

Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge Gun Deer Hunting Fact Sheet and Application Instructions

2020 Gun Deer Season South Refuge Zone

- **Dates:** November 21, 2020 through November 29, 2020
- **Number of Permits:** 45 permits will be awarded by drawing.
- **Deadline to turn in application:** Applications for the refuge Gun Deer season must be received by 4:00 pm on September 18, 2020. Applications can either be mailed or placed in the drop box at the Refuge maintenance shop. The drop box is a mail slot on the three-stall garage. There is a sign indicating it is the area to drop off applications.
- **Application:** Applications are available online at <http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Trempealeau/> or in a bin at the refuge office. The bin is available Monday-Friday 7:30 am to 3:30 pm and is located in front of the main office door. There are multiple applications so please find the one labeled gun deer hunt. Please fill out the application and sign and date it. You may mail the application to the Refuge or drop it in the drop box. Address: Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge, W28488 Refuge Road, Trempealeau, WI 54661. The drop box is a mail slot on the three-stall garage at the maintenance shop. There is a sign indicating it is the area to drop off applications.
- **How to obtain a permit:** Permits will be awarded by a random drawing held on September 24, 2020. This year hunters will sign and send in a permit along with their application. **This permit is not valid until signed by the district manager and sent back to the hunter.** Only hunters drawn to hunt will receive their permit back in the mail.
- **Hunting Partners:** If you choose to designate a hunting partner, each hunter must fill out an application form. **Include your partner's name under party members on the application form and have your partner include your name on their application.** Each application must be returned with the \$10.00 application fee. Hunting partners will share one chance to be selected for the hunt. You may only apply ONE TIME. Multiple applications with duplicate names will be discarded.
- **Hunter Notification:** Hunters will be notified by telephone if their permit has been selected by September 24, 2020. Those hunters that are not selected **will not** be notified.
- **Harvest Limit:** One buck deer per unused Gun Buck Carcass Tag and one antlerless deer per unused Antlerless Deer Tag valid for use in the specified zone, DMU (Deer Management Unit) and land type (public access or private). Hunters must have appropriate state tags for the deer that they harvest. Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge is in the WI DNR Central Farmland Zone 2 and Buffalo and Trempealeau county DMU's.
- **Closed Areas:** Black Oak Island is closed to hunting.
- **Fee:** There is a \$10.00 application fee due at the time of application. Payment is accepted in the form of cash, personal check, or money orders. Please make checks payable to:
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Additional Regulations/Information

- All hunters must possess a valid Wisconsin hunting license and a Refuge Permit to hunt on the Refuge. Wisconsin State hunting regulations will be in effect while hunting on the refuge.
- The Refuge will not be participating in the Hunting Mentorship Program. All hunters must be at least 12 years old and must be accompanied by an adult if under the age of 18.
- The Refuge is open for access from 1 hour before until 1 hour after legal shooting times during the deer season only. Other times the refuge is open during daylight hours only.
- Rifles are **prohibited**. Shotgun, muzzleloader, handguns and crossbows as per state regulations are allowed.
- Hunting is prohibited within 50 feet of the center of any refuge road open to public vehicles. Discharging a firearm is prohibited from or across any refuge road open to public vehicles, or within 50 feet of a road's center. These prohibitions do not apply to refuge roads closed to public vehicles, including roads located behind locked gates and/ or signs stating "Authorized Vehicles Only." Shooting a firearm is prohibited within 100 yards of any refuge building.
- **A Big Game Harvest Report must be returned for each permit (even if no deer was harvested) or the hunter will not be eligible for a permit the next year. Harvest reports are due no later than December 10, 2020.**

Please return application to: Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge, W28488 Refuge Road, Trempealeau, WI 54661. Deadline to apply for a gun deer permit: **No later than September 18, 2020**. For more information, call 608/769-4408 or email: stephanie_edeler@fws.gov

In accordance with the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) and the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501), please note the following;

Applications will be available online or at the refuge starting August 1st each year at <http://www.fws.gov/refuge/trempealeau> (follow the link for Hunting).



