MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS
DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT, WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
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PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER W11 3515

The Mississippi Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, at a meeting in New Albany, Mississippi on April 2, 2008, under authority of Section 25-43-3.103, Mississippi Code of 1972, made known its intent and thirty days thereafter did adopt the following wildlife management area regulations for the 2008-09 hunting year. This was done under authority of Sections 49-1-29, 49-5-13 and 49-7-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

Be it ordered that Public Notice Number W10 3515 is hereby amended, and the following 2008-09 wildlife management area hunting regulations are adopted.

2008-2009 Regulations for
Hell Creek Wildlife Management Area
Union and Tippah Counties

SPECIES	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	COMMENTS
DEER			For deer hunting regulations see BAG LIMIT, DEER HUNTING PERMITS, LEGAL BUCKS, ANTLERLESS DEER REGULATIONS, and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Gun - Permit Only	Oct. 8	Oct. 11	Does (legal bucks with permit after checking doe.)
	Oct. 15	Oct. 18	Does (legal bucks with permit after checking doe.)
	Oct. 22	Oct. 25	Does (legal bucks with permit after checking doe.)
Gun - Permit Only	Dec. 12	Dec. 15	Legal bucks only.
TURKEY	Season Closed		
SQUIRREL	Oct. 26	Oct. 29	
	Nov. 10	Dec. 2	
	Dec. 16	Dec. 25	
	Jan. 1	Jan. 29	
	Feb. 9	Feb. 15	
	Feb. 24	Feb. 28	
RACCOON	Jul. 4	Sep. 26	Friday night only.
RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & BOBCAT	Oct. 1	Feb. 28	
TRAPPING	No Trapping Allowed		
RABBIT	Nov. 10	Nov. 25	
	Jan. 1	Jan. 23	
	Feb. 9	Feb. 15	
	Feb. 24	Feb. 28	

QUAIL - Training Only	Oct. 1 Oct. 12 Oct. 19 Nov. 10 Jan. 1 Feb. 9 Feb. 24	Oct. 7 Oct. 14 Oct. 21 Nov. 25 Jan. 23 Feb. 15 Mar. 15	
Quail - Permit Only	Feb. 16	Feb. 23	See BAG LIMITS and QUAIL HUNTING PERMITS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
YOUTH DOVE	Sep. 6	Sep. 6	See DOVE HUNTING in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
DOVE	See Federal Regulations.		See DOVE HUNTING in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR HELL CREEK WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER W11 3515

WMA USER PERMIT: All persons using 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.

BAG LIMIT: Same as statewide bag limits EXCEPT:

Rabbit - party limit of 6 rabbits per day.
Quail - party limit of 8 quail per day.
Deer - one legal buck, one doe.

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 HUNTING PERMITS: Deer hunting will be allowed by special permit only. Hunters may apply for permitted deer hunts on no more than 3 WMAs statewide during the 2008-09 season. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com, or to receive an application, send a self-addressed, stamped, letter size envelope to Hell Creek WMA Deer Hunting Permits, MDWFP District 1 Office, 272 CR 995, Tupelo, MS 38801. Only one application per hunter will be accepted. Completed applications must be received by Sep.1, 2008 to be eligible for drawing. Hunters who check in a legal doe during their permitted hunt will be issued a permit to harvest one (1) legal buck. This buck permit will be valid for the duration of the permitted hunt and during the legal bucks only deer hunt (Dec. 12-Dec. 15).

LEGAL BUCKS: Legal bucks are those with an inside spread of at least 12 inches OR one main beam length of at least 15 inches. For hunters less than 16 years of age, a legal buck may be any antlered buck.

ANTLERLESS DEER REGULATIONS: This WMA is NOT open to antlerless deer hunting during statewide either-sex gun days (Dec. 20-21).

DOG RESTRICTIONS: Deer hunting with dogs is prohibited. Small game hunting with dogs is allowed during any small game season. Hog hunting with dogs is allowed during daylight hours EXCEPT during deer seasons and special event dates.

LEGAL WEAPONS: Only centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs, primitive weapons, and centerfire handguns may be used for deer hunting. Legal weapons for small game hunting (except waterfowl) during daylight hours are shotguns using #2 shot or smaller, rifles or handguns no larger than .22 rimfire magnum, muzzleloading rifles .40 caliber or smaller, and archery equipment using arrows with points other than broadheads. Only rimfire rifles .22 caliber or smaller or any caliber handgun with a six inch barrel or less may be used when hunting hogs with dogs.

SPECIAL EVENTS: Hunting dog field trails and other special events will be allowed by special use permit only. These permits may be obtained from the MDWFP, see Area Manager for additional information. Special events will be restricted to the following dates: Oct. 30-Nov. 9, Dec. 3-11, Dec. 26-31, and Jan. 30-Feb. 8. Anyone participating in permitted special events must obey conduct rules as designated and posted by club or group permitted to hold event.

BIRD DOG TRAINING: During bird dog training dates, a person may not use area facilities more than 4 consecutive days.

QUAIL HUNTING PERMITS: Quail hunting from Feb. 13-Feb. 23 is allowed by special permit only. Hunters wishing to apply must appear in person at the WMA headquarters on Jan. 10 between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm to complete and submit an application. Only one application per hunter will be accepted. The applications will be entered into the computer and participants will be randomly selected. Hunters who are selected will be notified by mail.

DOVE HUNTING: A youth dove hunt will be held on a designated field on Sep. 6, 2008, beginning at 1:00 pm. Dove hunting will be allowed on designated fields, beginning 12:00 noon, after the Sep. 6 youth hunt. Dove hunting allowed on remainder of area during statewide seasons Except during special event days. See SPECIAL EVENTS.

OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: Off-road use of ORVs/ATVs is allowed for retrieval of harvested deer or hogs only. No loaded weapon may be in possession when retrieving harvested game.

HORSES: During WMA deer seasons, horseback riding is restricted to roads open to motorized vehicles. Raccoon hunting from horses allowed on entire area during nighttime hours.

CAMPING: No camping allowed.

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.

FISHING: Fishing will be permitted on area ponds. Fishing is subject to special regulations posted at each pond.

This adopted public notice will become effective June 23, 2008. Witness my hand and seal this the 6th day of May 2008.

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS

BY: _____
John C Stanley IV, Chairman

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS

BY: _____
Sam Polles, Ph.D., Executive Director

I certify this to be a true and correct copy.

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Executive Director

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Notary

SHARON S. MILLER, HINDS COUNTY, MS
NOTARY
My Commission Expires
May 15, 2010
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