

# **ACCESSIBLE DEER HUNT: Hunter Application\***

**October 14-15, 2025 at Crane Meadows National Wildlife Refuge**

**Please read through entire application and fact sheet for details prior to applying.**

## **Hunter Information:**

Hunter's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a permit to hunt from your vehicle? **YES** **NO** (please circle one) If so, Permit #\_\_\_\_\_

### **Briefly describe your disabilities:**

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Have you hunted at Crane Meadows NWR before? **YES** **NO** (please circle one)

If you hunted previously at Crane Meadows NWR, did you harvest a deer? **YES** **NO** (please circle one)

Anticipated Mentor (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

**To be considered for the hunt, your application must be postmarked by August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025**

**Mail this application to\*:**

**\*retain a copy for your records**

**CRM NWR Deer Hunt  
Options  
318 3<sup>rd</sup> Street NW  
East Grand Forks, MN 56721**

# CRANE MEADOWS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

## Accessible Deer Hunt – 2025 Fact Sheet

- The hunt will be conducted at Crane Meadows National Wildlife Refuge, October 14-15, 2025.
- The 2,200-acre refuge, located in Central Minnesota, is approximately 30 miles north of St. Cloud and 8 miles southeast of Little Falls. From State Highway 10, take Morrison County 35 east five miles to refuge headquarters. The refuge features a unique sand plain wetland/upland complex with a rich mosaic of healthy sedge meadow, shallow lake, oak savanna, prairie, shrubland and forest habitats.
- Hunting will occur in the afternoon of October 14<sup>th</sup> and all day on October 15<sup>th</sup> until legal closing time. The refuge will be closed to all other hunting during this time.
- There will be a mandatory gun sight-in and orientation on the morning of October 14<sup>th</sup>.
- **For 2025, a maximum of 10 people will be allowed to hunt on the refuge.**
- If more than 10 people apply, the hunt participants will be chosen through a selection process/drawing conducted by Options Resource Center for Independent Living (OPTIONS), East Grand Forks, MN.
  - Application must be filled out completely and mailed to:  
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  - Each hunter may harvest only one deer, either a buck or a doe. Hunters may use a management tag purchased prior to the start of the hunt to tag an antlerless deer.
  - Hunters must possess a permanent disability severe enough to qualify for disability-related programs such as Hunt from a Vehicle Permit, Accessible Parking Placard, Waivered Home Services, any of the disability related fishing, hunting or park access permits issued by a state DNR based on one's disability, Federal Park Access Pass issued due to disability, SSI, SSDAC, SSDI, if a person has a disability without any of the aforementioned the definition of disability used by the Social Security Administration will be used as guidance. Questions about your eligibility can be directed to OPTIONS by calling 218-773-6100 or 800-726-3692.
  - An assistant/mentor must accompany each person with a disability on the hunt.
  - Hunters must possess a valid 2025 Minnesota Firearms Deer License (or Archery License if hunting with a bow or crossbow) to hunt on the refuge.
  - Participation in this hunt does not prevent hunters from party hunting/hunting in the Deer Area of their choice during the regular Minnesota state deer seasons. Licenses should be purchased choosing their preferred season (Statewide A or Late Southeast B) and their area of choice. All 2025 MN State Deer Hunting Licenses will be honored during the Crane Meadows National Wildlife Refuge accessible deer hunt. Hunters are asked to refer to the big game regulations outlined in the 2025 Minnesota Hunting and Trapping Regulations booklet for additional information.
  - The hunt is hosted by Crane Meadows National Wildlife Refuge of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, sponsored by The Friends of Crane Meadows and community organizations, and coordinated with Options Inc. and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. **For more information, contact Ron Beam at (320) 632-1575.**