

LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. 84-907, public hearings conducted by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, will be held on January 28, 2022 at Nebraska Game and Parks Headquarters 2200 North 33rd St. Lincoln, NE prior to consideration and/or enactment of the following:

Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. Sections §§ 37-301, 37-303 through 37-310, 37-312 through 37-314, 37-317, 37-330, 37-336, 37-447, 37-701, 37-703 through 37-709, 60-677, 60-678, 60-680 a public hearing will be held at 8:30 AM to consider amendments to Title 163, Chapter 4, Section 019 Area Specific Regulations regarding updates to the Gifford Wildlife Management Area special hunts to accommodate changes to application periods for deer permits and allow more recreational opportunities for spring turkey hunters. Changes also clarify regulations for the sight-in range at the Killdeer Wildlife Management Area and add regulations for the Cedar Valley Wildlife Management Area sight-in range to provide a safe area for hunters and target shooters to sight-in their guns.

Copies of the proposed regulations and the Fiscal Impact Statement shall be available for public inspection at the Game and Parks Commission office and the Office of the Secretary of State.

All interested persons may attend and testify orally or by written submission at the public hearing. Interested persons or organizations may submit written comments prior to the hearing, which will be entered into the hearing record if they: 1) include a request to be included as part of the hearing record; 2) include the name and address of the person or organization submitting the comments; and 3) are received by 1:00 p.m. CT, January 26, 2022 by Sheri Henderson at the Lincoln office, 2200 North 33rd Street, Lincoln, NE 68503-0370.

Tim McCoy, Director

**NOTICE OF RULEMAKING
COMMENT PERIOD**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission is accepting written comments on working drafts of proposed amendments, Title 163, Nebraska Administrative Code Chapter 4, entitled REGULATIONS Wildlife, Section 019 – Area-Specific Regulations, to update information about the Gifford Wildlife Management Area Special Hunts, clarify sight-in range regulations on the Killdeer wildlife management area, and add special area regulations for the Cedar Valley Wildlife Management Area sight-in range.

All interested persons are invited to obtain draft copies of the proposed regulations from and submit their written comments to Sheri Henderson, Division of Administration, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, 2200 North 33rd, P.O. Box 30370, Lincoln, NE 68503, or FAX 402/471-5528. The comment period will close at 1p.m. CT on January 26th, 2022.

If auxiliary aids or reasonable accommodations are needed to review the drafts or participate in this process, please call the above-named person at (402) 471-5432 or, for persons with hearing impairments, (402) TDD or Nebraska Relay System, (800) 833-7352 TDD by no later than January 21, 2022.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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| Agency: Nebraska Game and Parks Commission | |
| Title: 163 | Prepared by: Alicia Hardin |
| Chapter: 4 | Date prepared: December 23, 2021 |
| Subject: Section <u>019</u>, Area-Specific Regulations | Telephone: 402/471-5448 |

Type of Fiscal Impact:

| | State Agency | Political Sub. | Regulated Public |
|-------------------|--------------|----------------|------------------|
| No Fiscal Impact | (X) | (X) | (X) |
| Increased Costs | () | () | () |
| Decreased Costs | () | () | () |
| Increased Revenue | () | () | () |
| Decreased Revenue | () | () | () |
| Indeterminable | () | () | () |

Provide an Estimated Cost & Description of Impact:

State Agency: \$0
 Political
 Subdivision: \$0
 Regulated
 Public: \$0

If indeterminable, explain why:

TITLE: 163, NEBRASKA GAME AND PARKS COMMISSION

CHAPTER: 4 REGULATIONS Wildlife – Area-Specific Regulations

ACTION: Amendments to Existing Regulations

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Prepared by: Alicia Hardin, Wildlife Division Administrator

The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission is amending the above-referenced regulations as provided by law, and hereby submits this explanatory statement to accompany the regulation and describe their purposes and the changes made during the rulemaking process.

- I. Summary: Changes made to existing regulations.
- II. Overview of Purposes and Changes Made

Section 019. Last approved date changed. Statute reference updates. Per guidance from the Governor's Policy Research Office, the last sentence in the statutory citation paragraph is deleted due to redundancy in statute.

019.09B1c this Division has been revised with different dates for when the applications for the special hunt will be accepted. These changes were made to accommodate the change in dates for purchasing over-the-counter deer permits.

019.09B1c(1) this Sub-division is updated to accept applications in multiple ways, not just in writing. Email addresses must be included on the application so that authorization can be processed and sent out quickly.

019.09B1d this Division is revised with a new date for the drawing if the requests exceed 200. The new drawing date will stay consistent as three workdays after the applications are due.

019.09B1e this Division is revised to clarify that buddy requests must be submitted on the same application. This revision makes it much faster to process these applications for the drawing.

019.09B1f this Division was updated with better grammar, no substantial changes were made.

