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4. Hunting hours end at 1 p.m. on Units S1, S2, S3, T1, T3, V1, W1, and W2. Hunters using these units must have all equipment removed and be out of the units by 1 p.m. (see §27.93 of this chapter).

5. We allow snow goose hunting in all units every day of the week during the designated Spring Conservation Order Season. Hunters may not check-in before 4 a.m. during the Conservation Order Season and must be off of the refuge by closing hours.

6. Hunters may hunt only in the designated areas they are assigned at the check station. We restrict hunters in Units A7, R1, and R4 to hunting from the permanent blinds. Hunters may hunt anywhere in all other units inside the designated unit by the use of temporary blinds or layout boats.

7. We allow game retrieval outside of designated hunting areas. We prohibit possession of hunting firearms while outside of the designated area except for going to and from parking areas.

8. We require that hunters leash or kennel hunting dogs when outside the hunting unit.

9. We restrict hunting units to parties no larger than four.

10. We prohibit driving vehicles into units. We allow hand-pulled carts. Hunters must park vehicles in designated parking areas for the unit to which they are assigned for hunting.

11. We prohibit cutting of woody vegetation (see §27.51 of this chapter) on the refuge for blinds.

B. Upland Game Hunting. [Reserved]

C. Big Game Hunting. We allow hunting of deer on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We require a Missouri Department of Conservation Permit, along with Missouri Department of Conservation hunter identification tags and parking permits to hunt during the managed deer hunt.

2. We require hunters to participate in a prehunt orientation for managed deer hunts.

3. You must check-in each morning and out each evening of the hunt at the Refuge Hunter Check Station (use Missouri Department of Conservation form).

4. You may not access the refuge across the boundary from neighboring private or public lands, and you must hunt in your designated area only.

5. We allow entry onto the refuge 1 hour prior to shooting hours (defined by State regulations) during managed deer hunts. You must be off the refuge 1 hour after shooting hours.

6. We prohibit shooting from or across refuge roads open to public vehicle use.

7. We allow use of portable tree stands and blinds during managed deer hunts. We require all stands and blinds to have the hunter's name, address, and phone number attached. Hunters must mark enclosed hunting

blinds and stands with hunter orange visible from all sides.

8. We prohibit hunting over or placing on the refuge any salt or other mineral blocks (see §32.2(h)).

D. Sport Fishing. We allow sport fishing on all designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow fishing on the refuge only during refuge open hours.

2. The Taylor Point area of Elk Creek is open to fishing year-round during daylight hours. Anglers may access this area by a refuge road (FHWA Route 100) off of State Highway E. The area open to fishing year-round is 300 feet (90 m) upstream and 300 feet downstream of the parking lot along the banks of Elk Creek. In addition, Elk Creek is open to fishing year-round 300 feet downstream and upstream from the bridge on State Highway E. We close all fishing during the refuge-managed deer hunts.

3. We allow only nonmotorized boats on refuge waters with the exception of the Silver Lake impoundment. Anglers may use motor boats on the Silver Lake impoundment. No wake applies to all waters on the refuge.

4. Anglers must remove all boats from the refuge at the end of each day (see §27.93 of this chapter).

TWO RIVERS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Refer to §32.32 Illinois for regulations.

[58 FR 5064, Jan. 19, 1993, as amended at 59 FR 6694, Feb. 11, 1994; 61 FR 45367, Aug. 29, 1996; 61 FR 46397, Sept. 3, 1996; 65 FR 30785, May 12, 2000; 65 FR 56404, Sept. 18, 2000; 66 FR 46359, Sept. 4, 2001; 69 FR 54362, 54426 Sept. 8, 2004; 70 FR 54182, Sept. 13, 2005; 70 FR 56376, Sept. 27, 2005; 73 FR 33188, June 11, 2008; 76 FR 3983, Jan. 21, 2011; 76 FR 56079, Sept. 9, 2011; 77 FR 56050, Sept. 11, 2012]

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The following refuge units have been opened for hunting and/or fishing, and are listed in alphabetical order with applicable refuge-specific regulations.

