National Catahoula Wildlife Management Preserve
Kisatchie National Forest
Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping Regulations for 2013-2014
-In cooperation with Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries-

GENERAL

These regulations are necessary for the proper management of the wildlife resources on the National Catahoula Wildlife Management Preserve (Preserve), 36,000 acres, located on the Winn Ranger District and Catahoula Ranger District, Kisatchie National Forest. The Forest Supervisor can close this Preserve to the public during emergency situations. Unless otherwise stated, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) state-wide regulations apply. LDWF Wildlife Management Area (WMA) hunter orange requirements apply. It is the responsibility of the user to obtain the current Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) which shows the National Forest System roads, trails, camping designations and areas that are designated for motor vehicle use pursuant to 36 CFR 212.51. The MVUM also identifies the vehicle classes allowed on each route/area and any seasonal restrictions that apply. These maps are available, at no charge, at all Ranger District offices.

PERMITS

Hunting, fishing and trapping are permitted in the Preserve in accordance with federal and state regulations. Each person hunting, fishing or trapping in the Preserve is required to have in his or her possession this Season Permit, in addition to the required state licenses. Hunters that are not required to possess a Louisiana hunting/fishing license must possess proof of such exemption. Each person, including archery, desiring to engage in any deer hunt during the gun season in the Preserve must also obtain a Self-clearing Daily Permit. This permit will be available at the Main Check Station, Catahoula and Winn Ranger District Offices and at the Supervisor's Office (see address and contact information below). All permits are free of charge.

HUNTING SEASONS and BAG LIMITS

Coyotes and Feral Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters during any of the hunting seasons listed below. The appropriate legal weapon and ammunition for that season must be used. No bag limit.

Deer: Please see LDWF Hunting Regulations for definition of legal firearms for deer hunting. Appropriate state licenses are required. During the deer gun hunts, all hunters, including archery, must follow the Self-clearing Daily Permit process. When Mandatory Deer Checks are specified (see below), all hunters, including archery, must still follow the Self-clearing Daily Permit process and check deer at the main check station. Deer can be field dressed. Bag limit for deer: 1 per day, 6 per season. LDWF deer tags mandatory.

Deer – Archery Season: October 1, 2013-January 31, 2014: The same hunting hours and archery restrictions listed in the LDWF Hunting Regulations for Area 2 are in effect for this Preserve. Self-clearing Daily Permit required during deer gun hunts. Note the mandatory deer check dates below.

Deer Special Youth Hunt (Either-sex) October 12-13: Still hunt only. LDWF youth hunt regulations apply except that the supervising adult may bow hunt. Self-clearing Daily Permit required.

Deer Physically Challenged Hunt (Either-sex) October 12-13: Still hunt only. Physically-Challenged Hunters Permit issued by LDWF required. Self-clearing Daily Permit required.

Deer Primitive Firearms Hunt (Either-sex) October 19-20: Still hunt only. Check station will be open 7:30 AM-8:00 PM on Oct. 19 and 20 for mandatory deer check. Self-clearing Daily Permit required.

Deer Firearms (Either-sex) October 26-27 and November 29: Still hunt only. Check station will be open on Oct. 26 (7:30AM-8:00PM), Oct. 27 (7:30AM-8:00 PM) and on November 29 (6:30 AM-7:00 PM) for mandatory deer check. Self-clearing Daily Permit required.

Deer Firearms (Bucks Only) Nov. 30-Dec 1: Still hunt only. Self-clearing Daily Permit required.

Squirrel, Rabbit, Quail, Dove, Woodcock, and Waterfowl (without dogs): All seasons the same as outside (unless otherwise stated) with the exception of: hunting these animals is closed during deer gun hunts. Consult appropriate LDWF hunting pamphlet for additional information on these species.
-No spring squirrel season
-Squirrel and Rabbit (with dogs): January 11-February 28
-Quail (with dogs): November 16-February 28

Raccoon and Opossum (non-dog season/daylight hours): May be taken by properly licensed hunters as incidental take with gear legal for the season in progress.
-Raccoon (nighttime, with dogs): January 11-February 28

Turkey: See LDWF Turkey Hunting Regulations for the season dates, hunting hours, and other restrictions for this Preserve.

