



2023 PROPOSED RULEMAKING *CDFW LANDS*

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2023 PROPOSED RULEMAKING PACKAGE

CDFW Lands property specific proposed regulations will:

- Protect natural resources
- Clarify existing regulations
- Create opportunities for wildlife viewing, hunting & fishing
- Maintain safety for visitors and staff
- Designate one property as an Ecological Reserve
- Designate two properties as Wildlife Areas

Natural Resource Protection	Wildlife viewing, Hunting, Fishing	Safety & Clarification
1 Prohibit swimming or boating in sensitive habitat.	8 Open hunts or change hunts on specific properties to special hunts as designated by the Department.	16 Clarify that drones are considered under already prohibited aircraft without a Special Use permit.
2 Prohibit horse and pack stock on specific properties.	9 Open new hunts on specific properties or clarify existing hunt opportunities.	17 Clarify what type of fires/stoves can be used on one property.
3 Limit hunting or hunted species to protect listed species habitat.	10 Allow horse and/or bicycle use on select properties or units in specific areas where designated.	18 Close specific portions of areas for public safety, or remove closure no longer needed.
4 Prohibit wood collection on two wildlife areas.	11 Clarify fishing regulations to align with other regulations or for safety.	19 Update boating regulations for several Wildlife Areas to maintain safety during different seasons.
5 Prohibit off road vehicles on specific units of an area with existing access.	12 Authorize hunting of specific species on specific properties.	20 Define when or if camping, trailers can be used on specific properties.
6 Prohibit electric bicycle use except where posted as allowed.	13 Designate three new properties providing opportunities for public access.	21 Update dog trials and/or dog training on specific properties.
7 Close properties during certain times of the year to protect resources or define when property is open for public access.	14 Designate an end time for entering during waterfowl season as 3:00 p.m.	22 Ban use of neonicotinoid pesticides on CDFW Lands.
	15 Define special drawing criteria for specific properties.	23 Remove archery from Type A Wildlife Area. POSTPONED

Region 1
 Ash Creek WA - 7
 Big Springs Ranch WA - 13
 Butte Valley WA - 10
 Eel River WA - 4, 5
 Fay Slough WA - 15
 Honey Lake WA - 7, 10
 Horseshoe Ranch WA - 10
 Lake Earl WA - 18, 19
 Shasta Valley WA - 10, 14, 19, 20
 South Spit WA - 4
 Tehama WA - 9, 10
 Willow Creek WA - 7, 10

Region 2
 Daugherty Hill WA - 10, 20
 El Dorado WA - 10, 13, 15
 Feather River WA - 18
 Gray Lodge WA - 9, 14
 Hallelujah Junction WA - 18
 Sacramento River WA - 9
 Upper Butte Basin WA - 12, 14, 20

Region 3
 Clifton Court Forebay - 11, 17, 18, 19
 Eden Landing ER - 19
 Fagan Marsh ER - 11, 19
 Grizzly Island WA - 14, 15
 Knoxville WA - 15
 Napa-Sonoma Marsh WA - 2, 21
 Petaluma Marsh WA - 2
 Redwood Shores ER - 1, 11, 19
 Watsonville Slough ER - 10

Region 4
 Bakersfield Cactus ER - 10
 Carrizo Plains ER - 3, 10
 Chorro Creek ER - 8
 Elkhorn Slough ER - 7, 11
 Kerman ER - 3, 8
 Los Banos WA - 2, 9, 12, 14, 18, 21, 23
 Mendota WA - 2, 14, 19, 20
 Morro Dunes ER - 7
 North Grasslands WA - 2, 9, 12, 14, 18, 19, 21
 O'Neill Forebay WA - 9, 12, 18, 21
 Stone Corral ER - 3

Region 5
 Batiquitos Lagoon ER - 11
 Boden Canyon ER - 8
 Bolsa Chica ER - 11
 Boulder Creek ER - 9
 Burton Mesa ER - 8
 Peace Valley ER - 8, 13
 San Dieguito Lagoon ER - 11
 Upper Newport Bay ER - 11

Statewide
 Proposals related to all properties - 6, 16, 23

Region 6
 Did not propose any property specific changes, however, item 14 will make changes to Imperial WA.

Region 5
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 Bolsa Chica ER - 11
 Boulder Creek ER - 9
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 Upper Newport Bay ER - 11

Site-specific Changes to Title 14, CA Code of Regulations

General Regulations for Public Use (§550)

