

**General regulations for draw hunts in area below Barnett Dam  
and within Parcel Sections M&N Pelahatchie Bay**

APPLICATION / DRAW INFORMATION:

\* PRVWSD Special Hunt Permits are to be awarded by random draw from properly submitted hunter applications. Applications for special hunt permits will be accepted beginning Aug. 5 2020 and ending at midnight Aug. 15 2020. There is no fee to apply. Application forms can be downloaded online or picked up at the Reservoir's Main Office on Madison Landing Circle in Ridgeland and at the Permit and Payment Center on Spillway Road in Rankin County. Completed applications can be returned to those same locations, by email to [mgober@therez.ms](mailto:mgober@therez.ms), and by regular mail. If mailed, applications must be postmarked by midnight Aug. 15, 2020 and sent to the following address.

PRVWSD Special Permit Draws  
P. O. Box 2180  
Ridgeland, MS 39158

\* Hunters can apply for one special permit hunt in each of the two areas: Below the dam (spillway) and Pelahatchie Bay. The hunting area below Barnett Dam will contain two zones (Madison County and Rankin County, divided by the river) and the hunting area within Parcels M & N at Pelahatchie Bay will contain three zones (East, Central and West).

\*Permit fees for the areas below Barnett Dam are \$300. Permit fees for areas within Sections M&N in Pelahatchie Bay are \$200. For this year, the first hunts are only four days and the cost for that hunt below the dam is \$200 and \$130 in Pelahatchie Bay. All other hunts are six days, and all hunts come with exclusivity for that period of time.

Permits are non-transferrable.

\* Special Hunt Permits are limited to archery only, which includes long bows, recurves, compound bows, and crossbows.

\* Only Mississippi residents, with a hunting license or exemption, aged 21 and over may apply for a special permit hunt. Each successful applicant can bring one designated guest, and both hunters can hunt and harvest deer. The guest must be at least age 12 and can be a non-resident of Mississippi. The guest must also be properly licensed in Mississippi or exempt. The permit holder must be present at each hunt.

\* Special Hunt Permit Season is Oct. 1, 2020 through Jan. 31, 2021, with 18 hunts in each zone. The first hunt in each area is a four-day hunt starting Thursday Oct. 1 and ending Sunday Oct. 4. All other hunts are six days, starting on Tuesday and ending on the following Sunday. No other persons will be allowed in the zone during another hunter's assigned period. No hunting is allowed on Monday. Legal hunting hours are consistent with state regulation with the exceptions noted above.

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\* Scouting within the Special Hunt Permit areas is allowed daily prior to Sept. 30. Between Oct. 1 and Jan. 31 scouting is only allowed on Mondays. Only hunters drawn to participate in Special Permit Hunt and their guests will be allowed within the permit hunting areas between Oct. 1 and Jan. 31, with the exception of fishing in the immediate spillway or river area. The Mule-Jail Trail will also be closed during draw hunt period.

\* The hunting area below Barnett Dam will be divided into two zones, Rankin and Madison), with the Pearl River as centerline or dividing boundary. Each hunter will be assigned a zone for the special hunt permit. A total of 36 Special Hunt Permits will be issued for below dam zones 2020-21 season.

\* The hunting zones within parcels M & N in Pelahatchie Bay will be divided into three zones — West, Central and East — and each hunter will be assigned a zone for the special hunt permit. A total of 54 Special Hunt Permits will be issued for M&N zones for 2020-21 season. There will be no boating access to the West and Central zones in 2020-21 season due to closed water related to Giant Salvinia.

\*All special permit hunt areas boundaries will be defined by posted signage and markings on property. Maps of permit hunt area boundaries are available online and at PRVWSD offices. Each zone is about 245-250 acres, more or less.

\* Upon receipt by PRVWSD office, each application will be given a number in the order it is processed. The random drawing — on or about Aug. 20 — will be done electronically, matching numbers to a date and a zone for the hunts. Preference will be given to date selected over zone unless otherwise requested (see application). Application will include a ranking notation on preferred dates for hunters permit and preferred zones. Calendar slots and hunting areas will be filled according to the ranking provided by hunter's application when possible.

\*At completion of the application period and drawing, successful special permit hunters will be notified via email as provided on application. Email notification of selection will include all payment information, special permit hunt dates, and areas of winning permit hunt selection. Selected hunters will have one week (Aug. 28) to acknowledge the notification of selection and confirm their intent to hunt. Selected special permit applicants who fail to meet the response deadline will be replaced with substitute drawn from the original application pool. All special hunt permits must be purchased by Aug. 30 2020. Any permits unclaimed by Aug. 30 will be filled through another substitute drawn from the original applicants.