019.09B2 this Sub-part is revised so that Spring turkey hunting with shotguns and muzzleloaders will be allowed on the Gifford Point Wildlife Management Area. Fall

turkey hunting will still be prohibited.

019.09B3 this Sub-part is revised so that shotguns and muzzleloaders may be used during the spring turkey season but rimfire rifles and handguns are prohibited at all times.

019.16B this Part is revised so that Commission Order references could be updated and added.

019.17J3f this Division is revised to clarify the possession of fully automatic firearms is unlawful, and the definition of bump fire is simplified for the Killdeer Wildlife Management Area sight-in range. This allows for better enforcement of this regulation to keep the range safe and functional.

019.17J3h this Division is revised to clarify that using or possessing any full metal jacket ammunition, armor piercing bullets, incendiary ammunition, tracers, or incendiary targets are unlawful on the Killdeer Wildlife Management Area sight-in range.

019.20 this Sub-section has been added to establish special area regulations for a new sight-in range on the Cedar Valley Wildlife Management Area.

019.20A this Part has been added to restrict target shooting to the boundary posted for the sight-in range.

019.20B this Part has been added to restrict hunting within the posted boundaries of the sight-in range.

019.20B1 this Sub-part is added to restrict the hours for the sight-in range from 9:00 am to sunset.

019.20B2 this Sub-part is added to restrict shooting at the sight-in range to the bench provided.

019.20B3 this Sub-part is added to restrict the age of unaccompanied minors to 16 or older, minors 15 and younger must be accompanied by a person age 19 or older.

019.20B4 this Sub-part is added to restrict the targets used on the sight-in range to paper targets on the provided backer.

019.20B5 this Sub-part is added to make it unlawful to use any weapons except rimfire, centerfire or muzzleloading handguns and rimfire rifles on the 25 yard handgun range; rimfire or centerfire rifles 45 caliber or smaller, rimfire or centerfire handguns or shotguns 12 gauge or smaller firing a single slug, or muzzleloading rifles or handguns on the 100 yard rifle range.

019.20B6 this Sub-part is added to restrict the possession of fully automatic firearms to include bump fire or similar weapons from use on the sight-in range.

019.20B7 this Sub-part is added to prevent the use of the sight-in range by someone who is under the influence of drugs or alcoholic beverages.

019.20B8 this Sub-part is added to prevent the use of full metal jacket ammunition on the 100 yard range, or armor piercing bullets, tracers, incendiary ammunition, or incendiary targets on either the 25 or 100 yard ranges.

Appendix A The Cedar Valley Wildlife Management Area legal descriptions have been added to the appendix with the addition of the sight-in regulations.

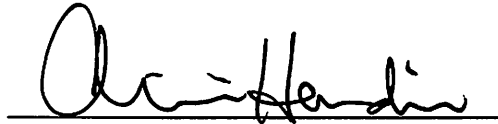
These regulations provide updates to the Gifford Wildlife Management Area special hunts to accommodate the changes to application periods for deer permits and to allow more recreational opportunities for spring turkey hunters. Clarification was given for the sight-in range regulations on the Killdeer Wildlife Management Area, and special area regulations were added for the Cedar Valley Wildlife Management Area sight-in range to provide a safe area for hunters and target shooters to sight-in their guns.

The proposed regulation is consistent with the legislative intent established by Section 84-907.09. The proposed regulation is not the result of any state or federal mandate, rendering a state or federal funding mechanism not applicable. The Commission will solicit public comment prior to the date of a public hearing. The Commission did not use the Negotiated Rulemaking Act in developing the proposed regulation.

Changes in Text Between Notice and Adoption:

DATED the 23rd day of December, 2021.

NEBRASKA GAME AND PARKS COMMISSION

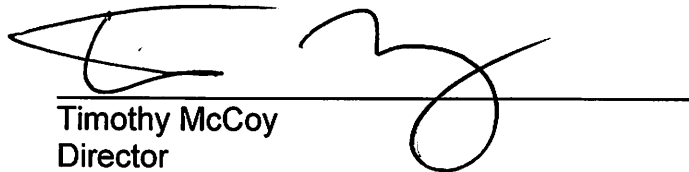
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Alicia Hardin
Wildlife Division Administrator

I hereby adopt this explanation statement as the statement of the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission concerning the purposes of this rulemaking action and of the changes made during the process.

DATED the 23rd day of December, 2021.