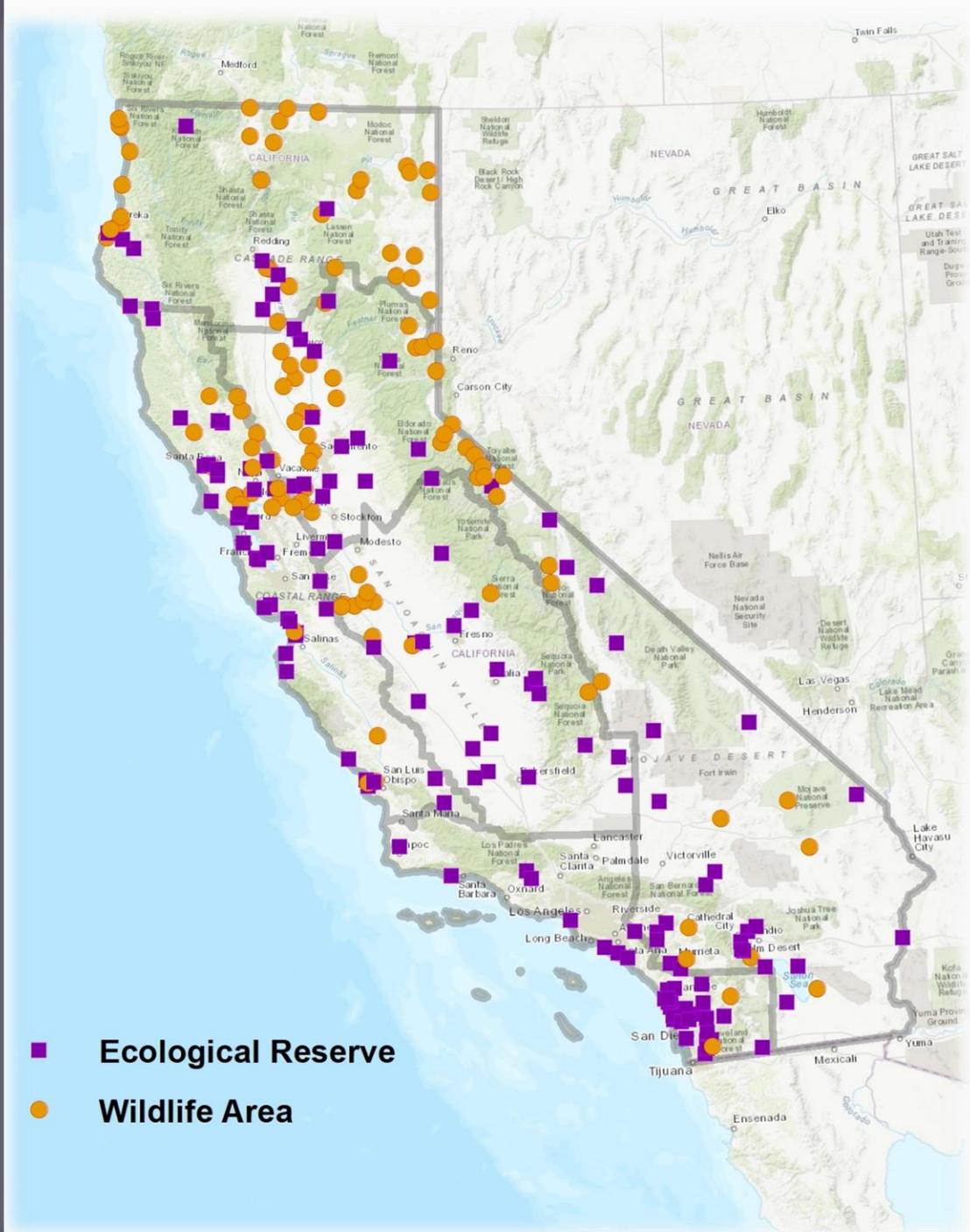
- Address e-bikes and drones
- Prohibit neonicotinoid pesticides
- Define time of last entry on Type A&B wildlife areas

Wildlife Areas (§551) & Ecological Reserves (§630)

- Three property designations
- Provide resource protection
- Improve public safety
- Increase recreational opportunities



WILDLIFE AREAS AND ECOLOGICAL RESERVES





Ecological Reserves

All ecological reserves are maintained for the primary purpose of developing a statewide program for protection of **rare, threatened, or endangered native plants, wildlife, aquatic organisms, and specialized terrestrial or aquatic habitat types.**



Wildlife Areas

All wildlife areas are maintained for the primary purposes of developing a statewide program of **ecological conservation, restoration, preservation, development and management of wildlife habitat, and hunting.**

There are three types of wildlife areas (A, B, C)

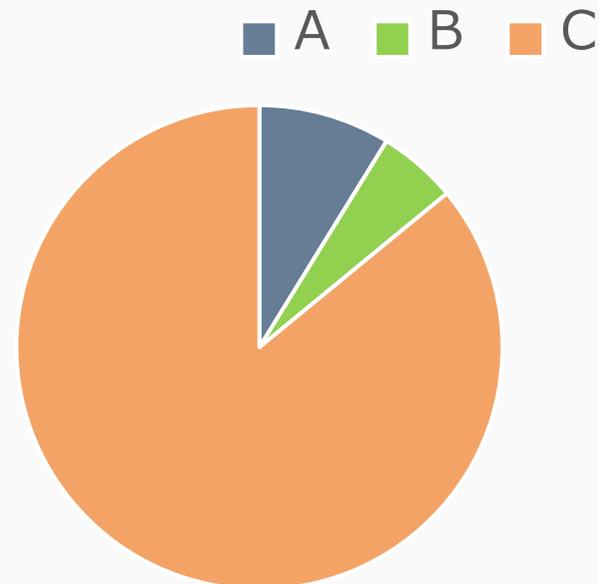


Type A B C Wildlife Areas

Type A & Type B wildlife areas

have restricted hunter access during waterfowl season. They require a hunting pass that's presented or exchanged for an **entry permit** at the wildlife area.

Managed wetlands.



Type C wildlife areas

do not require entry permit to access the property. Include a variety of habitat types.

