J-15 Anderson Flat Apprentice Buck Hunt

In that portion of hunt zone D-6 in Mariposa and Tuolumne counties within a line beginning at the intersection of Highway 140 and Bull Creek Road at Briceburg; north on Bull Creek Road (U.S. Forest Service Road 2S05) to Greely Hill Road; west on Greely Hill road to Smith Station Road (County Road J20); north on Smith Station Road to Highway 120 (near Burch Meadow); east on Highway 120 to Yosemite National Park boundary (near Big Oak-flat Ranger Station); southeast along the Yosemite Nation Park boundary to Highway 140; west on Highway 140 to the Yosemite Nation Park boundary; northwest along the Yosemite National Park boundary to Highway 140 (at Redbud Campground); west on Highway 140 to the point of beginning.

This apprentice buck hunt shall be open from **November 28 - December 6, 2026**.

The law allowing youths up to 18 years old to purchase a Junior Hunting License has sunset. Per Fish & Game Code Section 3031, a resident or nonresident now must be under 16 years of age on July 1, 2026, in order to be eligible for a 2026-27 Junior Hunting License.

Bag limit shall be **one** (1) buck, forked antler or better, per tag.

Immediately after killing the deer, the tag shall be attached to an antler.

Any legal method for taking deer as described in Section 353 of the Hunting Regulations for Mammals and Furbearers is authorized.

For more information, please call (559) 243-4005, extension 132, 133, or 151.

Most accidents associated with big game hunting involve a loaded gun in the vehicle. Remember what you learned in your hunter safety classes, be careful, and enjoy yourself.

NONLEAD RESTRICTIONS

As of July 1, 2019, all hunters must use nonlead ammunition when taking any wildlife in California, except when hunting with a pellet rifle for approved species.

- CCR T14 250.1(d)(3) Effective July 1, 2019, it shall be unlawful to use, or possess with any firearm capable of firing, any projectile(s) not certified as nonlead when taking any wildlife for any purpose in this state.
- CCR T14 475(f) The take or attempted take of any nongame bird or nongame mammal with a firearm shall be in accordance with the use of nonlead projectiles and ammunition pursuant to Section 250.1 of these regulations.

For more information including a list of certified non-lead projectiles/ammunition that may be used in firearms for the taking of deer or other big game mammals, and links to other related topics, visit California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Nonlead Ammunition in California web page.