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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 conditions: Waterfowl and coot hunters may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

B. Upland Game Hunting. Refuge 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 conditions:

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 1 ½ 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]
C. Big Game Hunting. We allow hunting of white-tailed deer in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: You must possess and carry a refuge access permit (signed brochure) at all times while in the hunting area. Hunters may enter the hunting areas only within the dates listed on the refuge access permit.

D. Sport Fishing. We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:
1. We allow personally attended hook and line fishing and archery fishing (rough fish only) from 1/2 hour before legal sunrise to 1/2 hour after legal sunset.
2. We allow boating at no-wake speeds, not to exceed 5 mph (8 km), on side or back channels. We prohibit all watercraft in the Boyer Chute waterway or other areas as posted.
3. We prohibit the use of trotlines, float lines, bank lines, or setlines.
4. We prohibit ice fishing.
5. We prohibit digging or seining for bait.
6. We prohibit the take or possession of turtles or frogs.
7. Anglers may use no more than two lines and two hooks per line.

Crescent Lake National Wildlife Refuge

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. We allow hunting of waterfowl and coot in designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:
1. We close the refuge to the general public from legal sunset to legal sunrise. However, hunters may enter the designated hunting area 2 hours before legal sunrise and must be back to their vehicle in the process of leaving the refuge 2 hours after legal sunset. Official shooting hours are from 1/2 hour before legal sunrise until 1/2 hour after legal sunset for deer, coyote, and furbearer hunters; and from 1/2 hour before legal sunrise until legal sunset for all other hunters.
2. We only allow you to unleash dogs used to locate, point, and retrieve upland and small game and migratory birds on the refuge while hunting (see §32.21(b) of this chapter).
3. We open the refuge to hunting from September 1 through January 31 in accordance with State regulations.
4. We allow decoys, but hunters must remove them (see §27.93 of this chapter) at the end of each day.
5. We restrict vehicles to roads that are open to the public (see §27.31 of this chapter). We prohibit hunters taking vehicles off of approved roads to set up blinds, decoys, or to retrieve game or for any other purposes other than emergencies. We allow parking within one vehicle length of the road.
6. We prohibit publicly organized hunts unless authorized under a Special Use Permit.
7. We only allow temporary blinds and stands, and hunters must remove them (see §29.93 of this chapter) at the end of each day.
8. We only allow floating blinds on Island Lake. We prohibit all boats (including a floating device of any kind) on all other refuge lakes.

B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of cottontail rabbit, jack rabbit, furbearer, coyote, ring-necked pheasant, and prairie grouse on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:
2. We prohibit baiting. We allow electronic calls for coyote and furbearer hunting.
3. Coyotes and all furbearers or their parts, if left in the field, must be left out of view of the public. Otherwise hunters must remove them from the refuge and properly dispose of them.

C. Big Game Hunting. We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and mule deer on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:
1. Conditions A1, A4, A5, A6, and A7 apply.
2. We prohibit tree stands that cause damage to the tree by penetrating into the bark and tree climbing spikes or screw-in steps that penetrate beyond the outer bark of a tree (see §32.21(i)).

D. Sport Fishing. We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:
1. We close the refuge to the general public from legal sunset to legal sunrise. However, anglers may enter the refuge 1 hour before legal sunrise and remain until 1 hour after legal sunset.
2. We open Island Lake to fishing year-round and open Smith and Crane Lakes to fishing seasonally from November 1 through February 15. We close all other refuge lakes.
3. We prohibit the possession or use of live or dead minnows and the possession of any fish not taken lawfully from one of the refuge lakes open to fishing.
4. We only allow boating and float tubes on Island Lake. We prohibit use of internal combustion motors for boats on Island Lake; we close all other refuge lakes to boating or float tubing.
5. We prohibit leaving temporary shelters used for fishing overnight on the refuge.

DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge

Refer to §32.34 Iowa for regulations.

Fort Niobrara National Wildlife Refuge

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. [Reserved]
B. Upland Game Hunting. [Reserved]
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C. Big Game Hunting. We allow hunting of deer and elk on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We require the submission of a Big/Upland Game Hunt Application (FWS Form 3–2356). We require hunters to carry a refuge hunting access permit (hunt application signed by the refuge officer) while hunting. We require hunters to complete a Big Game Harvest Report (FWS Form 3–2359) and return it to the refuge at the conclusion of the hunting season.

2. We allow deer and elk hunting with muzzleloader and archery equipment. We prohibit deer and elk hunting with firearms capable of firing cartridge ammunition.

3. We establish the dates when the refuge is open to hunting access annually. We specify the hunting access dates on the refuge hunting access permit.

4. We allow deer and elk hunting in the area defined as, “Those refuge lands situated north and west of the Niobrara River.” We allow access to this area only from public road right-of-ways, the Niobrara River, or designated refuge parking areas. We prohibit hunting within 200 yards (180 m) of any public use facility.

5. We allow hunter access from 2 hours before legal sunrise until 2 hours after legal sunset. We prohibit overnight parking or camping.

6. We allow horses within the wilderness area. We limit horse use to three groups at a time and no more than five horses per group. We prohibit horses from 2 hours after legal sunset until 2 hours before legal sunrise. We require registration at the refuge headquarters prior to horse use during the hunting season. We limit horse access to the wilderness area via the refuge corrals and buffalo bridge.

