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Name of Rule CL.04 – Wild Turkey Seasons and Limits on WMAs

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Location and Time of Public Meeting 2 Natural Resources Drive, Little Rock AR 72205, 9:00 a.m.

April 2023 Proposal Summary:

1. **Proposal:** Establish a new Natural area called Sugar Loaf Mountains-Midland Peak Natural Area for hunting.
Justification: Arkansas Natural Heritage requested that the area be opened to hunting opportunities as the other Natural areas are. This is 1191 acres in Sebastian County. WMA zone 609
Code: 19.04, 20.02, 20.24, C1.01, C1.02, C1.04, C1.09, C1.13, C1.16
2. **Proposal:** Establish a new Natural area called Goats Beard Bluff Natural Area for hunting.
Justification: Arkansas Natural Heritage requested that the area be opened to hunting opportunities as the other Natural areas are. This is 540 acres in Saline County. WMA zone 267
Code: 19.04, 20.02, 20.24, C1.01, C1.02, C1.04, C1.09, C1.13, C1.16
3. **Proposal:** To add a dog tag permit fee for non-resident deer dog hunters.
Justification: This is will be a \$20 permit that is needed to establish data to determine how many individuals with dogs are coming into the state for hunting deer with dogs and impacting the wildlife resources. This yearly permit will only be sold through June 2026 then end.
Code: 8.08, D1.01
4. **Proposal:** Allow the riding of horse on Choctaw WMA for raccoon hunters.
Justification: This will allow hunters to use horses on the WMA for raccoon hunting between sunset and sunrise without interfering with open deer season.
Code: 20.20
5. **Proposal:** Make an exception for the Cache River at Black Swamp.
Justification: This will enable boating transit to remain unimpeded for the general public on this waterway.
Code: C1.12
6. **Proposal:** Establish a new WMA of the Hot Springs State Forest WMA.
Justification: AR Dept. of Agriculture Division of Forestry has purchased 2974 acres within the Hot Springs recharge area of the Hot Springs National Park, Mr. Joe Fox of Division of Forestry, State Forester approached the AGFC in regards to establishing a new WMA for regulating hunting on the property. WMA Zone 365
Code: 19.04, 20.02, 20.24, C1.01, C1.02, C1.04, C1.09, C1.13, C1.16
7. **Proposal:** Increase license fees for non-resident hunting. Also increase the guide license fees for non-resident hunting and fishing.
Justification: These prices have not increased in years and the Commission needs to raise additional income for management of the State's wildlife resources. Create a Non-resident WMA Waterfowl 5 day permit, Alligator, Bear, turkey and elk permit in addition to license required.
Code: D1.01, 3.04

FINANCIAL / ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

PLEASE ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS COMPLETELY

(Attach additional pages if needed)

DEPARTMENT: Arkansas Game & Fish Commission

DIVISION: Wildlife Management

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SHORT TITLE OF THIS RULE: Season dates for new WMAs, access on Cache River, horse riders on WMA

1. Does this proposed, amended, or repealed rule or regulation have a financial impact?
Yes: No: ☒
2. Do you believe that the development of a financial impact statement is so speculative as to be cost prohibitive? Yes: No: ☒ If "Yes", please explain:
3. If the purpose of this rule is to implement a **federal** rule or regulation, please give the incremental cost for implementing the regulation. Please indicate if the cost provided is the cost of the program.

Current Fiscal Year

General Revenue	\$
Federal Funds	\$
Cash Funds	\$
Special Revenue	\$
Other (Identify)	\$
Total	\$

Next Fiscal Year

General Revenue	\$
Federal Funds	\$
Cash Funds	\$
Special Revenue	\$
Other (Identify)	\$
Total	\$

4. What is the total estimated cost by fiscal year to any **party** subject to the proposed, amended, or repealed rule? (Estimated cost includes fees, administrative penalties, reporting, record keeping, equipment, construction, labor, professional services, revenue loss, or other costs associated with compliance.) Identify the **party** subject to the proposed rule, and explain how they are impacted.

Current Fiscal Year: \$ 0

Next Fiscal Year: \$ 0

Party Subject to Rule: hunters

Effect on Party Subject to Rule: date changes

5. What is the total estimated cost by fiscal year to the **agency** to implement this rule? Explain the financial benefit to the agency from implementing this rule.

