

# Desert

## National Wildlife Refuge

### *New Bird Hunting Area*



The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service opened new and expanded hunting and sport fishing opportunities across 2.1 million acres, the largest expansion of outdoor recreation opportunities in recent history.

Nationwide, the increased recreational access covers 88 National Wildlife Refuges and one National Fish Hatchery. The action brings the number of units in the Service's National Wildlife Refuge System where the public may hunt to 434, and the number where fishing is permitted to 378.

In southern Nevada, the Sitting Dog Unit on the Desert National Wildlife Refuge is now open to hunting for chukar, quail, and dove during the seasons and hours established by state regulations for other migratory birds and upland game birds. The approximately 8,500-acre Sitting Dog Unit is located in the northeast corner of the Desert National Wildlife Refuge. (See map on reverse side)

The expansion allows both migratory and upland game bird hunting on this wildlife refuge for the first time. For information about Nevada game bird hunting and license requirements, visit [www.ndow.org](http://www.ndow.org), and find additional refuge information at [www.fws.gov/refuge/desert/](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/desert/).

#### **MIGRATORY BIRDS OTHER THAN WATERFOWL**

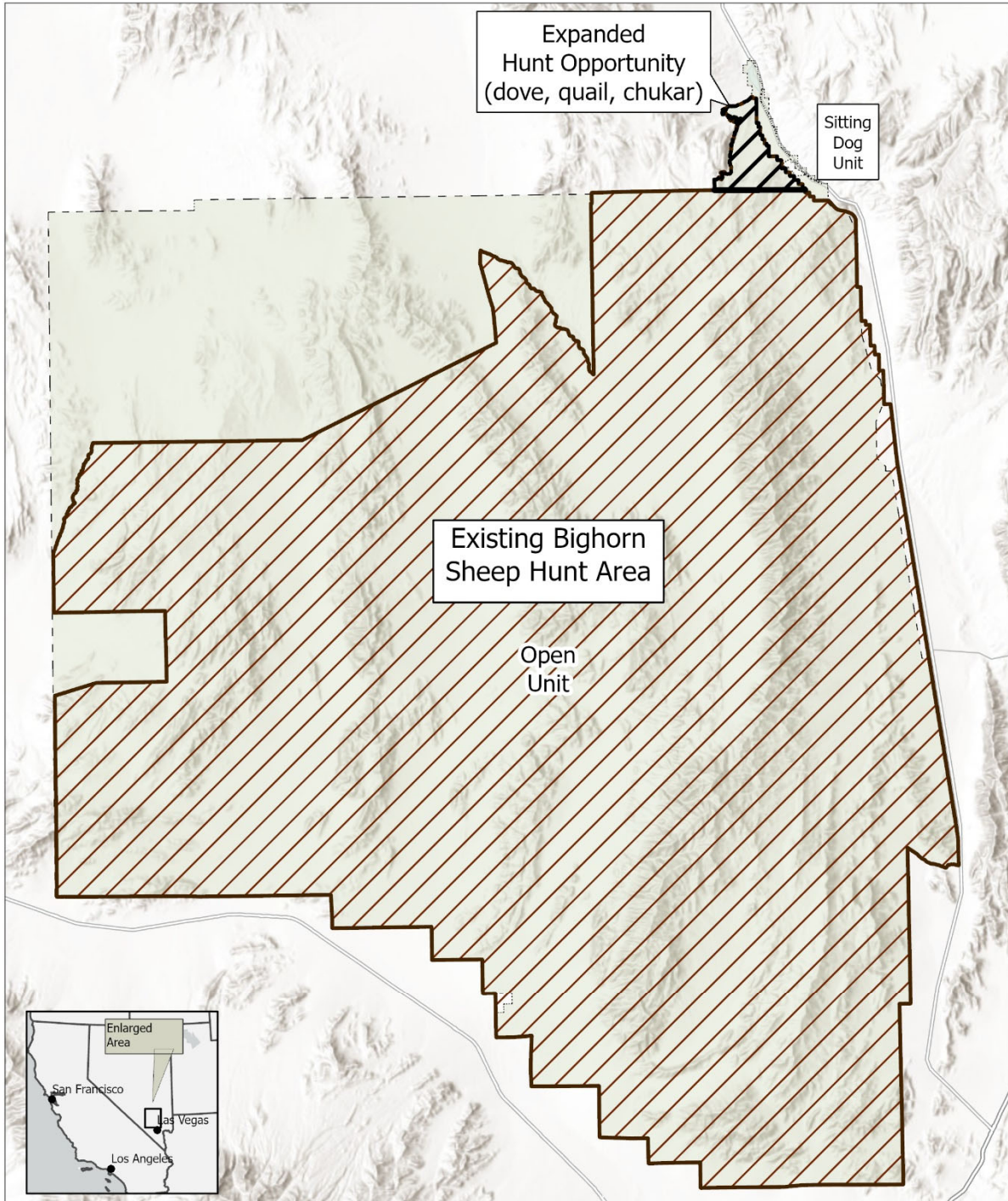
Dove hunting is permitted daily during the state season (Sept. 1 - Oct. 30) until October 1, at which point dove hunting is allowed on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Hunters must use only a shotgun and federally approved non-lead shot. (§§50 CFR-32.2(k), state regulations, and Desert National Wildlife Refuge Hunt Plan-Page 9)

#### **UPLAND GAME BIRDS**

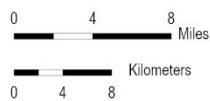
Chukar and quail hunting is allowed on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays during the state season (Oct. 9, 2021 - Feb. 6, 2022). Hunters must use only a shotgun and federally approved non-lead shot. (§§50 CFR-32.2(k), state regulations, and Desert National Wildlife Refuge Hunt Plan-Page 9)

#### **ADDITIONAL REFUGE RULES FOR HUNTING**

- Dogs must be on a physical leash, except for hunting dogs engaged in authorized hunting activities and under the immediate control of a licensed hunter. (§§50 CFR-26.21(b))
- Falconry is not allowed.
- Fires are prohibited on the refuge, except in provided fire rings at the Desert Pass campground when fire restriction are not in effect. Portable gas stoves are allowed. (§§50 CFR-27.95(a))
- Hunters are required to successfully complete a hunter education course to purchase a state hunting license.
- Dog field trials are not allowed. (§§50 CFR-27.91)
- Target shooting is prohibited.
- 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. (§§50 CFR-27.42 and specific refuge regulations in part 32)
- Vehicles are allowed only on designated roads and in designated parking areas.



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