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Mobility Impaired Hunters Seek Trophy Buck at SRS

SRNS manages hunt, providing an opportunity of a lifetime

AIKEN, S.C. (Sept. 17, 2012) – Twenty-five physically disabled hunters participated today in the twelfth annual “Deer Hunt for Mobility-Impaired Hunters” at the Savannah River Site, Aiken, S.C.

Mobility-impaired hunters from throughout the southeast, and as far as Ohio, met Friday, Nov. 16, at the Savannah River Ecology Lab (SREL) Conference Center to begin the two day hunt.

“The Site is a prime location to conduct this type of hunt and we are fortunate to be a part of such a special event,” said Ed Spears, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC (SRNS) Deer Hunt Manager. “This hunt specifically is special because it is a unique opportunity for the physically-impaired hunters to be able to hunt, in a safe, controlled environment.”

SRNS managed the hunt and provided sponsorship in conjunction with the United States Department of Energy, the USDA Forest Service – Savannah River (USFS-SR) and the Wheelin’ Sportsman National Wild Turkey Federation.

“We’ve found that conducting a ‘still hunt’ improves their chances of harvesting a deer,” said Spears. “Our goal is to provide and enjoyable and successful experience.” The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation provided feeder boxes to make the still hunt possible, located near hunting stands, to increase the number of deer moving within each hunter’s location.

Participants, chosen randomly through a lottery, are escorted by an experienced hunter who ensures their safety and providing assistance as needed.



SRNS Defense Programs employee Joel Bennett (left) escorts and assists Aiken resident Rex Lutz during this year’s Deer Hunt for Mobility Impaired Hunters at the Savannah River Site. Lutz retired from SRS in 2006 with physical issues.

The Savannah River Site is owned by the U.S. Department of Energy and is managed and operated by Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC.

According to SRNS Executive Vice President & COO Fred Dohse, this program provides disabled hunters, year after year, with the opportunity to do something they love. “The volunteers work hard to ensure a safe, enjoyable and successful hunt,” said Dohse.

SRS offers over 150,000 acres of land to be hunted each year, benefiting not only the hunter, but the Site as well. The hunt helps control the deer and hog population while offering a hunt of a lifetime to hunters with special needs.

Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC, is a Fluor Partnership comprised of Fluor, Newport News Nuclear and Honeywell, responsible for the management and operations of the Department of Energy’s Savannah River Site, including the Savannah River National Laboratory, located near Aiken, South Carolina.

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