SECTION §550



Upper Butte Basin WA



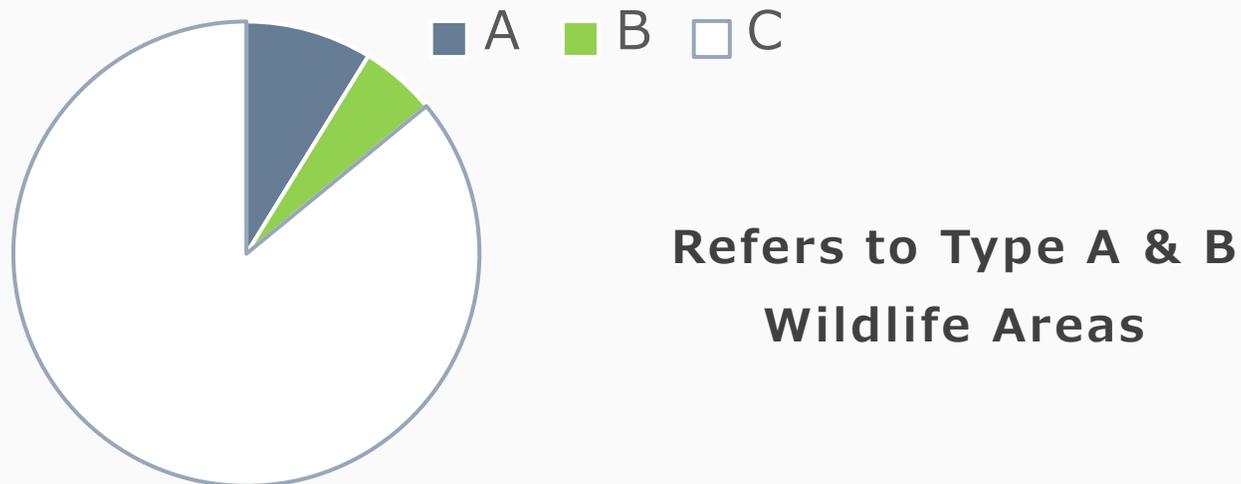
Bolsa Chica ER

**General Regulations
for Public Use on
CDFW Lands**

General Use Regulations

Visitor Entry and Responsibilities

- On all Units during the waterfowl and pheasant season, no permits will be issued after 3:00 p.m.



Visitor Entry and Responsibilities

Electric bicycles and motorized transportation devices (including but not limited to motorized bicycles, scooters, and carts) are prohibited except where posted as allowed.

Prohibit use of neonicotinoid pesticides on CDFW Lands.

Aircraft. No visitor shall operate any aircraft, **drone or other unmanned aircraft system (UAS)**, hovercraft, or hot air balloon within department lands except as authorized by a Special Use Permit issued by the department.

PROPERTY DESIGNATIONS



Big Springs Ranch



Peace Valley

Title 14
Section §630,
Ecological Reserves
&
Section §551
Wildlife Areas

Peace Valley Ecological Reserve

- ❑ **Los Angeles County, acquired from Department of Water Resources as mitigation for the State Water Project**
- ❑ **Adjacent to the Angeles National Forest**
- ❑ **Designation of this property would provide a special hunt program location in Los Angeles County and additional access to other public lands that are open to hunting**
- ❑ **Ecological Reserves with Hunting as a Designated Public Use**



El Dorado Wildlife Area

- ❑ El Dorado County, acquired from the Ervin Ranch Partnership
- ❑ Type C Wildlife Area
- ❑ Intent to provide hunting, fishing, and wildlife-viewing

Additional regulations to consider with designation

- ❑ Bicycles
- ❑ Horse and Pack Stock
- ❑ Type C Wildlife Areas with Shoot Day Restrictions and/or Special Drawing Requirements

NEW
Opportunity



Big Springs Ranch Wildlife Area

- ❑ Siskiyou County
- ❑ Type B Wildlife Area
- ❑ Protect aquatic and riparian habitat for Coho Salmon, Chinook Salmon, and steelhead
- ❑ Hunting waterfowl, upland game, junior hunts



PROPERTY SPECIFIC REGULATIONS



Butte Valley WA



Coal Canyon ER

**Title 14, Sections
§551 Wildlife Areas &
§630 Ecological Reserves**

Ecological Reserve & Wildlife Area Proposed Changes by Topic

Bicycles

Horses

Boats

Swimming

Fishing

Hunting

Additional hunts

Hunt restrictions

Fire restrictions

Closures and Restriction

WA with camping trailers

Off-Highway Vehicles

Dog Training and/or Dog Trials:

