

**DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE**

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Upland Game Bird Program  
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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Enclosed are the Hunt Maps and Waivers, Permit Cards must be obtained at the check station. **Hunters must check in at the Little Dry Creek check station one quarter mile north of the Gridely-Colusa Highway between the Cherokee Canal and Butte Creek.** The check station will open one and one half hours before shoot time. Permits will only be issued until noon (12:00 pm). The Permit Card must be in your possession while in the field for verification by a warden or hunt monitor. You must also keep in your possession your congratulations letter which names all individuals in your party. Once you have arrived, please place the Parking Permit in a visible area of the vehicle. After the hunt you must fill in the Kill Record and return it to the check station. Shooting hours are one half hour before sunrise to 5:00 p.m. Only non-toxic shot may be used on this State Wildlife Area, lead shot is prohibited.

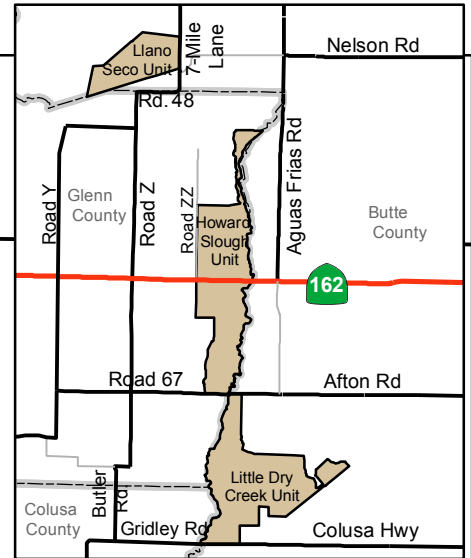
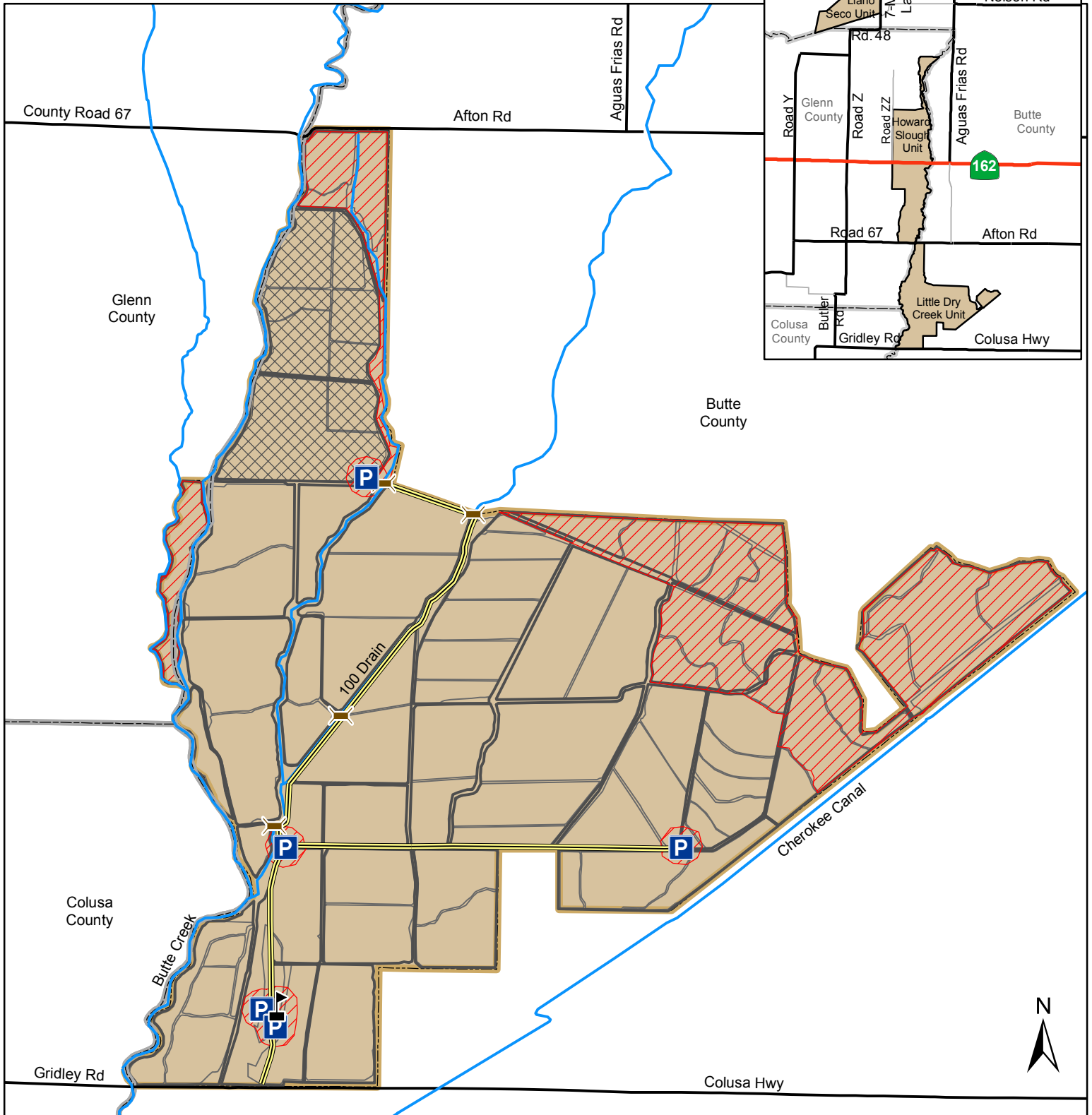
Please note that each member of your hunting party must have his/her own permit while in the field. Permits cannot be transferred and no replacement for absent hunters will occur. Non-hunters are allowed if they remain with your party and have signed the waiver prior to entering the field. Scouting is only allowed prior to the season or on non-hunt days for permit holders. If you have any questions please call the Upper Butte Basin Wildlife Area at (530) 982-2169.

