

**ARKANSAS GAME AND FISH COMMISSION**  
Little Rock, Arkansas

MINUTE ORDER NO: 05-010 SUBJECT: Emergency Proclamations for  
DATE PASSED: January 27, 2005 Closure of Deer Season  
PAGE 1 of 1 PAGES LOCATION: Eastern Arkansas Near the  
Mississippi River

**WHEREAS,** portions of eastern Arkansas bordering the Mississippi River have recently been subjected to extensive flooding because of high water from that river; and

**WHEREAS,** wildlife, including white-tailed deer, residing in that habitat have been forced onto higher ground in concentrations where they have become vulnerable and readily susceptible to being hunted and over-harvested; and

**WHEREAS,** archery season for deer currently is open throughout the state; and

**WHEREAS,** on January 21, 2005 and January 25, 2005, Director Scott Henderson proclaimed that an emergency existed and, by authority delegated to him as director of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, ordered that designated lands bordering the Mississippi River from Helena to the Louisiana state line be closed to all deer hunting due to the extensive flooding; and

**WHEREAS,** the Commission wishes to ratify the emergency actions taken by Director Henderson.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission hereby fully confirms and ratifies the aforementioned actions taken, and emergency proclamations (copies of which are attached) signed, by Director Scott Henderson on January 21 and 25, 2005.

STAFF APPROVAL

**Submitted by:** Scott Henderson

**Division:** Administrative

**Approved:** Scott Henderson  
Director

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ARKANSAS GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION

21 January 2005

WHEREAS an emergency exists due to the recent flooding of the Mississippi River over its levees, and the wildlife residing in that habitat have been forced into high concentrations where they are vulnerable and extremely susceptible to over harvest, and

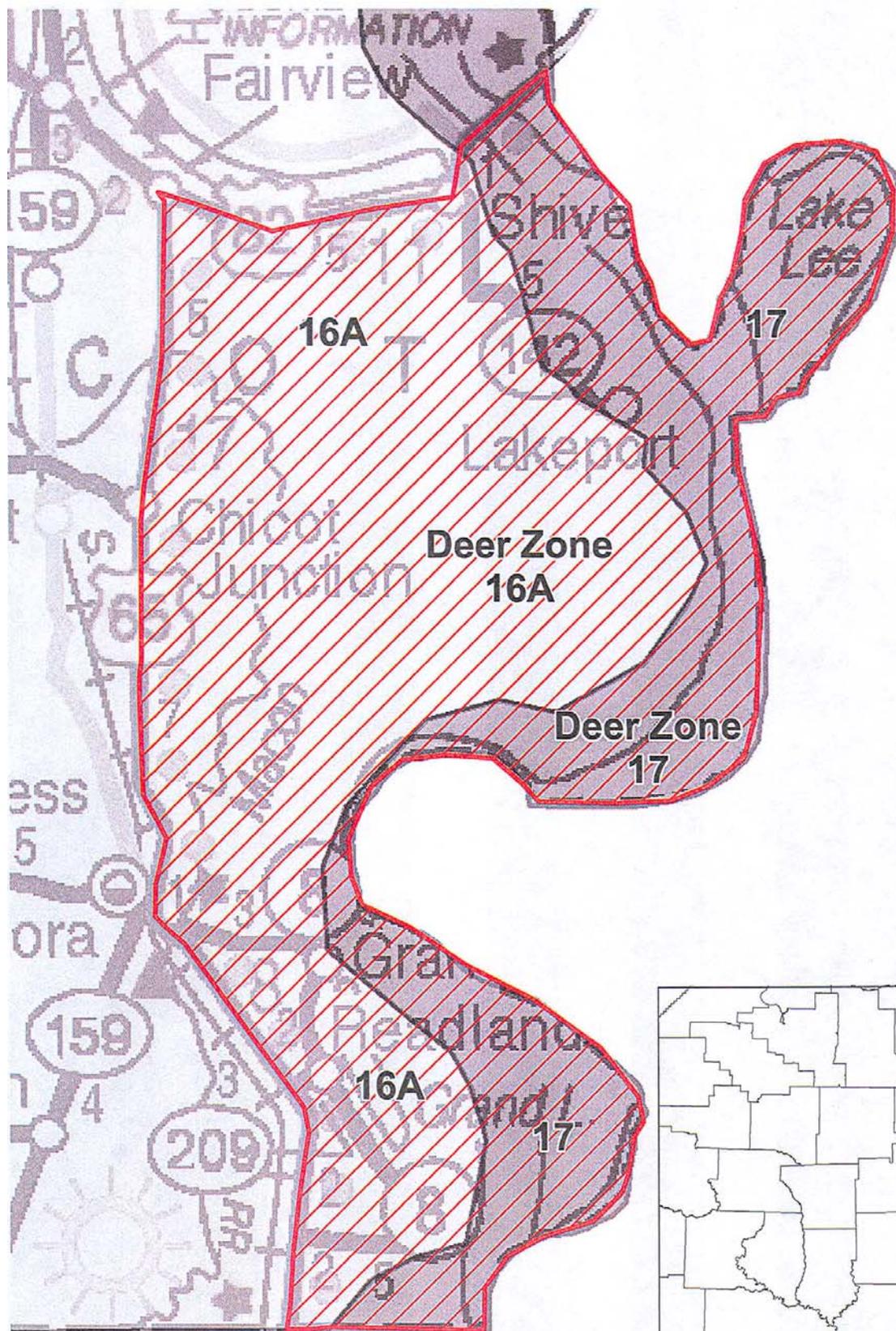
WHEREAS game taken have an increased chance of escaping to flooded areas before they expire, making recovery impossible, and

