October 2019

Dear Sandhill Crane Hunter:

Congratulations, your application was selected for a permit to hunt Sandhill Cranes during the 2019 New Mexico Middle Rio Grande Valley (MRGV) special season, SCR-0-102. Your hunt is scheduled for November 9–10, 2019. The MRGBV hunt area includes Socorro and Valencia counties only. The daily bag limit is three (3) cranes with six (6) in possession. Shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset and only non-toxic shot may be used and in possession of the hunter.

If you are successful in bagging any cranes, you are required to stop by the check station to have your cranes examined by a biologist (see attached map for location). The biologist will take measurements to determine if your crane is a greater sandhill crane. The Department is required to monitor the number of greater sandhill cranes harvested to ensure we do not exceed a sustainable harvest. A map to Bernardo WMA and directions to the check station are included with this letter. The check station will be open from 7am to 7pm on Saturday and Sunday.

Please do not clean your cranes prior to bringing them to the check station. It is critical that all harvested cranes are brought to the check station, as any cranes not checked at the station must go towards the state’s harvest allotment for greater Sandhill Cranes. This may result in having to close crane hunts if it appears that New Mexico will exceed its allotment. If you do not hunt or do not bag any cranes, you are still responsible for completing and submitting the enclosed questionnaire by November 15, 2019. You can also complete and turn in your harvest questionnaire at the check station. Do NOT report your harvest for this hunt through the Department’s online small game harvest survey.

IMPORTANT—If you harvest cranes, you must bring your cranes to the check station. You must also submit your harvest survey by November 15, 2019. If you did not hunt or did not harvest any cranes, you still must return your harvest survey by November 15, 2019.

You are responsible for calling 1-800-213-HUNT (4868) prior to hunting each day in order to access current information regarding hunt status. A valid hunting license with a Harvest Information Program (HIP) Number, and a hunting permit issued for the correct date and hunt location are required to participate in this hunt. Hunters 17 years of age or younger must also possess their hunter education certification card.

After November 4, you may contact Wildlife Services agent Cecil Rosales at 575-835-8425 for assistance in locating a place to hunt Sandhill Cranes.

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Directions:
1. Take I-25 to US-60 East, Exit Number 175, toward Bernardo/Mountainair
2. Turn north on NM-116, on the east side of the interstate and drive for 1.5 miles
3. Turn right into the Bernardo WMA, cross the railroad tracks, and immediately turn right
4. Drive south 0.8 miles, past the two houses to the large shop building
2019 MRGV SANDHILL CRANE HUNT HARVEST SURVEY, SCR-0-102

Please complete whether or not you hunted

NAME:___________________________________  PERMIT NUMBER:_____________
EMAIL ADDRESS: ________________________ TELEPHONE ____________________

1. Did You Hunt?   YES ____    NO ____ (If no, stop here. If yes, provide information below)

2. Please complete this table with a separate entry for each day you hunted sandhill cranes. Leave days not hunted blank.

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<th>Hunt Date</th>
<th>How many hours did you hunt?</th>
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3. In which county/counties did you bag your cranes?   Socorro ____  Valencia ____

4. Did you hunt primarily in a field?   YES ____    NO ____
   If YES, what type of crop was in the field? ____________________

5. Did you hunt primarily on the river or in a wetland? River ____  Wetland ____ Neither ____

Comments: ______________________________________________________
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If you bag any cranes, you are required to take them to the Bernardo check-station.

Please turn in this harvest report at the Bernardo check station or return within 5 days from the close of the hunt to: NM Dept. of Game & Fish – Sandhill Crane Surveys, P.O. Box 25112, Santa Fe, NM  87504 or DGF-Waterfowl@state.nm.us

DO NOT report this harvest through the Department’s online Harvest Survey!