Order Number: EO 16-27

General Gun Special Hunt on Twin Rivers WMA – Blue Springs Unit

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, pursuant to Article IV, Section 9, of the Florida Constitution and Rule 68A-15.004(16), F.A.C., hereby authorizes the following special outdoor recreational opportunity to be administered by the Florida Forest Service on Twin Rivers WMA – Blue Springs Unit (2,086 acres located in Hamilton County) consistent with 589.19 (4), Florida Statutes.

OPEN SEASON:

General gun special hunt – December 6-8, 2016.

LEGAL TO TAKE:

Deer with at least 1 antler having 3 or more points (each point 1-inch or more in length) OR a main beam length of 10 inches or more, and antlerless deer (which includes does and bucks with antlers less than 5 inches in length, but not spotted fawns). The bag limit shall be 1 antlered and 1 antlerless deer per permit.

PERMITS:

A Florida Forest Service permit shall be required to hunt the area. A maximum of 4 permits shall be issued by the Florida Forest Service for this hunt.

SPECIFIC AREA REGULATIONS:

In addition to the regulations contained in Rules 68A-15.004 and 68A-15.062(17), F.A.C. the following regulations shall apply:

1. During the general gun special hunt, public access is restricted to individuals with valid Florida Forest Service permits and their assistants only.

2. Hunting with any gun other than a shotgun, rifle, pistol, bow or crossbow is prohibited.

3. Only the Florida Forest Service permit holder may harvest a deer. Each Florida Forest Service permit holder may be accompanied by one non-hunting assistant.

4. Motorized vehicles may be operated only on named or numbered roads and only during the general gun special hunt and the day before the hunt, except that participants may use all-terrain vehicles and horses throughout the area during the general gun special hunt and the day before the hunt.

5. Any provisions of Rules 68A-15.004 and 68A-15.062(17), F.A.C., which are inconsistent herewith, are hereby superseded.
This order shall take effect upon signing and shall remain in effect until 11:59 p.m. on December 8, 2016.

Specific Authority: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution
Rule 68A-15.004 (16), FAC


Eric Sutton
Assistant Executive Director

Attest:
Agency Clerk