HUNT APPLICATION/PERMIT National Wildlife Refuge System

Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge
W28488 Refuge Road
Trempealeau, WI 54661, 608-539-2311



PERMIT (*Refuge Use Only*)

Permit Number/Type: _____ Valid for Season: _____

Follow instructions in the refuge hunt publication; not all fields may be required. Read and comply with all refuge regulations, including application deadlines. Application due by September 18, 2020

- Day Hunting Authorized
- Night Hunting Authorized
- Lottery Application (Lottery Deadline: September 18, 2020)

Hunt Permit Application

License Type

State Hunting License No.

Date of Application _____ *Wisconsin Gun Deer License*

Method (*Check all that apply*)

- Rifle Shotgun Archery
- Falconry Muzzleloader

Species Permit Type (*Check all that apply*)

- Deer Turkey Feral Hog Migratory Bird Waterfowl Raccoon
- Opossum Youth Turkey Youth Hunt Other (*Describe*)

Primary Hunter Contact Information

Full Legal Name

Check if Youth Hunter (*Aged 12 through 17 years old*)
Age at Time of Hunt (*Youth Hunter Only*)

Mailing Address

City

State

Zip Code

Daytime Phone (Incl. Area Code)

Cell Phone (Incl. Area Code)

Email Address

Party Members (*If you choose to designate a hunting partner, each hunter must fill out an application form. One partner allowed per hunter.*)

- 1. _____
- 2. N/A
- 3. N/A

Parent/Guardian Contact Information (*Required Only for Youth Hunters*)

Full Legal Name of Parent/Guardian Relationship to Youth Description for "Other"

Hunter's Mailing Address City State Zip Code

Daytime Phone (Incl. Area Code) Cell Phone (Incl. Area Code) Email Address

Hunt Dates

November 21, 2020 through November 29, 2020. Deadline to turn in the application is September 18, 2020. There will be a random drawing held on September 24, 2020 and hunters will be notified by telephone if their permit has been selected. Hunters not selected will not be notified.

Important Additional Information

*Please read the attached fact sheet and application instructions for more information.
I have read and understand the refuge hunt regulations and agree to abide by the regulations governing hunting on the refuge. 50 CFR 32.68 (h)(3)*

Hunter Signature

Parent/Guardian Name (Printed)
(Required for hunters less than 18 years old)

Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date Received: _____ Payment Exempt/No Fee Payment Required Payment Amount: \$10.00

Payment Type: Personal Check Cashier's Check Money Order Other:



Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge General Activities Special Use Permit (For Official Use Only)

Permit #:

Permit Term:

From: To:

1) Permittee Name/Business:

2) Permit Activity Type: 2020 Gun Deer Hunt

2) Permit Status: Approved *If approved, provide special conditions (if any) in the text box below.*
 Denied *If denied, provide justification in the text box below.*

Gun Deer Season at Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge - Special Conditions provided to permittee upon issuance of permit. Valid Wisconsin Hunting License Required.

3) Are there additional special conditions attached to the permit? Yes No N/A

4) Are other licenses/permits required, and have they been verified? Yes No N/A

5) Are Insurance and/or Certification(s) required, and have they been verified? Yes No N/A

6) Record of Payments: Full Partial Exempt Amount of full payment:

7) Is a surety bond or security deposit required? Yes No N/A

This permit is issued by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and accepted by the applicant signed below, subject to the terms, covenants, obligations, and reservations, expressed or implied therein, and to the notice, conditions, and requirements included or attached. A copy of this permit should be kept on-hand so that it may be shown at any time to any refuge staff

8) Permit approved/issued by: (Signature and title)

9) Permit accepted by: (Signature of permittee)

Date: _____

Date: _____

Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge

General Hunting Regulations

There are two Hunting Zones on Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge, the North Zone and the South Zone.

In addition to WI State Regulations, the following federal regulations apply for all hunting zones on the Refuge:

Tree Stands: Only portable type stands are allowed and must be removed from the refuge each day. Personal property cannot be left on the Refuge. Screw-in steps are prohibited.

