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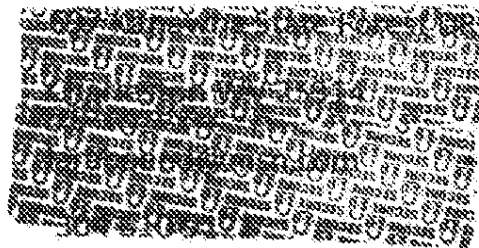
If you want to ensure there are enough hunters to fill the slots desired allow walk on to fill the no shows for that day.

  
Edward Larabee

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Stephen E. McDaniel  
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July 2, 2018

Mr. Larabee

Dear Mr. Larabee:

Thank you for your comments about the proposed State Park Controlled Deer Hunts rule. Your concerns related to the potential impact of the proposed fee and suggestion to compensate for no-show hunters will be recorded and taken into consideration.

We hope this proposed strategy will add to the efficiency of the hunts by eliminating or significantly reducing the no-show hunters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Samuel England".

Samuel England, Chief  
Parks and Recreation Section

Greene, Wendy L.

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From: Bob Hogsett <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Thursday, July 5, 2018 4:25 PM  
To: Greene, Wendy L  
Subject: Re: State Park Deer Hunt

Regarding "groups" the e-mail should have said "families"

On Fri, Jun 29, 2018 at 4:08 PM, Greene, Wendy L <Wendy.L.Greene@wy.gov> wrote:

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
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**Greene, Wendy L**

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**To:** 'Bob Hogsett'  
**Subject:** RE: State Park Deer Hunt

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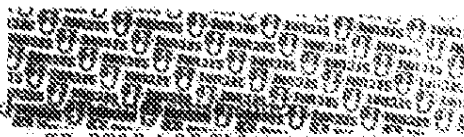
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**From:** Bob Hogsett <[Bob.Hogsett@wv.gov](mailto:Bob.Hogsett@wv.gov)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 27, 2018 4:35 PM  
**To:** Greene, Wendy L <[Wendy.L.Greene@wv.gov](mailto:Wendy.L.Greene@wv.gov)>  
**Subject:** State Park Deer Hunt

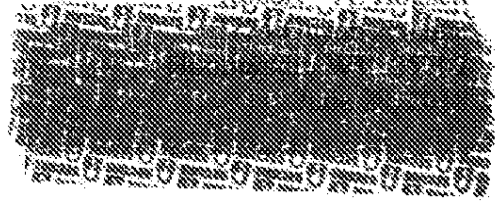
Do you need a hard copy of this to be sent???

RSVP

from the desk of Bob Hogsett

"Finish Strong"

Robert A. Hogsett



Wendy Greene  
Wendy.L.Greene@wv.gov  
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Re: Comments on Controlled deer hunting at WV State Parks.

Director Wendy Greene.

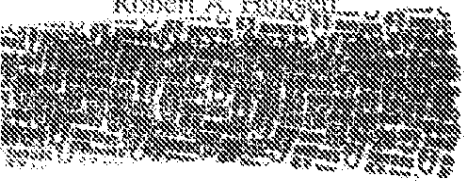
I have hunted in one of the controlled hunts last year at North Bend State Park. My stay was a good one (actually great), thus my comments are influenced by my good experience at North Bend. The North Bend model is effective.

Now, my comments:

- o Make a provision (including fee discount) for a (family) group. I used North Bend as a motivation to take my grandchildren into the woods. My plan would be to broaden my influence to my son and (shh) my wife and daughter-in-law.
- o Based on this and the lottery format, is there a chance to enter multiple locations (group) and only pay one entry fee?? If you enter only one and are not selected, then your money is gone and you have no hunt. This 'break' wouldn't be as necessary for individual entries. A staggered fee system might work for this. For example, were the lottery today, I would enter Beech Fork (close to home), North Bend (sentimental reasons - I harvested one there), and Twin Falls (my favorite park and Bugs Stover is one of my favorite story tellers). A staggered fee might encourage one more.
- o Could the entry fee be refunded, IF the participants stay in the State Park facility- lodge or cabin? This would generate some additional income for the state and would encourage bringing a wife or young children. It would encourage future visits.
- o Multiple day hunts, like North Bend's 3-day format, are really an attractive option. To travel for one day is inconvenient, but multiple days would increase the chance of harvesting that dream doe.
- o If you are an old guy with bad knees, could there be a couple of accessible stands for those of us who would consider a tree stand a major hazard or deterrent for taking the family hunting?