Wood cutting

Two individual property slides

Ecological Reserve Bicycles

Carrizo Plains Ecological Reserve

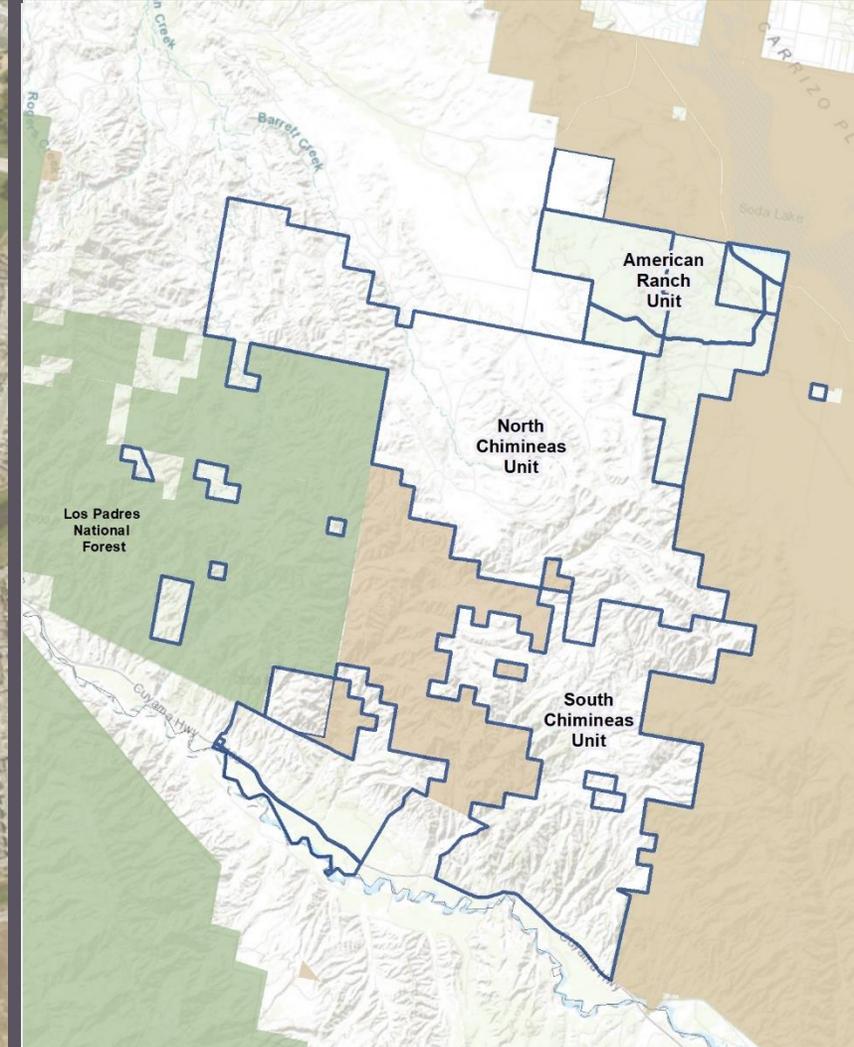


Watsonville Slough ER

Allow bicycle use year-round on Lee Road Trail.

Carrizo Plains ER

Allow bicycle use on existing roads on the South Chimineas Units of the Carrizo Plains ER between December and September. Bicycle use not allowed during elk season (Oct-Nov).



Horse/Pack Stock

Carrizo Plains Ecological Reserve



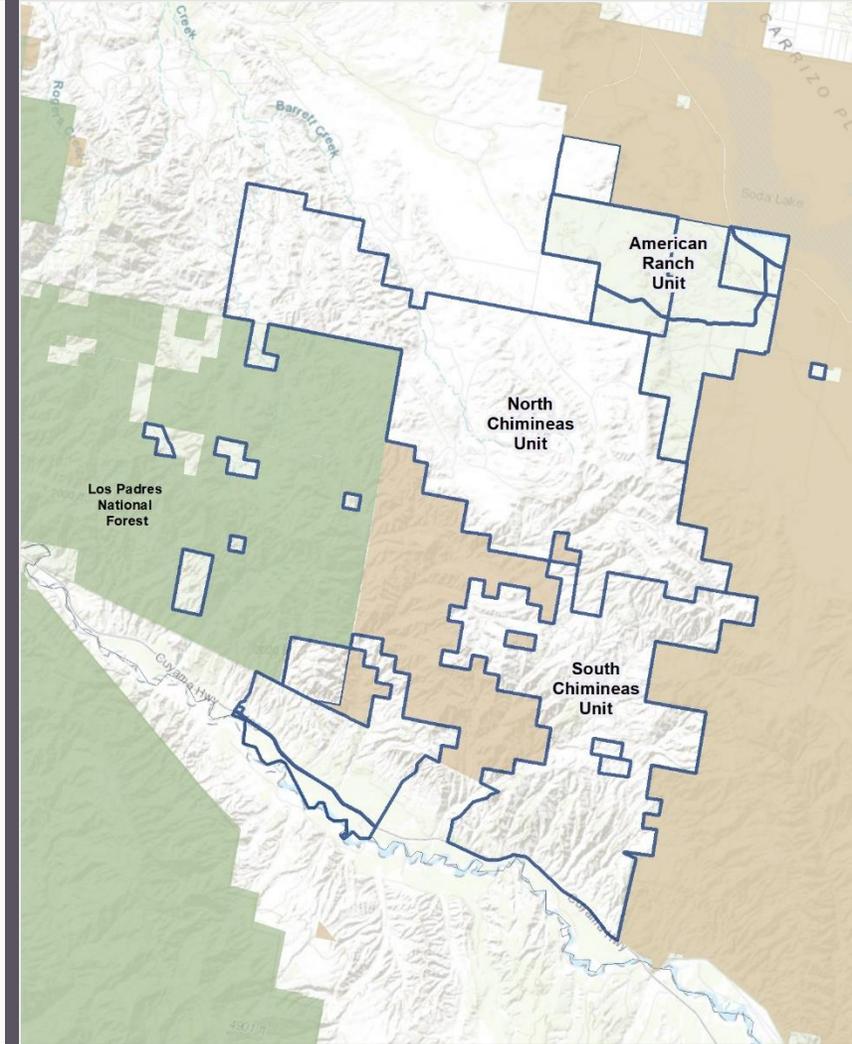
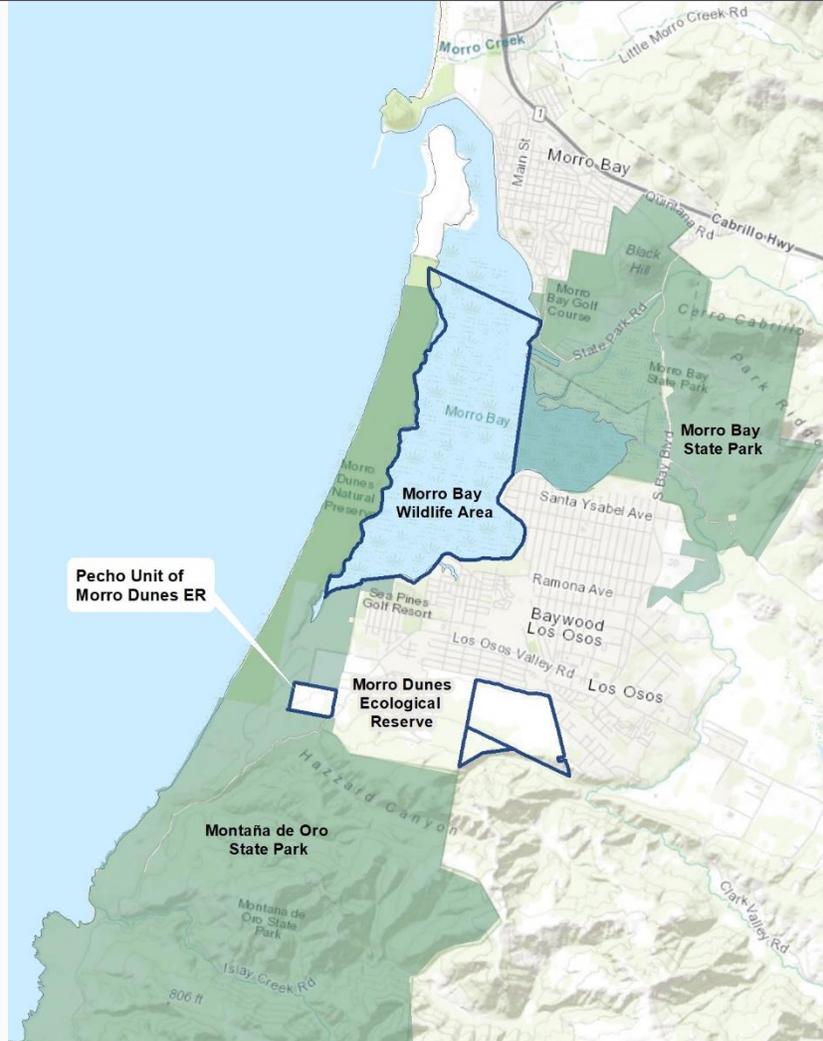
Morro Dunes ER