BENTON LAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. We allow hunting of duck, goose, swan, and coot in designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions (consult refuge manager prior to hunting to learn of changes or updates):

1. We prohibit access to refuge hunting areas from other than authorized refuge parking areas. We prohibit hunting on or within 25 yards (22.5 m) of dikes or roads except the marked portion of the dike between Marsh Units 5 and 6. Hunters must have a

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means of bird retrieval, using a boat, boots, or a trained dog, while hunting on this dike (see § 26.21(b) of this chapter).

2. We allow hunting with the opening of waterfowl season and close November 30.

3. Hunters with a documented mobility disability may reserve an accessible blind in advance by contacting a refuge officer or calling the refuge office.

4. We only allow nonmotorized boats on refuge waters.

5. We allow hunting from temporary portable blinds or blinds made from natural vegetation.

6. We prohibit the retrieval of downed game from areas closed to hunting.

7. You must unload and case all firearms (see § 27.42(b) of this chapter) when outside of the refuge hunt area on the refuge.

B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of pheasant, sharp-tailed grouse, and gray partridge in designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions (consult refuge manager prior to hunting to learn of changes or updates):

1. Conditions A2, A6, and A7 apply.

2. We prohibit access to refuge hunting areas from other than authorized refuge parking areas.

3. We prohibit hunting on or within 25 yards (22.5 m) of dikes or roads except the marked portion of the dike between Marsh Units 5 and 6.

C. Big Game Hunting. [Reserved]

D. Sport Fishing. Anglers may sport fish on designated areas of the refuge as posted by signs.

BENTON LAKE WETLAND MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. We allow migratory game bird hunting on Waterfowl Production Areas (WPA) throughout the District, excluding Sands WPA in Hill County and H-2-0 WPA in Powell County, in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit the use of motorboats.

2. You must remove boats, decoys, portable blinds, other personal property, and any materials brought onto the area for blind construction at the end of each day (see §§ 27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow upland game hunting on WPAs throughout the District, excluding Sands WPA in Hill County and H-2-0 WPA in Powell County, in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Hunters may possess only approved nontoxic shot (see § 32.2(k)).

2. We prohibit the use of horses for any purposes.

C. Big Game Hunting. We allow big game hunting on WPAs throughout the District, excluding Sands WPA in Hill County and H-

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2-0 WPA in Powell County, in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: Condition B2 applies.

D. Sport Fishing. We allow sport fishing on WPAs throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Condition A1 applies.

2. You must remove boats, fishing equipment, and other personal property at the end of each day (see §§ 27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

BLACK COULEE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. We allow hunting of duck, goose, coot, swan, sandhill crane, and mourning dove on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We only allow nonmotorized boats on refuge waters.

2. You must remove all boats, decoys, portable blinds, other personal property, and any materials brought onto the refuge for blind construction by legal sunset (see §§ 27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

3. A portion of the land within the refuge boundary is private land (inholding); persons wishing to hunt the private land must gain permission from the landowner.

B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of pheasant, sharp-tailed grouse, sage grouse, gray partridge, fox, and coyote on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. You may only possess approved nontoxic shot (see § 32.2(k)).

2. Fox and coyote hunters may only use centerfire rifles, rimfire rifles, or shotguns with approved nontoxic shot.

3. Condition A3 applies.

C. Big Game Hunting. We allow big game hunting on designated portions of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow hunters to leave portable tree stands, portable blinds, and freestanding elevated platforms on the refuge from August 15 to December 15.

2. You must visibly mark portable tree stands, portable blinds, and freestanding elevated platforms with your automated licensing system (ALS) number.

3. You must remove any other personal property brought onto the area at the end of each day (see §§ 27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

4. Condition A3 applies.

D. Sport Fishing [Reserved]

BOWDOIN NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. We allow hunting of duck, goose, coot, swan, sandhill crane, and mourning dove on designated

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areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. You must check-in and check out of the refuge daily. Before hunting, each hunter must record the date, their name, and the time checking into the refuge on a register inside the Hunter Registration Kiosk at refuge headquarters. After hunting, each hunter must record hunting data (hours hunted waterfowl and/or upland game and the number of birds harvested) before departing the refuge.