NEBRASKA GAME AND PARKS COMMISSION

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Timothy McCoy
Director

NEBRASKA GAME AND PARKS COMMISSION

NEBRASKA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

Last Approved Date: ~~December 9, 2016~~ January 24, 2018

Title 163 - Nebraska Game and Parks Commission

Chapter 4 - Wildlife Regulations

019 Area-Specific Regulations

The following regulations are prescribed by the Game and Parks Commission, State of Nebraska in accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 37-301, 37-303 through 37-310, 37-312 through 37-314, 37-317, ~~37-308.01, 37-330~~, 37-336, 37-447, 37-701, ~~37-704~~ through 37-709, ~~37-330~~, 60-677, 60-678, 60-680. For purposes of these regulations, unless context otherwise requires, the definitions found in Chapter 37, sections 202 through 247 of the Game Law, are used. ~~These regulations are effective following enactment by the Commission, approval by the Attorney General and Governor, and when five days have elapsed since filing with the Secretary of State.~~

Legal descriptions of areas referenced in this section are provided in Appendix A, unless otherwise noted.

019.01 Lake Babcock Waterfowl Refuge

019.01A Lake Babcock, Lake North and adjoining lands in Platte County, Nebraska, are hereby designated and established as a refuge, within, on and over the specific area posted or to be posted.

019.01B All hunting is hereby prohibited within such posted area.

019.01C The operation of all vessels is hereby prohibited upon the waters of the refuge during the open waterfowl season, except that portion of the refuge known as Lake North where vessels may be operated at any time during the year for the purpose of pleasure or fishing.

019.01D Representatives of the Loup River Public Power District may operate a vessel in any of the posted waters at any time for essential maintenance or operation of the reservoir.

019.01E The Platte Valley Bowmen Archery Club is hereby granted permission to establish and operate a field archery range in the N ½, NW ¼ of Section 36, T18N, R1W, Platte County, Nebraska.

019.01F Fish may be taken by any otherwise legal means during the entire year in Lake North, but shall be prohibited in Lake Babcock during an open waterfowl season.

019.02 Bufflehead Wildlife Management Area

019.02A Public Hunting Regulations: It shall be unlawful to carry, possess or discharge firearms, or by any manner to take or disturb any wild birds or wild mammals at any time within the posted boundaries of the Bufflehead Wildlife Management Area in Buffalo County.

019.03 Burchard Lake Wildlife Management Area

019.03A It shall be unlawful to carry or possess firearms, or by any manner to take, injure, molest or disturb any wild birds or wild mammals at any time within the posted boundaries of the Burchard Lake Wildlife Management Area in Pawnee County.

019.03B The posted sanctuary portion of the Burchard Lake Wildlife Management Area shall be closed to boating and all other activities from October 15 through January 14, except that fishing from the bank along the entire perimeter of the lake, including ice fishing on the lake surface, is permitted throughout the year.

019.03C Camping and the use of trailers or other camping units is permitted only at designated locations.

019.04 Chat Canyon Wildlife Management Area

019.04A Area Regulations: All Chapter 4, Section 018, General Regulations Governing Administration and Use of Property – Wildlife Management Area regulations shall apply except as noted in 019.04A1.

019.04A1 All hunting is restricted to special hunts officially sanctioned by the Commission and elk hunting by those holding valid permits. An access permission form, provided by the Commission, shall be required for all officially sanctioned hunts. These permission forms must be signed and accompany person utilizing this area and shall restrict hunting access to the dates, times, species and specific locations on this area.

019.05 Clear Creek Wildlife Management Area

019.05A Establishment of the Clear Creek Wildlife Management Area: The Clear Creek Wildlife Management Area is defined as all of that land owned by the Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District, and leased by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, located in portions of Sec. 36, T16N, R42W; Sec. 31, T16N, R41W; Sec. 1, T15N, R42W, Sec. 6 and 7, T15N, R41W; all in Garden County, and Sec. 32 and 33, T16N, R41W; Sec. 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14, T15N, R41W; all in Keith County, all located on the upper portion of Lake McConaughy and the North Platte River as posted.

019.05B Clear Creek Refuge:

019.05B1 That portion of the Clear Creek Wildlife Management Area so posted as a seasonal refuge and contained in Garden County and portions of Section 32, T16N, R41W; Sec. 5, 8, T15N, R41W in Keith County shall have the following special regulations:

019.05B2 From the Monday before Thanksgiving through February 15 of the following year, no unauthorized entry is allowed within the boundaries of the Clear Creek Refuge except for foot traffic by persons without weapons retrieving game.

019.05B3 From the Monday before Thanksgiving through February 15 of the following year, it shall be unlawful to take, molest, or disturb any wild birds or wild mammals within the boundaries of the seasonal refuge. During the remainder of the year, the Wildlife Management Area Regulations as contained in Chapter 4, Section 018 shall apply, provided that the portion of the Clear Creek Refuge contained within the Garden County State Game Refuge, described in 37-706, shall be open to hunting deer during all established deer seasons from September 1 through the Sunday before Thanksgiving.

019.05B4 It shall be unlawful to construct seasonal blinds for waterfowl hunting. Portable waterfowl hunting blinds may be used on this area and shall be removed at the end of the hunting day.

