



# Public Information Bulletin

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## **Round Pond Unit in St. Francis County will be closed Monday, March 14 through Friday, March 18, 2022**

Round Pond Unit in St. Francis County that is managed by Wapanocca National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) will be closed to daytime public access on Monday, March 14 through Friday, March 18, 2022. With favorable weather, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Wildlife Services (USDA, APHIS, WS), in cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and private landowners will be conducting aerial gunning operations aimed at reducing feral hog populations on federal and private lands.

Aerial operations are scheduled to begin March 14th and continue through March 18th. Public safety during the flights is the primary concern for the temporary closures. To provide safety for the public and comply with USDA regulations, access will not be allowed during ongoing operations.

Varying weather and site specific conditions will not allow for specific dates of the closures. The dates allow some flexibility to take advantage of resources over large contiguous tracts of habitat.

The aerial operations are the result of planning and coordination of multiple partners, condensed into several days of actual operations. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and USDA APHIS would like to thank the public in advance for their patience and understanding while these activities are underway and apologize for any inconvenience related to the operation.

For additional information concerning Round Pond Unit or Wapanocca NWR please contact Steven Rimer at (870) 564-2429.

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