2. We prohibit air-thrust boats or boats with motors greater than 25 hp.

3. You must remove all boats, decoys, portable blinds, other personal property, and any materials brought onto the refuge for blind construction by legal sunset (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of pheasant, sharp-tailed grouse, sage grouse, gray partridge, fox, and coyote on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Condition A1 applies.

2. You must possess and carry a refuge Special Use Permit to hunt fox and coyotes.

3. You may only possess approved nontoxic shot (see §32.2(k)).

4. Fox and coyote hunters may only use centerfire rifles, rimfire rifles, or shotguns with approved nontoxic shot.

5. We require game bird hunters to wear at least one article of blaze-orange clothing visible above the waist.

C. Big Game Hunting. [Reserved]

D. Sport Fishing. [Reserved]

BOWDOIN WETLAND MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. We allow migratory game bird hunting on all Waterfowl Production Areas (WPA) (except Holm WPA) throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit use of motorboats.

2. You must remove boats, decoys, portable blinds, other personal property, and any materials brought onto the area for blind construction at the end of each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow upland game hunting on all WPAs (except Holm WPA) throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: Hunters may possess only approved nontoxic shot (see §32.2(k)).

C. Big Game Hunting. We allow big game hunting on all WPAs (except Holm WPA) throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow portable tree stands, portable blinds, and freestanding elevated platforms

to be left on WPAs from August 15 to December 15.

2. You must label portable tree stands, portable blinds, and freestanding elevated platforms with your automated licensing system (ALS) number. The label must be legible from the ground.

3. You must remove any other personal property brought onto the area at the end of each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

4. We allow the use of only archery, muzzleloader (as defined by State regulations), or shotgun on the McNeil Slough WPA.

D. Sport Fishing. We allow sport fishing on WPAs throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit use of motorboats.

2. You must remove boats, fishing equipment, and other personal property at the end of each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

CHARLES M. RUSSELL NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. Refuge open to hunting of migratory game birds in accordance with State law.

B. Upland Game Hunting. Hunting of upland game birds, turkey and coyote is permitted on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition:

1. Coyote hunting allowed from the first day of antelope rifle season through March 1 annually.

C. Big Game Hunting. We allow hunting of big game on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow the use of portable blinds and stands. You may install stands and blinds no sooner than August 1, and you must remove them by December 15 of each year. We limit each hunter to three stands or blinds. The hunter must have their name, address, phone number, and automated licensing system number (ALS) visibly marked on the stand.

2. We allow hunting of elk on designated areas of the refuge. You must possess and carry a refuge permit to hunt elk on the refuge.

D. Sport fishing. Refuge open to sport fishing in accordance with State law, and as specifically designated in refuge publications.

CHARLES M. RUSSELL WETLAND MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. We allow migratory game bird hunting on all Waterfowl Production Areas (WPA) in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: You must remove all watercraft and personal equipment following each day of hunting (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

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B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow only upland game bird hunting on all WPAs in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: Hunters may possess only approved nontoxic shot (see §32.2(k)).

C. Big Game Hunting. We allow big game hunting on all WPAs in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. All tree stands must be visibly marked and identified with the hunter's name, address, phone number, and ALS number. Hunters must remove all tree stands no later than December 15 of each year.

2. We prohibit permanent stands, ladders, steps, screw-in spikes, nails, screws, and wire (see §32.2(i)).

D. Sport Fishing. We allow sport fishing on all WPAs in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: Anglers must remove all motor boats and other personal equipment at the end of each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

CREEDMAN COULEE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. We allow hunting of duck, goose, coot, swan, sandhill crane, and mourning dove on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition:

1. Most of the land within the refuge boundary is private land (inholding); persons wishing to access the private land must gain permission from the landowner.

B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of pheasant, sharp-tailed grouse, sage grouse, gray partridge, fox, and coyote on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: Condition A1 applies.

C. Big Game Hunting. We allow big game hunting on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: Condition A1 applies.