Current Fiscal Year: \$ 0

Next Fiscal Year: \$ 0

Financial Benefit to Agency: none

6. Do alternative means exist for accomplishing the objectives of the rules that might be less burdensome to small business? Yes: No: ☒

Why were such alternatives not proposed:

7. Compare this rule with federal and state counterparts: Federal started AGFC is complying

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THIS FORM:

The Division responsible for a regulation proposal must complete this form and include it as the last page(s) of a regulation proposal that is submitted to the Commission for review, and again when the proposal is submitted to the Commission for a vote. After regulation adoption, Legal Division will submit the form to the appropriate State offices.

C1.04 – Wild Turkey Seasons and Limits on WMAs

In compliance with Addendum [A1.02](#).

Any WMA or NWR not listed is closed to the season.

ALUM FORK NATURAL AREA WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Third Monday in April for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

BALD KNOB NWR

- **Youth Hunt:** Open in accordance with season dates set by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
- **Archery/Firearms:** Closed

BAYOU DES ARC WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Third Monday in April for 9 days. 1 legal turkey.

BAYOU METO WMA (SEE GEORGE H. DUNKLIN BAYOU METO WMA)

BEARCAT HOLLOW WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Third Monday in April for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

BELL SLOUGH WMA

- **Firearms (permit hunt):** See Camp Robinson WMA (Code [21.07](#) and Addendum [C1.16](#)).

BENSON CREEK NATURAL AREA WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Third Monday in April for 9 days. 1 legal turkey.

BERYL ANTHONY LOWER OUACHITA WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.

- **Firearms (permit hunt):** Third Monday in April for 3 days, Saturday following the third Monday in April for 3 days and the second Saturday following the third Monday in April for 3 days. 1 legal turkey (Code [21.07](#) and Addendum [C1.16](#)).

BIG CREEK WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Third Monday in April for 9 days. 1 legal turkey.

BIG LAKE NWR

- **Youth Hunt:** Open in accordance with season dates set by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
- **Archery/Firearms:** Closed.

BIG LAKE WMA

- **Firearms (youth permit hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey (Codes [20.07](#), [21.07](#) and Addendum [C1.16](#)).

BIG TIMBER WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Third Monday in April for 21 days. 1 legal turkey (Codes [20.07](#), [21.07](#) and Addendum [C1.16](#)).

BLEVINS WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Third Monday in April for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

BLUE MOUNTAIN WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Third Monday in April for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

BUCK ISLAND WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Third Monday in April for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

BUFFALO NATIONAL RIVER WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Third Monday in April for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

CACHE RIVER NWR

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Open in accordance with season dates set by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on all refuge lands located south of I-40. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Open in accordance with season dates set by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on all refuge lands located south of I-40. 2 legal turkeys.
- **Firearms (permit hunt):** See Rex Hancock Black Swamp WMA for refuge lands located north of I-40 dates and limits (Code [21.07](#) and Addendum [C1.16](#)).

CAMP ROBINSON WMA

- **Firearms (permit hunt) (includes Bell Slough WMA):** Third Monday in April for 3 days, Monday following the third Monday in April for 3 days, and the second Monday following the third Monday in April for 3 days. 1 legal turkey (Code [21.07](#) and Addendum [C1.16](#)).

CANEY CREEK WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Third Monday in April for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

CASEY JONES WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the Second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Third Monday in April for 21 days. 1 legal turkey (Codes [20.07](#), [21.07](#) and Addendum [C1.16](#)).

CATTAIL MARSH WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Third Monday in April for 9 days. 1 legal turkey.

CEDAR CREEK WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Third Monday in April for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

CEDAR MOUNTAIN WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday in April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Third Monday in April for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

CHEROKEE WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.

- **Firearms:** Third Monday in April for 21 days. 1 legal turkey (Codes [20.07](#), [21.07](#) and Addendum [C1.16](#)).

COVE CREEK NATURAL AREA WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Third Monday in April for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

CROSSETT EXPERIMENTAL FOREST WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkeys.
- **Firearms:** Third Monday in April for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

CUT-OFF CREEK WMA

- **Archery:** Third Monday in April for 21 days. **Exception:** Closed during firearm permit hunts (Code [20.17](#)). 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms (youth permit hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms (permit hunt):** Third Monday in April for 3 days, Saturday following the third Monday in April for 3 days, and the second Saturday following the third Monday in April for 3 days. 1 legal turkey (Code [21.07](#) and Addendum [C1.16](#)).

