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Dear Dove Hunters,

Thank you for choosing WSI as your outfitter for your dove hunt. We intend to provide you with a safe and enjoyable experience, which begins with proper prehunt planning.

- **Hunter Profile** – Please fill out and send in “**Hunter Profile**,” even if you have sent one in from a previous trip.
- **Hunting License** – For those of you who need for us to take care of your license, please indicate so on the Hunter Profile. Nonresident fees are \$48 and youth under 17 years of age, cost is only \$7.00. For those of you who have your own license, please make sure that you have all necessary state and federal stamp endorsements/validations, as well as being HIP certified, and also meeting the state hunter safety requirements per age criteria.
- **Balance Payments** – All balance payments are due 30 days prior to hunt, so this notice will serve as your reminder. All payments should be made payable to Wildlife Systems, Inc.
- **Weather Conditions** – You should anticipate variable and unpredictable weather. Temperatures will likely be from 70-100 degrees during September. Bring a rain parka just in case we do have rain. Check weather forecast on computer a day or two ahead of time.
- **Items To Bring** – Make sure you have sufficient dove hunting clothing which should be of some camo pattern; the pattern type is not that important. Also bring ammo, bug spray, sun screen, hunting boots, and any other hunting equipment you would typically carry with you on a dove hunt. You do not need to bring bedding or toiletries. WSI does not provide any alcoholic beverages.
- **Gun of your choice.** Plenty of ammo.
- **Safety First** – Our #1 goal on all of our hunts is to ensure everyone’s safety and well-being. Though we do allow **responsible** drinking in camp, you must remember that hunting and drinking alcohol do not mix. Also, if you have any food allergies, please note that on Hunter Profile.
- **Trip Protection Insurance** – We encourage you to consider taking out a travel insurance plan. We are currently working with Travel Guard International who provides an economical plan that will assist you with problems such as hunt cancellation, luggage complications, as well as unforeseen medical expenses, or emergency medical evacuation. Go to our website at [www.wildlifesystems.com](http://www.wildlifesystems.com) and click on Sportsman’s Travel Insurance, which is on the left side near the bottom of our home page.

We are looking forward to serving as your host on what we feel will be an exciting and memorable experience. Please do not hesitate to let us know, preferably by email, if we can be of assistance. Also, please remember to send your Hunter Profile. Here’s to a great hunt!

Adios,

Greg Simons

*“Serving Hunters’ and Landowners’ Needs Since 1987”*

# WE APPRECIATE YOUR BUSINESS

Thank you for choosing to be our customer and for the confidence you have placed in us. The staff of Wildlife Systems, from our office to our camp, will do everything within our means to earn your continued trust and goodwill. Your hunting success and personal satisfaction are very important to us.

We have been serving hunters from around the globe since 1987. Our customers' loyalty and continued participation within our hunting programs is what has fueled the growth of Wildlife Systems.

Just as you have certain expectations of us, we have certain expectations of you. Here are a few ideas that will help ensure a successful hunt:

1. Read through this packet to familiarize yourself with various aspects regarding your hunt.
2. Know what is included with your package. Refer to your contract should you be uncertain.
3. Attend your hunt with an open frame of mind. There are many variables we deal with in conducting hunts, thus, we ask you to be understanding of various situations that are inherent to a hunting trip.

Once again, thank you for being our customer. We look forward to seeing you in camp.

## HUNTING LICENSE

- Wildlife Systems can obtain your necessary hunting license. **Please indicate on the enclosed "Hunter Profile" if you do wish for us to obtain your license.** If you do not indicate that you do want us to obtain your license, we will assume you are sending off for it yourself. If you choose for us to obtain license, it will be given to you upon your arrival.
- **Nonresident Dove Hunting license \$48.** For nonresidents who are less than 17 years of age, **Youth Hunting license (#169) \$7.00** and covers anything they may take, except waterfowl.
- All Texas hunters who were born on or after September 2, 1971, must have successfully completed a Hunter Education Training Course. However, if you have not taken this course and were born after this date, you can purchase a **Deferred Hunter Education Option (#166)** for an additional \$10.
- If you would like to purchase the license yourself that can be done online at [Texas Parks and Wildlife Department](#). It will take up to 6 weeks to receive your license so make sure you go online and purchase with enough time for them to send you the license.