Allow the use of horses on a designated trail on the Pecho Unit of Morro Dunes ER.

All use of horses on the Bayview Unit will remain prohibited.

Carrizo Plains ER

Allow the use of horses on existing roads and trails on the American and South Chimineas



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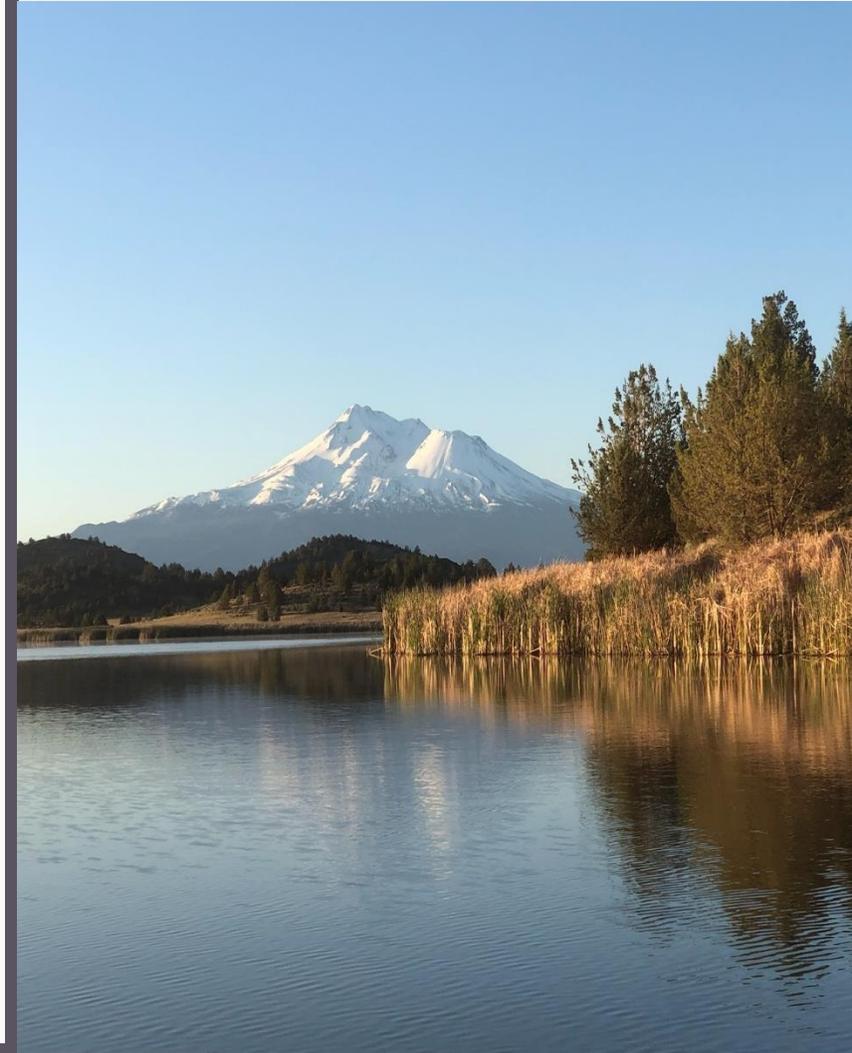
Wildlife Areas Boat Restrictions

Shasta Valley Wildlife Area

Bass Lake only non-motorized or boats with electric motors. Trout Lake motorized boats allowed from October 1 to January 31. Non-motorized or boats with electronic motors can be used from the last Saturday in April through September 30th on Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays only.

Mendota Wildlife Area

Boats with motors allowed in Mendota Pool year-round subject to 5 mph speed limit. During waterfowl season, only non-motorized boats allowed in flooded fields outside of Mendota Pool.



Shasta Valley WA

Redwood Shores Ecological Reserve

Resource
protection

Boats

Allowed. Boats must be launched from outside of the reserve.