\*\*If you cannot participate in the hunt on the day you were drawn then please call the Upper Butte Basin Wildlife Area Office (530) 982-2169 to cancel your spot and allow for another individual on the wait list to participate in the hunt.

Congratulations and Good Luck!



California Department of Fish and Wildlife  
 North Central Region  
 SPRING TURKEY HUNTING MAP - LITTLE DRY CREEK UNIT  
 UPPER BUTTE BASIN WILDLIFE AREA  
 Butte County



Closed Zone

Junior Party Hunt Zone

General Party Hunt Zone

Little Dry Creek Unit

Check Station

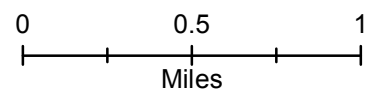
Parking Lots

Bridge

Authorized Roads

Creek / Slough

County Roads



**DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE  
UPPER BUTTE BASIN WILDLIFE AREA  
LITTLE DRY CREEK UNIT - TYPE A AREA - 3924 ACRES**

The Little Dry Creek Unit is owned and operated by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. Its primary purposes are to provide marshland wildlife habitat, waterfowl feed and loafing ponds, and controlled public hunting, in addition to other compatible recreational opportunities.

- 1. Area regulations are enforced year-round and apply to all visitors.** Regulations are posted at the check station and in the current issue of “Hunting and Other Public Uses on State and Federal Wildlife Areas”.
- 2. Area is closed from two weeks before waterfowl season to one week after waterfowl season to all non-hunting activities.** Public entry is allowed only from sunrise to sunset, except by written permission.
- 3. Parking is permitted only at the check station or designated parking lots.** Travel on designated roads only. Please observe all road closed signs and obey speed limit of 15 mph. Watch for wildlife on roads.

**HUNTING:**

**HUNT DAYS:** Only on alternate Saturdays and Sundays during Spring Turkey season (*contact Office for complete schedule*). The Spring Turkey hunt is allowed under the Regional Manager’s authority, pursuant to the Spring Turkey season authorized by the Fish and Game Commission.

**GENERAL TURKEY SEASON:** a total of 3 general hunt parties and 1 junior/adult combination party are allowed on designated hunt days. A total of 2 persons per general hunt party will be allowed entry. The junior/adult combination party can accommodate two junior hunters accompanied by a non-hunter adult chaperone, or one junior hunter with an adult hunter chaperone (maximum of two hunters in the party).

**JUNIOR-ONLY HUNT WEEKEND:** a total of 3 junior parties will be drawn for one Junior Hunt weekend (*contact Office for complete schedule*). Two junior hunters may be drawn per party and must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult chaperone. The Junior-only Hunt will take place in the General Turkey hunt zone. Junior-only hunts are open to any hunter with a valid Junior Hunting License.

**SCOUTING:** Hunters who have been drawn are permitted to access the area for scouting only on non-hunt days. Visitors who are scouting must park in designated parking areas and follow all general entry rules. Entry for scouting is permitted from sunrise to sunset only.

