will close the refuge goose season early if the dusky Canada goose harvest reaches the refuge quota assigned by the State.

5. Prior to entering the hunt area, you must pay a recreation user fee, obtain a blind assignment, and obtain a Migratory Bird Hunt Report (FWS Form 3–2361). You must carry the Migratory Bird Hunt Report while hunting as proof of blind assignment and user fee payment.

11. You may possess only approved nontoxic shotshells for hunting (see § 32.2(k)) in quantities of 25 or fewer per day.

13. Prior to switching blinds, you must first report to the refuge check station to obtain a new blind.
Willapa National Wildlife Refuge

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.

Hunting of geese, ducks, coots, and snipe is permitted on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State hunting regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to entering the hunting area at the Riekkola and Tarlatt Units, all hunters are required to obtain and carry a Migratory Bird Hunt Application (FWS Form 3–2357), pay a recreation user fee, obtain a blind assignment, and report waterfowl taken per instructions on the Migratory Bird Hunt Report (FWS Form 3–2361).

2. At the Riekkola and Tarlatt Units, hunters may take ducks and coots only coincidental to hunting geese.

3. Goose hunting is permitted on Wednesday and Saturday in the Riekkola and Tarlatt Units only from established blinds.

4. At the Riekkola and Tarlatt Units, you may possess no more than 25 approved nontoxic shells per day while hunting.

5. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot for hunting (see § 32.2(k)).

6. You may not shoot or discharge any hunting firearm from, across, or along a public highway, designated route of travel, road, road shoulder, road embankment, or designated parking area.

7. We prohibit camping on the refuge except in designated campgrounds on Long Island for up to 14 days.

8. We open the refuge for hunting access from 1½ hour before legal sunrise until 1½ hour after legal sunset.

9. We require dogs to be kept on a leash, except for hunting dogs engaged in authorized hunting activities, and under the immediate control of a licensed hunter (see § 26.21(b) of this chapter). We prohibit dogs on Long Island and on beaches within the Leadbetter Point Unit.

10. Access to the hunt area is by foot or boat access only. We allow bicycles on designated roads and trails only.

11. We prohibit permanent blinds.

B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of forest grouse (sooty and ruffed) on Long Island, subject to the following conditions:

1. Hunters are required to obtain and carry a Big/Upland Game Hunt Application (FWS Form 3–2356) and report game taken, hours hunted, and name/address/date on the Upland/Small Game/Furbearer Report (FWS Form 3–2362).

2. Archery hunting only.

3. You may not shoot or discharge a firearm on Long Island.

4. Dogs are not permitted on Long Island.

5. Conditions A7 through A10 apply.

6. We prohibit fires on the refuge, except in designated campgrounds on Long Island (see § 27.95(a) of this chapter).

C. Big Game Hunting. We allow hunting of deer, elk, and bear on designated areas of the refuge, in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. At Long Island, hunters must obtain and carry a Big/Upland Game Hunt Application (FWS Form 3–2356) and report game taken, hours hunted and name/address/date on the Big Game Harvest Report (FWS Form 3–2359).

2. At Long Island, only archery hunting is permitted and hunting firearms are prohibited.

3. Bear hunting is prohibited on any portion of the refuge except Long Island.

4. The use of centerfire or rimfire rifles is prohibited within the Lewis, Porte Point, and Riekkola Units.

5. Dogs are prohibited.

6. Conditions A7 through A10 and B6 apply.

7. We prohibit construction or use of permanent blinds, platforms, ladders, or screw-in foot pegs.

8. You must remove all personal property, including stands, from the refuge by 1½ hours after legal sunset (see §§ 27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

9. Tree stands may stay in place for 11⁄2 hour before legal sunrise. The stand must be removed before 1½ hours after legal sunset on the third day.

10. Access to the hunt area is by foot or boat access only. We allow bicycles on designated roads and trails only.

11. We prohibit permanent blinds.

12. You must remove all personal property, including stands, from the refuge by 1½ hours after legal sunset (see §§ 27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

13. Tree stands may stay in place for 3 days and must be labeled with the hunter’s name and phone number, and the date the stand was set-up. The stand may be set-up 1½ hours before legal sunrise.

B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of ducks, dark geese, coots, mergansers, snipe, Virginia rail, Sora rail, sandhill crane, and mourning dove in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit hunting of migratory game birds in areas of the refuge indicated on the Cokeville Meadows National Wildlife Refuge Hunting Brochure and marked by signs as closed to all hunting or closed to migratory bird hunting.

2. You may only possess approved nontoxic shot while in the field (see § 32.2(k)).

3. We prohibit pits and permanent blinds.

4. You may use portable blinds or blinds constructed of natural dead vegetation (see § 27.51 of this chapter).

5. You must remove all decoys, shell casings, portable and temporary blinds, and other personal equipment (see §§ 27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter) from the refuge at the end of each day.

6. We prohibit possession or consumption of any alcoholic beverage while hunting (see § 32.2(j)).

7. Hunters may not enter closed areas to retrieve animals legally shot in an open area unless authorization has been given by a refuge employee or State Conservation Officer. Permission must be obtained from private landowners before attempting to retrieve game on private land.

8. Dogs must be leashed and/or under the direct control of a handler (see § 32.69 Wisconsin).
The use of dogs to find and retrieve legally harvested migratory game birds is allowed.

9. Hunters must park in a Designated Hunter Parking Area, as identified by signs.

10. Hunters are required to access and exit the hunting areas from a Designated Hunter Parking Area only. Drop off or pick up of hunters is prohibited except at Hunter Designated Parking Areas.

11. Hunters may only access the refuge 1 hour before legal sunrise until 1 hour after legal sunset.

B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of blue grouse, ruffed grouse, chukar partridge, gray partridge, cottontail rabbits, snowshoe hares, squirrels (red, gray, and fox), red fox, raccoon, and striped skunk in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A2 through A7 and A9 through A11 apply.

2. Dogs must be leashed and/or under the direct control of a handler. The use of dogs to find and retrieve legally harvested upland game birds, cottontail rabbits, and squirrels is allowed and encouraged. Dogs may not be used to chase red fox, raccoon, striped skunk, or any other species not specifically allowed in A8 or this paragraph.

3. Dogs must be leashed and/or under the direct control of a handler. The use of dogs to find and retrieve legally harvested upland game birds, cottontail rabbits, and squirrels is allowed and encouraged. Dogs may not be used to chase red fox, raccoon, striped skunk, or any other species not specifically allowed in A8 or this paragraph.

4. Red fox, raccoon, and striped skunk may be taken on the refuge by licensed migratory bird, big game, or upland/small game hunters from September 1 until the end of the last open big game, upland bird, or small game season. Red fox, raccoon, or striped skunk that is harvested must be taken into possession and removed from the refuge.

5. We prohibit hunting of sage grouse.

C. Big Game Hunting. We allow hunting of elk, mule deer, white-tailed deer, pronghorn, and moose in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A3 through A7 and A9 through A11 apply.

2. We prohibit hunting of big game in areas of the refuge indicated on the Cokeville Meadows National Wildlife Refuge Hunting Brochure and marked by signs as closed to all hunting.

3. You may hunt with the aid of a temporary tree stand that does not require drilling or nailing into the tree. All personal property, including temporary tree stands, must be removed at the end of each day (see §§ 27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

D. Sport Fishing. [RESERVED]