D. Sport Fishing. [Reserved]

HAILSTONE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGEE

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. The refuge unit is open to the hunting of migratory game birds, but has no refuge-specific regulations as it follows guidelines set out in State law.

B. Upland Game Hunting. Hunters may hunt upland game birds on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

C. Big Game Hunting. [Reserved]

D. Sport Fishing. [Reserved]

HALFBREED LAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. [Reserved]

B. Upland Game Hunting. [Reserved]

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C. Big Game Hunting. [Reserved]

D. Sport Fishing. [Reserved]

HEWITT LAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. We allow hunting of duck, goose, coot, swan, sandhill crane, and mourning dove on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit air-thrust boats and boats with motors greater than 25 hp.

2. You must remove all boats, decoys, portable blinds, other personal property, and any materials brought onto the refuge for blind construction by legal sunset (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

3. A portion of the land within the refuge boundary is private land (inholding); persons wishing to hunt the private land must gain permission from the landowner.

B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of pheasant, sharp-tailed grouse, sage grouse, gray partridge, fox, and coyote on designated portions of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot (see §32.2(k)).

2. Fox and coyote hunters may use only centerfire rifles, rim-fire rifles, or shotguns with approved nontoxic shot.

3. We prohibit the shooting or taking of prairie dogs.

4. Condition A3 applies.

C. Big Game Hunting. We allow big game hunting on designated portions of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow hunters to leave portable tree stands, portable blinds, and freestanding elevated platforms on the refuge from August 15 to December 15.

2. You must visibly mark portable tree stands, portable blinds, and freestanding elevated platforms with your automated licensing system (ALS) number.

3. You must remove any other personal property brought onto the area at the end of each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

4. Condition A3 applies.

D. Sport Fishing. [Reserved]

LAKE MASON NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. Hunting of migratory game birds is permitted on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: The use of motorized boats is not permitted.

B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of upland game on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: You may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

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C. Big Game Hunting. Refuge open to big game hunting in accordance with State law.
D. Sport Fishing. [Reserved]

LAKE THIBADEAU NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. We allow hunting of duck, goose, coot, swan, sandhill crane, and mourning dove in designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition:

1. Most of the land within the refuge boundary is private land (inholding); persons wishing to hunt the private land must gain permission from the landowner.

B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of pheasant, sharp-tailed grouse, sage grouse, gray partridge, fox, and coyote on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: Condition A1 applies.

C. Big Game Hunting. We allow big game hunting on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: Condition A1 applies.

D. Sport Fishing. [Reserved]

LAMESTEER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGEE

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. The refuge unit is open to the hunting of migratory game birds but has no refuge-specific regulations as it follows guidelines set out in State law.

B. Upland Game Hunting. The refuge unit is open to the hunting of upland game but has no refuge-specific regulations as it follows guidelines set out in State law.

C. Big Game Hunting. The refuge unit is open to big game hunting but has no refuge-specific regulations as it follows guidelines set out in State law.

D. Sport Fishing. Anglers may sport fish in accordance with state law.

LEE METCALF NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. We allow hunting of duck, goose, and coot from established blinds in designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions (consult refuge manager prior to hunting to learn of changes or updates):

1. **Hunting Access:** Hunters must enter and exit the hunt area through the access parking lot. Hunters must park at this access point and at the numbered parking space corresponding to a blind. Hunters must walk to the blind along mowed trails designated in the hunting leaflet. We open the access parking lot at 3:30 a.m. to hunters who intend to immediately hunt on the refuge. We prohibit wildlife observation, scouting, and loitering at the access point.

2. **Hunting Hours:** We will close the Waterfowl Hunting Area to waterfowl hunting on

Mondays and Thursdays. We open the hunting area, defined by the refuge boundary fence, 2 hours before and require departure 2 hours after legal waterfowl hunting hours, as defined by the State.

3. **Registration:** Each hunter must record the date, his or her name, Automated License System number, date of birth, and the time checking into the hunt area at the appropriate register before hunting; must set the appropriate blind selector before and after hunting; and must record hunting data (hours hunted, the number of shots fired, and birds harvested) at the appropriate register before departing the hunting area.