CYPRESS BAYOU WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms (permit hunt):** Third Monday in April for 3 days and the Saturday following the third Monday in April for 3 days. 1 legal turkey.

DALE BUMPERS WHITE RIVER NWR

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Open in accordance with season dates set by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. 1 legal turkey, no more than 1 jake.
- **Firearms:** Open in accordance with season dates set by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (both units). 1 legal turkey.

DARDANELLE WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Third Monday in April for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

DAVE DONALDSON BLACK RIVER WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Third Monday in April for 9 days. 1 legal turkey.

DEGRAY LAKE WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Third Monday in April for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

DEPARTEE CREEK WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Third Monday in April for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

DEQUEEN LAKE WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Third Monday in April for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

DEVIL'S EYEBROW NATURAL AREA

- **Firearms (youth permit hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday in April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms (permit hunt):** Third Monday in April for 3 days and the Saturday following the third Monday in April for 3 days. 1 legal turkey.

DEVIL'S KNOB NATURAL AREA WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Third Monday in April for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

DR. LESTER SITZES, III BOIS D'ARC WMA

- **Archery:** Third Monday in April for 21 days. **Exception:** Closed during firearms permit hunts (Code [20.17](#)). 1 legal turkey (Code [20.17](#)).
- **Firearms: (youth permit hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms: (permit hunt):** Third Monday in April for 3 days and Saturday following the third Monday in April for 3 days. 1 legal turkey (Code [21.07](#) and Addendum [C1.16](#)).

ED GORDON POINT REMOVE WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms (permit hunt):** Third Monday in April for 3 days, Saturday following the third Monday in April for 3 days, and the second Saturday following the third Monday in April for 3 days. 1 legal turkey (Code [21.07](#) and Addendum [C1.16](#)).

ETHEL WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Third Monday in April for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

FALCON BOTTOMS NATURAL AREA WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Third Monday in April for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

FELSENTHAL NWR

- **Archery:** Open in accordance with season dates set by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Closed during turkey gun permit hunts. 2 legal turkeys.
- **Firearms (youth permit hunt):** Open in accordance with season dates set by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. 1 legal turkey
- **Firearms (permit hunt):** Open in accordance with season dates set by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. 1 legal turkey
- (Code [21.07](#) and Addendum [C1.16](#))

FORT CHAFFEE WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Third Monday in April for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

FOUSHEE CAVE NATURAL AREA WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Third Monday in April for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

FREDDIE BLACK CHOCTAW ISLAND WMA AND DEER RESEARCH AREA

- **East Unit**
 - **Archery:** Third Monday in April for 21 days. **Exception:** Closed during firearms permit hunts. 1 legal turkey.
 - **Firearms (youth permit hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday, of April. 1 legal turkey.
 - **Firearms (permit hunt):** Third Monday in April for 3 days, Saturday following the third Monday in April for 3 days, and the second Saturday following the third Monday in April for 3 days. 1 legal turkey (Code [21.07](#) and Addendum [C1.16](#)).
- **West Unit**
 - **Archery/Firearms:** Closed

FRIERSON WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Third Monday in April for 9 days. 1 legal turkey.

GALLA CREEK WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms (permit hunts):** Third Monday in April for 3 days, Saturday following the third Monday in April for 3 days and the second Saturday following the third Monday in April for 3 days. 1 legal turkey (Code [21.07](#) and Addendum [C1.16](#)).

GARRETT HOLLOW NATURAL AREA WMA

- **Archery:** Third Monday in April for 9 days. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Closed.

GENE RUSH WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Third Monday in April for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

GEORGE H. DUNKLIN JR. BAYOU METO WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Third Monday in April for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

GOAT'S BEARD BLUFF NATURAL AREA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Third Monday in April for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

GREERS FERRY LAKE WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Third Monday in April for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

GUM FLATS WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Third Monday in April for 9 days. 1 legal turkey (Codes [20.07](#), [21.07](#) and Addendum [C1.16](#)).

HALL CREEK BARRENS NATURAL AREA WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Third Monday in April for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

HAROLD E. ALEXANDER SPRING RIVER WMA

- **Firearms (youth permit hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms (permit hunt):** Third Monday in April for 3 days, Saturday following the third Monday in April for 3 days, and the second Saturday following the third Monday in April for 3 days. 1 legal turkey (Code [21.07](#) and Addendum [C1.16](#)).