Swimming

Prohibit swimming



salt marsh harvest mouse

Fishing Restrictions

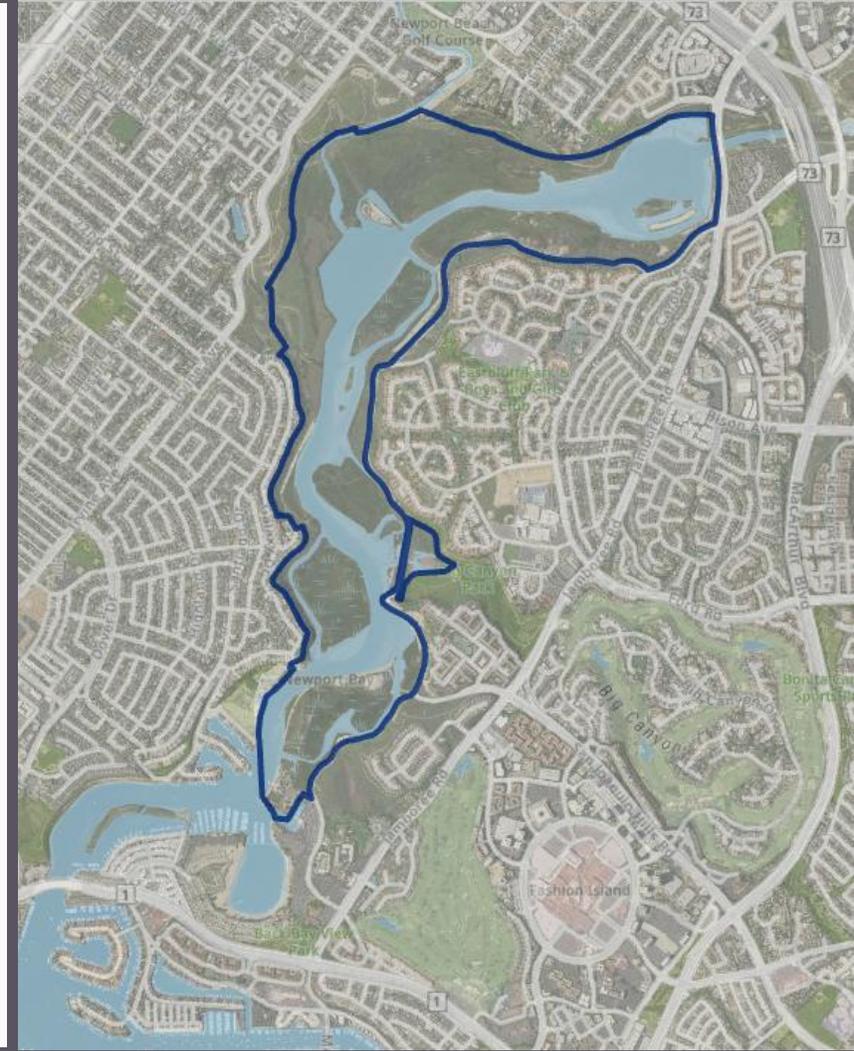
Clarify with
existing
regulations

Elkhorn Slough Ecological Reserve

Update text to allow for fishing in the Elkhorn Slough Marine Conservation Area.

Upper Newport Bay Ecological Reserve

Remove “fishing allowed from boats” from current regulation text to be consistent with State Marine Conservation Area regulations.



Upper Newport Bay ER

Hunting as a Designated Public Use

Kerman Ecological Reserve

Allowed as part of department special hunting opportunities or at such times and in the specific areas designated by the department. Only licensed hunters are allowed to possess firearms. **Shotguns only.**

Stone Corral Ecological Reserve

Allowed only at such times and in the specific areas designated by the department. **Shotguns only.**

Hunting ground squirrels is prohibited.

No
parking

Protecting
habitat for tiger
salamanders



Additional Hunter Opportunities

Los Banos & North Grasslands Wildlife Area

Species: deer and quail

Hunt Requirements: Self-registration is required for raccoons and rabbits.

A department issued entry permit is required to hunt deer.

Eurasian collared dove hunting allowed during mourning dove open seasons.

Snipe hunting allowed only on waterfowl shoot days during the general waterfowl season.

