

# ARKANSAS REGISTER

## Proposed Rule Cover Sheet



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Name of Rule CL02 – Bear Season and Limit Restrictions on WMAs

Newspaper Name Arkansas Democrat Gazette

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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

**PERSON COMPLETING THIS STATEMENT:** Sandra Garrett

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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.

## C1.02 – Bear Season and Limit Restrictions on WMAs

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

### ALUM FORK NATURAL AREA WMA

- **Archery:** Fourth Saturday of September through the last day of November. Statewide limit.
- **Firearms:** Closed

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

### BEARCAT HOLLOW WMA

- **Archery:** **2022** - 7 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September, **Beginning 2023** - 10 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September through the last day of November. Statewide limit.
- **Muzzleloader:** Third Saturday in October for 9 days. Statewide limit.
- **Modern Gun (youth hunt):** First Saturday in November for 2 days. Statewide limit.
- **Modern Gun (Mobility Impaired Hunt):** First full weekend in October for 2 days (deer permit holders only, zone quota does not apply). Statewide limit.
- **Modern Gun:** Second Saturday in November until the last day of November. Statewide limit (Addendum [A1.08](#)).

### BEAVER LAKE WMA

- **Archery:** **2022** - 7 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September, **Beginning 2023** - 10 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September through the last day of November. Statewide limit.
- **Muzzleloader:** Third Saturday in October for 9 days. Statewide limit.
- **Modern Gun (youth hunt):** First full weekend Saturday/Sunday in November for 2 days. Statewide limit.
- **Modern Gun:** Second Saturday in November through last day of November. Statewide limit (Addendum [A1.08](#)).

### BELL SLOUGH WMA

- **Archery:** **2022** - 7 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September, **Beginning 2023** - 10 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September through the last day of November. Statewide limit.
- **Firearms:** Closed
- **Muzzleloader:** Third Saturday in October for 5 days (Deer permit holders only) (Addendum [A1.08](#)).

### BIG TIMBER WMA

- **Archery:** **2022** - 7 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September, **Beginning 2023** - 10 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September through the last day of November. Statewide limit.

- **Muzzleloader:** Third Saturday in October for 9 days (only on that part of the area in Bear Zone 2). Statewide limit.
- **Modern Gun (youth hunt):** First Saturday in November for 2 days(only on that part of the area in Bear Zone 2). Statewide limit.
- **Modern Gun:** Second Saturday in November through the last day of November (only on that part of the area in Bear Zone 2). Statewide limit (Code [20.07](#) and Addendum [A1.08](#)).

#### **BLUE MOUNTAIN WMA**

- **Archery: 2022** - 7 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September, **Beginning 2023** - 10 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September through the last day of November. Statewide limit.
- **Muzzleloader:** Third Saturday in October for 9 day. Statewide limit.
- **Modern Gun (youth hunt):** First Saturday in November for 2 days. Statewide limit.
- **Modern Gun:** Second Saturday in November through last day of November. Statewide limit (Addendum [A1.08](#)).

#### **BUFFALO NATIONAL RIVER WMA**

- **Archery: 2022** - 7 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September, **Beginning 2023** - 10 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September through the last day of November. Statewide limit.
- **Muzzleloader:** Third Saturday in October for 9 days. Statewide limit
- **Modern Gun (youth hunt):** First Saturday in November for 2 days. Statewide limit.
- **Modern Gun:** Second Saturday in November through last day of November. Statewide limit. (Addendum [A1.08](#))

#### **CAMP ROBINSON SUA**

- **Archery: 2022** - 7 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September, **Beginning 2023** - 10 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September through the last day of November. Statewide limit.
- **Firearms:** Closed (Addendum [A1.08](#)).

#### **CAMP ROBINSON WMA**

- **Archery: 2022** - 7 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September, **Beginning 2023** - 10 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September through the last day of November. Statewide limit.
- **Firearms:** Closed (Addendum [A1.08](#)).

#### **CANEY CREEK WMA**

- **Archery: 2022** - 7 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September, **Beginning 2023** - 10 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September through the last day of November. Statewide limit.
- **Muzzleloader:** Third Saturday in October for 9 days. Statewide limit.
- **Modern Gun (youth hunt):** First Saturday in November for 2 days. Statewide limit.
- **Modern Gun:** Second Saturday in November through last day of November. Statewide limit (Addendum [A1.08](#)).