HARRIS BRAKE WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Third Monday in April for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

HENRY GRAY HURRICANE LAKE WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.

HOLLA BEND NWR

- **Archery:** Open in accordance with season dates set by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. 2 legal turkeys.
- **Firearms (youth permit hunt):** Open in accordance with season dates set by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms (youth permit hunt):** Open in accordance with season dates set by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. 1 legal turkey.

HOLLAND BOTTOMS WMA

- **Firearms (youth permit hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms (permit hunt):** Third Monday in April for 3 days and Saturday following the third Monday in April for 3 days. 1 legal turkey (Code [21.07](#) and Addendum [C1.16](#)).

HOPE UPLAND WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** See Rick Evans Grandview Prairie WMA.

HOT SPRINGS STATE FOREST WMA

- **Firearms (youth permit hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms (permit hunt):** Third Monday in April for 3 days, Saturday following the third Monday in April for 3 days and the second Saturday following the third Monday in April for 3 days. 1 legal turkey. (Code 20.02 and Addendum C1.16)

HOWARD COUNTY WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Third Monday in April for 21 days. 1 legal turkey (Code [20.07](#)).

HOWARD HENSLEY SEARCY COUNTY WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Third Monday in April for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

IRON MOUNTAIN NATURAL AREA WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Third Monday in April for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

J. PERRY MIKLES BLUE MOUNTAIN SUA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Third Monday in April for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

JACK MOUNTAIN WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Third Monday in April for 21 days. 1 legal turkey (Code [21.07](#) and Addendum [C1.16](#)).

JAMESTOWN INDEPENDENCE COUNTY WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Third Monday in April for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

JIM KRESS WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Third Monday in April for 21 days. 1 legal turkey (Codes [20.07](#), [21.07](#), and Addendum [C1.16](#)).

KINGSLAND PRAIRIE NATURAL AREA WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Third Monday in April for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

LAFAYETTE COUNTY WMA

- **Firearms (youth permit hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms (permit hunt):** Third Monday in April for 3 days. 1 legal turkey (Codes [20.07](#), [21.07](#), and Addendum [C1.16](#)).

LAKE GREESON WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Third Monday in April for 21 days. 1 legal turkey (Code [20.07](#)).

LAKE OVERCUP WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Third Monday in April for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

LEE COUNTY WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Third Monday in April for 9 days. 1 legal turkey.

LEE CREEK WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Third Monday in April for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

LITTLE BAYOU WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Third Monday in April for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

LITTLE RIVER WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Third Monday in April for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

LOAFER'S GLORY WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Third Monday in April for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

LONGVIEW SALINE NATURAL AREA WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms (permit hunt):** Third Monday in April for 3 days. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Thursday following the third Monday in April for 18 days. 1 legal turkey.

MCILROY MADISON COUNTY WMA

- **Firearms (youth permit hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms (permit hunt):** Third Monday in April for 3 days, Saturday following the third Monday in April for 3 days, and the second Saturday following the third Monday in April for 3 days. 1 legal turkey (Code [21.07](#) and Addendum [C1.16](#)).

MIKE FREEZE WATTENSAW WMA

- **Firearms (youth permit hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms (permit hunt):** Third Monday in April for 3 days and Saturday following the third Monday in April for 3 days. 1 legal turkey (Code [21.07](#) and Addendum [C1.16](#)).

MORO BIG PINE NATURAL AREA WMA

- **Firearms (youth permit hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms (permit hunt):** Third Monday in April for 3 days, Saturday following the third Monday in April for 3 days, and the second Saturday following the third Monday in April for 3 days. 1 legal turkey (Code [21.07](#) and Addendum [C1.16](#)).

MT. MAGAZINE WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Third Monday in April for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

MUDDY CREEK WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Third Monday in April for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

NACATOCH RAVINES NATURAL AREA WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Third Monday in April for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

NIMROD LLOYD MILLWOOD WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Third Monday in April for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

NORFORK LAKE WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Third Monday in April for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

OVERFLOW NWR

- **Archery/Crossbow:** Open in accordance with season dates set by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms (youth permit hunt):** Open in accordance with season dates set by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. 1 legal turkey (Code [21.07](#) and Addendum [C1.16](#)).

OZAN WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Third Monday in April for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

OZARK LAKE WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Third Monday in April for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

PETIT JEAN RIVER WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms (permit hunt):** Third Monday in April for 3 days, Saturday following the third Monday in April for 3 days, and the second Saturday following the third Monday in April for 3 days. 1 legal turkey (Code [21.07](#) and Addendum [C1.16](#)).