4. **Blind selection** is on a first-come, first-served basis with the exception of the opening weekend of waterfowl season. We will distribute blind permits for the opening weekend by a public drawing. We will announce the drawing time and place in local newspapers.

5. We prohibit attempting to “reserve” a blind for use later in the day by depositing a vehicle or other equipment on the refuge. A hunter must be physically present in the hunting area in order to use a blind.

6. We prohibit blocking access to refuge gates (see §27.31(h) of this chapter).

7. Hunters with a documented mobility disability may reserve an accessible blind in advance by contacting a refuge officer.

8. No more than four hunters or individuals may use a blind at one time.

9. You may only possess approved nontoxic shotshells (see §32.2(k)) in quantities of 25 or less.

10. You must conduct all hunting from within the hunting blind.

11. All hunters must have a visible means of retrieving waterfowl such as a float tube, waders, or a dog capable of retrieving.

12. We prohibit falconry hunting.

13. We prohibit boats, fishing gear, and fires (see §27.95 of this chapter).

14. We require dogs be on a leash at the hunter access point and when walking to and from the hunt area/blind (see §26.21(b) of this chapter).

15. We require hunters to unload shotguns (see §27.42(b) of this chapter) at the hunter access point and when walking to and from the hunt area/blind.

16. **Hunting Blind #8** has a minimum requirement of six decoys.

17. **Hunting blinds** require the use of a minimum of six decoys with the exception of blinds #1, 2, 7, 14, and 15.

18. We will allow the use of a removable personal blind within the immediate mowed area around field blind #13.

B. Upland Game Hunting. [Reserved]

C. Big Game Hunting. We allow archery hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State

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regulations subject to the following conditions (consult refuge manager prior to hunting to learn of changes or updates):

1. **Hunting Access:** Hunters must enter and exit the hunt areas through designated archery hunting access points. We open access points to hunters intending to immediately hunt on the refuge. We prohibit wildlife observation, scouting, and loitering at access points and parking areas.

2. We will allow archery hunting in the Waterfowl Hunt Area in September except during the youth waterfowl hunt weekend. We will allow archery hunting on Mondays and Thursdays in the Waterfowl Hunting Area during waterfowl hunting season.

3. **Registration:** Each hunter must record the date, his or her name, Automated License System number, and date of birth at the appropriate register before hunting and must record hunting data (hours hunted, the number of arrows released, and deer harvested) at the appropriate register before departing the hunting area.

4. **Tree Stands and Blinds:** We allow each hunter the use of a maximum of two portable tree stands or blinds. Hunters must register each stand/blind with the refuge headquarters. We prohibit hunters leaving each stand/blind unattended for more than 72 hours.

5. We prohibit preseason entry or scouting.

6. Hunters may not enter or retrieve deer from closed areas of the refuge without the consent of a refuge officer.

7. We prohibit boats, fishing gear, fires (see § 27.95 of this chapter), and firearms.

8. Hunters with a documented mobility disability may access designated locations in the hunting area to hunt from ground blinds. To access these areas, hunters must contact the refuge manager in advance to obtain a Special Use Permit.

9. We prohibit the use of any mechanized vehicle to enter or exit the hunt area; this includes bicycles.

D. Sport Fishing. We allow fishing on designated areas (Wildlife Viewing Area) of the refuge in accordance with State regulations in effect on the Bitterroot River from Tucker Crossing to Florence Bridge.

LOST TRAIL NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. [Reserved]

B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of turkey and mountain grouse in designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We do not allow hunting in areas posted as "Closed to Hunting" around the refuge headquarters, maintenance buildings, and quarters.

2. We prohibit guiding and outfitting.

3. We allow use of riding or pack stock on access routes designated through the refuge

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to access off-refuge lands as designated in the public use leaflet.

4. You may not use dogs for hunting of any species.

5. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot while on the refuge.

6. We prohibit overnight camping.

7. We prohibit retrieval of game through areas closed to hunting without prior consent by the refuge manager.

8. We allow only portable or temporary blinds and tree stands.

9. We allow parking in designated areas only.

C. Big Game Hunting. We allow hunting of elk, white-tailed deer, and mule deer within designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We do not allow hunting in areas posted as "Closed to Hunting" around the refuge headquarters, maintenance buildings, and quarters.