**PROCEDURE FOR OBTAINING A PERMIT TO HUNT:**

**BY APPLYING FOR A HUNTING RESERVATION:** Applications for reservation are available through the Upland Game Bird Program Special Hunt opportunities. Applications are available online, or may be picked up at Wildlife Area Offices within the North Central Region (*Upper Butte Basin WA office, Gray Lodge WA office, Oroville WA office*). Applications must be submitted online or received by mail by the deadline on the application. Successful reservations allow entry for up to two hunters total. Both hunters in the party must be listed on the reservation application; additional or alternate hunters will not be permitted entry at the check station on the day of the hunt. Reservations will be called, in order, one-and-one-half hour before shoot time. Reservations issued are valid for the selected hunt day only. Only parties with successful draw will be permitted entry for hunting.

**CHECK STATION HOURS:**

During the Spring Turkey season the check station will open one-and-one-half hour before shoot time to allow entry. No permits will be issued after 12:00 p.m. **Daily entry permits must be returned to the check station or drop box.**

**SHOOTING HOURS:** Shooting hours for turkeys are one-half hour before sunrise to 5:00 p.m.

**SPECIES RESTRICTIONS:**

The Spring Turkey hunt is open only to Spring Turkeys. The daily bag limit is one bearded bird; possession limit is three birds per season. No other species are authorized during the Spring Turkey hunt.

**SHOT SHELL AND SHOTGUN RESTRICTIONS:**

As of July 1, 2015 only non-lead shot is allowed when hunting on all state wildlife areas. No shot guns larger than 12 gauge [FGC 550(cc)(4)(A)] and no shot size larger than 2 permitted [FGC 331(b)] during Turkey hunting.

**FISHING AND OTHER RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

Open daily sunrise to sunset. Visitors must park in designated parking lots only.

**RULES:**

1. All hunters must carry their hunting license and daily permit in the field. Permits are issued at the check station, and must be returned to the check station or drop box before leaving the area.
2. All adult hunters must have a valid Upland Game Bird Stamp.
3. Dogs are not allowed during the Spring Turkey season.
4. Horses and ATVs are prohibited.
5. Camping and over-night stay is allowed only in the check station parking lot, and only the night before a hunt day.
6. Trailers and motor homes allowed only at the check station parking lot; no trailers or campers over 30-feet are allowed on Department land.
7. No overcrowding - Give other hunters a wide berth.
8. Unsportsman-like conduct will not be tolerated.
9. Violators may be ejected from area.
10. Please do not pick birds in field or parking lots.
11. Bicycles are allowed during Spring Turkey season.
12. No stopping vehicles between designated parking areas to drop off passengers or hunting equipment.
13. Park in designated parking areas and use only designated roads. Refer to map for these designations.
14. Hunts shall occur rain or shine. No alternate “rain dates” shall be sent by the regional hunt coordinator or the on-site hunt leader.

## **The Ten Commandments of Firearms Safety:**

1. Watch that muzzle! Keep it pointed in a safe direction at all times.
2. Treat every firearm with the respect due a loaded gun.
3. Be sure of your target and what is in front of it and beyond it.
4. Keep your finger outside the trigger guard until ready to shoot .
5. Check your barrel and ammunition.
6. Unload firearms when not in use.
7. Point your firearm only at something you intend to shoot.
8. Don't run, jump, or climb with a loaded firearm.
9. Store firearms and ammunition separately and safely.
10. Don't drink alcohol, use drugs or take medications that might impair your abilities and good judgment before or while handling firearms or archery equipment.





DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
Upland Game Bird Special Hunts Program
2015-2016 Liability Waiver: Adult Participants



READ, INITIAL AND SIGN BEFORE HUNT DAY

Waiver of Potential Claims and Release of Liability

I, \_\_\_\_\_, as a condition of my being able to participate in hunting activities on State property acknowledge and represent to the State of California each of the following:

1. Hunting is an inherently dangerous activity that can result in serious injuries or death caused by myself or other people who are present, participating in or watching such activities.\_\_\_\_\_.

Initial

2. Hunting also includes an inherent risk of serious injury or death caused by conditions of the land, including both defects in or improvements thereto, or natural conditions including animals (whether those being hunted or not) on the property. The State has not made any representations that the conditions of the property are suitable for hunting or that the property is free from defects.\_\_\_\_\_.