Vegetation: The cutting, removing, or damaging of any tree or vegetation, for any reason, is prohibited.

Alcohol: The use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting is prohibited.

Baiting: The distribution of, or hunting over, bait is not permitted.

Blinds: Only portable or temporary blinds may be used.

Dogs: The use of dogs is allowed for bird hunting only, provided the dog is under the immediate control of the hunter at all times.

Boats: Only electric motor and hand-powered boats are allowed on the Refuge pools.

Artificial Light: Shining a light to locate any animal is prohibited on the Refuge.

Additional information specific to each Hunting Zone:

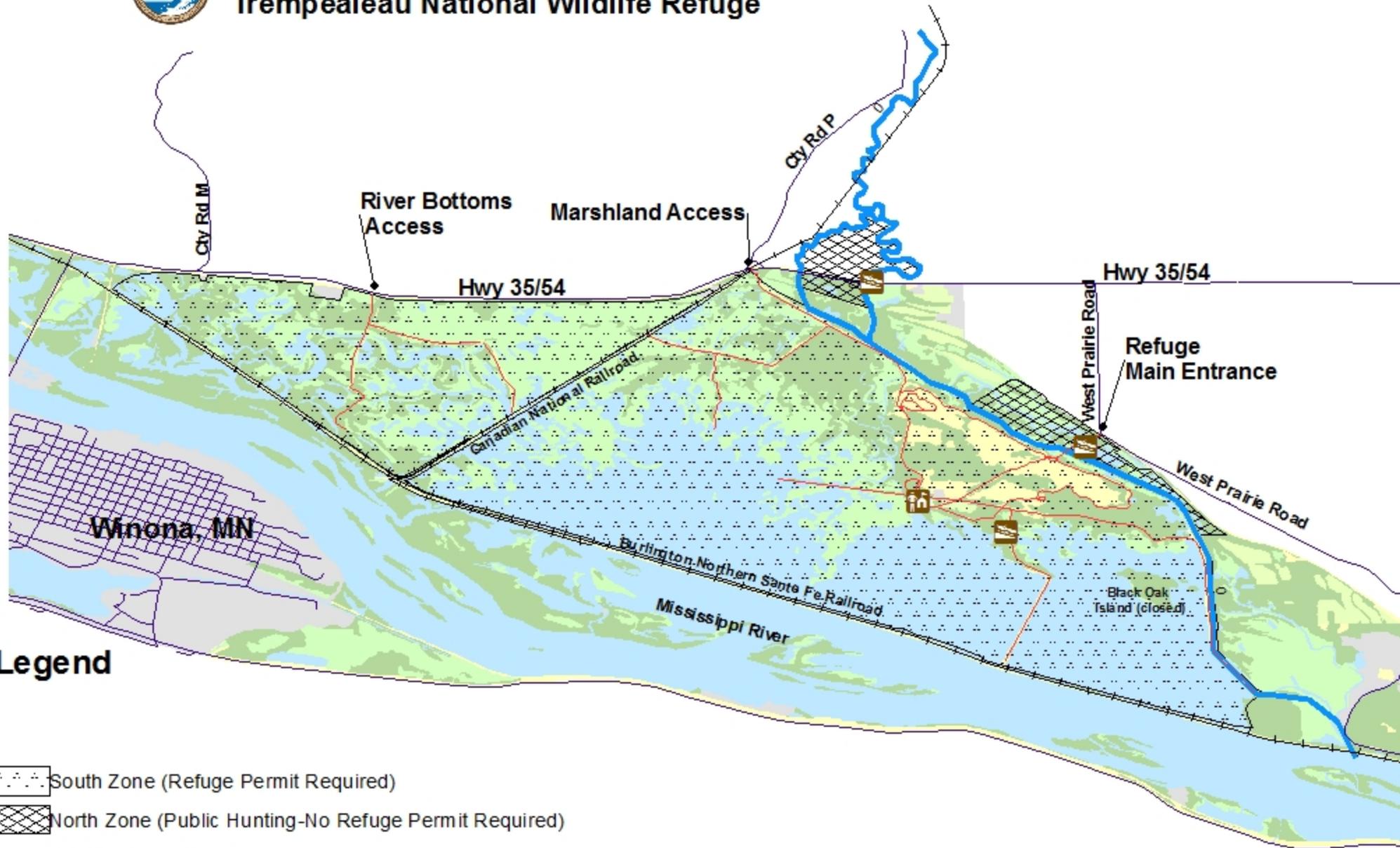
South Zone: On Refuge land south of the main channel of the Trempealeau River and south of State Highway 35/54, a Refuge Permit is required for all hunting activities. Additional special conditions apply for permitted hunting in the South Zone. Please refer to the 'Permits' section on our website (<https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Trempealeau/visit/permits.html>) or contact the Refuge office for information on special conditions and obtaining permits for the South Zone.

