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Deer Hunting Opportunity for Disabled Veterans at Ninigret National Wildlife Refuge

CHARLESTOWN, RI – The Ninigret National Wildlife Refuge is hosting a special deer hunting opportunity for disabled veterans this year by partnering with a non-profit organization known as The Freedom Hunters, whose mission is to provide high quality outdoor experiences to America's disabled veterans. For the second year in a row, this special hunting opportunity will allow six veterans an exclusive opportunity to hunt the Ninigret National Wildlife Refuge for white-tailed deer during a two-day muzzleloader hunt on November 19 and November 20. During this time the refuge will be closed to the public from sunset on Friday, November 18 to Monday, November 21 at sunrise. The closure of the refuge is to ensure public safety, and also to increase the chances of a successful harvest by the participants.

Freedom Hunters is a Military Outreach program dedicated to honoring those who protect our Freedoms. Their mission is to salute the noble work of our courageous men and women of our Armed Forces. Freedom Hunters reflects the outdoor community's appreciation to our troops by taking: select active duty and combat veterans, families of fallen heroes, children of the deployed, as well as those wounded or injured, on outdoor adventures. Freedom hunter's mission is empowered by the generous support of many: sportsmen, conservation groups, state agencies, outfitters, corporations, and land owners. For more information about the Freedom Hunters organization you can visit their website at www.FreedomHunters.org.

Hunting on National Wildlife Refuges is a long standing tradition. It provides a cost effective tool for wildlife management and also one of the services biggest supported public uses. Please contact John Veale with questions about the hunting opportunities on the refuge at John_Veale@fws.gov or (401)-364-9124. To learn more about how to obtain a permit to hunt on Rhode Island's National Wildlife Refuges please visit www.rhodeislandpermits.com

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