2. We prohibit guiding and outfitting.

3. We allow use of riding or pack stock on access routes designated through the refuge to access off-refuge lands as designated in the public use leaflet.

4. You may not use dogs for hunting of any species.

5. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot while on the refuge.

6. We prohibit overnight camping.

7. We prohibit open fires.

8. We prohibit retrieval of game through areas closed to hunting without prior consent by the refuge manager.

9. We allow only portable or temporary blinds and tree stands.

10. We allow parking in designated areas only.

11. The first week of the archery and the first week of general elk and deer hunting season are open to youth-only (ages 12 and 13 only) hunting.

D. Sport Fishing. [Reserved]

MEDICINE LAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. We allow hunting of duck, goose, snipe, and dove on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations.

B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of pheasant, partridge, and sharp-tailed grouse on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations.

C. Big Game Hunting. We allow hunting of deer and antelope on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations.

D. Sport Fishing. We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to posted refuge restrictions.

NATIONAL BISON RANGE

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. [Reserved]

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B. Upland Game Hunting. [Reserved]

C. Big Game Hunting. [Reserved]

D. Sport Fishing. We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State laws and regulations and per Joint State and Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribal regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow public access by walk-in only. All anglers must remain within 100 feet (30 m) of the creek except they may use the canal road to access the creek.

2. We prohibit the use of lead or lead-based lures or sinkers.

3. We prohibit leaving or dumping any dead animal, fish or fish entrails, garbage, or litter on the refuge (see § 27.94 of this chapter).

NINEPIPE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. [Reserved]

B. Upland Game Hunting. [Reserved]

C. Big Game Hunting. [Reserved]

D. Sport Fishing. We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State laws and regulations and per joint State and Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribal regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit the use of lead or lead-based tackle.

2. We prohibit the use of boats, float tubes, and other flotation devices.

3. You must remove ice fishing shelters and other personal property at the end of each day (see § 27.93 of this chapter).

4. We prohibit leaving or dumping any dead animal, fish or fish entrails, garbage, or litter on the refuge (see § 27.94 of this chapter).

NORTHEAST MONTANA WETLAND MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. We allow migratory game bird hunting on Waterfowl Production Areas throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit the use of motorboats.

2. You must remove boats, decoys, portable blinds, other personal property, and any materials brought onto the area for blind construction at the end of each day (see §§ 27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow upland game hunting on Waterfowl Production Areas throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Hunters may possess only approved nontoxic shot (see § 32.2(k)).

2. We prohibit the use of horses for any purpose.

C. Big Game Hunting. We allow big game hunting on Waterfowl Production Areas throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow hunters to leave portable tree stands and freestanding elevated platforms on Waterfowl Production Areas from August 25 through February 15.

2. You must label portable tree stands and freestanding elevated platforms with your name and address such that it is legible from the ground.

3. Condition B2 applies.

4. You must remove portable ground blinds and any other personal property at the end of each day (see §§ 27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

D. Sport Fishing. [Reserved]

NORTHWEST MONTANA WETLAND MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. We allow migratory game bird hunting on Waterfowl Production Areas (WPAs) throughout the wetland district in accordance with State law (Flathead County WPAs) and per Joint State and Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribal regulations (Lake Count WPAs) subject to the following conditions:

1. Hunters must remove all boats, decoys, portable blinds, boat blinds, and other personal property at the end of each day (see § 27.93 of this chapter).

2. Hunters must construct blinds, other than portable blinds, of native materials only. They must label all nonportable blinds with their name, Automated License System (ALS) number, address, and phone number. Construction and labeling of these blinds does not constitute exclusive use of the blind. Hunters must remove these blinds within 7 days of the close of the migratory game bird hunting season.