019.05B5 Portable tree stands shall not be installed, utilized or left in place from the Monday before Thanksgiving through August 15. In addition, portable tree steps that attach to the tree with chains or ropes, or that screw into the tree are permitted on this area.

019.05C That portion of the Clear Creek Wildlife Management Area not designated as refuge shall be subject to the provisions of Chapter 4, Section 018 and have the following special regulation:

019.05C1 Seasonal blinds for waterfowl hunting may be constructed or placed on lands or waters described above. Above structures must be removed by May 1 and the site restored to its original condition.

019.06 Cornhusker Farm Wildlife Management Area and Loup Public Power District Lands

019.06A It shall be unlawful to take game using centerfire, rimfire, or muzzleloading rifles or handguns, or to discharge those weapons for any other purpose, within the posted boundaries of the Cornhusker Farm Wildlife Management Area in Hall County, and the Loup Public Power District Lands in Nance and Platte counties.

019.07 Enders Reservoir Wildlife Management Area and State Waterfowl Refuge

019.07A The Enders Reservoir Wildlife Management Area in Chase County, contains land and water designated as a waterfowl refuge as posted. All Chapter 4, Section 018, General Wildlife Management Area Regulations apply to this Wildlife Management Area provided specific public use restrictions apply to the State Waterfowl Refuge as outlined below.

019.07B Enders Reservoir State Waterfowl Refuge: It shall be unlawful:

019.07B1 to take or disturb any waterfowl within the posted boundaries of the Enders Reservoir State Waterfowl Refuge. Hunting and trapping of other species (except waterfowl) is allowed in accordance with regular hunting season dates and regulations as specified in federal and state law. Additional restrictions apply to those areas designated as Cow Beach Recreation Access at Enders State Recreation Area (see Chapter 5, State Park Regulations, Section 008).

019.07B2 to boat, or operate a motorized vehicle within the posted boundaries of the Enders Reservoir State Waterfowl Refuge, beginning October 1 through the last day of February of each year. During the period of March 1 through September 30 of each year, vehicle traffic is allowed on roads and trails designated as open in accordance with regulations 018.07 (Chapter 4). Nothing in this section shall prohibit Commission personnel from entering the area for management, law enforcement or emergency purposes.

019.07B3 to allow dogs to run within the posted boundaries of the Enders Reservoir State Waterfowl Refuge except when used for lawful hunting or while on a leash under the control of a handler.

019.08 Flathead Wildlife Management Area

019.08A It shall be unlawful to take game using centerfire or rimfire rifles or handguns, or to discharge those weapons for any other purpose, within the posted boundaries of the Flathead Wildlife Management Area in Jefferson County.

019.09 Gifford Point Wildlife Management Area

019.09A General Regulations

019.09A1 Except as provided in 019.09B, all general regulations governing administration and use of property in accordance with Chapter 4, Wildlife Regulations, Section 018, will be in effect on this area.

019.09A2 From August 15 to the end of all valid deer seasons, the area is closed to all activities except deer hunting conducted by persons holding authorizations for the special deer hunt (019.09B).

019.09A3 No motorized vehicles are allowed on this area, except persons holding proof of special hunt authorizations may use motorized vehicles which are restricted to rocked or graveled roadways or parking lots as provided in 019.09A4.

019.09A4 Motorized vehicles may not be operated on other than rocked or graveled roadways or parking lots.

019.09B Hunting and Target Shooting

019.9B1 Deer hunting, during all valid deer seasons, will be conducted as a special hunt in accordance with general special hunt regulations (018.13).

019.09B1a Participation in special hunts shall be limited to 200 participants in total for all segments of the current deer hunting seasons. No access is allowed from August 15 through the end of all valid deer seasons except persons holding proof of special hunt authorization may access the area. Special hunt authorization is non-transferable.

019.09B1b Eligibility: Persons who have been issued a current statewide archery, statewide muzzleloader, statewide youth or applicable Season Choice Area deer permit are eligible to request authorization for participation in this special hunt.

019.09B1c ~~Requests~~Applications for special hunt participation ~~reservations~~ will be accepted in the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission Lincoln and Omaha offices during the period beginning ~~July~~August 1 through ~~July~~August 3115.

019.09B1c(1) Persons requesting authorization shall provide, ~~in writing~~, the following information: name, mailing address, email address, date of birth, type of deer permit possessed and associated permit number.

019.09B1d Should requests exceed 200, a drawing will be held in the Nebraska Game & Parks Commission Lincoln office on the third weekday after ~~July 31~~August 15 at 3:00 p.m.

019.09B1d(1) In the absence of the necessity for a drawing, requests will be processed for participation on a first come, first served basis (018.13D).

