



## U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

# Unit II Goose Hunting

## *Cibola National Wildlife Refuge*

The boundaries and the regulations for 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.
- Waterfowl hunters must possess both State and Federal Waterfowl stamps, (duck stamps). *Federal duck stamps may be purchased at the Refuge office during business hours.*

### Wildlife

- Cibola NWR offers hunting opportunities for geese.

### 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 provisions of federal, state, and local law.
- All shotguns must be limited to a 3-shell capacity with no more than 10 rounds fired per day while hunting in Unit II.
- 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.

### Check-in

- Hunting on Unit II is permitted only on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays. Unit II hunt fields will be reserved for youth waterfowl workshop the 2nd weekend in December.
- The Cibola National Wildlife Refuge will continue using a lottery-based reservation system to allocate hunting permits for Unit II goose hunting blinds for the 2013/2014 hunting season.

Reservations will be available for Tuesday-Wednesday and Saturday-Sunday hunt periods starting on November 23, 2013 through the end of goose hunting season. (Refer to Arizona Game and Fish 2013-2014 Waterfowl Regulations). No hunt blinds will be available between December 13 and 15, 2013, during the annual youth waterfowl camp. Any questions may be directed to the Cibola National Wildlife Refuge at 928/857-3253.

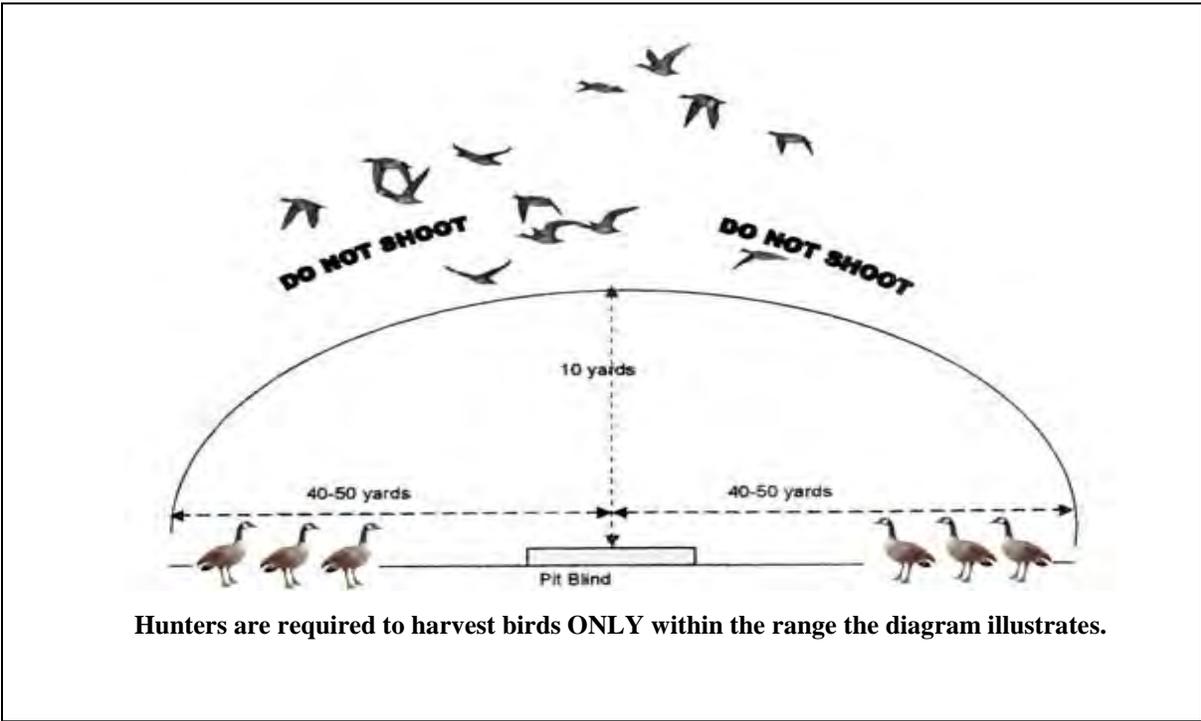
- Hunters may be selected for a maximum of one hunt block, and may bring up to three companions to hunt in the reserved blind. For example, an applicant may be drawn for one weekend totaling two hunt days during the 2013-2014 hunting season. However, a standby drawing will be held at 4:30 a.m. (MST) each hunt morning to fill non-reserved blinds and reservation no-shows. Hunters may hunt as standby hunters as many times as they wish. All reservation permit holders will choose one of the fourteen available blinds (lowest permit number choosing first) on the morning of each hunt day.
- Hunters may apply online for the 2013/2014 Cibola NWR Unit II goose hunt by visiting [www.cibolapermits.com/](http://www.cibolapermits.com/) and completing the application process and submitting the required fees. A \$15.00 application fee is required for all hunters applying for permits. Permit applications must be completed by October 18, 2013. Applicants will be notified via e-mail by November 1<sup>st</sup> if they have been selected for the hunt. Successful applicants must purchase a \$15.00 hunt permit for each hunter in their hunt party to secure their spot. Hunters unable to apply online may also request a paper application form from the refuge office. Any paper forms must be sent to Cibola NWR, c/o Kinsail Corporation, PO Box 7087, Arlington, VA 22207 and received by October 18, 2013 to be considered. All checks, money orders, or cashier's checks must be made out to Kinsail Corporation.
- All incomplete and illegible applications will not be considered in the drawing process. Applications without required fees will also be discarded. Hunters are reminded that those applying for dates in January 2014 must have a 2014 Arizona

hunting license number to participate in the reservation drawing for blinds.

- All hunters must check in and be registered at the goose hunter check station by 4:30 am MST on each hunt morning. In addition standby hunters will be selected to fill open blinds at 4:30 am for registration. **LATE ARRIVALS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**
- Hunters are not allowed to change blinds. **HUNTERS MAY ONLY HUNT AT THE BLIND THEY SELECT.**
- Hunters must hunt from within their designated blind, except to retrieve downed birds. If the blind is flooded then the hunter has the option to request another blind if one is available and if not then lay down adjacent ground blinds with permission from Hunt Coordinator.

### Regulations:

- 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. The refuge-wide speed limit is 25 mph. Other State and local traffic laws apply.
- The use and/or possession (within physical proximity) of alcohol while hunting is strictly prohibited.
- A minimum of 12 goose decoys is required.
- Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise until 12:00 pm. MST. Hunters must remain concealed in their blinds until 10:00 am MST.
- Two blinds (5,13) are available for persons with disabilities possessing an AZ CHAMP permit. (If no disabled hunters are successful in the drawing then these two blinds are available for selection by other hunters.
- Hunters must follow all regulations posted at the Unit II check in station. Violation of regulations **WILL RESULT** in either removal from the hunt for the remainder of the day, a citation being issued or both. Multiple removals and/or citations will result in being banned from the Unit II Goose Hunt.



Hunters are required to harvest birds ONLY within the range the diagram illustrates.

