Executive Order Number: EO 19-11  

Operation Outdoor Freedom Spring Turkey Hunt on Picayune Strand Wildlife Management Area

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, pursuant to Article IV, Section 9, of the Florida Constitution, and Rule 68A-15.004(16), Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), hereby authorizes the following special outdoor recreational opportunity to be administered by the Florida Forest Service (FFS) consistent with 589.19(4), Florida Statutes, on the Picayune Strand Wildlife Management Area in Collier County, Florida.

OPEN SEASON

Special spring turkey hunt – March 16-17, 2019.

LEGAL TO TAKE

Gobblers or bearded turkeys only. The bag limit shall be one (1) gobbler or bearded turkey per FFS permit.

PERMITS

A FFS permit shall be required to hunt the area. A maximum of ten (10) permits shall be issued by the FFS for this hunt.

SPECIFIC AREA REGULATIONS

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Rules 68A-15.004 and 68A-15.064(8), F.A.C., the following regulations shall apply:

1) Only the FFS permit holder may harvest turkey.

2) Motorized vehicles may be operated only on named or numbered roads, except that the FFS may authorize additional vehicle access as necessary for accommodation purposes.

3) Hunting shall be allowed in areas authorized by the FFS, including areas currently posted as closed to hunting.

4) All other provisions of Rules 68A-15.004 and 68A-15.064(8), F.A.C., shall remain in effect.

This order shall take effect upon signing and shall remain in effect until 11:59 pm on March 17, 2019.
Specific Authority:  Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution  
Rule 68A-15.004(16), F.A.C.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF  
THE FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION  
COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA  
THIS __________ DAY OF MARCH, 2019.

Attest:  
Agency Clerk

Thomas H. Eason, Ph.D.  
Assistant Executive Director

APPROVED as to form and legality:

Commission Attorney