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U S Army Corps of Engineers to hold quota deer hunt near Buford Dam

The U S Army Corps of Engineers, Lake Sidney Lanier (Corps), will be conducting a quota deer hunt on lands around Buford Dam **December 20 and 21, 2011.**

For public safety, the **Laurel Ridge Trail and all parks along Buford Dam Road except West Bank Park will be closed during this event.**

Public safety and the health of the deer population are the two incentives for the hunt. Deer being struck by cars traveling Buford Dam Road is a public safety hazard that could be lessened from this hunt. In addition, food resources naturally decline during the winter months causing stress to the deer population. By reducing the number of deer, the food resources in the Buford Dam area will better meet the deer population needs.

The first hunt in this area was held in January 2010. Despite poor weather conditions, the hunt was very successful. The Corps continues to conduct population estimates and coordinate with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources to ensure responsible wildlife management. For public safety reasons, the hunt will be restricted to archery only.