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SPECIAL PERMITS FOR DEER AND PIG HUNTING ON UPPER COTTONWOOD CREEK, LOWER COTTONWOOD CREEK AND THE SAN LUIS RESERVOIR WILDLIFE AREAS

The Department of Fish and Game (DFG) announced today that the number of deer and/or wild pig hunters on the Upper Cottonwood Creek, Lower Cottonwood Creek and the San Luis Reservoir Wildlife Areas in western Merced County will be limited to reservation holders on August 14 and 15, 2010, the first two days of the general Zone A deer season. Reservations will be selected in a computerized drawing open to the public. Persons applying to hunt opening weekend of the Zone A Deer Season at these wildlife areas will be allowed to apply for a one day hunt on one area only. Successful applicants will receive special permits in the mail stating what area and which day the hunter(s) may hunt.

A valid 2010-2011 hunting license is required for all persons applying for the drawing. Persons drawn for permits who want to hunt deer are required to possess a valid Zone A deer tag. Those who are drawn and want to hunt wild pig are required to have a valid wild pig tag. Those desiring to hunt both deer and wild pig are required to have both tags. Pig hunters will be restricted to one wild pig during the hunt period.

The area will be closed to all persons not holding the special permit except that each permit holder may be accompanied by no more than one observer. The observer may not possess any weapon.

This year the **2010 Zone A Deer/Pig Application Form** will be available and **required** to apply for these hunts. The primary hunter (party leader) will provide their name, complete mailing address, phone numbers, 2010-11 hunting license number and which area and hunt day preferred to hunt; either Saturday or Sunday. Applicants may not apply for both days or multiple areas. Junior license holders must apply with an adult hunter. Up to three persons may apply as one party by including all the required information on the **2010 Zone A Deer/Pig Application Form**. **Postcards will not be accepted**. A persons name may appear in the drawing only once and multiple applications received will be rejected.

Please mail the **2010 Zone A Deer/Pig Application Form** to: Department of Fish and Game, 18110 W. Henry Miller Avenue, Los Banos, CA 93635. Application forms must be received in the Los Banos DFG office by Tuesday, July 6, 2010, by 4:30 p.m. The drawing will be held on Wednesday, July 7, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. and is open to the public. Only successful applicants will be notified by mail within 5 working days of the lottery.

The **2010 Zone A Deer/Pig Application Form** or any other information may be obtained by calling the Los Banos DFG office at (209) 826-0463 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.