

Executive Order Number: 17-50

**OPERATION OUTDOOR FREEDOM  
ARCHERY HUNT ON BLACKWATER  
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 (FFS) consistent with 589.19(4), Florida Statutes on the closed to hunting portions of Blackwater Wildlife Management Area in Okaloosa and Santa Rosa counties, Florida.

**OPEN SEASON:** Special deer hunt – November 1-3, 2017.

**LEGAL TO TAKE:** Any deer (except spotted fawns). The bag limit shall be 1 antlered deer and 1 antlerless deer per Florida Forest Service permit.

**PERMITS:** A Florida Forest Service permit shall be required to hunt the area. A maximum of four (4) permits shall be issued by the Florida Forest Service for this hunt.

**SPECIFIC AREA REGULATIONS:** The following regulations shall apply to the Unit notwithstanding the regulations contained in Rules 68A-15.004 and 68A-15.063(4), F.A.C.:

- 1) Only the Florida Forest Service permit holder may harvest wildlife.
- 2) Only archery equipment and crossbows may be used to harvest wildlife.
- 3) Motorized vehicles may be operated only on named or numbered roads, except that the Florida Forest Service may authorize additional vehicle access as necessary for accommodation purposes.
- 4) Any provisions of Rules 68A-15.004 and 68A-15.063(4), F.A.C., which are inconsistent herewith, are hereby superseded.

This order shall remain in effect until 11:59 p.m. on November 3, 2017.

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 30<sup>th</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2017.

Attest: Kristen Burton  
Agency Clerk

Eric Sutton  
Assistant Executive Director