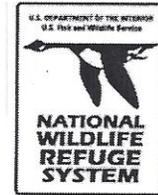


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Bear River Refuge Open for Youth Waterfowl Hunt Day, September 21, 2013

As of September 3, drought conditions present Refuge staff with challenging water management. Additionally, visitors will see dry conditions along the north leg of the Auto Tour Route due to construction of a new water control structure that will improve future water delivery to the Refuge. Staff are pushing water to Unit 3 in preparation for the upcoming Youth Waterfowl Hunt Day, scheduled for Saturday, September 21, 2013.

There are currently many dry units on the Refuge as well as the surrounding area which will have a major impact on waterfowl migration and the upcoming hunt season. Units that currently have water include northwestern portions of Unit 3-Duckville Area (at target) and main portion of Unit 2 (below target). Staff will push water to units, one at a time depending on river flow, from West to East. Water will go to canals and associated units, as prioritized with O-line first. Reeder canal and Unit 5 will fill last.

Visit the Wildlife Education Center located at 2155 W. Forest St., Brigham City, one block west of I-15 at Exit 363. The Center is open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday and 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. Saturdays. The Auto Tour Loop is open every day of the year from sunrise to sunset.

Visit our website at: http://www.fws.gov/refuge/bear_river_migratory_bird_refuge/ or link at: <http://www.fws.gov/nwrs/threecolumn.aspx?id=2147485031> for hunting information. Specific questions can be directed to 435.734.6422.

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