Upper Butte Basin Wildlife Area

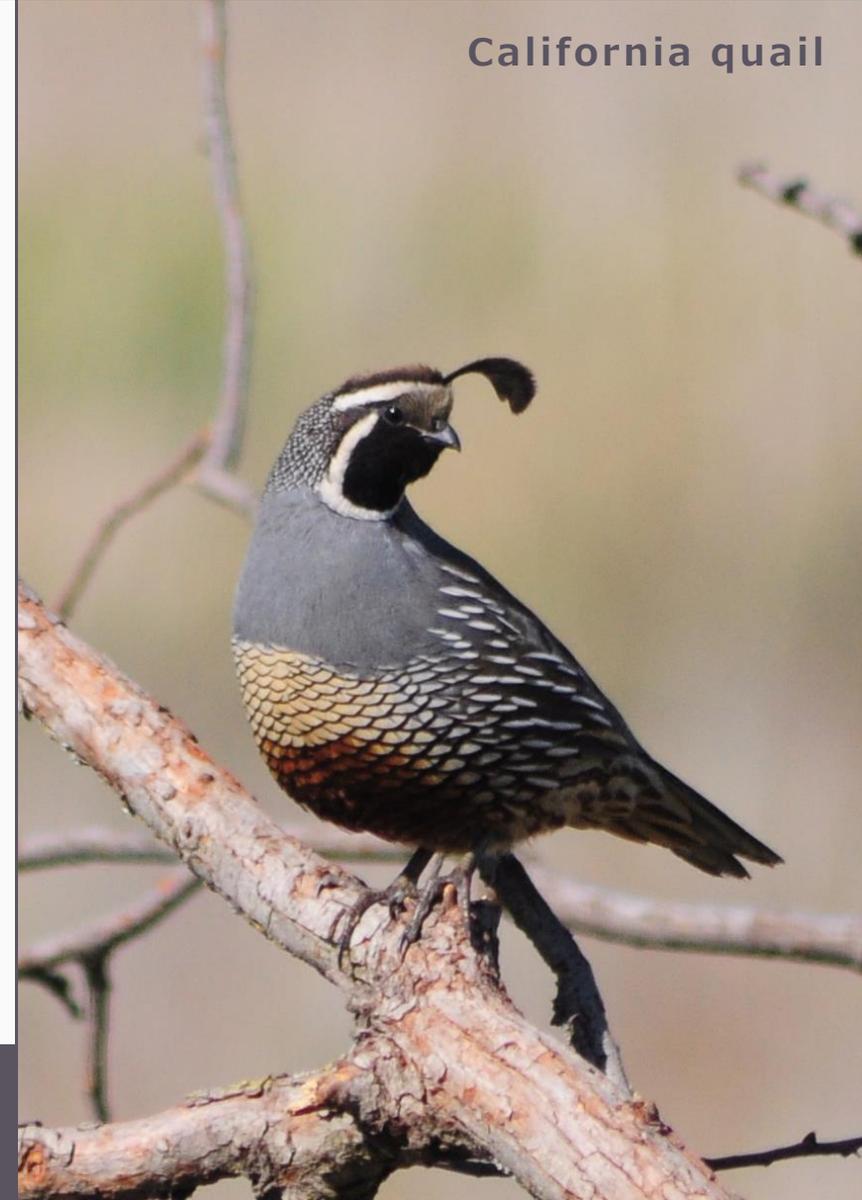
Species: turkey and quail

Mendota Wildlife Area

Species: quail



California quail



O'Neill Forebay Wildlife Area

**NEW
Opportunity**

Species Restrictions for Hunting on Type C Add deer

Firearm Restrictions on Type C Rifles and pistols prohibited. Shotgun slugs are prohibited **except for take of deer.**

Wildlife Area Closures or Restrictions

Closed to deer hunting except with a department issued entry permit. Deer may be taken with shotgun and slug only (see subsection 353(d)).

Type C Shoot Day Restrictions and/or Special Drawing Requirements

Allow for deer hunting on O'Neill Forebay for special hunt opportunities. Self-registration is required at the parking lot at all times except for junior pheasant hunts, and the day following junior pheasant hunts, and deer hunts when entry is controlled through special drawings.



O'Neill Forebay WA

Clifton Court Forebay

Fishing Restrictions

Fishing from shore only. No wading into water. No fishing from boats.

Boat restrictions

No gas-powered motors; electric trolling type motors may be used.

Wildlife Area Closures or Restrictions

No hunting from shore, no hunting within 150 yards of the water control gates or public fishing areas/pier.

Additional Fire Restrictions

Fires are prohibited except for the use of portable gas stoves.

Type C Shoot Day Restrictions Requirements

Delete self-registration



Wildlife Area Closures or Restrictions

Area	551(o) Closure or Restriction
Ash Creek, Honey Lake and Willow Creek Wildlife Areas	Closed to all public uses from September 16 until the opening of waterfowl season. During the waterfowl and pheasant hunt seasons the wildlife area will be closed to all public with the exception of Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays for hunting only.
Feather River Wildlife Area	Remove the closure on O'Connor Lakes Management Unit marked as closed to entry from March 1 through June 30.
Gray Lodge Wildlife Area	Pheasant hunting allowed during the opening weekend and subsequent upland game shoot days.
Hallelujah Junction Wildlife Area	Ranch House area closed to all visitor use.
Lake Earl Wildlife Area	Remove Bush Creek closure.
Los Banos, North Grasslands & O'Neill Forebay Wildlife Areas	Closed to deer hunting except with a department issued entry permit. Deer may be taken with shotgun and slug only (see subsection 353(d)).
Sacramento River Wildlife Area	Closed to hunting February 1 through August 31 except during the spring turkey season when only turkeys may be hunted and during archery deer season when only deer may be hunted.

Dog Training and Dog Trials

North Grasslands & Los Banos Wildlife Areas

Dog Training & Dog Trials:

Allowed only in the designated portion of the area from the end of waterfowl season to March 31.

O'Neill Forebay Wildlife Area

Dog Training & Dog Trials:

Allowed from October 1 through June 15.

Napa-Sonoma Marshes Wildlife Area

Dog Training only: Allowed on the area but prohibited from March 1 through June 30 and October 1 through the end of waterfowl season.



