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Congratulations! You have been selected for the September Chimineas dove hunt. The hunt will be held on the Chimineas Unit of the Carrizo Plain Ecological Reserve on Saturday, September 8, 2012. The facility will open at 6:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m.. This will only be a one day hunt.

**This hunt will be on the northern portion of the Chimineas Unit.** The check station is located off of Soda Lake Road on the Carrizo Plain. Please see the attached directions and map included with this letter. You will need to register and get a free permit prior to your hunt. You will also need to check out at the end of the day. Water and toilet facilities are not available.

The terrain is highly variable with flats, rolling hills, and steep hills. Weather will most likely be hot and dry so plan accordingly. The access roads are all dirt and while a 4-wheel drive vehicle is not necessary, a vehicle with good clearance is highly recommended. You can review the hunt area by checking out interactive map website at <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/lands/viewer/index.html>. The ecological reserve is located in southeastern San Luis Obispo County.

There is no camping on the Chimineas Unit. However, camping is available on the Carrizo Plain National Monument. A small motel and store are available in California Valley approximately 8 miles north of the ecological reserve. **The nearest gas station is approximately 50 miles away in either Atascadero (west at Highway 101) or Buttonwillow (east at Interstate 5) so make sure to fill your tank prior to getting out to the hunt.**

**You may only hunt dove, wild pigs, and rabbits during this hunt.** Hunting for all other species is prohibited on the ecological reserve.

**As of July 1, 2009, regulations prohibit the use of lead ammunition for hunting big game within the range of the California condor, which includes the Chimineas Unit. Therefore, the use of lead free ammunition for hunting pigs is required during this hunt.**

Much of the area north and west of Chimineas Unit is private property. Access to this private property is prohibited. All vehicle access is restricted to existing roads.

Feel free to contact me at (805) 528-8670, or Rocky Thompson, Senior Wildlife Biologist at (805) 594-6175.

Good Luck,



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