3. We prohibit the use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting (see § 32.2(j)).

B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow upland game hunting on Waterfowl Production Areas (WPAs) throughout the wetland district in accordance with State law (Flathead County WPAs) and per Joint State and Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribal regulations (Lake County WPAs) subject to the following conditions:

1. Hunters may possess only approved nontoxic shot (see § 32.2(k)).

2. We prohibit hunting with a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells on all Lake County WPAs.

3. We prohibit the use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting (see § 32.2(j)).

C. Big Game Hunting. We allow big game hunting on Lake County Waterfowl Production Areas (WPAs) per Joint State and Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribal regulations. We allow big game hunting on Flathead County WPAs in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow portable tree stands and/or portable ground blinds; however, hunters must remove them daily (see § 27.93 of this

chapter). We prohibit construction and/or use of tree stands or portable ground blinds from dimensional lumber. We prohibit the use of nails, wire, screws, or bolts to attach a stand to a tree or hunting from a tree into which a metal object has been driven (see § 32.2(i)).

D. Sport Fishing. We allow sport fishing on all Waterfowl Production Areas (WPAs) throughout the wetland district in accordance with State law (Flathead County WPAs) and per Joint State and confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribal regulations (Lake County WPAs) subject to the following condition: Anglers must remove all motorboats, boat trailers, vehicles, fishing equipment, and other personal property from the WPAs at the end of each day (see § 27.93 of this chapter).

PABLO NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. [Reserved]

B. Upland Game Hunting. [Reserved]

C. Big Game Hunting. [Reserved]

D. Sport Fishing. We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State laws and per Joint State and Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribal regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit the use of lead or lead-based lures or sinkers.

2. We prohibit the use of boats, float tubes, and other flotation devices.

3. You must remove ice fishing shelters and other personal property at the end of each day (see § 27.93 of this chapter).

4. We prohibit leaving or dumping any dead animal, fish or fish entrails, garbage, or litter on the refuge (see § 27.94 of this chapter).

RED ROCK LAKES NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. We allow hunting of goose, duck, and coot on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State hunting regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow only goose, duck, and coot hunting in the area surrounding Lower Red Rock Lake. The north boundary is the east-west running fence line 1 mile (1.6 km) north of the River Marsh. The west boundary is the west boundary of the refuge. The south boundary is the South Valley Road and Sparrow Pond Trail. The east boundary is 50 yards (45 m) east of Odell Creek northward from Sparrow Pond Trail Bridge to Lower Red Rock Lake then continuing due north from the mouth of Odell Creek to the north boundary. (Consult the refuge manager prior to hunting to learn the specific boundary of the hunting area.)

2. Hunters must remove all blinds, decoys, shell casings, and other personal equipment (see §§ 27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter) from the refuge each day.

3. We only allow nonmotorized boats in the hunt area east of the Lower Red Rock Lake dam. We allow boats with motors 10 hp or less west of Lower Red Rock Lake dam.

4. We prohibit the use of motorized decoys.

5. We prohibit camping along roadsides. We allow camping only in two established campgrounds. We restrict camping to 16 consecutive days within any 30-day period. We prohibit horses in the campgrounds. All bear attractants including, but not limited to, food, garbage, and carcasses, must be acceptably stored at night (unless in immediate use) and during the day if unattended.

B. Upland Game Hunting. [Reserved]

C. Big Game Hunting. We allow hunting of deer, elk, moose, and pronghorn antelope on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State hunting regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Moose hunting on the refuge portion of Montana moose hunt zone 334 opens October 15 and runs through the end of the State moose season.

2. We restrict moose hunting to the willow fen area south of Elk Springs Creek, east of Upper Red Rock Lake and north and west of the South Valley Road, at the southeast corner of the refuge. We prohibit moose hunting in all other areas of the refuge.

3. We allow big game hunting (elk, white-tailed deer, mule deer, and pronghorn antelope) on the refuge except we prohibit big game hunting in the moose hunting area (willow fen area), in Alaska Basin (far east end of the refuge), on those areas of the refuge east of Elk Lake Road (Culver Pond/Widgeon Pond Area), and east of the willow fen.

