

Pearl River Valley Water Supply District

3.5 Firearms and Hunting

3.5.1 Use of Firearms

It shall be unlawful to fire any pistol, rifle or shotgun (using slugs, buckshot or loads heavier than number four shot) within the Reservoir Project Area. It shall be unlawful to discharge any firearm within one quarter mile of any commercial or residential development.

3.5.2 Hunting

Hunting is not allowed within the Reservoir Project Area on or south of the Twin Harbor area (§1&2, T7N, R2E, Madison Co.) including any land south of the main dam.

Hunting is not allowed within the Reservoir Project Area south and east of Arbor Landing (§29, T7N, R3E, Rankin Co.) including land surrounding Pelahatchie Bay and south of the main dam except bow hunting only is allowed within the Reservoir Project Area east of Hwy 471 and south of Pelahatchie Creek.

Hunting is not allowed within the Reservoir Project Area in the Goshen Springs area (South ½ §20; and all of §§ 29, 30 & 32, T8N, R4E, Rankin Co.)

Bow hunting only is allowed within the Reservoir Project Area south of the Natchez Trace and east of the Twin Harbor Channel (North ½, §12, T7N, R2E, Madison Co.), known as Found Rabbit, Brown's Landing (East of the Natchez Trace and South of Hwy 43) and west of the Natchez Trace north of Woods Road, known as Catfish Landing.

Hunting within the Reservoir Project Area in Madison County north of Hwy 43 within the Pearl River Wildlife Management Area is regulated exclusively by the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

No hunting is allowed within Coal Bluff Park and Leake County Water Park.

Hunting within season is allowed within that portion of the Reservoir Project Area not listed or restricted above, provided no pistol, rifle or shotgun (using slugs, buckshot or loads heavier than number four shot) is used.

A map of the hunting areas within the Reservoir Project Area is available at the office of the District located at 115 Madison Landing Circle,

Ridgeland, Mississippi 39157 as well as other locations.

Nothing contained herein shall conflict with the rules and regulations of the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks and such rules shall control in the event of conflict.

3.5.3 Penalty

Each violation of this regulation shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

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~~(a) — It shall be unlawful to fire any pistol or rifle, rifle or shotgun (using slugs, buckshot or loads heavier than number four shot) within the Reservoir Project Area; except upon District lands opened to hunting. It shall be unlawful to discharge any firearm within one quarter mile of any commercial or residential development.~~

~~(b) — It shall be unlawful to discharge any firearm within the following areas of the Reservoir Project Area:~~

~~(i) — any land area of Madison County south of Mississippi State Highway 43 and north of Spillway Road;~~

~~(ii) — any area of Hinds, Madison and Rankin Counties lying south of and within one quarter mile of the main dam and Spillway Road;~~

~~(iii) — any area within one quarter mile of any commercial or residential development;~~

~~(iv) — any area within one quarter mile of the Reservoir Dam or within one quarter mile of any public road, public parking area, boat ramp, dock or other boat launching facility, or any water treatment plant.~~

3.5.2 Hunting:

~~(c) — It shall be unlawful to hunt quail, migratory game birds, squirrel and rabbit within the Reservoir Project Area except with shotguns and in conformity with the regulations and rules prescribed by law and by the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks. It shall be unlawful to use slugs, buckshot and any shotgun load heavier than number four within the Reservoir Project Area; provided that any lawful non-toxic shot approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service may be used for hunting waterfowl only.~~

~~(d) — It shall be unlawful to hunt deer within the Reservoir Project Area, except in the following instances:~~

~~(i) — deer may be hunted upon District lands expressly leased for deer hunting purposes;~~

~~(ii) — deer may be hunted with bow and arrow or primitive weapons on District lands open to hunting generally, except that no hunting of deer with primitive firearm weapons shall be permitted in any area of Hinds, Madison and Rankin Counties lying south of the main dam and Spillway Road.~~

~~(iii) — The running of dogs across District land during a season when deer hunting with dogs is permitted shall not of itself be deemed the hunting of deer.~~

~~(e) — The District reserves the right to close any area to any and all hunting at any time, upon the posting of reasonable notice to said effect. It shall be unlawful to hunt in any area closed to hunting hereunder.~~

~~(f) — It shall be unlawful to hunt within the following areas of the Reservoir Project Area:~~

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~~(iii) — on that portion of the Reservoir Project Area located east of a line running between the emergency spillway of the main dam on Spillway Road in Rankin County on the south, and Fannin Landing Boat Ramp on Fannin Landing Circle in Rankin County on the north, encompassing Pelahatchie Bay and its shoreline and that portion of Pelahatchie Creek that lie~~Hunting is not allowed within the Reservoir Project Area; in the Goshen Springs area (South ½ §20; and all of §§ 29, 30 & 32, T8N, R4E, Rankin Co.)

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~~(g) — It shall be unlawful to hunt hogs within the Reservoir Project Area except in those areas and during those periods that deer may lawfully be hunted.~~

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~~(h) — Except with respect to activities prohibited or restricted hereunder~~Hunting within

~~the Reservoir Project Area, the provisions of this section 3.5 shall in no way alter, affect or amend any Rules and Regulations relating to hunting promulgated from time to time in Madison County north of Hwy 43 within the Pearl River Wildlife Management Area is regulated exclusively by the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, and to the extent of any conflict, those regulations shall control except in the case of activities prohibited or restricted hereunder.~~

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