MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS
DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT, WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
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PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT NUMBER W9 3685(I)

TO: The Honorable Delbert Hosemann
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 April 8, 2010, 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 2010-11 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**Be it ordered that Public Notice Number W8 3685 is hereby repealed, and the following 2010-11 wildlife management area hunting regulations are adopted.**

**2010-2011 Regulations for**
**Mason Creek Wildlife Management Area**
**Greene County**

| SPECIES | OPENING DATE | CLOSING DATE | COMMENTS |
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| DEER | | | For deer hunting regulations see DEER DATA COLLECTION, LEGAL BUCKS, and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS. |
| Archery | Oct. 15 | Nov. 19 | Does and legal bucks. |
| Youth Gun | Nov. 13 | Nov. 19 | Does and legal bucks. |
| Gun | Nov. 20 | Dec. 1 | WITH DOGS. Legal bucks only. |
| Primitive Weapon | Dec. 2 | Dec. 15 | Does and legal bucks. |
| Gun | Dec. 16 | Dec. 23 | WITHOUT DOGS. Does and legal bucks. |
| Gun | Dec. 24 | Jan. 19 | WITH DOGS. Legal bucks only. |
| Primitive Weapon | Jan. 20 | Feb. 15 | Legal bucks only. |
| YOUTH TURKEY | Mar. 5 | Mar. 11 | |
| TURKEY | Mar. 12 | Apr. 30 | |
| YOUTH SQUIRREL | Oct. 23 | Oct. 29 | |
| SQUIRREL | Oct. 30 | Feb. 28 | |
| RACCOON | Jul. 2 | Sep. 25 | Friday and Saturday nights only. |
| RACCOON, OPOSSUM & BOBCAT | Oct. 1 | Feb. 28 | |
| TRAPPING | Nov. 1 | Feb. 28 | |

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| RABBIT | Oct. 16 | Feb. 28 | See DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS. |

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR MASON 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 or those fishing on Turkey Fork Lake, 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 and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

**NO SUNDAY HUNTING.**

**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 and hogs harvested must be recorded on DAILY VISITOR USE PERMIT card before leaving the area. All deer harvested must be checked at the self-service data collection station (see map) by the hunter who harvested them 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 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, one of the three buck bag limit may be any buck.

**DOG RESTRICTIONS:** Deer and hog hunting with dogs is allowed Nov. 20-Dec. 1 and Dec. 24, 2010 - Jan. 19, 2011. Small game hunting with dogs is allowed during any small game season. Hog hunting with dogs is allowed during daylight hours only during Feb. 1-Feb. 28, 2011.

**LEGAL WEAPONS:** Only centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs or buckshot, primitive weapons, and centerfire handguns may be used for deer hunting. Only rimfire rifles .22 caliber or smaller or any caliber handgun may be used when hunting hogs with dogs.

**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) 428-0594.

**HORSES:** Hunting from horseback is allowed.

**CAMPING:** Camping is allowed subject to U.S. Forest Service regulations.

**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) 428-0594.

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 May 10, 2010.

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS

BY: _____
Bryan Jones, Chairman

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