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Coletos Bowhunts Rapidly Approaching

Annual Drawing Deadline August 21

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SEGUIN- Rangers at Coletos Creek are making plans for another successful bow hunt and youth hunt season. The deadline for submitting entries for this year's GBRA Coletos Creek Reservoir Bowhunt is noon on August 21, 2009. The 12th Annual Bow Hunt for white-tail deer and feral hogs will take place from October through December.

Bowhunts are restricted to the use of archery equipment and will be held on 12 consecutive weekends beginning on the weekend of Oct. 3-4 and ending on the weekend of Dec. 19-20. On the first weekend of archery season, legal hunting is allowed only on Saturday and Sunday. For the remaining weekends, hunters selected by random drawing will be allowed to pre-scout and begin hunting assigned areas on Friday of their hunting weekend, and continue through Sunday.

"These yearly hunts that begun in 1999, help reduce the size of the deer herd that has continued to grow beyond the carrying capacity of the reservoir's lands, especially this year with the ongoing drought conditions and limited food supplies, and to reduce the numbers of feral hogs that continue to increase in numbers and damage reservoir property. Each year the drawn hunters see a lot of deer," said Curtis Seiler, GBRA reservoir ranger and hunt coordinator.

The annual hunt takes place on more than 800 acres around the reservoir, managed by GBRA but not a part of the Coletos Creek Park. Hunters will be allowed to harvest two antlerless deer and an unlimited number of feral hogs. Hunters may apply for the hunts individually or as a group with a maximum of four people per party. Each individual or group will be assigned a specific hunt area. The fee to hunt per weekend will be \$105 per hunter.

To enter the random drawing for the hunts, send a 3.5" X 5.5" postcard that includes a name, address, daytime phone number, email address, and names of those in the hunting party (maximum of four). Each hunter may submit a postcard in his/her own name. Please note preferred hunting date(s) and send to GBRA-Bow Hunt, Coletos Creek Park, P.O. Box 68, Fannin, TX 77960. Each individual is limited to one postcard entry. No email entries will be accepted. Only those applicants drawn will be notified of the results of the annual draw. For more information, contact Curtis Seiler or Wilfred Korth, chief ranger, at the Coletos Creek Office at 361-575-6366, or email to cseiler@gbra.org.

In January 2010, Coletos Creek will be offering two youth hunts through the "Texas Youth Hunting Program." Youths age 9 to 17 who would like to participate in one of these adult-supervised hunts should register online through the Texas Youth Hunting Program's website.

The GBRA was established by the Texas Legislature in 1933 as a water conservation and reclamation district. GBRA provides stewardship for the water resources in its 10-county statutory district, which begins near the headwaters of the Guadalupe and Blanco rivers, ends at San Antonio Bay, and includes Kendall, Comal, Hays, Caldwell, Guadalupe, Gonzales, DeWitt, Victoria, Calhoun, and Refugio counties.

Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority's Coletos Creek Park and Reservoir is located between Victoria and Goliad, Texas off of Highway 59.