North Zone: On Refuge land north of the main channel of the Trempealeau River and north of State Highway 35/54, refuge land is open to public hunting and a Refuge Permit is not required for hunting activities.

For boundary info, please reference the attached Hunt Zones map. The information provided above is intended for **general** guidance for hunting on Trempealeau NWR. Additional information is available in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 50 §32.69, or by contacting the Refuge Office.

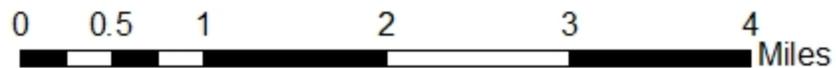


Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge



Legend

-  South Zone (Refuge Permit Required)
-  North Zone (Public Hunting-No Refuge Permit Required)
-  Trempealeau River
-  Refuge Office
-  Boat Landing
-  Roads and Trails
-  Railroad



General Conditions and Requirements

- 1) **Responsibility of Permittee:** The permittee, by operating on the premises, shall be considered to have accepted these premises with all facilities, fixtures, or improvements in their existing condition as of the date of this permit. At the end of the period specified or upon earlier termination, the permittee shall give up the premises in as good order and condition as when received except for reasonable wear, tear, or damage occurring without fault or negligence. The permittee will fully repay the Service for any and all damage directly or indirectly resulting from negligence or failure on his/her part, and/or the part of anyone of his/her associates, to use reasonable care.
- 2) **Operating Rules and Laws:** The permittee shall keep the premises in a neat and orderly condition at all times, and shall comply with all municipal county, and State laws applicable to the operations under the permit as well as all Federal laws, rules, and regulations governing national wildlife refuges and the area described in this permit. The permittee shall comply with all instructions applicable to this permit issued by the refuge official in charge. The permittee shall take all reasonable precautions to prevent the escape of fires and to suppress fires and shall render all reasonable assistance in the suppression of refuge fires.
- 3) **Use Limitations:** The permittee's use of the described premises is limited to the purposes herein specified and does not, unless provided for in this permit, allow him/her to restrict other authorized entry onto his/her area; and allows the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to carry on whatever activities are necessary for: (1) protection and maintenance of the premises and adjacent lands administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; and (2) the management of wildlife and fish using the premises and other U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service lands.
- 4) **Transfer of Privileges:** This permit is not transferable, and no privileges herein mentioned may be sublet or made available to any person or interest not mentioned in this permit. No interest hereunder may accrue through lien or be transferred to a third party without the approval of the Regional Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the permit shall not be used for speculative purposes.
- 5) **Compliance:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's failure to require strict compliance with any of this permit's terms, conditions, and requirements shall not constitute a waiver or be considered as a giving up of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's right to thereafter enforce any of the permit's terms or conditions.
- 6) **Conditions of Permit not Fulfilled:** If the permittee fails to fulfill any of the conditions and requirements set forth herein, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service shall retain all money paid under this permit to be used to satisfy as much of the permittee's obligation as possible.
- 7) **Payments:** All payment shall be made on or before the due date to the local representative of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service by a postal money order or check made payable to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
- 8) **Termination Policy:** At the termination of this permit the permittee shall immediately give up possession to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service representative, reserving, however, the rights specified in paragraph 11 below. If he/she fails to do so, he/she will pay the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, as liquidated damages, an amount double the rate specified in this permit for the entire time possession is withheld. Upon yielding possession, the permittee will still be allowed to reenter as needed to remove his/her property as stated in paragraph 11 below. The acceptance of any fee for the liquidated damages or any other act of administration relating to the continued tenancy is not to be considered as an affirmation of the permittee's action nor shall it operate as a waiver of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's right to terminate or cancel the permit for the breach of any specified condition or requirement.
- 9) **Revocation Policy:** The Regional Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service may revoke this permit without notice for noncompliance with the terms hereof, or for violation of general and/or specific laws or regulations governing national wildlife refuges, or for nonuse. It is at all times subject to discretionary revocation by the Director of the Service. Upon such revocation the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, by and through any authorized representative, may take possession of said premises for its own and sole use, and/or may enter and possess the premises as the agent of the permittee and for his/her account.
- 10) **Damages:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service shall not be responsible for: any loss or damage to property including but not limited to crops, animals, and machinery; injury to the permittee or his/her relatives or to the officers, agents, employees, or any other(s) who are on the premises from instructions; the sufferance from wildlife or employees or representatives of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service carrying out their official responsibilities. The permittee agrees to hold the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service harmless from any and all claims for damages or losses that may arise to be incident to the flooding of the premises resulting from any associated government river and harbor, flood control, reclamation, or Tennessee Valley Authority activity.
- 11) **Removal of Permittee's Property:** Upon the expiration or termination of this permit, if all rental charges and/or damage claims due to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service have been paid, the permittee may, within a reasonable period as stated in the permit or as determined by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service official in charge, but not to exceed 60 days, remove all structures, machinery, and/or equipment, etc., from the premises for which he/she is responsible. Within this period the permittee also must remove any other of his/her property including his/her acknowledged share of products or crops grown, cut, harvested, stored, or stacked on the premises. Upon failure to remove any of the above items within the aforesaid period, they shall become the property of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Notes: _____