Sincerely,

Robert A. Hogsett



Greene, Wendy L

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**From:** Greene, Wendy L  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 3, 2018 12:04 PM  
**To:** 'Jack DeHaven'  
**Subject:** RE: state park hunt fee applications

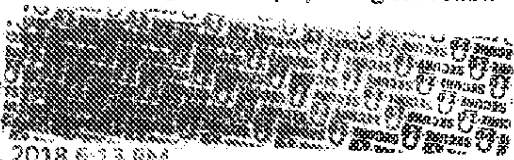
Mr. DeHaven,

Thanks you for the follow up response and being engaged in our process. We're not necessarily convinced that anti-hunting groups are consuming selections spots. We believe that hunters apply and have little commitment in the application process and are therefore much less likely to show up. The application fee will significantly increase the participation.

Hunters are now required to, at least, have a WV ID number in order to apply. Once a hunter is selected, they will have a designated period to provide us their purchased WV license number in order to confirm participation.

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-----Original Message-----  
**From:** Jack DeHaven  
**Sent:** Friday, June 29, 2018 8:13 PM  
**To:** Greene, Wendy L <Wendy.L.Greene@wv.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: state park hunt fee applications

Thanks for getting back to me about the fee for the state park hunts. I discussed this with one of my buddies who has hunted Cacapon State Park with me during the controlled hunts. He told me that he discussed the no shows with one of the officers who was working the Cacapon controlled hunt during the 2017 season.

The officer said that people from Peta and other anti-hunting organizations will frequently apply for the hunts, get drawn and not show up. Their purpose is to keep people from hunting. He further said you were thinking of fees to keep these people from applying when they had no intention of hunting.

Do these people purchase hunting licenses when they don't plan to hunt?  
Why not require that they submit their hunting license information plus their WV DNR ID#?

Anyway, no big deal. I'm retired and bowhunt, rifle hunt, shotgun hunt and black powder hunt. I get lots of hours in treestands as it is. The Cacapon hunt was just an extra to hunt a place I normally wouldn't get a chance to hunt.

Good luck in your plans.

Sincerely,

Jack DeHaven



**Greene, Wendy L**

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**From:** Greene, Wendy L  
**Sent:** Friday, June 29, 2018 4:05 PM  
**To:** 'Jack DeHaven'  
**Subject:** RE: state park hunt fee applications

Mr. DeHaven,

Thank you for your comments concerning the State Park controlled deer hunts. Your story of applying and not being selected at a State Park deer hunt is common. However, it is common for those selected to not show for the hunt. We believe that an application fee will create a greater level of commitment allowing hunters like yourself to have a greater opportunity to receive a permit.

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Jack DeHaven <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 28, 2018, 2:11 PM  
**To:** Greene, Wendy L <Wendy.L.Greene@wv.gov>  
**Subject:** state park hunt fee applications

Wendy,

I received the email about your proposed application fee for hunting in state parks but cannot find a way to do the input that's requested. I suggest you make it a little easier or you won't get much input. I am very computer savvy but many hunters aren't BUT I still couldn't find how to do the input.

Hopefully you can forward my input to the correct area.

Here's my take. It looks like the proposed idea is to charge a \$15 application fee (non-refundable) just to apply for the permit. Many of my friends have applied for the permits during the two previous years hunts at Cacapon State Park. I don't know of any of them who received a permit. I'm not a gambler but the fee looks like a donation to those of us who have never received a permit. Good luck with it. I won't be applying and I doubt if any of my friends will be either.

Sincerely,

Jack DeHaven

## DNR Comments

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**From:** DNR Comments  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 3, 2018 8:59 AM  
**To:** 'Thomas Doolittle'  
**Subject:** RE: state park controlled deer hunts

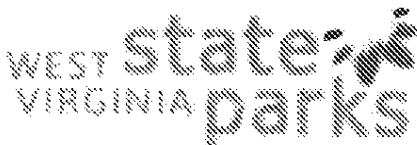
Mr. Doolittle,

Thank you for your comments and thank you for participating in these hunts in the past. Your points about "no-shows" are valid and therefore the reason for an application fee. We believe that by charging a fee, the participation level will significantly increase. It is our experience that one third to one half of hunters selected do not show. In fact, we will not be permitting "no-shows" on the day for various reasons, none more important than fairness to hunters, like you, who have put effort into applying.