019.09B1e Buddy Requests: Two hunters who wish to ensure that both or neither will draw a Special Hunt Authorization may apply as buddies. Both requests must be submitted in the same envelope or simultaneously in person and specifically identified as a buddy request. on the same application.

019.09B1f Successful special hunt requestersHunters drawn for the special hunt will be sent proof of hunt authorization to allow access as provided for in 019.09B1a.

019.09B2 Turkey hunting is allowed during the Spring season in accord with statewide regulations. Turkey hunting is prohibited, ~~except archery hunting during the spring season is allowed in accord with statewide regulations.~~ during all other seasons.

019.09B3 The use or possession of centerfire or rimfire rifles or handguns weapons is prohibited.

019.09B4 Target shooting is prohibited.

019.10 Kea Lake Wildlife Management Area

019.10A Public Hunting Regulations. It shall be unlawful to carry or possess firearms, or by any manner to take or disturb any wild birds or wild mammals at any time within the posted boundaries of the Kea Lake Wildlife Management Area in Buffalo County.

019.11 Kiowa Wildlife Management Area

019.11A That portion of the Kiowa Wildlife Management Area in Scotts Bluff County that is located in Section 33 and north of the Mitchell and Gering Canal shall be closed to all activities and all access from October 1 until the close of the Dark Goose Hunting Season each year.

019.12 Oak Glen Wildlife Management Area

019.12A It shall be unlawful to use rifles or handguns, except for .22 rimfire rifles, to take game, or to discharge rifles or handguns for any other purpose, within the boundaries of the Oak Glen Wildlife Management Area in Seward County, providing that it shall not be unlawful to take game by either a muzzleloading rifle or a shotgun using a single ball or slug, or shot.

019.13 Platte Valley Wildlife Management Areas

019.13A Overnight camping on Bassway Strip, Big Springs, Bittersweet, Blue Heron, Blue Hole, Brady, Chester Island, Coot Shallows, Cornhusker Farm, Cozad, Darr, Darr Strip, Deep Well, Dogwood, East Cozad, East Darr, East Gothenburg, East Hershey, East Odessa, East Sutherland, East Willow Island,

Hershey, Jeffrey Lake, Loch Linda, Martin's Reach, Muskrat Run, North River, Ogallala Strip, Overton, Pawnee Slough, Platte, Pintail West Brady, West Cozad, West Gothenburg, West Hershey, West Maxwell, Willow Island, and Wood River West Wildlife Management Areas is restricted to three consecutive nights in a six day time period at any one Wildlife Management Area.

019.13B Overnight camping on Birdwood Lake, Bufflehead, Fremont Slough, Kea Lake, and Kea West Wildlife Management Areas is prohibited.

019.14 Randall W. Schilling Wildlife Management Area

The Randall W. Schilling Wildlife Management Area is hereby defined as all that tract of land owned by the State of Nebraska, Game and Parks Commission, located in Cass County, together with and including any and all accretion land along the Missouri and Platte River frontages of the deeded land. Accretion acreage is specifically included within the boundary of the area referred to in these regulations, and the water line of the Platte and Missouri rivers at and on land accreting to the deeded acreage shall be the boundary of the Randall W. Schilling Wildlife Management Area as referred to in these regulations. The Schilling Wildlife Management Area consists of two subdivisions, the Controlled Hunting Area and the Public Hunting Area, as posted.

All Chapter 4, Section 018, General Wildlife Management Area regulations shall apply except those specifically listed under 019.14A and 019.14B.

019.14A Controlled Hunting Area Regulations:

019.14A1 Overnight camping shall not be allowed.

019.14A2 No motorized vehicles will be allowed on the Area between October 16 and April 1 unless approved by Nebraska Game and Parks Commission personnel.

019.14A3 Only shotguns using shot, bow and arrow, and crossbows shall be allowed.

019.14A4 Archery deer hunting is allowed on the Area unless posted.

019.14A5 The Area Manager shall have the authority to limit the number of hunters upon the Area.

019.14A6 Nothing in 019.14A shall prevent the Commission from conducting a special hunt as authorized by 018.13.

019.14B Public Hunting Area Regulations:

019.14B1 Only shotguns using shot, bow and arrow and crossbows shall be allowed.

019.15 Rock Glen Wildlife Management Area

019.15A All Chapter 4, Section 018, General Wildlife Management Area Regulations apply to Rock Glen Wildlife Management Area in Jefferson County with the exception(s) listed below:

019.15A1 Horses and horseback riding are prohibited on Rock Glen Wildlife Management Area, provided horseback riding may occur on trails designated for this use and only during the riding season beginning May 10 and running through October 22; during that portion of the riding season coinciding with turkey or deer season open on-site, riding is prohibited except for a period starting at 9:30 a.m. and ending at 3:30 p.m.

