



J9 Little Dry Creek Apprentice Shotgun Only Either-Sex Deer Hunt

That portion of Butte County within the exterior boundaries of the Little Dry Creek Unit within the [Upper Butte Basin Wildlife Area](#).

This either-sex deer hunt shall be open from **September 15 – 23, 2018**.

Hunters are required to attend a pre-hunt meeting on **September 14 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Little Dry Creek Check Station.

Tags are valid only for the type of deer designated on the tag. Antlerless deer are defined as female deer, fawns of either-sex other than spotted fawns, and male deer with an unbranched antler on one or both sides which is not more than three inches in length. Either-sex deer are antlerless deer, as described above or legal bucks that have two or more points in the upper two-thirds of either antler. Spike bucks with antlers longer than three inches may not be taken (Section 204 (d), Fish and Game Code).

Bag limit shall be **one** (1) either-sex deer per tag.

Immediately after killing the deer the tag shall be attached to an ear of antlerless deer or to an antler of an antlered deer.

Tag holders shall use **shotguns** capable of holding not more than three shells firing single slugs. Only non-lead ammunition is allowed on state wildlife areas (see below for further information).

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, 2018). Juniors receiving an apprentice tag must be accompanied by an adult, eighteen (18) years of age or older.

Parking is restricted to designated parking lots only. If requested, permission may be granted by area personnel to drive on a closed road for the purpose of transporting a deer carcass. All other travel is on authorized roads only.

For more information, please call (530) 982-2169.

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 have fun.

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.