Two people may apply on one application for the \$15 fee. At least for this year, if chosen, you will be allowed to hunt for 3 days.

Your concern about the price is noted.

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**From:** Thomas Doolittle  
**Sent:** Monday, July 2, 2018 10:34 AM  
**To:** DNR Comments <DNRComments@wv.gov>  
**Subject:** state park controlled deer hunts


Good morning,

My name is Thomas Doolittle and I wanted to make a few comments about the new rule for the state park controlled deer hunts. Let me first say that charging an application fee to cover the cost of the hunts is a good idea. With that being said I think \$15 per application is a little much. I have been putting in for these hunts for several years now and I have only been chosen for 1 hunt so to pay \$15 for each time that I put in for a hunt with no guarantee would discourage me from putting in my application. The one hunt that I was chosen for when I showed up for the briefing there was several hunters that did not show up and their spots were given to stand by people (it is unknown if they put in for the hunt and didn't get

picked or if they just showed up hoping to pick up an open spot). So how would it be fair that I paid for my application and didn't get picked but someone just shows up to the sight on the day of the hunt, without paying the application fee, and gets chosen to hunt due to someone else not showing up. I think that if you are going to put in place an application fee it should be per hunter not per application. If there are 19 hunts coming up and I wanted to put in for 4 of them it would cost me \$60 on top of the expense that I have already paid for my license, if it is \$15 per application I might only put in for 1, and hope that I got picked and if I didn't get picked for that 1 hunt I would probably never put in for a hunt again, in turn the state losing out on my application fee.

Thank you for taking the time to read my comments, and I hope that you will take them into consideration before making the rule final.

Thank you  
Thomas Doolittle



**Greene, Wendy L**

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**From:** Greene, Wendy L  
**Sent:** Friday, July 6, 2018 8:47 AM  
**To:** 'Jim Files'  
**Subject:** RE: Controlled Deer Hunts

Mr. Files,

The decision to create an application fee for State Parks controlled hunts was to increase the commitment from hunters applying for hunts. It has been common for only 2/3 to 1/2 of selected hunters to show for the hunt. We believe that an investment in the application process will add commitment to those applying and increase the chance of being selected to those same committed hunters.

As to your other comments concerning regulations, I have passed this along to the Wildlife Resources Section for consideration. Additionally, you may want to participate by attending one of the Natural Resources Commission meetings, held quarterly, where many of these decisions are discussed and decided. The next meeting is at Stonewall Resort State Park on July 29 at 1:00pm.

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**From:** Jim Files <[redacted]>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 2, 2018 10:22 AM  
**To:** Greene, Wendy L <Wendy.L.Greene@wv.gov>  
**Subject:** Controlled Deer Hunts

Dear Wendy L Green,

I am not sure this is the correct avenue to take, but your name is the only source I have been able to locate concerning controlled deer hunts in WV. I really don't understand the politics involved with getting something done in a timely manner, but it appears that the Charleston Democrats couldn't work in a pie factory. The controlled deer hunts are still up in the air as to what the new rulings are, the regulations are not yet out and it is now July the second. What seems to be the problem with Charleston's leadership? I tried to respond to the site that is requesting for comments about the new ruling concerning controlled deer hunts, and could not

find an address that would receive them. The person that said the way to get more people to participate in these hunts was to charge a fee needs their head examined! No one will respond if you go that direction. What needs to be done is get the regulations out at a feasible time that coincides with the purchase of the hunting license. People hesitate to get a license because they don't know the season opening and closing dates for certain until July. What the DNR heads don't realize is that many, many people must submit their vacation requests in January, February, or March for the entire year, and they never know when the season will open. Make this schedule work for the working class people, not the worthless bureaucrats, that take all year making it up. To help increase the number of people purchasing license, you need to have your meetings with the public in the fall, get your act together and have the regulations as well as the opening seasons available as soon as a license can be purchased. It is not that complicated, and if a mistake is made it is only for that year and can be changed for the next year. Please pass this information on to the correct party as we, the people, are so looking forward to this fall's election to eliminate as many "ride the pine" democrats as possible. The people spoke loud and clear in 2016, and it will again ring out more so in 2018 elections. Joe "straddle the fence" Manchin is a doomed man along with many of his constituents. West Virginia has had enough of the Charleston lies. Thank you for sending this letter to the correct person, as you are the only one brave enough to put an address on the internet.