## CEDAR CREEK WMA

- **Archery: 2022** - 7 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September, **Beginning 2023** - 10 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September through the last day of November. Statewide limit.
- **Firearms:** Closed(Addendum [A1.08](#)).

## CEDAR MOUNTAIN WMA

- **Archery: 2022** - 7 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September, **Beginning 2023** - 10 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September through the last day of November. Statewide limit.
- **Muzzleloader:** Third Saturday in October for 9 days. Statewide limit.
- **Modern Gun (youth hunt):** First Saturday in November for 2 days. Statewide limit.
- **Modern Gun:** Second Saturday in November through last day in November. Statewide limit (Addendum [A1.08](#)).

## CHEROKEE WMA

- **Archery: 2022** - 7 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September, **Beginning 2023** - 10 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September through the last day of November. Statewide limit.
- **Muzzleloader:** Third Saturday in October for 9 days. Statewide limit.
- **Modern Gun (youth hunt):** First Saturday in November for 2 days. Statewide limit.
- **Modern Gun:** Second Saturday in November through the last day of November. Statewide limit (Code [20.07](#) and Addendum [A1.08](#)).

## DEGRAY LAKE WMA

- **Archery: 2022** - 7 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September, **Beginning 2023** - 10 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September through the last day of November. Statewide limit.
- **Muzzleloader:** Third Saturday in October for 9 days. Statewide limit.
- **Modern Gun (youth hunt):** First Saturday in November for 2 days. Statewide limit.
- **Modern Gun:** Second Saturday in November through the last day of November. Statewide limit (Addendum [A1.08](#)).

## DEQUEEN LAKE WMA

- **Archery (all open units): 2022** - 7 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September, **Beginning 2023** - 10 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September through the last day of November. Statewide limit.
- **Muzzleloader (firearms units only):** Third Saturday in October for 9 days. Statewide limit.
- **Modern Gun (firearms units only) (youth hunt):** First Saturday in November for 2 days. Statewide limit.
- **Modern Gun (firearms units only):** Second Saturday in November through the last day of November. Statewide limit (Addendum [A1.08](#)).

## DEVIL'S EYEBROW NATURAL AREA WMA

- **Archery: 2022** - 7 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September, **Beginning 2023** - 10 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September through the last day of November. Statewide limit.
- **Muzzleloader:** Closed
- **Modern Gun:** Closed

#### DEVIL'S KNOB NATURAL AREA WMA

- **Archery: 2022** - 7 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September, **Beginning 2023** - 10 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September through the last day of November. Statewide limit.
- **Muzzleloader:** Third Saturday in October for 9 days. Statewide limit.
- **Modern Gun (youth hunt):** First Saturday in November for 2 days. Statewide limit.
- **Modern Gun:** Second Saturday in November through the last day of November. Statewide limit (Addendum [A1.08](#)).

#### ED GORDON POINT REMOVE WMA

- **Archery: 2022** - 7 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September, **Beginning 2023** - 10 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September through the last day of November. Statewide limit.
- **Muzzleloader:** Second Saturday in October for 5 days (deer permit holders only, zone quota does not apply). Statewide limit.
- **Modern Gun:** First Saturday in November for 5 days (deer permit holders only, zone quota does not apply). Statewide limit (Addendum [A1.08](#)).

#### GALLA CREEK WMA

- **Archery: 2022** - 7 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September, **Beginning 2023** - 10 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September through the last day of November. Statewide limit.
- **Muzzleloader:** Closed.
- **Modern Gun (youth hunt):** First Saturday in November for 2 days. Statewide limit.
- **Modern Gun:** Second Saturday in November for 2 days (deer permit holders only). Statewide limit (Addendum [A1.08](#)).

#### GENE RUSH WMA

- **Archery: 2022** - 7 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September, **Beginning 2023** - 10 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September through the last day of November. Statewide limit.
- **Muzzleloader:** Third Saturday in October for 9 days. Statewide limit.
- **Modern Gun (youth hunt):** First Saturday in November for 2 days. Statewide limit.
- **Modern Gun:** Second Saturday in November through the last day of November. Statewide limit (Addendum [A1.08](#)).