PINE CITY NATURAL AREA WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Third Monday in April for 9 days. 1 legal turkey.

PINEY CREEKS WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Third Monday in April for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

POISON SPRINGS WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Third Monday in April for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

POND CREEK NWR

- **Archery:** Open in accordance with season dates set by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Open in accordance with season dates set by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. 1 legal turkey.

- **Firearms (permit hunt):** Open in accordance with season dates set by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. 1 legal turkey (Code [21.07](#) and Addendum [C1.16](#)).

PRAIRIE BAYOU WMA

- **Firearms: (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Third Monday of April for 9 days. 1 legal turkey.

PROVO WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Third Monday in April for 21 days. 1 legal turkey (Codes [20.07](#), [21.07](#), and Addendum [C1.16](#)).

RAINEY WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Third Monday in April for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

REX HANCOCK BLACK SWAMP WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms (permit hunt):** Third Monday in April for 2 days and Saturday following the third Monday in April for 2 days. 1 legal turkey (Code [21.07](#) and Addendum [C1.16](#)).
- (all hunts includes Cache River NWR Unit 2 lands within an area bounded by U.S. Highway 64 on north, Arkansas Highway 17 on east, Arkansas Highway 38 on south and Arkansas Highway 33 on west).

RICK EVANS GRANDVIEW PRAIRIE WMA

- **Firearms (youth permit hunt) (includes Hope Upland WMA):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey (Code [21.07](#) and Addendum [C1.16](#)).

RING SLOUGH WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Third Monday in April for 9 days. 1 legal turkey.

RIVER BEND WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Third Monday in April for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

ROBERT L. HANKINS MUD CREEK WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Third Monday in April for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

ST. FRANCIS NATIONAL FOREST WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Third Monday in April for 9 days. 1 legal turkey.

ST. FRANCIS SUNKEN LANDS WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Third Monday in April for 9 days. 1 legal turkey.

SANDHILLS NATURAL AREA WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Third Monday in April for 9 days. 1 legal turkey.

SCOTT HENDERSON GULF MOUNTAIN WMA

- **Archery:** Third Monday in April for 21 days. **Exception:** Closed during firearms permit hunts. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms (permit hunt):** Third Monday in April for 3 days, Saturday following the third Monday in April for 3 days, and the second Saturday following the third Monday in April for 3 days. 1 legal turkey (Code [21.07](#) and Addendum [C1.16](#)).

SEVEN DEVILS WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Third Monday in April for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

SHIREY BAY RAINEY BRAKE WMA

- **Firearms (youth permit hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday in April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms (permit hunts):** Third Monday in April for 3 days, Saturday following the third Monday in April for 3 days, and the second Saturday following the third Monday in April for 3 days. 1 legal turkey (Code [21.07](#) and Addendum [C1.16](#)).

SLIPPERY HOLLOW NATURAL AREA WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Third Monday in April for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

SMOKE HOLE NATURAL AREA WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Third Monday in April for 9 days. 1 legal turkey.

SPRING BANK WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Third Monday in April for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

STATELINE SANDPONDS NATURAL AREA WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the Second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Third Monday in April for 9 days. 1 legal turkey.

STONE PRAIRIE

- **Firearms (youth permit hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms (permit hunt):** Third Monday in April for 3 days and Saturday following the third Monday in April for 3 days. 1 legal turkey (Code [21.07](#) and [C1.16](#)).
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SUGARLOAF MOUNTAINS-MIDLAND PEAK NATURAL AREA WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Third Monday in April for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

SULPHUR RIVER WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms (permit hunt):** Third Monday in April for 3 days and Saturday following the third Monday in April for 3 days. 1 legal turkey (Code [21.07](#) and Addendum [C1.16](#)).

SYLAMORE WMA

- ***North and South Units***
 - **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
 - **Firearms (permit hunt):** Third Monday in April for 3 days. 1 legal turkey (Code [21.07](#) and Addendum [C1.16](#)).
 - **Firearms:** Thursday following the third Monday in April for 18 days. 1 legal turkey.

TRUSTEN HOLDER WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms (permit hunt):** Third Monday in April for 3 days. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Thursday following the third Monday in April for 18 days. 1 legal turkey.

