Considerations when Applying for
2020 Indiana State Park Deer Management Hunts

**To avoid disqualification, please read and understand this entire page before proceeding**

PURPOSE OF MANAGEMENT HUNTS
Deer management hunts are carried out for one purpose; to manage impacts to habitat. Whereas many other special hunts are offered for recreation, these management hunts are a necessary tool that ensures habitat for many sensitive species of flora and fauna protected in parks.

Please do your part by keeping population control in mind while participating and hunt accordingly. If successfully drawn, the parks are depending on your effort and presence. Please take any safe and ethical shot that presents itself, regardless of size or sex, within the bag limit. Your consideration of this before you apply is greatly appreciated!

WHO CAN APPLY
Applicants must be Indiana residents (or Indiana Lifetime License holders), 18 years of age by November 16, 2020. Though participants will not use them, at least one valid Indiana deer license is required to apply (any valid deer license will work). Apprentice licenses are not applicable. If successfully drawn, you will be asked to present a valid photo ID upon checking-in the morning of your hunt period.

HUNTING WITH BUDDIES
Applicants can apply by themselves or with up to two buddies. There is no preference in the draw based on whether it is an application with buddies or not.

- You must apply with your buddy information on your application in order for them to participate. This includes deer license number and date of birth.

Though any primary applicant can include up to two secondary applicants (buddies) for each of the 2-day hunt periods, no individual name can appear on more than one application for any one of the two 2-day hunt periods, regardless of primary or secondary status.

- For example, if Joe is the primary applicant and he puts Chris and John as his secondaries (buddies), Chris, John and Joe are done applying for that hunt period – none of their names can appear on any other application for that particular 2-day hunt period without being disqualified. They can, however, apply for the other hunt period.

OTHER IMPORTANT APPLICATION INFORMATION
Only one park is to be selected for any one 2-day hunt period. If any name comes up twice for any one 2-day hunt period in the draw, all applications with that name are disqualified.

It is critical that thorough and valid contact information (mailing address, e-mail, telephone) be included on the application where asked, for both primary and secondary applicants. If successfully drawn, key information regarding the management hunts may be sent to you using this contact information.

Once an application is submitted, no changes can be made – please be certain to double check that all information is complete and accurate. Applications with missing or inaccurate information may be disqualified. **You must retain your application confirmation that will be e-mailed to you upon successful completion of your application.**
IMPORTANT NOTICES
Only firearms legal for deer hunting on public land in Indiana are allowed during firearms hunts. For archery hunts, any archery equipment legal for you to take deer in Indiana is allowed, including crossbows.

If successfully drawn for a management hunt, each participant may harvest three deer, only one of which can be antlered. Deer taken in these management hunts are in addition to all other Indiana bag limits.

Ground blinds are prohibited on firearms properties. Ground blinds as defined at 312 IAC 9-1-1.6 and meeting specifications set forth at 312 IAC 9-2-15 are permitted at archery properties. Penetrating steps, ladders, and/or tree stands are prohibited at all properties.

Special arrangements may be available for hunters with disabilities during the hunts. If successfully drawn, you must contact the property manager at the park you applied for at least two weeks prior to your hunt period to explore potential arrangements.

Participants are required to wear hunter orange, which includes both hat or cap AND vest, coat, jacket or coveralls, at ALL times while on state park property during the management hunts.

DRAW RESULTS
Draw notifications will be available online only. You can check the status of your draw after August 31, 2020 at https://secure.in.gov/apps/dnr/portal/home.