

Executive Order Number: 16-34

**Operation Outdoor Freedom Hunt on
Picayune Strand Wildlife Management Area**

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, pursuant to Article IV, Section 9, of 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 consistent with 589.19(4), Florida Statutes on the Picayune Strand Wildlife Management Area, consisting of 76,317 acres in Collier County, Florida.

OPEN SEASON

Special general gun antlered deer hunt – September 24-25, 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, wild hog, gray squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, opossum, armadillo, coyote, and skunk. The bag limit for antlered deer shall be 1 per Florida Forest Service permit. All other statewide bag limits shall apply.

PERMITS

A Florida Forest Service permit shall be required to hunt the area. A maximum of 10 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-15.064(8), F.A.C. the following regulations shall apply:

- 1) Only the Florida Forest Service permit holder may harvest wildlife.
- 2) Only rifles, pistols, shotguns, bows, and crossbows may be used to take wildlife.
- 3) Participants may hunt in areas posted as closed to hunting.
- 4) Motorized vehicles may only be operated on named or numbered roads and trails, except that the Florida Forest Service may authorize additional vehicle access as necessary for accommodation purposes.
- 5) Any provisions of Rules 68A-15.004 and 68A-15.064(8), F.A.C., which are inconsistent herewith, are hereby superseded.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 pm on September 25, 2016.

Authority: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution
Rule 68A-15.004(16), F.A.R.



Attest: *Kimberly Butler*
Agency Clerk

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF
THE FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION
COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA
THIS 16th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2016.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Eric Sutton", written over a horizontal line.

Eric Sutton
Assistant Executive Director