MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS
DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT, WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
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PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT NUMBER W11 3462a(I)

TO: The Honorable Eric Clark
Secretary of State
Post Office Box 136
Jackson, MS 39205
AND
ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

The Mississippi Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, at a meeting in Jackson, Mississippi on November 21, 2006, under authority of Section 25-43-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, made known its intent to adopt the following wildlife management area regulations for the 2006-07 hunting year. This was done under authority of Sections 49-5-13 and 49-7-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

Be it ordered that Public Notice Number W11 3462 is hereby amended, and the following 2006-07 wildlife management area hunting regulations are adopted.

2006-2007 Regulations for
Red Creek Wildlife Management Area

George, Harrison, Jackson, and Stone Counties

SPECIES	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	COMMENTS
DEER			For deer hunting regulations see DEER DATA COLLECTION, LEGAL BUCKS, ANTLERLESS DEER REGULATIONS, DEER WEIGHT LIMIT, and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery	Oct. 14	Oct. 31	Legal bucks only.
Archery	Nov. 1	Nov. 17	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Youth Gun	Nov. 11	Nov. 17	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Gun	Nov. 18	Dec. 1	WITH DOGS in DEER HUNTING WITH DOGS AREA only. Legal Bucks. (See Dog Restrictions)
Primitive Weapon	Dec. 2	Dec. 15	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Gun	Dec. 16	Dec. 23	WITHOUT DOGS. Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Gun	Dec. 25	Jan. 17	WITH DOGS in DEER HUNTING WITH DOGS AREA only. Legal bucks only. (See Dog Restrictions)
Primitive Weapon	Jan. 18	Feb. 15	Legal bucks only.

YOUTH TURKEY	Mar. 8	Mar. 14
TURKEY	Mar. 15	May 1
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Oct. 21	Oct. 27
SQUIRREL	Oct. 28	Feb. 28
RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & BOBCAT	Oct. 1	Feb. 28
TRAPPING	Nov. 1	Feb. 28
RABBIT	Oct. 14	Feb. 28

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR RED CREEK WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA
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WMA USER PERMIT: All persons participating in hunting, fishing, or trapping on this wildlife management area, except those exempt from purchasing an annual hunting or fishing license, must carry on their person an annual statewide Wildlife Management Area User Permit. This permit is required in addition to the daily visitor use permit and any required license.

CLOSED AREA: All National Forest land within the area south of Forest Service Road 445, west of Railroad Creek, north of County Road 402 (Larue Road), and east of State Highway 15 is closed to all hunting.

NO SUNDAY HUNTING.

AREA DESCRIPTIONS:
DEER HUNTING WITHOUT DOGS AREA: That portion of the WMA located south of Red Creek and north of McHenry Road, west of Hwy. 15 and WMA lands south of Red Creek and north of Wire Road, east of Hwy. 15.

DEER HUNTING WITH DOGS AREA: That portion of the WMA located north of Red Creek, WMA lands south of McHenry Road, and WMA lands south of Wire Road and east of Hwy. 15.

BAG LIMITS: Same as statewide bag limits.

PERMIT STATIONS: All visitors must obtain a DAILY VISITOR USE PERMIT card from a self-service permit station. Parts A and B of this permit must be legibly filled out before using the WMA. Part A of the permit must be deposited in the return box at a permit station before using the WMA. Part B must be displayed on the dash of the vehicle so that the name, address, and date are visible from outside the vehicle. Permits are invalid if not properly dated or if date has been changed. Before leaving the WMA, visitors must complete the reverse side of Part B of the permit and deposit it in the return box at a permit station. It is the responsibility of the Area Manager and other Agency personnel to have permit cards completed.

DEER DATA COLLECTION: All deer harvested must be checked at the WMA Headquarters or at the self-service data collection stations located across from the headquarters on Wire Rd., or on Bethel Rd. across from N. Carrbridge Rd. before leaving the WMA. If WMA personnel are not available to check the deer, the hunter is responsible for collecting and legibly recording ALL biological data. Instructions and equipment will be provided.

LEGAL BUCKS: Legal bucks are those with four or more antler points AND an inside spread of 12 inches or more. For hunters less than 16 years of age, one of the three buck bag limit may be any antlered buck.

DEER WEIGHT LIMIT: All antlerless deer must weigh a minimum of 65 pounds live weight to be legal for harvest. The average live weight of an adult doe on this WMA is 88 pounds. Any harvested antlerless deer less than 65 pounds live weight is an illegal deer.

DOG RESTRICTIONS:
DEER HUNTING WITHOUT DOGS AREA: Deer hunting with dogs is prohibited. Small game hunting with dogs is allowed during any small game season.

DEER HUNTING WITH DOGS AREA: Deer hunting with dogs is allowed Nov. 18 - Dec. 1 and Dec. 25, 2006 - Jan. 17, 2007. Small game hunting with dogs is allowed during any small game season.

LEGAL WEAPONS: Only centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs or buckshot, primitive weapons, and centerfire handguns may be used for deer hunting. Legal weapons for small game hunting (excluding waterfowl) during daylight hours are shotguns using #2 shot or smaller and rifles or handguns no larger than .22 rimfire magnum. When hunting with a handgun, no other gun may be in possession. Only archery equipment and shotguns with #2 shot or smaller may be used for turkey hunting.

OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: Off-road vehicle use will be governed by U. S. Forest Service regulations. For additional information, contact the Forest Service at (601) 928-4422.

HORSES: Hunting from horseback is allowed.

CAMPING: Camping is allowed in designated areas only (see map). In addition to the regular daily visitor use permit, campers must also fill out the front side of another daily visitor use permit from a self-service permit station and display it so the name and address are visible from the outside of the camping unit. Camping is limited to 14 consecutive days. Camping equipment may not be left unattended for more than 24 hours. All camping equipment and garbage must be removed before final departure.

HENLEY PARK: This is a walk in area only. During gun and primitive weapon season this is a handicapped area only (See Area Manager for access). Small game hunting is allowed only after all WMA deer seasons are closed. No camping allowed during hunting season. Fishing allowed only during daylight hours.

BEARS: Black bears may occur on this WMA. They are federally protected as a threatened subspecies. Hunting or disturbing bears is prohibited. Please report any bear sightings on your daily visitor use permit.

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 36, will be enforced. For additional information, contact the Forest Service at (601) 928-4422.

Anyone wishing to comment on the above proposed action may do so in writing to the Executive Director, Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, P. O. Box 451, Jackson, MS 39205, no later than December 21, 2006.

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS

BY: _____
William C. Deviney, Chairman

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