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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers emphasizes hunter responsibilities at Whitney, Aquilla Lakes

FORT WORTH, Texas – With the opening of the 2010-11 hunting season on Sept. 1, the Corps of Engineers reminds hunters to follow safe hunting procedures while at Whitney and Aquilla Lakes. The Corps administers a free public hunting program covering just over 14,000 acres at Whitney Lake and 4,000 acres at Aquilla Lake. The land open to hunting is broken into 28 separate wildlife management areas ranging in size from 600 to 2,600 acres. With a permit hunters can hunt: dove, squirrel, rabbit, waterfowl, turkey, feral hog, and deer. Permits for new hunters may be obtained Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Whitney Lake Project Office located behind the Whitney Dam off of Highway 22. Returning hunters who have completed previous permit requirements may obtain their 2010 hunting permit via the internet at, <https://whitneylakehunting.tamu.edu>. Hunters are reminded to submit their hunter activity reports to the project office by June 1 each year. Returning hunters who did not return a survey will not be able to generate a permit for the following season. A significant number of hunters from the 2009 season will not be eligible to hunt during the upcoming season as a result of the failure to comply with that portion of the permit terms. The requirement and deadline are clearly posted on the hunting web site and in the hunting policy. Hunter surveys are a vital tool used by the Whitney/Aquilla project to manage each wildlife management area and make public safety decisions regarding hunter density or overcrowding. Hunter surveys for the 2010-11 season can be submitted online at <https://whitneylakehunting.tamu.edu>, by phone at 254-622-3332, or mail to 285 CR 3602, Clifton, Texas 76634.

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