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## Hunting Guidelines:

- \* Special Hunt Permits are limited to archery only, which includes long bows, recurves, compound bows, and crossbows.
- \* Permit holders can bring one designated guest daily, and both hunters can hunt and harvest deer. The guest must be at least age 12 and can be a non-resident of Mississippi. The guest must also be properly licensed in Mississippi or exempt. The permit holder must be present at each hunt.
- \* Each special hunt permit is valid for one legal buck and two antlerless deer. Only bucks with EITHER a 15-inch minimum inside spread OR an 18-inch minimum main beam length may be taken. ONLY ONE BUCK PER PERMIT.
- \* Special Permit Hunters must check in and check out prior to hunting each day by phoning the control tower at 601-992-9703. Hunters must also complete a daily hunting report each day and submit to drop box located at the Reservoir Maintenance Building off Spillway Road. A list of special permit hunters for each weekend hunt will be provided to the Control Tower.
- \* Parking is allowed in designated areas only. Hunters will receive the approved designated parking areas for Special Permit Hunts with the permit.
- \* No motorized vehicles are allowed on unpaved reservoir property before or during the hunt. However, a successful hunter with a downed deer ALREADY LOCATED can call Reservoir Patrol at (601-992-9894), report the kill and if needed, receive approval to use an ATV to retrieve the animal.
- \* Climbing stands, ladder stands and lock-on stands are permitted, but stands that require spikes or nails into trees are prohibited within the PRVWSD.
- \* All hunters climbing must use fall restraint harness systems approved by Treestand Manufacturers Association, and successfully complete the TMA-approved online safety course. Hunter must provide with application certification completion of TMA-approved course to receive permit.
- \* Scouting within the Special Hunt Permit areas is allowed daily prior to Sept. 30. Between Oct. 1 and Jan. 31 scouting is allowed on Mondays only. Only hunters drawn to participate in Special Permit Hunt and their guests will be allowed within the permit hunting areas between Oct. 1, 2020 and Jan. 31, 2021.
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\* The hunting zones within parcels M & N in Pelahatchie Bay will be divided into three zones, and each hunter will be assigned a zone for the special hunt permit. The hunter must stay within his or her designated zone during legal hours. Only after legal hours can a deer be recovered from another hunter's zone; however, a deer down within a hunter's designated zone may be recovered at any time.

\* All deer harvested must be weighed and have jawbone extracted (bucks to be mounted can have the jaw bone extracted by the taxidermist BUT must be returned to reservoir within 10 days of kill) for age determination purposes. The hunter must also fill out the provided harvest form to be attached to the jawbone, providing the area in which animal was killed and other information required on the harvest form provided by Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks for management and evaluation purposes. A drop box for the jawbones will be located at the weigh station at the Reservoir Maintenance building off Spillway Road.

**PEARL RIVER VALLEY WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT  
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**Special Permit Archery Hunt Application, Spillway Area**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Miss. Hunting license number: \_\_\_\_\_

If exempt, give driver's license number: \_\_\_\_\_

Most important preference: Date \_\_\_\_\_ or Zone \_\_\_\_\_ (check only one)

**Preference for area below dam: (rank 1-2 or choose no preference):**

Rankin \_\_\_ Madison \_\_\_ No preference \_\_\_

**Preference for dates (Rank 1 through 18, or choose no preference):**

Oct. 1-4 \_\_\_ Oct. 6-11 \_\_\_ Oct. 13-18 \_\_\_

Oct. 20-25 \_\_\_ Oct. 27-Nov. 1 \_\_\_ Nov. 3-8 \_\_\_

Nov. 10-15 \_\_\_ Nov. 17-22 \_\_\_ Nov. 24-Nov. 29 \_\_\_

Dec. 1-6 \_\_\_ Dec. 8-13 \_\_\_ Dec. 15-20 \_\_\_

Dec. 22-27 \_\_\_ Dec. 29-Jan. 3 \_\_\_ Jan. 5-10 \_\_\_

Jan. 12-17 \_\_\_ Jan. 19-24 \_\_\_ Jan. 26-Jan. 31 \_\_\_

No preference \_\_\_\_\_

**There is no application fee. Selected hunters will be notified and the permit for the hunt is \$300 (except Oct. 1-4 hunt is \$200). Permit is non-transferrable, and the permit holder must be present at each hunt. Deadline for applying is Aug. 15, 2020.**

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**Special Permit Archery Hunt Application, Pelahatchie Bay Area**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Miss. Hunting license number: \_\_\_\_\_

If exempt, give driver's license number: \_\_\_\_\_

Most important preference: Date \_\_\_\_\_ or Zone \_\_\_\_\_ (check only one)

**Preference for Pelahatchie Bay zone: (rank 1-3 or choose no preference):**

East \_\_\_\_\_ Central \_\_\_\_\_ West \_\_\_\_\_ No preference \_\_\_\_\_

**Preference for dates (Rank 1 through 18, or choose no preference):**

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No preference \_\_\_\_\_

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