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## Wildlife Refuge Seeks Public Input on Proposed Deer and Feral Hog Hunt Plan

The Sequoyah National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge), in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, intends to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) as part of an updated Hunt Plan, which will include opening additional areas to white-tailed deer hunting and adding feral hog hunting for incidental harvest during the controlled deer hunts and small game hunting. The public is being invited to provide information that should be considered in creation of the EA.

The purpose of the proposed Hunt Plan is to ensure that quality opportunities for white-tailed deer hunting continue to be provided and to allow the incidental harvest of feral hogs. The Refuge wants to prevent further introduction and spread of pest species (feral hogs) on Refuge lands, and to reduce/prevent further habitat degradation.

Through this scoping process, the Refuge is seeking public input to facilitate identification of issues and concerns. Following this scoping period, a draft EA will be developed. Comments collected during this scoping period will be incorporated in the draft EA to the extent practicable. The draft EA and Hunt Plan, once completed, will also be provided to the public for further review and comment.

The public is encouraged to provide input by writing to: Outdoor Recreation Planner, Sequoyah National Wildlife Refuge, 107993 S. 4520 Rd, Vian OK 74962; or may e-mail [chad\\_ford@fws.gov](mailto:chad_ford@fws.gov). \*Please put "Scoping Public Input - Hunting" in the subject line of the email.

Comments will be accepted until October 16, 2015.

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