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KAMEHAMENUI FOREST WILDLIFE CONTROL HUNT ANNOUNCED

Hunter assistance requested between August 15 and October 31

(HONOLULU) – The Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DLNR DOFAW) announces the opening of a controlled hunt for feral goats and axis deer within the Kamehamehenui Forest Reserve on the island of Maui.

The Kamehamehenui Forest Reserve was purchased and set aside for the protection and preservation of Hawai'i's unique native species and ecosystems. The initial phase in ecosystem restoration begins with the removal of feral ungulates within the upper fence unit. Hunters are requested to assist with the removal of these ungulates. Biologists estimate approximately 50 ungulates within the control unit, with most being feral goats. The controlled hunt within Kamehamehenui Forest Reserve is scheduled to begin on Thursday, August 15, 2024, and end on October 31, 2024.

Participating hunters must follow the policies and procedures below to participate in this control activity:

1. A valid State of Hawai'i hunting license is required to participate.
2. Prior to checking in and entering the control area, hunters must read the posted Kamehamehenui Forest Reserve wildlife control permit located at the Kula Forest Reserve hunter check station.
3. By signing the check-in sheet, hunters acknowledge reading the Kamehamehenui Forest Reserve wildlife control permit and agree to abide by all terms and conditions.
4. Hunters must check in and check out of the control area at the established hunter check station and provide all required information, including the number of axis deer and feral goats harvested.
5. Only hunters listed on the check sheets will be allowed in the control area.

6. Hunters must abide by Hawai'i Administrative Rules Title 13, Chapters 121 and 123 as applicable to this permit and any general conditions and restrictions set forth by the DLNR DOFAW.
7. A map of the area, including the location of the entry and access point into the control unit, will be posted at the established hunter check station. Hunters are advised to review the map to familiarize themselves with the area.

Additional details for this control hunt are available at the Maui Division of Forestry and Wildlife office by calling (808) 984-8100.

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