



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Seney

National Wildlife Refuge

2023 Rifle Deer Season at Seney National Wildlife Refuge

Work occurring along Driggs River Road during hunting season.

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding has provided an opportunity to do work needed to reduce fuel loads and maintain firebreaks on the refuge. Some of this work may occur during rifle deer season along roads that are open to hunters and hunt camps.

A contracted company will be clearing smaller trees and brush in a 50-foot corridor on both sides of Driggs River Road. The company plans to start from the north end of Driggs River Road and will be working weekdays during daylight hours. They will be using machinery such as forestry mowers and woodchippers. It is estimated that the sound will carry about a mile out from where the work is being done. After the first few days deer tend not to be bothered by this noise. We apologize for the possible disruption to hunting experiences.

Work will be conducted November 2023–June 2023. Please be aware of heavy machinery and work crews on the refuge.

Interested in camping during the 2023 rifle deer season?

Register your camp by November 13, 2023.

Camping is not allowed during the muzzleloader season for white-tailed deer.

Camping is allowed west of the Driggs River in designated areas along roadsides within 10 yards of the road. (Backpack camping is no longer allowed west of the Driggs River).

Camping is not allowed in the Wilderness Area or any Research or Public Use Natural Areas.

Only downed branches and trees can be used for fires; snags (dead, standing trees) are to be left in place and not cut.

[Follow “Leave No Trace” principles so that public lands will remain clean and attractive for others to enjoy. \(https://fws.gov/leave-no-trace/\)](https://fws.gov/leave-no-trace/)

To register your camp:

Send the following information, via email to jennifer_wycoff@fws.gov or call 906-586-9851

- Your name
- Number of people in your party
- Phone number(s) we can reach you at now and while camping
- Arrival and departure dates
- Type of camp: tent, trailer, pickup camper, other
- Vehicle information: make and model of all vehicles using the site
- Desired camp location

Reminders

Follow Michigan state regulations and the more restrictive refuge-specific regulations.

- No types of bait or artificial lures are allowed (i.e. salt). Possession of bait on the refuge is prohibited, this includes in your vehicle.
- No ATV's, snowmobiles, etc.
- No canoes/boats/tubes/flotation devices on refuge impoundments.
- Report all injuries or accidents occurring on the refuge immediately to the refuge headquarters. Please report any illegal issues you see. After hours emergency contact number (906) 630-2015
- See the [hunting brochure \(https://www.fws.gov/media/seney-national-wildlife-refuge-hunt-brochure\)](https://www.fws.gov/media/seney-national-wildlife-refuge-hunt-brochure) for all other refuge-specific regulations.

Tracking animals into closed areas

If you shoot an animal and it goes into a closed area:

- Call the refuge manager: Sara Siekierski at (906) 630-2015
- If no one answers, leave a message with information on how to reach you.
- If you cannot reach the manager, you may track the deer without your gun. You cannot take your gun into the closed area without permission.
- A list of signs and their meanings can be found in the [hunting brochure \(https://www.fws.gov/media/seney-national-wildlife-refuge-hunt-brochure\)](https://www.fws.gov/media/seney-national-wildlife-refuge-hunt-brochure) or at hunt information kiosks.

[Please Consider Switching to Non-lead Bullets \(https://huntingwithnonlead.org/\)](https://huntingwithnonlead.org/).

They are extremely effective, ensure quality meat & prevent collateral damage to other wildlife.

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

AUTHORITY: The information requested is authorized by the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act (16 U.S.C. 668dd-ee) and the Refuge

Recreation Act (16 U.S.C. 460k- 460k-4).

PURPOSE: To collect the applicant's information to process permits allowing for general activities such as: woodcutting; miscellaneous events (fishing tournaments, one-time events, other special events); cabin rentals; and education activities.

ROUTINE USES: The information will be used by the refuge's administrative office for processing General Activity Special Use permits. More information about the routine uses maybe found in the Systems of Records Notice, FWS-5 National Wildlife Refuge Special Use Permits.

DISCLOSURE: Providing the information is voluntary. However, submission of information is required to process and approve general activity usage on the National Wildlife Refuge System.

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT STATEMENT: We are collecting this information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501) to evaluate the qualifications, determine eligibility, and document permit applicants and to respond to requests made under the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act of 1974. The information that you provide is required to obtain or retain a benefit; however, failure to provide all required information is sufficient cause for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to deny a permit. False, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or representations made in the application may be grounds for revocation of the Special Use Permit and may be punishable by fine or imprisonment (18 U.S.C. 1001). According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 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. OMB has approved this information collection and assigned control number 1018-0102.

ESTIMATED BURDEN STATEMENT: The public reporting burden for this information collection varies based on the requested specific refuge use. We estimate the relevant public reporting burden for the General Activity Special Use Permit Application form to average 30 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Service Information Collection Clearance Officer, Division of Policy, Performance, and Management Programs, Fish and Wildlife Service, Mail Stop BPHC, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3803. Please do not send your completed form to this address.