#### GREERS FERRY LAKE WMA

- **Archery: 2022** - 7 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September, **Beginning 2023** - 10 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September through the last day of November. Statewide limit.



- **Modern Gun (youth permit hunt):** Second Saturday in November for 2 days. Statewide limit. (Addendum [A1.08](#)).

### **GOAT'S BEARD BLUFF NATURAL AREA**

- **Archery: 2022 - 7 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September, Beginning 2023 - 10 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September through the last day of November. Statewide limit.**
- **Firearms: Closed (Addendum A1.08).**

### **HAROLD E. ALEXANDER SPRING RIVER WMA**

- **Archery: 2022 - 7 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September, Beginning 2023 - 10 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September through the last day of November. Statewide limit.**
- **Muzzleloader:** First Saturday in November for 5 days (deer permit holders only, zone quota does not apply). Statewide limit.
- **Modern Gun:** Closed (Addendum [A1.08](#)).

### **HARRIS BRAKE WMA**

- **Archery: 2022 - 7 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September, Beginning 2023 - 10 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September through the last day of November. Statewide limit.**
- **Firearms:** Closed (Addendum [A1.08](#)).

### **HOT SPRINGS STATE FOREST WMA**

- **Archery: 10 days prior to the Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of November. Statewide limit**
- **Firearms: Closed**

### **HOWARD HENSLEY SEARCY COUNTY WMA**

- **Archery: 2022 - 7 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September, Beginning 2023 - 10 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September through the last day of November. Statewide limit.**
- **Muzzleloader:** Third Saturday in October for 9 days. Statewide limit.
- **Modern Gun (youth hunt):** First Saturday in November for 2 days. Statewide limit.
- **Modern Gun:** Second Saturday in November through the last day of November. Statewide limit (Addendum [A1.08](#)).

### **IRON MOUNTAIN NATURAL AREA WMA**

- **Archery: 2022 - 7 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September, Beginning 2023 - 10 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September through the last day of November. Statewide limit.**
- **Firearms:** Closed (Addendum [A1.08](#)).

### **JACK MOUNTAIN WMA**

- **Archery: 2022** - 7 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September, **Beginning 2023** - 10 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September through the last day of November. Statewide limit.
- **Muzzleloader:** Third Saturday in October for 9 days. Statewide limit.
- **Modern Gun (youth hunt):** First Saturday in November for 2 days. Statewide limit.
- **Modern Gun:** Second Saturday in November through the last day of November. Statewide limit (Code [20.07](#) and Addendum [A1.08](#)).

#### JAMESTOWN INDEPENDENCE COUNTY WMA

- **Archery: 2022** - 7 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September, **Beginning 2023** - 10 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September through the last day of November. Statewide limit.
- **Muzzleloader:** Third Saturday in October for 9 days. Statewide limit.
- **Modern Gun (youth hunt):** First Saturday in November for 2 days. Statewide limit.
- **Modern Gun:** Second Saturday in November through the last day of November. Statewide limit (Addendum [A1.08](#)).

#### JIM KRESS WMA

- **Archery: 2022** - 7 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September, **Beginning 2023** - 10 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September through the last day of November. Statewide limit.
- **Muzzleloader:** Third Saturday in October for 9 days. Statewide limit.
- **Modern Gun (youth hunt):** First Saturday in November for 2 days. Statewide limit.
- **Modern Gun:** Second Saturday in November through the last day of November. Statewide limit (Code [20.07](#) and Addendum [A1.08](#)).

#### JONES POINT WMA

- **Archery: 2022** - 7 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September, **Beginning 2023** - 10 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September through the last day of November. Statewide limit.
- **Firearms:** Closed(Addendum [A1.08](#)).

#### LAKE OVERCUP WMA

- **Archery: 2022** - 7 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September, **Beginning 2023** - 10 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September through the last day of November. Statewide limit.
- **Firearms:** Closed(Addendum [A1.08](#)).