TWO BAYOU CREEK WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Third Monday in April for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

U OF A PINE TREE EXPERIMENTAL STATION WDA

- **Firearms (youth permit hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms (permit hunt):** Saturday following the third Monday in April for 3 days. 1 legal turkey.

VILLAGE CREEK WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Third Monday in April for 9 days. 1 legal turkey.

WARREN PRAIRIE NATURAL AREA WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms (permit hunt):** Third Monday in April for 3 days. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Thursday following the third Monday in April for 18 days. 1 legal turkey.

WHITE CLIFFS NATURAL AREA WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Third Monday in April for 9 days. 1 legal turkey.

WHITEHALL WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Third Monday in April for 9 days. 1 legal turkey.

WHITE ROCK WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Third Monday in April for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

W.E. BREWER SCATTER CREEK WMA

- **Firearms (youth permit hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms (permit hunt):** Third Monday in April for 3 days and Saturday following the third Monday in April for 3 days. 1 legal turkey (Code [21.07](#) and Addendum [C1.16](#)).

WINONA WMA

- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms:** Third Monday in April for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

LEGAL NOTICE

The regular monthly meeting of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission will be held beginning at 9:00 a.m. Thursday, May 18, 2023, at the Vada Sheid Community Development Center on the Arkansas State University-Mountain Home campus, 1600 South College Street, Mountain Home, AR 72653. At that time, regulations and business pertaining to the operation of the Game and Fish Commission and other fiscal and administrative matters will be considered and acted upon. Additionally, Committee meetings attended by Commissioners and agency staff members will be held throughout the day on Wednesday, May 17, 2023, beginning at 8:00 a.m. at the Vada Sheid Community Development Center on the Arkansas State University-Mountain Home campus. All interested persons are invited to attend these meetings.

The Commission meeting on May 18th will be live-streamed and a link for easy viewing access will be available on the agency website. Please visit the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission website at <https://www.agfc.com> for additional up-to-date details as the May meeting dates draw closer.

Items on the agenda for the May 18, 2023 meeting will include discussion and/or adoption of proposed regulations that previously were considered at the April 19-20, 2023 Commission Meetings, plus consideration of various Hunting and Fishing Regulations and regulations pertaining to the Enforcement Division of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, including but not limited to:

- **Fishing Regulations** – Amend existing regulations for Non-Resident Fishing License Requirements, including remove option for Non-Resident 14-Day Trip Fishing License and increase amount of Non-Resident Guide License/Fishing.
- **Hunting Regulations** –
 - Amend existing regulations for Non-Resident Hunting License Requirements, including annual license fee amounts and requirements for hunting various game animals, including small game, waterfowl, alligator, deer, turkey, bear, and elk. More specifically, increase amounts of Non-Resident Deer Hunting Licenses, Non-Resident Guide License/Hunting, Non-Resident WMA Waterfowl Hunting Permit (5-day trip), and Arkansas Non-Resident Waterfowl Stamp, and establish Non-Resident Permits for hunting bear, turkey, elk, and alligator.
 - Adopt regulation to require a Non-Resident Hunting Dog Permit before a nonresident may use any dog to hunt, chase, pursue or retrieve deer, or to train a dog for such purposes.
 - Amend existing regulations for Wildlife Management Areas, including establish Hot Springs State Forest WMA, Goat's Beard Bluff Natural Area WMA, and Sugarloaf Mountains-Midland Peak Natural Area WMA plus establish user requirements for these WMAs, including restrictions for camping, firearms, and hunting deer, turkey, furbearers, feral hogs, and other game.
 - Amend existing regulation to clarify that prohibition for horses and mules on Freddie Black Choctaw Island WMA Deer Research Area applies from sunrise to sunset during an open deer season.

- Amend existing regulation for boating and duck hunting on certain WMAs and lakes to clarify that on Rex Hancock Black Swamp WMA the Common Restriction A applies except within the Cache River.
- **Policy/Procedures** – Adopt policy and procedures to establish (1) Civil Rights Complaint and Appeal Procedure; and (2) Limited English Proficiency Plan and Policy.

All persons wishing to be heard on these subjects should submit comments in writing to this office before the start of the May 18, 2023 meeting (preferably by 4:30 p.m. on the day before). Any request to make an oral presentation at the meeting should be submitted in writing to this office on or before May 8, 2023. Copies of any proposed rules or regulations may be obtained at the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission main office and at www.agfc.com, or through a written request mailed to the address below.

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