7. We allow canoes, kayaks, and float tubes capable of carrying no more than four people on the Niobrara River below Cornell Dam.

8. We prohibit permanent tree stands, nails, screw-in steps, or other items that penetrate the outer bark of a tree. We prohibit tree stands and ground blinds from being left in the same location for more than 7 consecutive days (see §27.93 of this chapter). We require hunters to clearly mark (readable from the ground), with the hunter’s name and date of erection, unattended tree stands and ground blinds.

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

1. We prohibit the use of motorboats. We allow only nonpowered motorboats and those powered by electric motors (see §27.93 of this chapter).

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 27.99(a) of this chapter).

3. You may leave temporary blinds, other than portable blinds, constructed of natural materials. We allow only nonpowered motorboats and those powered by electric motors (see §27.93 of this chapter).

4. We allow canoes, kayaks, and float tubes capable of carrying no more than four people on the Niobrara River below Cornell Dam.

5. We prohibit the use of motorboats. We allow only nonpowered motorboats and those powered by electric motors (see §27.93 of this chapter).

6. We allow horses within the wilderness area. We limit horse use to three groups at a time and no more than five horses per group. We prohibit horses from 2 hours after legal sunset until 2 hours before legal sunrise. We require registration at the refuge headquarters prior to horse use during the hunting season. We limit horse access to the wilderness area via the refuge corrals and buffalo bridge.

7. We allow canoes, kayaks, and float tubes capable of carrying no more than four people on the Niobrara River below Cornell Dam.

8. We prohibit permanent tree stands, nails, screw-in steps, or other items that penetrate the outer bark of a tree. We prohibit tree stands and ground blinds from being left in the same location for more than 7 consecutive days (see §27.93 of this chapter). We require hunters to clearly mark (readable from the ground), with the hunter’s name and date of erection, unattended tree stands and ground blinds.

9. We prohibit the use of motorboats. We allow only nonpowered motorboats and those powered by electric motors (see §27.93 of this chapter).

10. 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 27.99(a) of this chapter).

11. You may leave temporary blinds, other than portable blinds, constructed of natural materials. We allow only nonpowered motorboats and those powered by electric motors (see §27.93 of this chapter).
vegetation found on site overnight. We prohibit bringing any type of live or dead vegetation onto the WPAs for any purpose at any time (see §27.32 of this chapter). Construction of these temporary blinds does not constitute exclusive use of the blind (see §27.92 of this chapter).

4. We prohibit exercising, running, training, or hunting with dogs from May 1 to July 31; and dogs must be on a leash during this time period. At all other times during the hunting season, dogs must be under the owner’s immediate control (see §26.21(b) of this chapter).

5. We prohibit camping and/or open fires (see §27.9(c) of this chapter).

6. We restrict the use of all motorized vehicles, including ATVs and/or snowmobiles, to designated parking lots only (see §27.31 of this chapter).

7. We prohibit the use of all firearms for target practice (see §27.41 of this chapter).

8. We prohibit the use of horses for any purpose (see §29.21(b) of this chapter).

B. Upland Game Hunting.

We allow upland game hunting on Waterfowl Production Areas throughout the District, excluding McMurtrey WPA in Clay 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 shooting or harvesting of black-tailed prairie dogs.

3. Conditions A3 through A8 apply.

C. Big Game Hunting.

We allow big game hunting on Waterfowl Production Areas throughout the District, excluding McMurtrey WPA in Clay County, in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow portable tree stands and/or portable ground blinds; however, you must remove them along with any other personal property at the end of each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94(a) of this chapter).

2. Conditions A3 through A8 apply.

D. Sport Fishing.

We allow sport fishing on Waterfowl Production Areas throughout the District, excluding McMurtrey WPA in Clay County, in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. You must remove all boats, boat trailers, vehicles, fishing equipment, and other personal property from the WPAs at the end of each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94(a) of this chapter).

2. Conditions A1 and A5 apply.

VALENTINE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. Hunters may hunt migratory birds on designated areas of the refuge subject to refuge specific regulations.

B. Upland Game Hunting. Hunters may hunt upland game on designated areas of the refuge subject to refuge specific regulations.

C. Big Game Hunting. Hunters may hunt big game on designated areas of the refuge subject to refuge specific regulations.

D. Sport Fishing. Anglers may fish in designated portions of the refuge subject to refuge specific regulations.

ASH MEADOWS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

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

1. We allow hunting only on designated days.

2. We only allow motorless boats or boats with electric motors on the refuge hunting area during the migratory waterfowl hunting season.

3. We open the refuge to the public from 1 hour before legal sunrise until 1 hour after legal sunset.

4. You may only possess approved nontoxic shot while in the field (see §32.2(k)).

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

1. Conditions A3 and A4 apply.

2. We only allow hunting on designated days.

C. Big Game Hunting. [Reserved]

D. Sport Fishing. [Reserved]

Desert National Wildlife Refuge

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. [Reserved]

B. Upland Game Hunting. [Reserved]

C. Big Game Hunting. Hunting of bighorn sheep is permitted on designated areas of the range subject to the following conditions:

1. Bighorn sheep guides are required to obtain a Special Use Permit prior to taking clients onto the range.

2. Natural bighorn sheep mortality (pick-up heads) found on the range are government property and possession or removal of them from the range is not permitted.

D. Sport Fishing. [Reserved]