Lifetime West Virginian Worker, hunter, and Sportsman

Jim Files

**Greene, Wendy L**

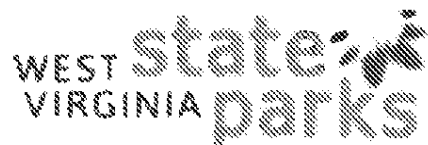
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**From:** Greene, Wendy L  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 5, 2018 1:22 PM  
**To:** 'Helmondollar, Terry R.'  
**Subject:** RE: 58-75

Mr. Helmondollar,

Thank you for your comments and for your support of WV State Park Controlled Hunts. We'd like you to be aware that all fees for hunting and fishing licenses will only be used for hunting and fishing programs. You'll be happy to know that each selected hunter will be required to commit at the time of selection to participating in the hunt by providing a purchased hunting license number. We are hopeful this new process will significantly increase the participation, as you have noticed is a concern in the past.

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**From:** Helmondollar, Terry R. <[redacted]@wv.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 4, 2018  
**To:** Greene, Wendy L <Wendy.L.Greene@wv.gov>  
**Subject:** 58-75

To WVDNR,

After reading the proposed fee for State Parks, 58-75,  
I would like to submit my commit.

I know the licensing process does not allow any money to go to the State Parks system and that this fee primarily go directly to them. I feel that you will lose money because of this and you won't have as many hunters apply for these hunts. I have applied 3 time in the past and only got drawn once for the Pipestem hunts. The year I was selected to hunt only about half of the people that were drawn showed up to hunt

and the rest of the hunters that day were walk ons. Very few deer were killed.

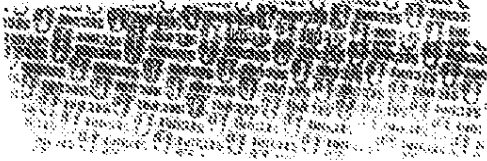
I would like to propose that each park require that each successful applicant has to purchase a hunting permit for that park BEFORE the hunt takes place. The days of the hunts raise the fee for anyone that shows up in hopes of taking a spot of someone that did not show. You will still have the same amount of applications for these lottery hunts

and I feel that people will not feel like they are throwing their money away for a slim chance of being drawn.

WV has never had an nonrefundable application fee and I don't feel it will be received very well.

Have a great day and thank you for posing these for public comment.

Terry Helmndollar



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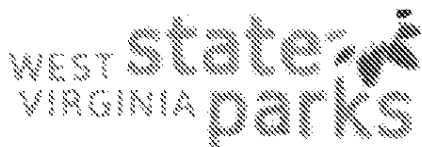
**From:** DNR Comments  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 5, 2018 3:58 PM  
**To:** 'Harvey Coffman'  
**Subject:** RE: Controlled hunts

Mr. Coffman,

Thank you for your comments and for participating in the State Park controlled Hunts in the past. The purpose of the fee is to increase the commitment for hunters who apply. Currently, the "no-show rate" is about 1/2 to 1/3 of hunters selected. We believe that by charging a fee, only those hunters who are seriously considering hunting at a location will apply. This will in turn, increase the selection rate for those hunters allowing more committed hunters to participate.

The application funds will be used to offset costs for the program.

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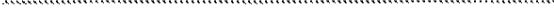
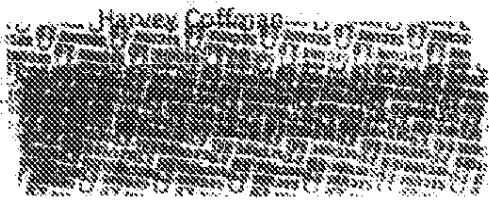


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**From:** Harvey Coffman  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 4, 2018 9:58 AM  
**To:** DNR Comments <DNRComments@wv.gov>  
**Subject:** Controlled hunts

I disagree with the proposal that you have coming up on the controlled hunts. I feel that a \$15 application fee per hunt is too much. I would agree on paying a \$15 fee but be able to apply for all the hunts I want to help offset the processing of application. I apply for about all of the controlled hunts that you offer. When I get selected I rent a room at the park and spend money while I'm there. I feel if you pass the \$15 fee per hunt you will have a decrease in people applying. People with low income or fixed income will be effected by the \$15 fee per hunt and it may make them not apply for any hunts. If the \$15 fee per hunt passes it would make me cut back on applying for hunts. Also it would cut back on money I would spend at the parks if selected for a hunt. Which would be lose of revenue to these parks. I would like to know what the extra money from these application fees would be used for? I hope that you all will amend or defeat these changes. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



