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Corps schedules deer hunts for Bussey Point

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Savannah, Ga. – The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers' J. Strom Thurmond Project Office will conduct primitive weapon deer hunts in Bussey Point, located in Lincoln Co., Ga., in order to maintain the deer population within the carrying capacity for the area and to improve the quality of the herd. The 2,545-acre peninsula will be open for scheduled hunts on these dates:

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Hunts</u>
Sept. 18-19	Archery (ONLY)
Oct. 9	Archery (ONLY)
Oct. 10	Muzzleloader
Nov. 13-14	Muzzleloader

Hunters will be checked through the check station located at the entrance gate. Hours of operation will be from one hour before sunrise through one hour after sundown. Camping will be limited to the camping area adjacent to check station during the management hunts.

The bag limit is two does and one quality buck each day of each hunt. Quality bucks are those with racks having four points or better on at least one side, or a 15-inch or greater outside spread.

Muzzleloader hunts are limited to 100 hunters per day. The muzzleloader hunters will be registered on a first-come, first-served basis. Archery hunters are invited to participate in all scheduled hunts.

Hunters must be licensed in accordance with existing Georgia Game and Fish Regulations. A Wildlife Management Area (WMA) license is not required for these hunts. Appropriate license(s) will be inspected at check station. All state regulations and bag limits will be strictly enforced.

Park visitors who are not hunting are encouraged to find other recreation areas during the scheduled hunts, as well as two days prior to each hunt when the area will be closed except to hunters scouting or placing deer stands. No weapons are allowed in Bussey Point on scouting days.

For more information, contact Ken Boyd at the J. Strom Thurmond Office toll free at 1-800-533-3478, ext. 1121, or at (864) 333-1121.

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The President's fiscal year 2010 Civil Works budget, released yesterday, contains \$57,812,000 for new and ongoing projects, studies, construction and operations and maintenance within the Savannah District, US Army Corps of Engineers. The President included the funds for the Savannah District in a total \$5.125 billion budget for discretionary funding for the coming year in the Civil Works program.

The Savannah District civil works budget contains \$1 million for continuing investigations on the Savannah Harbor Expansion Project to cover the completion of the General Re-evaluation Report (GRR) and Tier II Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) by late fall 2010. These funds will also allow the Savannah District to coordinate agency, public, and independent external peer reviews of the final GRR and Tier II EIS documents. The US Environmental Protection Agency, the Departments of Commerce and Interior, and the Department of the Army, must approve the project and its mitigation plan before construction can begin.

The budget also contains \$54.613 million for the continued operations and maintenance of the District's civil works projects including Hartwell, Richard B. Russell and J. Strom Thurmond Dam and Lakes along the upper Savannah River Basin and the ongoing maintenance of the Brunswick and Savannah deep-water ports, both federal harbor projects. This total includes \$265,000 for the operations and maintenance of the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway.

According to Savannah District Commander Colonel Ed Kertis, "The funding that we requested and received for our project studies and ongoing operations is sufficient for fiscal year

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2010 and when combined with the fiscal year 2009 Stimulus Package funding, will enable us to execute our mission and thankfully, eliminate some of the backlog of work that has been steadily growing."

Final amounts of funding for these projects in the Savannah District will depend on the appropriations actions taken by the U. S. Congress over the remainder of this federal fiscal year.

The President's FY 2010 budget can be found at

http://www.usace.army.mil/CECW/PID/Pages/cecwm_progdev.aspx