019.15A2 Horseback riding trails will be designated with a sign located on either edge of the trail; all horses must be within the corridor defined by signs. Nebraska Game and Parks Commission area managers may, at any time during the riding season, limit or suspend the use of trails for the purpose of land or wildlife management activities, or in the event that natural or unnatural events degrade the trail beyond acceptable limits. Groups of more than five (5) riders must obtain a special use permit as described at 018.12.

019.16 Sacramento-Wilcox Wildlife Management Area

All public use activities on the Sacramento-Wilcox Wildlife Management Area in Phelps County are subject to provisions of appropriate State or Federal Statutes and Regulations. The area is open to public hunting of all game species except on those areas that are posted with signs, and with the following provisions and exclusions.

019.16A Waterfowl Hunting Regulations

019.16A1 Duck and goose hunting on the area is limited to existing blinds and to such jump or pass shooting available when stationed at least 200 yards from any other party.

019.16A2 No more than four persons (including non-hunters), may occupy a blind or pit at any time, and construction or use of blinds other than those provided by the Commission is prohibited.

019.16B Refuge Regulations

It is unlawful to trespass on the refuge portion of the area from the beginning of the early teal hunting season (Commission Order C06.01G01F) through the end of the spring turkey shotgun season (002.01A2aC02.01C) except to retrieve lawfully taken game birds, or to participate in hunting activities allowed during hunting seasons restricted to youth (C05.01F1005.01F1, C05.01G1005.01G4, C05.01H1005.01H1, 002.014AC02.01B, Commission Order C06.01EE).

019.16C Other Public Use Regulations

019.16C1 Hunting is prohibited within those areas designated and posted as closed to hunting.

019.16C2 Fishing is permitted unless posted against that activity.

019.16C3 Camping on the area is restricted to the designated camping area.

019.16C4 Fires are permitted only in fireplaces, grills, or fire rings where provided by the Commission, or in privately owned devices, such as gasoline or propane stoves, charcoal grills, or similar devices.

019.16C5 Dogs are permitted on the area, but must be accompanied by the handler, and under control at all times.

019.16C6 Motor vehicles are restricted to graveled or paved roads only.

019.17 Salt Valley Reservoirs

019.17A For the purpose of these regulations, the Salt Valley Reservoir Areas include: Bluestem State Recreation Area (SRA), and Wildlife Management Area (WMA), Branched Oak SRA/WMA, Conestoga SRA/WMA, Hedgefield WMA, Killdeer WMA, Olive Creek SRA/WMA, Pawnee Lake SRA/WMA, Stagecoach SRA/WMA, Teal WMA, Wagon Train SRA/WMA, and Yankee Hill WMA in Lancaster County, and Twin Lakes WMA in Seward County.

019.17B Waterfowl hunting is hereby prohibited on and over the following Salt Valley area as designated and posted: Conestoga Lake.

019.17C It shall be unlawful to take, molest, or disturb or attempt to take, molest, or disturb or have in possession any migratory waterfowl within areas posted with No Waterfowl Hunting signs.

019.17D Twin Lakes shall be closed to all access and public use from October 15 through December 31; provided archery deer hunting shall be allowed during established seasons as provided in (Commission Order C03.06).

019.17E It shall be unlawful to discharge any firearms at all times on intensively used areas such as boat launching ramps, picnic, parking and camping areas which are posted with appropriate signs.

019.17F It shall be unlawful to take game using centerfire or rimfire rifles or handguns, or to discharge those weapons for any other purpose, within the posted boundaries of Pawnee Lake. Target shooting with other weapons is also prohibited on the designated and posted portion of the area.

019.17G Firearms may be discharged on specified dog trial and dog training areas, or shooting ranges when designated by signs.

019.17H Hunting is prohibited on designated dog trial and dog training areas on the Salt Valley areas while hunting dog trials are in progress.

019.17I Overnight camping on Branched Oak, Hedgefield, Killdeer, Teal, Twin Lakes, Wildwood and Yankee Hill WMAs is restricted to three consecutive nights in a six consecutive day time period at any one WMA.

019.17J Killdeer WMA regulations – It shall be unlawful to:

019.17J1 target shoot except within the posted boundary of the designated sight-in range.

019.17J2 hunt within the posted boundary of the designated sight-in range.

019.17J3 Sight-in range regulations – It shall be unlawful to:

019.17J3a shoot at this range except from 9:00 am to sunset, unless otherwise posted.

019.17J3b shoot unless all shooting is from the bench provided and the firearm muzzle is in the range tube while firing down range.

019.17J3c use the range if shooters are 15 years of age or younger without being accompanied by a person age 19 or older.

019.17J3d use other than paper targets on this range and targets must be properly positioned only on the provided downrange target backer.

019.17J3e use any weapons except centerfire or rimfire firearms .35 caliber or smaller or shotguns 12 gauge or smaller firing a single slug, or muzzleloading rifles or handguns.

