

NDG&F September 12th Newsletter

First-Come, First-Served Deer Gun Licenses Available Sept. 28

A total of 50 antlerless whitetail deer gun licenses are still available in two units after the North Dakota Game and Fish Department recently completed its second lottery drawing. [Individual results](#) are available online at the Game and Fish website, gf.nd.gov.

Whitetail doe licenses remaining in units 3F1 (14 licenses) and 3F2 (36 licenses) will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis beginning at 8 a.m. Central Time on Sept. 28. These licenses are only [available online](#), and to individuals who have not already received a lottery or landowner license

These licenses are valid only during the regular deer gun season, Nov. 4-20. Residents and nonresidents are eligible to apply.

Plan Ahead to Protect Hay and Winter Feed Supplies

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department is encouraging farmers and ranchers to plan ahead to protect hay, grain and winter feed supplies from wildlife, according to Kevin Kading, private lands section supervisor.

Even with today's low deer populations, severe winter conditions can result in wildlife depredation to livestock feed supplies, Kading said.

Producers are encouraged to store hay in a manner and location that prevents or reduces damage by wildlife. For example, stacking bales rather than leaving them scattered across a field can help reduce damage and make the bales easier to protect. Stacking bales inside a fence, if possible, can prevent wildlife from gaining access to them. Ranchers have also used a protective barrier of round straw bales surrounding their higher quality bales to prevent wildlife damage, Kading said, and a number of other options are available to producers to minimize or reduce wildlife depredation, including allowing hunters access to land to ensure a proper harvest of animals.

Kading said any type of livestock feed supplies left in an open field are difficult for Game and Fish to address. "There are very few options available," Kading added, "this is why we stress the importance of being as proactive as possible."

Planning early is the best way to reduce problems, Kading said. "If producers wait too long, snow and deteriorating weather conditions could make it difficult to store hay and feed supplies properly," he said.

The Department will assist producers with wildlife depredation problems, but cannot compensate producers for losses. The Department has temporary and permanent fencing options available for livestock producers experiencing chronic depredation problems.

For help or more information on how to protect hay, grain and winter feed supplies, contact the Game and Fish Department at 701-328-6300.

Sandhill Crane Season Opens Sept. 17

North Dakota's sandhill crane season opens Sept. 17 and continues through Nov. 13.

Limits are three daily and nine in possession in unit 1 (west of U.S. Highway 281), and two daily and six in possession in unit 2 (east of U.S. Highway 281). Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to 1 p.m. each day through Nov. 5. Beginning Nov. 6, shooting hours are extended until 2 p.m. each day.

Hunters are urged to use caution and identify birds to prevent shooting at whooping cranes as they begin their fall migration.

In addition to other licenses required, resident hunters need a \$10 crane permit, while nonresidents need a \$30 permit. Hunters can [apply online](#), or print out a [resident or nonresident application](#) for mailing, at the North Dakota Game and Fish Department website, gf.nd.gov. Harvest Information Program certification is required. [To get HIP certified](#), access the department's website, or call 888-634-4798.

Teddy Roosevelt Family Day Scheduled Sept. 25

Families looking for a fun afternoon filled with outdoor activities are invited to attend Teddy Roosevelt Family Day on Sunday, Sept. 25 at McDowell Dam just east of Bismarck.

The free event runs from 1-4 p.m. and families can come and go at any time. It features many hands-on activities including archery, BB gun shooting, fishing, animal identification, prizes and more.

The first 900 kids who attend also receive a free Teddy Roosevelt patch.

Organized by area Boy Scout, Girl Scout and 4-H organizations, Teddy Roosevelt Family Day is sponsored by the North Dakota Game and Fish Department, North Dakota Chapter of the Wildlife Society, Mule Deer Foundation, Scheels All Sports, Ducks Unlimited, Delta Waterfowl and Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.

McDowell Dam is 3.5 miles east of Bismarck on ND Highway 10, then one-mile north.



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1 to 4 p.m.

McDowell Dam along old HWY 10 east of Bismarck

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