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**Greene, Wendy L**

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**From:** Greene, Wendy L  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 5, 2018 1:14 PM  
**To:** Ickes, Timothy R  
**Subject:** RE: Comment on State park regs for special hunts

Mr. Ickes,

Thank you for the comments and for supporting our efforts on the State Parks Controlled Deer Hunts. Your comments about fees is appreciated. Concerning your thoughts on increased commitment for selected hunters, we expect the commitment level will increase significantly. Each person will be contacted and required to commit to participating by providing a purchased license number. We will certainly keep records of any no-shows and determine if this continues to be a problem. Your recommendation of excluding the opportunity for a time period is valid and will be considered.

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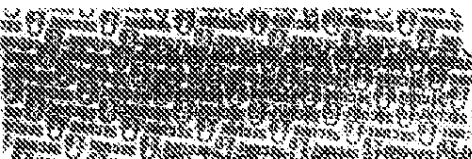
**From:** Ickes, Timothy R  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 4, 2018 11:33 AM  
**To:** Greene, Wendy L <Wendy.L.Greene@wv.gov>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Comment on State park regs for special hunts

Dear [REDACTED],

I believe the fee for additional applications should be lowered to 10 dollars after the second or third application. I know from going to spring South Charleston Feburary meeting the fee is to make the awarded hunter(s) to have skin in the game to arrive and participate. I know that the purpose of the special hunts is to ensure the number of deer recommended by the biologists in each place/area to be removed are removed. Maybe another thought is if you apply to multiple sites there is a cap of 50 dollars and if you are drawn for more than one area you are notified and have a choice of the place you want to hunt. The other place or places are redrawn to another person who is paying the 15 dollar or greater fee. I think the 15 dollars should stay for the first application. I am just concerned for the one's of us

that are dedicated hunters who have our preferred area but are willing to go to another area. I think also if you do get picked for an area and do not contact the DNR on special number set up for these special hunts at least 24 hours excepted by medical emergency which are shown to the DNR from a medical facility visit slip that you are banned from being selected for 1 to 3 years at your decision. I understand emergencies happen but if you also have an alternate list of maybe 10 to 15 people at each site who have agreed to only have a 24 hour to the previous night notice to fill that spot of the person who calls in. Thank you considering my varied changes and thoughts to changing the current proposal to ensure more hunters on the ground to allow more wildlife to be taken while also not draining the pocket of the dedicated hunters of WV. Thank you again and looking forward to seeing the final decision made for these hunts.

Tim Ickes



for foster/adoptive parents to have a chance to purchase a lifetime half priced license prior to 2 years after having a child(s) placed in their home by the state DHHR as is allowed currently to biological children by the DNR)

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To Whom It May Concern:

DNR

I am writing in response to the proposed rule change regarding the State Parks Office hunts. My dad, brother, and I have been lifetime license holders since 1988 when the program was fairly new and I got an infant license for my son in 1995. My roots and commitment to the outdoors in WV run deep.

Last season I applied for all of the deer lottery hunts in WV and was fortunate to be chosen for the Green Bank and Cacapon State Park hunts. They were both well organized and enjoyable hunts that I hope to do again. It was bothersome that about a dozen individuals didn't show for the Green Bank hunt who had been selected and the number was around 20 no shows for Cacapon. There were a handful of local walk-ins at Cacapon which helped to fill in some of the numbers, but that was not ideal. I agree that there needs to be a way to remedy this situation and hopefully make a little money for the state DNR. I agree with the heart of the state's proposal to improve the program of lottery hunts.

What I disagree with is the price of \$15 for the proposed application fee. I have listed some reasons below for me personally and what I believe will be true for many hunters regarding the fees.

1. These hunts have historically been free so any fee at all is going to surprise many hunters when they see the rule change and go to apply. I believe the price will illicit a lot of anger when it is in print in the new regulations. (I doubt many people are aware of this proposed change due to the time of year we are in. Most people are focused on going to the beach and not deer hunting in late June early July.)

2. The lottery hunts are essentially antlerless hunts, I know a few hunters get an either sex tag, but an individual has to be content with doing a purely antlerless hunt or they have no business applying for lottery hunts since that is what they are mostly designed to be. With that in mind, an individual can buy up to 3 antlerless tags at \$10 a piece and be able to hunt in the majority of the state. A lottery app fee that costs more than that with no guarantee of being picked doesn't make good financial sense to me as an individual.