019.17J3f **possess** fully automatic firearms to include bump fire or similar weapons; defined as firearms that automatically reload and fire **while the trigger is pressed down**.

019.17J3g be under the influence of or consume drugs or alcoholic beverages.

019.17J3h use or possess, full metal jacket **ammunition**, armor piercing bullets, **or** incendiary ammunition, **tracers**, **and or incendiary** targets.

019.18 Wilkinson Wildlife Management Area

019.18A It shall be unlawful to take game using centerfire, rimfire, or muzzleloading rifles or handguns, or shotguns using a single ball or slug, or to discharge those weapons for any other purpose, within the boundaries of the Wilkinson Wildlife Management Area in Platte County.

019.19 Bordeaux Creek Wildlife Management Area

019.19A It shall be unlawful to take game using centerfire rifles or handguns, or to discharge those weapons for any other purpose, along the portion of this area between Bordeaux Road and Pineview Road, (in W ½ of Section 24 & NW ¼ Section 25, T33N, R48W), of Bordeaux Creek Wildlife Management Area in Dawes County.

019.20 Cedar Valley Wildlife Management Area- It shall be unlawful to:

019.20A target shoot except within the posted boundary of the designated sight-in range.

019.20B hunt within the posted boundary of the designated sight-in range.

019.20B1 shoot at this range except from 9:00 am to sunset, unless otherwise posted.

019.20B2 shoot unless all shooting is from the bench provided.

019.20B3 use the range if shooters are 15 years of age or younger without being accompanied by a person age 19 or older.

019.20B4 use other than paper targets on this range and targets must be properly positioned only on the provided downrange target backer in a manner that directs all bullets fired safely into the berm.

019.20B5 use any weapons except rimfire, centerfire or muzzleloading handguns and rimfire rifles on the 25 yard handgun range; rimfire or centerfire rifles 45 caliber or smaller, rimfire or centerfire handguns or shotguns 12 gauge or smaller firing a single slug, or muzzleloading rifles or handguns on the 100 yard rifle range.

019.20B6 possess fully automatic firearms to include bump fire or similar weapons; defined as firearms that automatically reload and fire.

019.20B7 be under the influence of or consume drugs or alcoholic beverages.

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019.20B8 use full metal jacket ammunition (except for handguns on 25 yard range), armor piercing bullets, incendiary ammunition, tracers, or incendiary targets.

Appendix A

Below are locations of Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs), State Recreation Areas (SRAs), and other areas referenced in this Section; areas include all or part of the listed sections of land as posted. Maps of areas owned, leased, or managed by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission can be found on the Commission’s website at www.outdoornebraska.gov.

| Area | County | Section(s) | Township | Range |
|-------------------------|----------------|--|-----------------|--------------|
| Bassway Strip WMA | Buffalo | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 | 8N | 14W |
| | | 1, 10,11, 12 | 8N | 15W |
| Big Springs WMA | Keith | 32 | 13N | 41W |
| Birdwood Lake WMA | Lincoln | 11 | 13N | 31W |
| Bittersweet WMA | Deuel | 5, 6 | 12N | 42W |
| Blue Heron WMA | Dawson | 16, 21 | 11N | 25W |
| Blue Hole WMA | Buffalo | 5, 8 | 8N | 18W |
| Bluestem SRA/WMA | Lancaster | 24, 25, 26 | 8N | 5E |
| | | 19, 30 | 8N | 6E |
| Bordeaux Creek WMA | Dawes | 2 | 32N | 47W |
| | | 25 | 33N | 48W |
| | | 30, 31, 32 | 33N | 47W |
| Brady WMA | Lincoln | 23 | 12N | 27W |
| Branched Oak SRA/WMA | Lancaster | 4, 5 | 11N | 5E |
| | | 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34 | 12N | 5E |
| | Seward | 25, 36 | 12N | 4E |
| Bufflehead WMA | Buffalo | 9, 16 | 8N | 15W |
| Burchard Lake WMA | Pawnee | 4 | 2N | 10E |
| Cedar Valley WMA | Lincoln | 23, 25, 26 | 9N | 30W |
| Chat Canyon WMA | Cherry | 33, 34, 35 | 33N | 32W |
| Chester Island WMA | Lincoln | 22 | 12N | 27W |