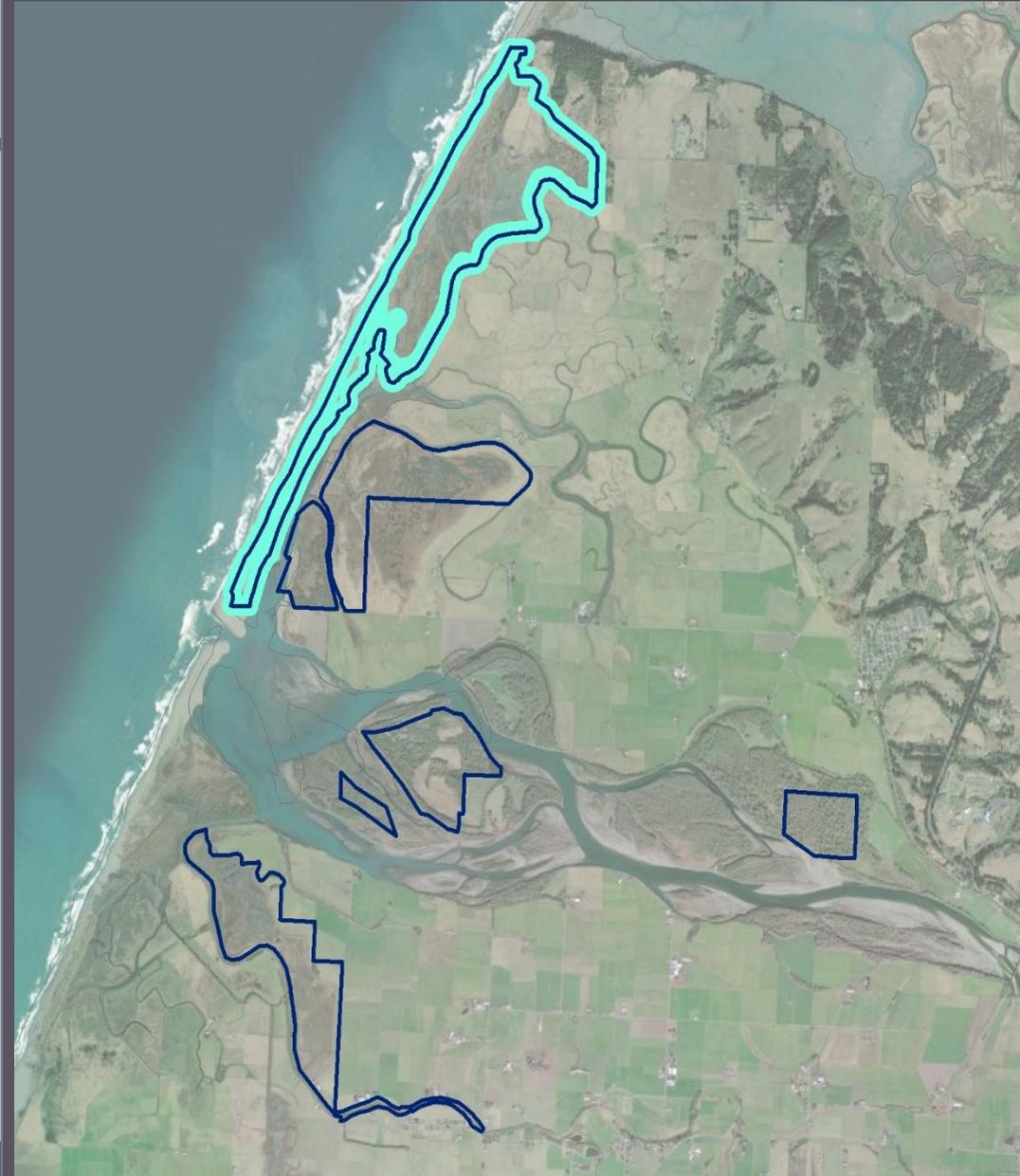
**NEW
Opportunity**

Off-Highway Vehicles

Resource
protection

Eel River Wildlife Area - Ocean Ranch Unit

Off-highway vehicles are allowed only for commercially licensed anglers who are utilizing the wave-slope for fishing access. **Except for Eel River WA (Ocean Ranch Unit) No vehicles permitted on wildlife area without the written permission of the department.**

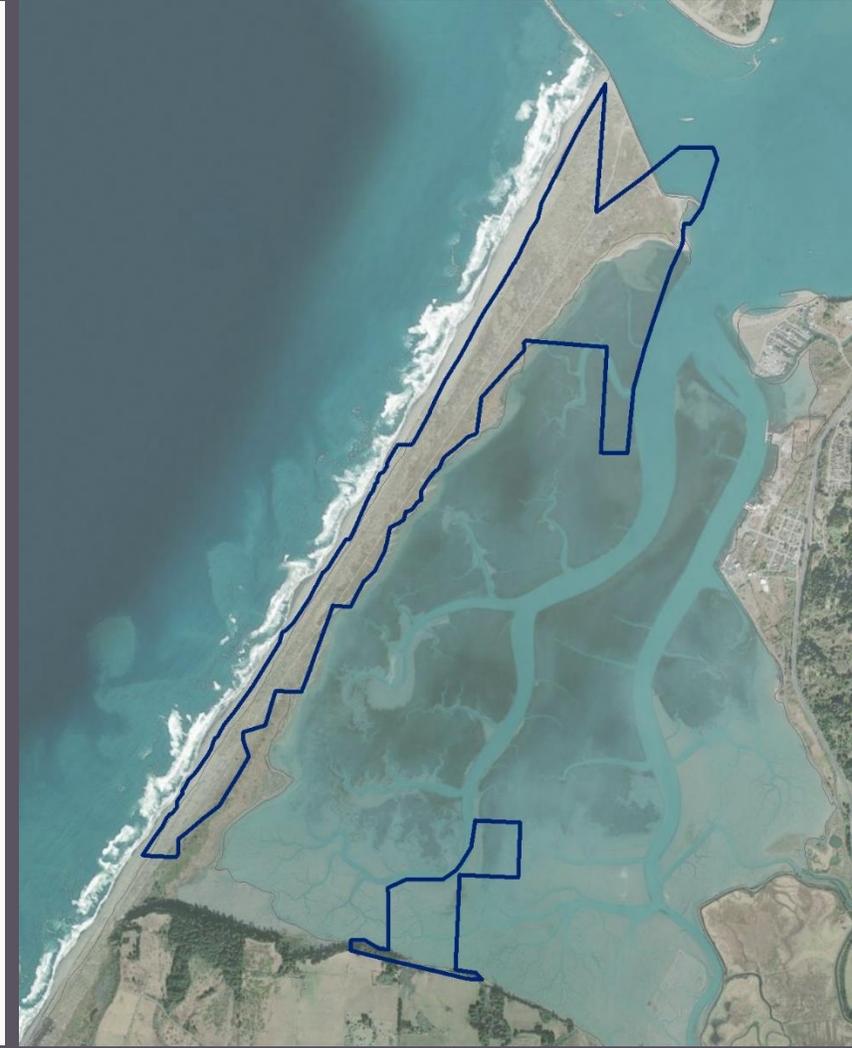


Woodcutting

Remove both exceptions

(z) Woodcutting. Woodcutting is prohibited on all department lands, except as provided in this subsection. Where permitted, woodcutting requires written authorization from the regional manager or his designee and may occur only between September 16 and February 28 on the following areas:

- (1) Eel River Wildlife Area
- (2) South Spit Wildlife Area



South Spit WA



2023 Proposed Rulemaking for CDFW Lands

Thank you!

Questions?

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