MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS
DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT, WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
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PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE NUMBER W15 3515

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 May 16, 2012, under authority of Section 25-43-3.103, Mississippi Code of 1972, adopted the following wildlife management area regulations for the 2012-13 hunting year. This was done under authority of Sections 49-5-13, Mississippi Code of 1972.

Be it ordered that Public Notice Number W14 3515 is hereby repealed, and the following wildlife management area hunting regulations are adopted.

2012-2013 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, and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Gun - Permit Only	Oct. 3	Oct. 6	
	Oct. 10	Oct. 13	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
	Oct. 17	Oct. 20	Antlerless deer and legal bucks
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Youth Gun	Nov. 13	Nov. 19	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Gun - Permit Only	Dec. 7	Dec. 11	Legal bucks only.
Archery Only	Dec. 16	Dec. 21	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Archery/ Youth Gun	Jan. 19	Jan. 31	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
TURKEY	Season Closed		

SQUIRREL	Oct. 22 Nov. 17 Dec. 11 Dec. 31	Oct. 24 Nov. 28 Dec. 21 Jan. 25	
RACCOON	Jul. 1	Sep. 30	Friday and Saturday nights only.
RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & BOBCAT	Oct. 1	Feb. 28	
TRAPPING	No Trapping Allowed		
RABBIT	Nov. 17 Dec. 11 Dec. 31	Nov. 21 Dec. 15 Jan. 25	
QUAIL - Training Only	Oct. 6 Oct. 10 Oct. 21 Nov. 17 Dec. 11 Dec. 31 Feb. 25	Oct. 9 Oct. 12 Oct. 23 Nov. 21 Dec. 15 Jan. 18 Mar. 9	
Quail - Permit Only	Feb. 18	Feb. 24	See BAG LIMITS and QUAIL HUNTING PERMITS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
YOUTH DOVE	Sep. 1	Sep. 1	
DOVE	See Federal Regulations		See DOVE HUNTING in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

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 and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

BAG LIMIT: Same as statewide bag limits EXCEPT:
Rabbit - party limit of 6 rabbits per day.

Quail - party limit of 15 quail per day.
Deer - One legal buck and one antlerless deer per permit.

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 by recording the number of animals harvested 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. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts. Hunters who check in a doe that is 1 ½ years or older 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.

DEER DATA COLLECTION: All deer harvested must be checked at a check station 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 10 inches OR one main beam length of at least 13 inches. For hunters 15 years of age or younger any antlered buck is a legal buck.

WILD HOGS: Wild hogs are classified as nuisance animals and hunters are encouraged to kill them at every lawful opportunity. The opportunity to kill hogs on WMAs is provided only for population control purposes and not for sport. Wild hogs may be killed during daylight hours only during any open WMA hunting season with weapons and ammunition legal for that season. Trapping (including snaring) of hogs is prohibited. Moving or transporting live hogs is prohibited.

DOG RESTRICTIONS: Deer hunting with dogs is prohibited. Small game hunting with dogs is allowed during any small game season. Hunting, running, or pursuing hogs with the use of dogs is prohibited.

LEGAL WEAPONS: Only centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs, primitive weapons, and centerfire handguns may be used for deer hunting.

SPECIAL EVENTS: Hunting dog field trials 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: Nov. 1 – 11, Nov. 30 – Dec. 6, Dec. 27 – Jan. 1, Feb. 2 - 10. 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. 18 - Feb. 24 is allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts.

DOVE HUNTING: A youth dove hunt will be held on a designated field on Sept. 1, 2012, from 2:00 pm - sunset. Dove hunting will be allowed on designated fields, from 2:00 pm - sunset, after the Sept. 1 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: ORVs/ATVs are allowed for retrieval of harvested deer or hogs only.

HORSES: During WMA deer and turkey 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. Hunting or disturbing bears is prohibited. Please report any bear sightings on your daily visitor use permit.

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

Public Notice of Rule No. W15 3515

This adopted public notice will become effective the 29 day of June, 2012.
Witness my hand and seal this the 16th day of May, 2012.

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS

BY: _____
William "Billy" Deviney, Chairman

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS

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

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(NOTARY)

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STATE OF MISSISSIPPI NOTARY PUBLIC ID # 93475 ANNETTE S. CLARK Commission Expires June 29, 2013 RANKIN COUNTY