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## **PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT**

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# **2009-2010 CIBOLA NWR UNIT II GOOSE HUNT**

Contacts: Refuge Manager or Hunt Coordinator 928-857-3253

Cibola National Wildlife Refuge will continue using a lottery-based reservation system to allocate hunting permits for Unit II goose hunting blinds for the 2009/2010 hunting season. Reservations will be available for Tuesday-Wednesday and Saturday-Sunday hunt blocks starting on November 28, 2009, through January 17, 2010. No hunt blinds will be available between **December 12 and 13, 2009**, during the annual youth waterfowl workshop. Any questions may be directed to the Cibola National Wildlife Refuge at 928-857-3253.

Hunters may be selected for a maximum of one hunt block, and may bring up to three companions to hunt in the reserved blind. For example, an applicant may be drawn for one weekend totaling two hunt days during the 2009-2010 hunting season. No one may hunt, either as a reservation permit holder or as a reservation companion, in more than one hunt block during the season. However, a standby drawing will be held at 4:30 a.m. (MST) each hunt morning to fill non-reserved blinds and reservation no-shows. **Hunters may hunt as standby hunters as many times as they wish.** All reservation permit holders will choose one of the fourteen available blinds (lowest permit number choosing first) on the morning of each hunt day.

Hunters may apply for the 2009/2010 Cibola NWR Unit II goose hunt by submitting a 3x5 index card in an envelope with his/her name, address, 2009 and/or 2010 Arizona hunting license number and a list of up to four, two day hunts in order of preference. **Additionally, each hunter must include a non-refundable \$10.00 application fee (check or money order payable to USFWS).** If the applicant chooses a 2010 hunt date to list on the 3x5 card the corresponding 2010 hunting license number must accompany that date. Permit applications must be received at the Refuge Headquarters address by September 28, 2009. Hunt permits will be mailed to successful applicants no later than October 16, 2009. For a copy of updated Unit II hunt regulations contact or visit the refuge office.

Prior to the draw, all cards will be examined for the required information and discarded if incomplete or illegible. Hunters are reminded that those applying for dates in January 2010 must have a 2010 Arizona hunting license number to participate in the reservation drawing for blinds.

**Please send Application Card and Fees to:**

**USFWS Cibola NWR  
Hunt Coordinator  
66600 Cibola Lake Road, Rt. 2, Box 1  
Cibola, AZ 85328**

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**NOTE\* A returned check will result in automatic disqualification from the hunt for this hunt season.**