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Hart Mountain National Antelope Refuge
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Dear Hart Mountain National Antelope Refuge Hunter,

Congratulations on receiving a tag for Hart Mountain National Antelope Refuge! Big game hunts on the Refuge are designed to provide a limited entry, high quality hunting experience. Be aware that regulations governing public use and hunting on the Refuge may differ from other public hunting areas. Hunters must comply with Oregon hunting regulations as well as Refuge ***Special Hunt Regulations***. Please read the following information and the *Special Hunt Regulations* (attached) carefully. There are also Hart Mountain National Antelope Refuge brochures and other information at kiosks placed at the major entrances and Refuge Headquarters. Website information can be found at https://www.fws.gov/refuge/hart_mountain/.

Commercial hunting guides are permitted to assist you with your hunt on the Refuge, but they must receive a Special Use Permit from the Refuge Manager. If you desire to use a commercial guide, contact the Sheldon-Hart Mountain National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Services Manager, Jamie Bertram at Jamie_Bertram@fws.gov and ask for the list of approved guides.

The 7.5-minute quadrangle maps that cover big game hunting areas on the HMNAR are Bluejoint Lake West, Bluejoint Lake East, Six Mile Draw, Campbell Lake, Flagstaff Lake, Hart Lake, Warner Peak, Swede Knoll, Crump Lake, Jacob's Reservoir, and Alger Lake.

We allow camping on the Refuge only at Hot Springs, Camp Hart Mountain, and Post Meadows campgrounds. The Guano Creek campground has been decommissioned and will no longer be available. Hot Springs Campground has been redesigned following the Warner Peak Fire to protect sensitive riparian areas. It is recommended to bring a source of shade. All campgrounds on the refuge first come, first serve.

You may camp in a Refuge campground for a maximum of 14 consecutive days. We also allow backcountry camping on the Refuge, but you are required to obtain a backcountry camping permit. This is available for free at the Refuge Headquarters. Backcountry campers must camp at least ½ mile from any road open to vehicles and be more than 50 feet from water.

Please read the enclosed Public Use Restriction flyer for further information on fire restrictions. Contact the Refuge Manager at Joshua_Loew@fws.gov or 541-576-9547 or visit the refuge webpage at https://fws.gov/refuge/hart_mountain/ for information on current fire restrictions.

For an updated map of the refuge, check out the “Visit Us” section of the website at <https://www.fws.gov/refuge/hart-mountain-national-antelope/visit-us> and click on the PDF “Hart Mountain National Antelope Refuge map”.

Hunters intending to camp on the Refuge with pack animals are required to camp at the Post Meadows campground when not backcountry camping (permit required). To prevent the introduction of weeds, pelletized feed or certified weed-free hay must be used for saddle and pack animals. Llamas and pack goats are not allowed on the Refuge.

We allow the use of an artificial ground blind, but we prohibit construction of the blind earlier than seven days prior to the opening day of the legal season for which you have a valid permit. We limit hunters to one blind each and you must tag the blind with your name and hunting license number.

Please be advised that routine refuge management activities will be ongoing during your hunt. We acknowledge these activities may affect the quality and success of your hunt and to the extent possible we will schedule and conduct activities to minimize disruptions. Please understand management activities are intended to ensure the continued health of wildlife populations and their habitats for future generations, including future generations of hunters.

Contact the Refuge headquarters office if you need further information. Once again, congratulations on receiving a Hart Mountain NAR big game tag. We wish you a safe, enjoyable, and memorable hunt!

Josh Loew
Wildlife Refuge Manager
Hart Mountain NAR