

Hunter Hotline!

October 26, 2013

Greetings All,

I hope everyone has enjoyed hunting this last week or so with the reopening of the Northeast zone and the official opening for Balance of the State. Hunting has been good here considering the lack of habitat on the Lower Klamath side.

Here is what we have in the way of habitat right now:

Tule Lake – both sumps are full and hunting well, we have flooded grain in lot 1 (along A dike) as well as in the triangle east of the check station. The A blinds 1-4 are flooded and 5-8 are being flooded right now. All the grain is harvested, most of the potatoes are done and the onions are well under way. Due to the drought this summer we were not able to flood our planned marsh in the League so there is not a wetland with cattails and marsh vegetation.

Lower Klamath – we currently have water in 6a and 7a, we just started Stearns blinds, 5b (ADA blind), 6b1 and 9c. The sanctuary has good water as well. At this point we are being told that water deliveries will cease November 1. After that we just don't know. As for grain 7b has been harvested and is open to hunt. 4b, 4c and the Sheepy East fields are completed as well. Harvest equipment is being moved into 9a and I anticipate it should be ready to hunt in about a week.

Due to the shutdown we were not able to have our Youth/Ladies hunt scheduled for October 12th, so management has agreed that we should have a "make-up" hunt. This hunt will be Saturday November 9th. All the usual regulations apply; youth and ladies can hunt after 1:00 to the end of State regulated shoot time, space blinds will be first come first served along with Sump 1B and Frey's Island.

I wish to personally apologize to you all for the lack in information on the web, we are short staffed this season due to budget cuts and with the shutdown we are quite a bit behind. As of the posting of this Hotline the stats as well as the habitat map should all be updated and from this point forward will be updated on a regular basis. If you find information is lacking please shoot me an email or give us a call and we will get it fixed as soon as possible.

Cheers and good hunting!
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If you have ideas or comments about the hunt program please contact me at the Refuge at 530-667-2231 or send me an email at stacy_freitas@fws.gov