NOTICES

All information you provide will be considered in reviewing this application. False, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or representations made in the application may be grounds for revocation of the permit and may be punishable by fine or imprisonment (18 U.S.C. 1001).

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

Authority: The information requested is authorized by the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act (16 U.S.C. 668dd-ee) as amended and the Refuge Recreation Act (16 U.S.C. 460k – 460k-4).

Purpose: The collection of contact information is to verify that the individual has an eligible permit to hunt on one of the National Wildlife Refuges that is designated for waterfowl hunting.

Routine Uses: The individual's contact information may be used to verify permit status, provide permittees with permit-related information, and monitor waterfowl hunt activities conducted under a permit. More information about routine uses can be found in the System of Records Notice, Permits System, FWS-21.

Disclosure: Providing the information is required as a condition of maintaining a Federal permit under the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act. Failure to disclose the requested information may be sufficient cause for revocation of the permit. If the information indicates a violation of a statute, regulation, rule, order or license, whether civil, criminal, or regulatory in nature, the information may be transferred to the appropriate Federal, State, local or foreign agency charged with investigating or prosecuting such violations.

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT STATEMENT

We are collecting this information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501) to provide the refuge managers the information needed to decide whether or not to allow the requested use, and to respond to requests made under the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act of 1974. The information that you provide is voluntary; however, submission of the requested information is required to evaluate the qualifications, determine eligibility, and document permit applicants. Failure to provide all required information is sufficient cause for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to deny a permit. We may not conduct or sponsor and you are not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. OMB has approved this collection of information and assigned OMB Control No. 1018-0140.

ESTIMATED BURDEN STATEMENT

Public reporting for this collection of information is estimated to average 10 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 Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 5275 Leesburg Pike, MS: JAO/1N, Falls Church, VA 22041-3803, or via email at Info_Coll@fws.gov. Do not send your completed application to this address.

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