# WHAT TO BRING

Having the proper equipment, clothing, and travel items can make for a much more comfortable and enjoyable hunting trip. It is better to be over prepared than under stocked, but remember there are certain weight and baggage restrictions when traveling by airplane. The following checklist should cover some of the essentials.

## Primary Checklist

- |                    |                  |          |
|--------------------|------------------|----------|
| - gun(s)           | - flight tickets | - shorts |
| - ammo             | - camera         |          |
| - knife            | - hunting boots  |          |
| - flashlight       | - hunting cap    |          |
| - hunting clothes* | - rain parka     |          |

## You May Also Want To Bring

- |                    |                       |                          |
|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| - sunglasses       | - special medication  | - bug spray              |
| - book for reading | - liquor or alcohol** | - bit of string and tape |
| - ice chest        | - video camera        | - preferred snacks       |
|                    | - sun screen          |                          |

\* Clothing should be suited for temperatures ranging from 70 degrees to 100 degrees. Clothing that allows you to layer up is best. Camo is recommended but not essential.

\*\*We do not provide alcoholic beverages in camp. We will allow you to BYOB, but we will enforce certain drinking/hunting policies.

# PAYMENT POLICY

- **Deposits may be paid with personal or business check, so long as this payment precedes hunt by 30 days.**
- Balance is due 30 days prior to start day of hunt
- All credit card payment will be assessed a 3% processing fee on the amount being charged. We accept Visa, Master Card, and American Express.
- You can also pay **electronically**, via Intuit with your checking account, with no processing fee. If you prefer to use this payment method, just ask us to email you an invoice with our secure online instructions.

**Cancellation Policy** – No payments will be refunded unless cancellee can be replaced at the standard hunt cost. We will make every effort possible to replace cancellee at full hunt value, but Wildlife Systems is not responsible for replacing cancellee, and no refunds will be granted unless cancellee is replaced.

**Rebooking Policy** – WSI generally offers our clients “first right of refusal” in rebooking their hunt for the following year, but to ensure this, a \$150 Reservation Fee must be paid within 30 days of completion of hunt. Once dates and prices have been established for next year’s hunts, client will have option of either confirming with remainder of first 50%, or Reservation Fee will be refunded. Once hunt is confirmed, Cancellation Policy does apply.

# MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES

It is generally understood that nobody likes hidden expenses when on a hunting trip. Services included in your hunting package are outlined in your contract. As with most hunting excursions, there are a few miscellaneous expenses that may or may not be incurred during your WSI hunting trip. The following is a summary of various costs, in addition to your package, that you should bear in mind.

1. **Airfare** – WSI hunt packages do not include airfare. We do provide shuttle to and from the nearest airport on most hunts, but this is subject to arrival and departure times. Check with us about details.
2. **Shipping of meat, capes, and antlers** – Many of our hunters take their meat and trophy back with them on the airplane. However, we do sometimes ship cape/antlers to hunter or their taxidermist. We do not ship meat. If you are interested in the meat, you need to take it back with you. All shipping charges will be reversed and some form of crating/handling fee will be charged to the hunter. The following price structure will generally prevail on crating/handling fees:

- White-tailed Deer                      \$20
- Mule Deer                                 \$30
- Elk (unsplit)                             \$150
- Elk (Split)                                \$50
- Turkey                                     \$20
- Exotics (Small)                         \$20
- Exotics (Large)                         \$40 - \$75

These fees include boxing/crating of both the cape and antlers/horns. Price on a per animal basis may be reduced when multiple animals are shipped in a single container. The above prices do not include shipping costs or material costs for boxes or crates which are extra.

3. **Taxidermy** – WSI can arrange for providing taxidermy services at hunter’s expense payable to the taxidermist. We only work with reputable, award-winning taxidermists.
4. **License and Tags** – All hunting/fishing licenses are at hunter’s expense. WSI generally takes care of obtaining licenses, but hunter is charged exact cost of license. Make sure you have the hunter profile with license info to us at least 10 days prior to hunt if you want WSI to process license.
5. **Gratuities** – Though gratuities are certainly not required on WSI hunts, it is generally customary for hunters to tip both their guide and the cook. Use your discretion in determining what you feel is a fair amount. Tips are always appreciated by camp staff. Here is a suggested “rule of thumb” on tipping amounts:

Hunt Price	Gratuity Amount <b>Per Hunter</b>	
Up to \$1,500	\$200 - \$300 (Guide)	\$50 - \$75 (Cook)
\$1,500 - \$3,000	\$300 - \$400 (Guide)	\$75 - \$100 (Cook)
\$3,000 - \$5,000	\$300 - \$500 (Guide)	\$100 - \$125 (Cook)
<b>Dove Package</b>	<b>\$65 - \$100 (Guide)</b>	<b>\$50 - \$75 (Cook)</b>

**Other** – It is always wise to carry some extra cash with you for incidental travel expenses (gifts, airport meals, parking fees, etc.). It is also a good idea to have several \$1.00 and \$5.00 bills for airport gratuities. It is our intention to provide you with a comfortable, fun hunt with no unwanted surprises. Make sure you are familiar with what is included with your hunt package to ensure that no hassles are encountered.

# TRAVEL TIPS

A hunter's journey to and from their hunting destination is a major part of the trip. Because of great distances between point of origin and hunt location, many hunters choose to fly to eliminate road time. There are a few regulations that hunters need to keep in mind that will make their trip more smooth and enjoyable. Additionally, there are certain procedures that if followed, make your airport transition much easier.

## Helpful Hints:

- Try to never over pack suitcase any more than what is necessary. Duffel bags work well for most hunters' needs.
- When possible, lock all luggage with TSA approved locks.
- Whether its carry-on or checked luggage, be sure to attach your name, address, and phone number on each item.
- Pack your highly valuable items, if possible, in a carry-on, particularly those items that are fragile.
- Always check in approximately 1.5 hours prior to scheduled departure. At that time, your firearm will be subject to inspection to ensure no shells are in the chamber.

## Requirements and Restrictions:

- On most airlines, each person is allowed to have one carryon bag, free of charge. You can also check your luggage, with the most common charges being: first checked bag fee: \$25; second checked bag fee: \$35; additional bags fee: \$150 per bag. Thus, you might consider bringing a large duffel bag, gun case, and carry-on's (i.e., camera bag). Check with your airline to make sure of their specific charges.
- Most airlines will charge additional fees for overweight and oversized bags. The most common charges being: Overweight bags: \$100 for 50 – 70 lbs and \$200 for 70 – 100 lbs. Oversize bags generally run around \$200. Check with your airline to make sure of their specific charges.
- All firearms must be transported in a hard-sided container capable of being locked.
- While ammunition can be carried in the gun case in a separate container, shells cannot be in the chamber. You are allowed up to ten pounds of ammo, which must be shipped in checked baggage. We recommend transporting ammo in a duffel bag. Ammo must be in some type of ammo container.
- Law prohibits the transportation of hazardous materials such as compressed gasses, flammable solids and liquids, poisons, and corrosives, which includes lighters.
- You are not allowed to carry on knives of any sort, but you can put them in your checked baggage.
- Check with your airline or travel agent to see any other rules, limitations and additional fees that they may charge.

## Shipment of meat, hides, and antlers:

- For those hunters interested in keeping their meat, you must take back with you, either on airplane in ice chest or in vehicle if you drive. **We do not ship meat.** You can purchase a plastic ice chest from us for \$20.
- All trophies are caped and frozen. If hunter prefers to have a taxidermist of his own do the work, we either ship the cape and antlers back with the hunter in a container (i.e., ice chest, box, duffel bag, etc.), or we can ship at a later date to them or their taxidermist, and hunter will incur shipping and service charge fees.
- If hunter wishes to leave their trophy to be mounted at our taxidermist, we will put taxidermist in touch with hunter to discuss pose and payment, and taxidermist will ship mount to hunter upon completion of work.

## One other matter:

Always keep in mind that certain unexpected occurrences can and do happen from time to time when traveling by air. Such things as delayed or canceled flights, and luggage not arriving with hunter, are but a few things that are possible. For missing luggage, when you arrive, we will file necessary claims, and luggage will generally arrive on the next flight. If worse comes to worse, we will do what we have to do to outfit you with necessary gear so that you lose no hunting time. Just try to take all this in stride, and your trip will be much more enjoyable.

**Airport Shuttle:**

WSI does not provide airport shuttle on mule deer hunts. It is approximately 2.5 hours from Midland Airport to ranch. We will send you directions to camp, please let us know if you do not receive the directions.

## **FIREARMS & SHOOTING**

Your firearm and your ability to adequately handle and use this piece of equipment with proficiency play a critical role in the ultimate outcome of your hunting trip.

