



## U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

# Big Game Hunting

## *Cibola National Wildlife Refuge*

The boundaries and the regulations for Big Game hunting on the Refuge can appear complex, especially for hunters not acquainted with the area. Make sure you know where you are hunting and what, if any, special regulations are in effect. **Please read this entire brochure prior to hunting!**

### Requirements

Most of the Refuge is located in Arizona; areas west of the Old River Channel are in California.

- Hunters must possess a valid hunting license and any required stamps from the state in which they are hunting.

### Wildlife

- Cibola NWR offers hunting opportunities for mule deer.
- No hunting or trapping is permitted for mountain lion, bobcat, coyote, fox, beaver, muskrat, or any other fur bearing animals.

### Weapons

- Approved non-toxic shot is mandatory for all gun hunting regardless of the species being hunted.
- Possession of lead shot and lead slugs is prohibited.
- Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on national wildlife refuges must comply with all provision of federal, state, and local law.
- Hunting or shooting within 50 yards of any public road is prohibited.
- Target shooting or the discharge of a weapon except to hunt is not permitted.
- Bow and arrows are permitted for deer archery season.

### General

- Only upon specific consent from an authorized refuge employee may you retrieve game from an area closed to hunting or public entry.
- Disturbing, destroying, or removing any plants is prohibited.
- Anyone for hire assisting or guiding a hunter or fisherman must obtain, possess, and carry a valid Special Use Permit issued by the refuge manager.
- The use or possession (within physical proximity) of alcohol while hunting is strictly prohibited.
- Disturbing or interfering with any person engaged in an authorized activity on the Refuge is prohibited.
- Camping and fires are not permitted on the Refuge.
- Dogs may be off leash when actively participating in legal hunting activities, otherwise they must be confined or leashed.
- Pit or permanent blinds are not permitted (except those provided by the Refuge in Unit II).
- All personal items must be removed from the Refuge at the end of each day's activity, e.g., boats, equipment, cameras, temporary blinds, etc.

### Motor Vehicles

All operators and vehicles must be licensed, registered, and insured for highway use to be operated on refuge roads. Motor vehicle traffic is limited to designated roads and parking areas (see map). The refuge-wide speed limit is 25 mph. Other State and local traffic laws apply.

All Federal and State regulations are in effect while hunting on the Refuge. For a complete list of regulations, refer to Title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Federal Register, and applicable State regulations.

### Open Areas and Special Regulations

(see map)

#### *Unit I (South)*

Entry is permitted at 4:30 a.m. MST. Legal shooting time is during daylight hours in accordance with Arizona State hunting regulations. This unit is Archery only.

#### *The Island Unit*

Entry is permitted at 4:30 a.m. to one hour after sunset MST. Legal shooting time is during daylight hours in accordance with Arizona State hunting regulations.

The Island Unit is in Arizona and requires an Arizona hunting license.

### California Lands

Refuge lands in California, to the centerline of the old river channel, are open to deer hunting concurrent with state seasons. This includes all Refuge lands west of the Old River Channel.

### For Additional Information

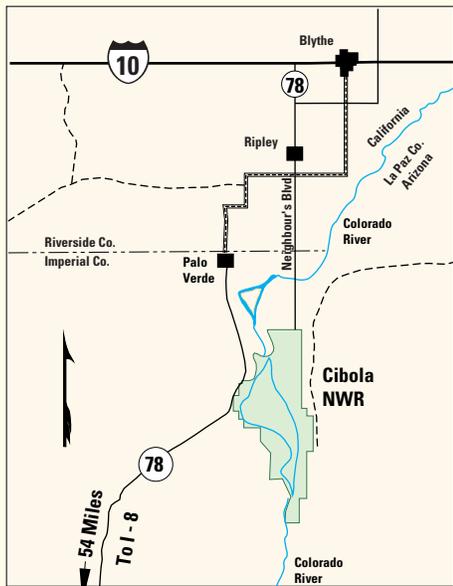
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#### **Cibola National Wildlife Refuge Big Game Hunt Permit**

All hunters are required to sign and carry on their person this hunt brochure. This serves as a valid permit for regular refuge hunts.

I have read and understand these refuge regulations for the current season.



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**Legend**

- Marsh
- State Boundary
- Refuge Boundary
- Paved Road
- Unimproved Road
- Levee Roads
- General Hunting Area
- Closed to Hunting



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