4. We prohibit hunting near the Lakeview town site, near refuge headquarters, and on portions of Odell Creek Trail. We close those areas for protection of nearby residences. (Consult the refuge manager prior to hunting to learn the specific boundary of the closed areas.)

5. We limit the number of hunters per day during the “general” big game season for the area north of South Valley Road, south of Red Rock River Mash, west of Upper Red Rock Lake to the west refuge boundary. We close this area to hunting by other big game hunters during the general big game season. We select the hunters per day by annual lottery. (Consult the refuge manager to participate in the lottery.)

6. You may hire outfitters or ranchers for the retrieval of big game only. We prohibit outfitted or guided hunting on the refuge.

7. We prohibit retrieval of game from closed areas of the refuge without consent of a refuge employee.

8. We prohibit use of wheeled game carts or other mechanical transportation devices for game retrieval on portions of the refuge designated as Wilderness Area.

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9. We prohibit horses north of South Valley Road except for the retrieval of big game. We only allow horses for back-country access to the Centennial Mountains south of South Valley Road. We require the use of certified weed-free hay or pellets in refuge parking lots and on refuge roads or trails.

10. We prohibit shooting and/or hunting until the hunter is more than 50 yards (45 m) from the center line of South Valley Road. We prohibit shooting from any refuge or county roadway.

11. Condition A5 applies.

D. Sport Fishing. We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State fishing regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow fishing on all refuge streams in accordance with State River and Stream regulations, unless closure is necessary to protect nesting trumpeter swans or Arctic grayling restoration efforts.

2. We allow fishing on Widgeon Pond and Culver Pond. These are open under State River and Stream regulations to fishing from the bank, except for necessary closures to protect nesting trumpeter swans or Arctic grayling restoration efforts.

3. We prohibit fishing on all other refuge waters.

4. We prohibit all means of fishing except the use of pole and line or rod and reel while fishing on the refuge.

5. We prohibit the use of felt-soled wading boots on all refuge waters.

6. We prohibit bait fishing and allow only artificial lures or flies when fishing refuge waters.

7. We prohibit the use or possession of lead sinkers or any lead fishing product while fishing.

8. We prohibit tubes and other flotation devices while fishing on Widgeon and Culver Ponds.

9. Condition A5 applies.

SWAN RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. We allow hunting of geese, ducks, and coots on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: Waterfowl and coot hunters may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

B. Upland Game Hunting. [Reserved]

C. Big Game Hunting. [Reserved]

D. Sport Fishing. Refuge open to sport fishing in accordance with State law, and as specifically designated in refuge publications.

UL BEND NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. The refuge unit is open to the hunting of migratory game birds but has no refuge-specific regulations as it follows guidelines set out in State law.

B. Upland Game Hunting. Refuge is open to upland game hunting in accordance with State laws, regulations and subject to the following condition:

1. Coyote hunting allowed from the first day of antelope rifle season through March 1 annually.

C. Big Game Hunting. Hunters may hunt big game subject to refuge-specific regulations as designated in refuge publications.

D. Sport Fishing. The refuge unit is open to sport fishing but has no refuge-specific regulations as it follows guidelines set out in State law.

WAR HORSE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. The refuge unit is open to the hunting of migratory game birds but has no refuge-specific regulations as it follows guidelines set out in State law.

B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of upland game birds on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: You may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

C. Big Game Hunting. The refuge unit is open to big game hunting but has no refuge-specific regulations as it follows guidelines set out in State law.

D. Sport Fishing. Refuge open to sport fishing in accordance with State law, and as specifically designated in refuge publications.

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The following refuge units have been opened for hunting and/or fishing, and are listed in alphabetical order with applicable refuge-specific regulations.

BOYER CHUTE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. We allow hunting of ducks, geese, and coots on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. Hunters may access the refuge from 1½ hours before legal sunrise until 1 hour after legal sunset along the immediate shoreline and including the high bank of the Missouri River. You may access the hunting area by water or, if by land, only within the public use area of the Island Unit.

2. You must remove all blinds and decoys at the conclusion of each day's hunt.

3. You must adhere to all applicable State hunting regulations.

B. Upland Game Hunting. [Reserved]