3. Even though I am a lifetime license holder I still spent \$74 in tags last year. I bought an extra bow \$21, an extra buck \$21 and 3 antlerless \$30 and then the processing fee of \$2. I would reduce the extra tags I would buy to offset the application fees if I choose to apply. I would imagine other hunters would do the same. \$75 is about the limit I can personally justify to pay over and above my regular license to hunt in my home state. I am far more likely to spend money on tags I know I can use instead of applying for 5 hunts at \$75 total with no guarantees of being picked.

4. There are individuals that object to any lottery that takes in money. Many people do not buy lottery tickets who are opposed to gambling. This proposal is not far off from

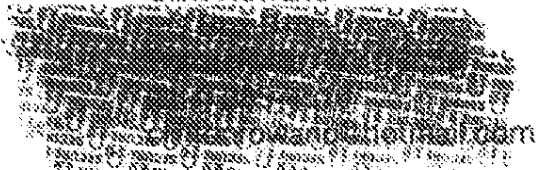
the concept of buying a regular lottery ticket. Those that conscientiously object to such a thing would be prohibited from participating in this program held on public lands.

**My alternative suggestions to alleviate the price concern, fix the problem of no shows and possibly generate revenue for the state.**

1. Set the fee at \$5 dollars instead as an administrative fee to cover the costs associated with the program. This would keep out people that aren't committed and have no real intention of going to the hunt, but make it so an individual can apply for 5 or 6 hunts with a really good chance of getting to do one of the hunts. I believe you would get more applicants overall and this fee would be much less difficult for families and those on a budget to handle. I also believe this amount would receive much less backlash when implemented.
2. Add a rule that if someone is a no show and doesn't give notice well in advance; so someone else could take the spot, they forfeit the right to apply for any lottery hunts the next three years. I was not originally picked for the Cacapon hunt last year in August. I got a letter in October that I was selected because a few individuals called in to say they couldn't make the hunt, so they drew more names. I am thankful that some gave notice they couldn't make the hunt and acknowledged that so I could be chosen. (This is my preferred solution without adding fees.)
3. If the fee has to be \$15 at least give preference points so an individual's chances will go up in subsequent years to get a hunt they want. The software system upgrade touted in the proposal should be able to handle such a thing or another system should be picked since many states already use this system.

Thank you for allowing me to express my concerns and listening to my suggestions.

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Thank you for your detailed comments and your past support of State Park controlled Hunts. Your concern about the \$15 cost of the tag is noted. I appreciate your understanding the purpose for the changes, which we believe will significantly increase the commitment of selected hunters. An additional change this year will be required confirmation by selected hunters that they are attending the hunt as well as and selected hunters providing a purchased hunting license number. We will be keeping records of no-shows and evaluating future changes to continue to increase commitment. For clarity, controlled State Park hunts do not require an extra stamp, nor do they count against your bag limit.

This year, selected hunters will be allowed to hunt for three days. At four locations, hunters will be allowed to harvest up to two deer. In those locations, archery hunters will be given an either sex tag once an antlerless deer has been harvested.

Again, thank you for your comments. Your input is appreciated.

Sincerely,

  
Samuel England, Chief  
Parks & Recreation Section

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**Greene, Wendy L**

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**From:** Greene, Wendy L  
**Sent:** Friday, June 29, 2018 4:11 PM  
**To:** 'Clinton Rowand'  
**Subject:** RE: New lottery hunt fee question

Mr. Rowand,

Thank you for your question concerning the controlled state park deer hunts.

The \$15 fee is per application. Each hunt is a separate application. One or two hunters may apply on each application for the \$15 fee.

Thank you

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With the ever-increasing industrialization and urbanization of our people the need for recreation in the restful peace and quiet of the wilderness becomes more urgent, and it is in the spring especially that folks, weary of the routine of winter, turn to nature for psychological and physiological relief." -Dr. Earl Core. 1972.

**From:** Clinton Rowand  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 29, 2018 10:11 AM  
**To:** Greene, Wendy L <Wendy.L.Greene@wv.gov>  
**Subject:** New lottery hunt fee question

Hello Wendy

The new lottery \$15 fee to apply for state park hunts, is that per hunt or is it a base fee that you can then apply for as many of them as you want for the \$15? My thoughts and comments on this will be reserved until after your answer. Thank you very much!

Have a good day.

Clint Rowand

