

# News Release



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## **Deer Hunt Blind Reservations for Hunters with Disabilities on Kootenai National Wildlife Refuge**

Kootenai National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge) constructed a Deer Hunt Blind last year specifically for disabled big game hunters. The Refuge will conduct a random drawing on August 10, 2015, to award ten hunters a Deer Hunt Permit for the use of the disabled hunter blind. Hunters must provide proof of an Idaho Fish and Game “Disabled Hunting License” prior to the drawing. All hunting under this special deer hunt permit will be conducted from a blind located in the northwest corner of the Refuge where the Myrtle Creek and Kootenai River dikes merge. Selected hunters are required to have a helper, if necessary, to assist with retrieving/caring for down game.

The use of the Deer Hunt Blind is only available through a lottery drawing. Hunters with valid Idaho Disabled Hunting Licenses and tags who require accessibility may apply to receive one of ten seven-day deer hunt permits as follows:

### **Archery Only - Antlered or Antlerless**

Week 1.....Aug 30 – Sept 5  
Week 2.....Sept 6 – Sept 12  
Week 3.....Sept 13 – Sept 19  
Week 4.....Sept 20 – Sept 26

### **Archery & Special Weapons\* - Antlered or Antlerless**

Week 5.....Oct 10 – Oct 16  
Week 6.....Oct 17 – Oct 23  
Week 7.....Oct 24 – Oct 30  
Week 8.....Oct 31 - Nov 6  
Week 9.....Nov 7 – Nov 13  
Week 10...Nov 14 – Nov 20

\*muzzleloader, archery equipment, crossbow, a shotgun using slugs, or a handgun using straight-walled cartridges not originally established for rifles. Use of non-toxic, non-lead ammunition is required.

Also, note that some hunting regulations have changed on the Refuge so be sure to know the regulations BEFORE hunting on the Refuge. For more information or to submit your name for the Disabled Hunter Deer Hunt Permit drawing, contact the Refuge Manager at (208) 267-3888.

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