HUNTING REGULATIONS
BITTER LAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

PublicPublic hunting on Bitter Lake National Wildlife Refuge is allowed in those areas designated as open toPublic hunting o shallshall be in accordance with all applicable State anshall be in accordance with all applicable State and Federal reshall be in ac whichwhich govern hunting on National Wildlifewhich govern hunting on National Wildlife Refuwhich govern hunting on Natic current Federal Migratory Bird Regulations.

SPECIES ALLOWED TO BE TAKEN:

North Tract: Deer, feral hogs, rabbits, ducks, geese, coots, sandhill cranes, dove, quail, and pheasant.
Middle Tract: Ducks, geese, coots, sandhill cranes, and pheasant.

HUNTING DAYS AND HOURS:

North Tract: Hunting is allowed on all days within the State authorized seasons during legal hunting hours.
Middle Tract: HuntingHunting is allowed from Hunting is allowed from the beginHunting is allowed from the beg thrthroughthrough January according to State seasons. ALL hunting on the Middle Tract is restrict Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from legal morning shooting time to I :00 p.m.

PERMITS AND LICENSES REOUIRED:

AA valid State hunting license is required. A Federal Migratory Bird permit is required for each person hunting migratorymigratory birds. Persons 16 years of age and over must also have a validated Fedmigratory birds. Persons ConsConservationConservation permit (Duck Stamp) in their possession if they are hunting waterfowl. All crane hunters free Federal sandhill crane permit (available at all New Mexico Department of Game & Fish Offices.)

CHECK STATION PROCEDURE:

AllAll hunters uAll hunters using the MiddleAll hunters using the Middle Tract must complete survey cards at the ch success.

FIREARMS:

ShotgunsShotguns capable of holding no more than three shells are allowed foShotguns capable of holding no more th dove, quail, pheasant, and rabbits on the refuge.

NONTOXIC SHOT:

OnlyOnly U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service approved nontoxic shot may be used in sOnly U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Bitter Lake National Wildlife Refuge. **Possession of lead shot on the refuge is illegal.**

OTHER FIREARMS:

DeerDeer hunting is allowed on the entire North Tract of the refuge Deer hunting is allowed on the entire North Tract o BigBig Game Proclamation). Feral hogs may be hunted and taken (nBig Game Proclamation). Feral hogs may be hunted andand only with the weapon legal for deer on that day. State regulations governing the types of firearms and archery equipmentequipment apply while hunting on the refuge. With the exception of the deer and hog hunt, rifequipment ap archery equipment are not permitted on the refuge.

DOGS:

HuntingHunting dogs may be uHunting dogs may be used for huHunting dogs may be used for hunting of waterfowl and their handlers and not allowed to run loose.
**Note: Neither hunters nor their dogs may enter closed areas for retrieval of game.

BLINDS:

No pit blinds or permanent blinds are allowed. Portable blinds are allowed, but must be removed each day.

VEHICLES:

VehicleVehicle traVehicle travel on the Middle Tract is restricted to established roads. Parking is allowed in designated only. PLEASE DO NOT BLOCK ROADS OR INTERSECTIONS.

Access to the North Tract is restricted to walk-in or horseback, except bicycles may be used on established roads only.