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| Conestoga SRA/WMA | Lancaster | 3, 4, 8, 9, 10 | 9N | 5E |
| Coot Shallows WMA | Buffalo | 7 | 8N | 17W |
| Cornhusker Farm WMA | Hall | 5, 8, 20, 29 | 11N | 10W |
| | | 2 | 11N | 11W |
| Cozad WMA | Dawson | 18, 19 | 10N | 23W |
| Darr WMA | Dawson | 5 | 9N | 22W |
| Darr Strip WMA | Dawson | 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 31, 36 | 10N | 23W |
| Deep Well WMA | Hamilton | 10, 15 | 10N | 8W |
| Dogwood WMA | Dawson | 31, 32 | 9N | 20W |
| East Cozad WMA | Dawson | 16 | 10N | 23W |
| East Darr WMA | Dawson | 4, 9 | 9N | 22W |
| East Gothenburg WMA | Dawson | 30 | 11N | 24W |
| East Hershey WMA | Lincoln | 5 | 13N | 31W |
| East Odessa WMA | Buffalo | 7, 18 | 8N | 16W |
| East Sutherland WMA | Lincoln | 36 | 14N | 33W |
| East Willow Island WMA | Dawson | 2, 3 | 10N | 24W |
| Enders Reservoir SRA/WMA | Chase | 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 | 5N | 37W |
| | | 1, 2, 3, 12 | 5N | 38W |
| | | 31, 32, 33 | 6N | 37W |
| Flathead WMA | Jefferson | 22, 23 | 2N | 2E |
| Fremont Slough WMA | Lincoln | 17 | 13N | 29W |
| Gifford Point WMA | Sarpy | 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 | 14N | 14E |
| Hedgefield WMA | Lancaster | 6 | 7N | 8E |

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| Hershey WMA | Lincoln | 32, 33, 34 | 14N | 32W |
| Jeffrey Lake | Lincoln | 4 | 11N | 27W |
| Kea Lake WMA | Buffalo | 14 | 8N | 16W |
| Kea West WMA | Buffalo | 10 | 8N | 16W |
| | | 15 | 8N | 16W |
| Killdeer WMA | Lancaster | 8 | 8N | 6E |
| Kiowa WMA | Scotts Bluff | 33 | 23N | 57W |
| Lake Babcock and Lake North | Platte | 1, 2 | 17N | 1W |
| | | 5, 6 | 17N | 1E |
| | | 25, 26, 35, 36 | 18N | 1W |
| | | 29, 30, 31, 32 | 18N | 1E |
| Loch Linda WMA | Hall | 22, 27 | 10N | 10W |
| Loup Public Power District WMA | Nance | 6 | 16N | 4W |
| | | 27, 28, 32, 33, 34 | 17N | 4W |
| Martin's Reach WMA | Hall | 23 | 9N | 12W |
| Muskrat Run WMA | Lincoln | 8 | 14N | 31W |
| North River WMA | Lincoln | 9, 10 | 14N | 32W |
| Oak Glen WMA | Seward | 28, 29, 32, 33 | 12N | 4E |
| Ogallala Strip WMA | Keith | 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16 | 13N | 39W |
| Olive Creek SRA/WMA | Lancaster | 10, 14, 15, 23 | 7N | 5E |
| Overton WMA | Dawson | 1 | 8N | 20W |
| Pawnee Lake SRA/WMA | Lancaster | 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 16, 17 | 10N | 5E |
| Pawnee Slough WMA | Lincoln | 21 | 13N | 28W |
| Pintail WMA | Hamilton | 36 | 10N | 6W |
| | | 1 | 9N | 6E |

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| Platte WMA | Lincoln | 8, 16, 17, 21 | 13N | 29W |
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| Randall W. Schilling WMA | Cass | 5, 6, 7, 8, 17, 18 | 12N | 14E |
| | | 36 | 13N | 13E |
| | | 31 | 13N | 14E |
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| Rock Glen WMA | Jefferson | 26, 34, 35 | 2N | 3E |
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| Sacramento-Wilcox WMA | Phelps | 21, 22, 27, 28, 29, 33 | 5N | 17W |
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| Stagecoach SRA/WMA | Lancaster | 4, 5, 8, 9 | 7N | 7E |
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| Teal WMA | Lancaster | 20 | 7N | 5E |
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| Twin Lakes WMA | Seward | 10, 14, 15, 22, 23 | 10N | 4E |
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| Wagon Train | Lancaster | 23, 24, 25, 26, 36 | 8N | 7E |
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| West Brady WMA | Lincoln | 8, 17 | 12N | 27W |
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| West Cozad WMA | Dawson | 12 | 10N | 24W |
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| West Gothenburg WMA | Lincoln | 28, 29, 33 | 12N | 26W |
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| West Hershey WMA | Lincoln | 32 | 14N | 32W |
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| West Maxwell WMA | Lincoln | 33 | 13N | 28W |
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| Wilkinson WMA | Platte | 30 | 18N | 1W |
| | | 25, 26 | 18N | 2W |
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| Willow Island WMA | Dawson | 33 | 11N | 24W |
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| Wood River West WMA | Hall | 13 | 9N | 12W |
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| Yankee Hill WMA | Lancaster | 25 | 9N | 5E |
| | | 19, 30 | 9N | 6E |