**Caliber & Loads**

Doves are hunted with a variety of gauge shotguns, with the most common being 12 and 20 gauge, but we occasionally have hunters shooting 16, 28, and 410 gauges. Shot size is generally 7 or 8 shot, but most bird and field shot options are fine. Bring plenty of ammo.

**Shooting Practice**

It's always a great idea to shoot some clays during the offseason to maintain good hand/eye coordination and become familiar with your gun. Plus, it's part of the foreplay of hunting, not only allowing you to sharpen your shooting skills, but being able to enjoy the broad pleasure of shooting sports.

## **HUNTER PROFILE FORM**

We need to receive a Hunter Profile on all of our hunting clients. Even if you have previously filled one out on a previous hunt, please fill one out for your upcoming hunt with WSI. The hunter's profile is the last page of this packet. You can either print it out and mail or fax to us or you can fill it out online and email it back to us. Our fax number is 325-947-7703.

# HUNTING/CAMP POLICIES & RULES

1. No drinking of alcoholic beverages is allowed in the field while hunting. If drinking of alcohol is done during daylight hours, it is up to a Wildlife Systems staff member to decide whether or not that particular hunter will be allowed to hunt that day. **Safety first!**
  2. On bird hunts, its generally a good idea to wear eye protection.
  3. ALWAYS be aware of your environment, especially where people may be located within the shooting range of a shotgun and be mindful of taking shots at low flying birds. Some of our dove hunting fields are located adjacent to residential divisions; please do not fire in the direction of those areas.
  4. When being transported in a guide's vehicle, no shells are allowed in the chamber, and barrels should be pointed toward the floor of the vehicle. No loaded guns are allowed in or around the camp area.
  5. Hunters are forbidden to shoot any animals that are not specified in their contract, unless given permission by guide. In the event that a hunter kills game in excess of his allowed limit, hunter will be charged a harvest fee comparable to the standard hunt price for that animal.
  6. Hunters are expected to not leave trash in the field or in the blinds.
  7. If hunters should open any gates while on the premises, gates should be locked or latched the same way they were found.
  8. Should any hunter's action become an unreasonable risk factor to other individuals attending the hunt, hunter may be immediately dismissed from the premises, and no money will be refunded. Should any hunter's behavior become unruly, hunter may be dismissed from premises with no money refunded.
  9. During hot temps, stay hydrated with plenty of water.
  10. No pets allowed on the ranch without previous approval....very important.
- Please treat the ranch, it's people, and its resources with respect and appreciation. We greatly appreciate your business and look forward to serving you.

*Let's all have a safe and enjoyable hunt.*

# HUNTER PROFILE

(Dove Hunt)

**Please complete and return either by mail, email or fax to 325-947-7703**

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_ (WK) \_\_\_\_\_ (Hm) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_ **(SS# required if WSI obtains license)**

Drivers License # \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_ Weight \_\_\_\_\_ Hunter Safety # \_\_\_\_\_

**(Required in TX if born on or after 9/2/71)**

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ **(you can pay a one-time \$10.00 waiver fee)**

- Do you want Wildlife Systems to obtain your Hunting License? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ **(If yes, include payment with profile.) Nonresident Deer #105 (\$315), Youth #169 (\$7), Turkey #118 (\$126), Exotic #157 (\$48)** (Texas Resident license also available) or **Purchase your license online at: [Texas Parks and Wildlife Department](#).**
- Person/Company responsible for payment (if other than yourself): \_\_\_\_\_
- Please list members of your hunting party: \_\_\_\_\_
- Please list Taxidermy and/or shipping info for your antlers, capes, etc.: \_\_\_\_\_

## Medical Information

Do you have any Special Dietary Needs or Request: \_\_\_\_\_

- Do you have any physical impairment that we should know about? \_\_\_\_\_
- Do you have any allergy problems that we should know about? \_\_\_\_\_
- What are the most common problems or dislikes you have observed while on your hunting trips: \_\_\_\_\_
- What hunting trips (game animals & birds) do you plan on trying to attend over the next five years? \_\_\_\_\_
- Can we use your name and telephone number on a reference list? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Number \_\_\_\_\_
- Can we use your hunting photo on our website, brochures or advertisements? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**Please let us know your travel arrangements. Please list all flight details; or if driving, please list arrival and departure times. Arrival: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure: \_\_\_\_\_**

**\*If flying, will you need shuttle service to and from the ranch? YES \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Fee is \$150 Per vehicle round trip.\***