WHEREAS the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission is charged with the responsibility of making sound management decisions to protect and preserve our state's wildlife resources from over harvest or wanton waste,

BE IT THEREFORE PROCLAIMED that an emergency exists and that by authority delegated to me as director of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission. All Arkansas lands south of Interstate 82 and east of Interstate 65 (including parts of Deer Zones 17 and 16A) are hereby closed to deer hunting and shall remain closed until the Mississippi River level recedes to 46 feet at the Greenville, Miss. gauge.

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

By \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
SCOTT HENDERSON, Director  
Arkansas Game and Fish Commission



ARKANSAS GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION

25 January 2005

WHEREAS an emergency exists due to the recent flooding of the Mississippi River, and the wildlife residing in that habitat have been forced onto higher ground in concentrations where they are vulnerable and readily susceptible to being hunted and over-harvested; and

WHEREAS game taken also have an increased likelihood of escaping to flooded areas before they expire, making recovery impossible; and

WHEREAS the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission is charged with the responsibility of making sound management decisions to protect and conserve our state's wildlife resources from over harvest by hunting and from wanton waste, and

WHEREAS the previous proclamation signed on January 21, 2005, did not address the full extent of the flooded areas,

BE IT THEREFORE PROCLAIMED that an emergency exists and that by authority delegated to me as director of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, the following lands will be closed to deer hunting:

Flooding closes deer season for more hunters

The AGFC has expanded the deer-season closures enacted late last week due to the increasing flood conditions. Effective Tuesday, Jan. 25, Arkansas land bordering the Mississippi River from Helena to the Louisiana state line will be affected.

The closed areas now include:

- All lands south of U.S. Highway 49 and east of Arkansas Highway 44 until it joins with Arkansas Highway 85. From here the western boundary will extend south on Arkansas Highway 85 to Snow Lake, along the Missouri-Pacific Railroad to the White River and along the established southern boundary for Flood Prone Zone F until it connects with U.S. Highway 165. It will then continue south to Arkansas Highway 1 and follow this roadway until it intersects with U.S. Highway 65 in McGehee. The western boundary will then continue south along U.S. Highway 65 until it reaches U.S. Highway 82 at Lake Village. These lands will be closed when the Mississippi River level reaches 41 feet on the Helena, Ark. gauge and will remain closed until the same gauge recedes to 39 feet.

- All Arkansas lands south of U.S. Highway 82 and east of U.S. Highway 65. This area will be closed to deer hunting when the Mississippi River gauge reaches 48 feet at the Greenville, Miss. gauge, and will remain closed until the same gauge reads 46 feet.

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

By \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
SCOTT HENDERSON, Director  
Arkansas Game and Fish Commission

