



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE DEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Wildlife Branch
1812 9th Street Sacramento, CA 95811



J3 Tehama WA Apprentice Buck Hunt

That portion of Tehama County within the boundaries of the [Tehama Wildlife Area](#).

This buck hunt shall be open from **November 25 – 26, 2017**.

This hunt is provided only to licensed junior hunters with a valid California junior hunting license (must be between twelve (12) and seventeen (17) years of age as of July 1, 2017). Juniors receiving an apprentice tag must be accompanied by an adult, eighteen (18) years of age or older.

Tag holders shall attend an orientation meeting on **Friday, November 24 at 5pm** at the Tehama Wildlife Area Headquarters, 30490 Plum Creek Road, near the town of Paynes Creek.

Tags shall be valid only for the area and class of deer designated on the tag. Bag limit shall be **one** (1) buck, forked horn or better, per tag.

The deer tag shall be attached to an antler immediately after killing the deer.

Any legal method for taking deer as described in Section 353 of the 2015-2016 [Hunting Regulations for Mammals and Furbearers](#) is authorized. Only non-lead ammunition is allowed on state wildlife areas (see below for further information).

For additional information, please call (530) 597-2201.

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

Only Fish and Game Commission or the Department certified projectiles/ammunition may be used or possessed when taking, or attempting to take big game mammals on any wildlife area or ecological reserve. Simply put, when hunting big game in these areas you may only use certified nonlead projectiles/ammunition in firearms (includes centerfire rifles, pistols and revolvers;

shotguns and muzzle-loading rifles) legal for big game. In addition, while hunting big game in these areas hunters may not possess any lead projectiles/ammunition and a firearm capable of firing that lead projectile or ammunition.

In April 2015, the Fish and Game Commission adopted CDFW's proposed regulations, which will implement the nonlead requirement in the following three phases:

- **Phase 1** – Effective July 1, 2015, nonlead ammunition will be required when taking Nelson bighorn sheep and all wildlife on CDFW lands.
- **Phase 2** – Effective July 1, 2016, nonlead shot will be required when taking upland game birds with a shotgun, except for dove, quail, snipe, and any game birds taken on licensed game bird clubs. In addition, nonlead shot will be required when using a shotgun to take resident small game mammals, furbearing mammals, nongame mammals, nongame birds, and any wildlife for depredation purposes.
- **Phase 3** – Effective July 1, 2019, nonlead ammunition will be required when taking any wildlife with a firearm anywhere in California.

Existing restrictions on the use of lead ammunition in the California condor range remain in effect while implementation proceeds.

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; a map detailing the non-lead area; and links to other related topics go to the following web address: www.wildlife.ca.gov/Hunting/Nonlead-Ammunition