#### LEE CREEK WMA

- **Archery: 2022** - 7 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September, **Beginning 2023** - 10 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September through the last day of November. Statewide limit.
- **Muzzleloader:** Third Saturday in October for 9 days. Statewide limit.
- **Modern Gun (youth hunt):** First Saturday in November for 2 days. Statewide limit.
- **Modern Gun:** Second Saturday in November through the last day of November. Statewide limit (Addendum [A1.08](#)).

## LOAFER'S GLORY WMA

- **Archery: 2022** - 7 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September, **Beginning 2023** - 10 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September through the last day of November. Statewide limit.
- **Muzzleloader:** Third Saturday in October for 9 days. Statewide limit.
- **Modern Gun (youth hunt):** First Saturday in November for 2 days. Statewide limit.
- **Modern Gun:** Second Saturday in November through the last day of November. Statewide limit (Addendum [A1.08](#)).

## MAUMELLE RIVER WMA

- **Archery: 2022** - 7 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September, **Beginning 2023** - 10 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September through the last day of November. Statewide limit.
- **Firearms:** Closed (Addendum [A1.08](#)).

## MCILROY/MADISON COUNTY WMA

- **Archery: 2022** - 7 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September, **Beginning 2023** - 10 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September through the last day of November. Statewide limit.
- **Muzzleloader:** First Saturday in November for 2 days (deer permit holders only, zone quota does not apply). Statewide limit.
- **Modern Gun:** Closed (Addendum [A1.08](#)).

## MT. MAGAZINE WMA

- **Archery: 2022** - 7 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September, **Beginning 2023** - 10 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September through the last day of November. Statewide limit.
- **Muzzleloader:** Third Saturday in October for 9 days. Statewide limit.
- **Modern Gun (youth hunt):** First Saturday in November for 2 days. Statewide limit.
- **Modern Gun:** Second Saturday in November through the last day of November. Statewide limit (Addendum [A1.08](#)).

## MUDDY CREEK WMA

- **Archery: 2022** - 7 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September, **Beginning 2023** - 10 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September through the last day of November. Statewide limit.
- **Muzzleloader:** Third Saturday in October for 9 days. Statewide limit.
- **Modern Gun (youth hunt):** First Saturday in November for 2 days. Statewide limit.
- **Modern Gun:** Second Saturday in November through last day of November. Statewide limit (Addendum [A1.08](#)).

## NIMROD LLOYD MILLWOOD WMA

- **Archery: 2022** - 7 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September, **Beginning 2023** - 10 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September through the last day of November. Statewide limit.

- **Muzzleloader:** Third Saturday in October for 9 days. Statewide limit.
- **Modern Gun (youth hunt):** First Saturday in November for 2 days. Statewide limit.
- **Modern Gun:** Second Saturday in November through the last day of November. Statewide limit (Addendum [A1.08](#)).

## NORFORK LAKE WMA

- **Archery (all units): 2022** - 7 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September, **Beginning 2023** - 10 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September through the last day of November. Statewide limit.
- **Muzzleloader:** Chapin Point and Indian Head Units closed; Seward Point, Bennett's Bayou, and Fulton County Units open third Saturday in October for 9 days. Statewide limit.
- **Modern Gun (youth hunt):** Chapin Point and Indian Head Units closed; Seward Point, Bennett's Bayou, and Fulton County Units open first Saturday in November for 2 days. Statewide limit.
- **Modern Gun:** Chapin Point and Indian Head Units closed; Seward Point, Bennett's Bayou, and Fulton County Units open second Saturday in November for 9 days. Statewide limit (Addendum [A1.08](#)).

## PETIT JEAN RIVER WMA

- **Archery: 2022** - 7 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September, **Beginning 2023** - 10 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September through the last day of November. Statewide limit.
- **Muzzleloader:** Third Saturday in October for 9 days. Statewide limit.
- **Modern Gun (youth hunt):** First Saturday in November for 2 days. Statewide limit.
- **Modern Gun:** Second Saturday in November through last day of November. Statewide limit (Addendum [A1.08](#)).

## PINEY CREEKS WMA

- **Archery: 2022** - 7 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September, **Beginning 2023** - 10 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September through the last day of November. Statewide limit.
- **Muzzleloader:** Third Saturday in October for 9 days. Statewide limit.
- **Modern Gun (youth hunt):** First Saturday in November for 2 days. Statewide limit.
- **Modern Gun:** Second Saturday in November through the last day of November. Statewide limit (Addendum [A1.08](#)).