FISHING: LDWF state creel limits apply. The Preserve will be closed for fishing during the deer gun hunts.

TRAPPING: See LDWF Trapping Regulations pamphlet. The Preserve will be closed for trapping during deer gun hunts.

ATVs : All-terrain and utility vehicles, or ATV/UTVs, also known as low-PSI vehicles, 3-wheelers, 4-wheelers, etc. ATV/UTV use is allowed ONLY on Forest roads designated as open seasonally to ATV/UTV use. Do not modify or remove spark arrestors. ATV/UTVs are prohibited in some camp sites and recreation areas – please read bulletin boards for additional information. **Please consult the current Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) for ATV/UTV**

(including a list of big-game retrieval corridors) and other vehicle travel use/restrictions.

SELECT PROHIBITED ACTS: The following acts are prohibited on this Preserve, under the authority of 36 CFR 261, Subparts A and B. Violators are subject to punishment by a fine of not more than $5,000 or imprisonment of not more than 6 months, or both. Please consult the regulations published by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries for a more complete listing of prohibited acts – see the General Provisions section. 1. Violating state or federal laws. 2. Hunting, fishing, or trapping without a Season Permit. Also, Self-clearing Daily Permit is required during deer gun hunts in addition to the Season Permit. 3. Camping between October 1, 2013 and April 30, 2014, except at designated camping areas which are marked with signs. 4. Driving vehicles on closed roads (obtain Motor Vehicle Use Map from any KNF office). 5. Hunting or discharging a firearm or any other implement capable of taking human or animal life, causing injury or damaging property: (a) in or within 150 yards of a residence, building, campsite, developed recreation site or occupied area; (b) across or on a National Forest System Road (NFSR) or across a body of water where any person or property is exposed to injury or damage as a result of such discharge; or (c) hunting within 50 feet of the center of any NFSR. 6. Hunting wild turkey with a rifle or pistol. 7. Baiting or hunting over bait (all species) or using live decoys. 8. Building, or hunting from, permanent tree stands or blinds; using any temporary tree stand or blind that penetrates the bark or otherwise damages the tree. 9. Using tree-climbing spurs. 10. Leaving any stand set up after dark. 11. Shooting one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise. 12. Possessing firearms equipped with silencers or sound-suppressing devices. 13. Possessing an electronically-enhanced night-vision scope while in possession of a firearm. 14. Possessing a firearm having live ammunition in the chamber, magazine, cylinder or clip (when attached to a firearm), or crossbow cocked and in the ready position in or on a vehicle while on the preserve.

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NATIONAL CATAHOULA WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PRESERVE
SEASON PERMIT, 2013-2014

This Permit allows the holder to hunt, fish, and trap on the National Catahoula Wildlife Management Preserve. The regulations on this Permit serve as "Terms of a Special Use Authorization," as provided for in 36 CFR 241.3(a) and 36 CFR 261.10(k). This Permit is nontransferable and is valid only when signed by the permittee and accompanied by a valid Louisiana Hunting, Fishing, or Trapping license and must be in your possession at all times while hunting, fishing, or trapping on the Preserve. Your signature acknowledges your understanding of the regulations contained herein. This Permit expires September 1, 2014.

Permittee Signature_____

For additional information about the Preserves contact offices Monday-Friday 8:00 AM-4:00 PM: *Winn Ranger District Office*: 9671 US Hwy 84 West, Winnfield, LA 71483, Telephone 318-628-4664; *Catahoula Ranger District Office*: 5325 Hwy 8, Bentley, LA 71407, Telephone 318-765-3554; *Kisatchie Ranger District Office*; 229 Dogwood Park Rd, Provencal, LA 71468; Telephone: 318-472-1840; *Forest Supervisor's Office* – Kisatchie National Forest; 2500 Shreveport Highway, Pineville, LA 71360; Telephone: 318-473-7160

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