Initial

3. I acknowledge that in allowing me to participate in hunting activities on State property, the State owes me no duty to supervise the activity or the persons participating in or watching the activity. I further acknowledge that by providing rules, signs, guides, chaperones or other volunteers to assist in hunting activities, neither the State, its agents, employees and/or volunteers owe me any duty whatsoever to supervise or control the actions of myself or other persons participating in, watching the activity or on the property.\_\_\_\_\_.

Initial

4. Waiver And Release Of Claims: I hereby expressly waive any right that I might have to sue the State, its agents, employees and/or volunteers for any physical or emotional injuries, illnesses, death or other damages that I might suffer as a result of participating in hunting activities on State property.\_\_\_\_\_.

Initial

5. Waiver And Release Of Claims Based On Negligence: In addition to the inherent dangers involved in hunting on State property described above, I further acknowledge that serious injuries or death may be caused by the negligent acts of State employees, its agents, volunteers or other persons which increase the risk of injury beyond those normally anticipated while hunting. I hereby expressly agree to assume the risk that I may be seriously injured or killed through the negligent acts of others. I agree to waive any right I may have to sue the State, its agents, employees and/or volunteers for injuries or death that I may suffer arising out of participating in hunting or related activities including physical or emotional injuries, illnesses or death caused by the negligent acts of the State, its agents, employees, volunteers or other persons.\_\_\_\_\_.

Initial

Prior to executing this waiver and release of liability, I was given the opportunity to thoroughly read the entire document and to consult my own legal counsel regarding the potential effect of signing this agreement. I hereby consent to be bound by its terms and conditions.

PLEASE READ, SIGN AND BRING WAIVER TO CHECK IN ON THE DATE OF THE HUNT. YOU MUST SUBMIT A WAIVER IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS UPLAND GAME BIRD HUNT

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_



DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Upland Game Bird Special Hunts Program

2015-2016 Liability Waiver: Minor (under the age of 18) Participant



READ, INITIAL AND SIGN BEFORE HUNT DAY

Waiver of Minor's Potential Claims and Release of Liability

I, \_\_\_\_\_, am the legal parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, a minor under the age of 18 years (the "Child"), as a condition of the Child being able to participate in hunting activities on State property, I hereby acknowledge and represent to the State of California each of the following:

1. Hunting is an inherently dangerous activity that can result in serious injuries or death caused by myself, the Child or other people who are present, participating in or watching such activities. \_\_\_\_\_ Initial

2. Hunting also includes an inherent risk of serious injury or death caused by conditions of the land, including both defects in or improvements thereto, or natural conditions including animals (whether those being hunted or not) on the property. The State has not made any representations that the conditions of the property are suitable for hunting or that the property is free from defects. \_\_\_\_\_ Initial

3. I acknowledge that in allowing the Child to participate in hunting activities on State property, the State owes the Child no duty to supervise the activity or the persons participating in or watching the activity. I further acknowledge that by providing rules, signs, guides, chaperones or other volunteers to assist in hunting activities, neither the State, its agents, employees and/or volunteers owe the Child any duty to supervise or control the actions of the Child or other persons participating in, watching the activity or on the property. \_\_\_\_\_ Initial

4. Waiver And Release Of Claims: I hereby expressly waive any right that the Child might have to sue the State, its agents, employees and/or volunteers for any physical or emotional injuries, illnesses, death or other damages that the Child might suffer as a result of participating in hunting activities on State property. \_\_\_\_\_ Initial

5. Waiver And Release Of Claims Based On Negligence: In addition to the inherent dangers involved in hunting on State property described above, I further acknowledge that serious injuries or death may be caused by the negligent acts of State employees, its agents, volunteers or other persons which increase the risk of injury beyond those normally anticipated while hunting. I hereby expressly agree that the Child assumes the risk that the Child may be seriously injured or killed through the negligent acts of others. I agree to waive any right the Child may have to sue the State, its agents, employees and/or volunteers for injuries or death that the Child may suffer arising out of participating in hunting or related activities including physical or emotional injuries, illnesses or death caused by the negligent acts of the State, its agents, employees, volunteers or other persons. \_\_\_\_\_ Initial

Prior to executing this waiver and release of liability, I was given the opportunity to thoroughly read the entire document and to consult my own legal counsel regarding the potential effect of signing this agreement. I hereby consent to be bound by its terms and conditions and consent to the Child being bound by its terms and conditions.

PLEASE READ, SIGN AND BRING WAIVER TO CHECK IN ON THE DATE OF THE HUNT. YOU MUST SUBMIT A WAIVER IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS UPLAND GAME BIRD HUNT

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Guardian)

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent Guardian)