## RAINEY WMA

- **Archery: 2022** - 7 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September, **Beginning 2023** - 10 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September through the last day of November. Statewide limit.
- **Muzzleloader:** Third Saturday in October for 9 days. Statewide limit.
- **Modern Gun (youth hunt):** First Saturday in November for 2 days. Statewide limit.
- **Modern Gun:** Second Saturday in November through the last day of November. Statewide limit (Addendum [A1.08](#)).

## RIVER BEND WMA

- **Archery: 2022** - 7 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September, **Beginning 2023** - 10 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September through the last day of November. Statewide limit.
- **Muzzleloader:** Third Saturday in October for 9 days. Statewide limit.
- **Modern Gun (youth hunt):** First Saturday in November for 2 days. Statewide limit.
- **Modern Gun:** Second Saturday in November through the last day of November. Statewide limit (Addendum [A1.08](#)).

#### SCOTT HENDERSON GULF MOUNTAIN WMA

- **Archery: 2022** - 7 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September, **Beginning 2023** - 10 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September through the last day of November. Statewide limit.
- **Muzzleloader:** Third Saturday in October for 5 days (deer permit holders only, zone quota does not apply). Statewide limit.
- **Modern Gun:** Second Saturday in November for 5 days (deer permit holders only, zone quota does not apply). Statewide limit (Addendum [A1.08](#)).

#### STONE PRAIRIE WMA

- **Archery: 2022** - 7 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September, **Beginning 2023** - 10 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September through the last day of November. Statewide limit.
- **Modern Gun Youth Permit:** First Saturday in November for 2 days. Statewide limit.
- **Firearms:** Closed.

#### SUGARLOAF MOUNTAINS-MIDLAND PEAK NATURAL AREA WMA

- **Archery:** 10 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September through the last day of November. Statewide limit.
- **Firearms:** Closed

#### SYLAMORE WMA

- **North Unit**
  - **Archery: 2022** - 7 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September, **Beginning 2023** - 10 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September through the last day of November. Statewide limit.
  - **Muzzleloader:** Third Saturday in October for 9 days. Statewide limit.
  - **Modern Gun (youth hunt):** First Saturday in November for 2 days. Statewide limit.
  - **Modern Gun:** Second Saturday in November for 9 days and fourth Friday in November for 3 days. Statewide limit (Addendum [A1.08](#)).
- **South Unit**
  - **Archery: 2022** - 7 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September, **Beginning 2023** - 10 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September through the last day of November. Statewide limit.
  - **Muzzleloader:** Third Saturday in October for 9 days. Statewide limit.
  - **Modern Gun (youth hunt):** First Saturday in November for 2 days. Statewide limit.
  - **Modern Gun:** Second Saturday in November through the last day of November. Statewide limit (Addendum [A1.08](#)).

#### TRUSTEN HOLDER WMA

- **Archery:** Fourth Saturday of November for 9 days (closed on U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service property). Statewide limit.
- **Firearms:** Closed (Addendum [A1.08](#)).

#### WHITE ROCK WMA

- **Archery:** **2022** - 7 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September, **Beginning 2023** - 10 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September through the last day of November. Statewide limit.
- **Muzzleloader:** Third Saturday in October for 9 days. Statewide limit.
- **Modern Gun (youth hunt):** First Saturday in November for 2 days. Statewide limit.
- **Modern Gun:** Second Saturday in November through the last day of November. Statewide limit (Addendum [A1.08](#)).

#### WINONA WMA

- **Archery:** **2022** - 7 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September, **Beginning 2023** - 10 days prior to the Fourth Saturday of September through the last day of November. Statewide limit.
- **Muzzleloader:** Third Saturday in October for 9 days. Statewide limit.
- **Modern Gun (youth hunt):** First Saturday in November for 2 days. Statewide limit.
- **Modern Gun:** Second Saturday in November through the last day of November. Statewide limit (Addendum [A1.08](#)).

## 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.agfc.com), or through a written request mailed to the address below.

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