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- Marking path or navigational routes is prohibited.
  - Use of airboats and jetskis is prohibited.
  - Overnight camping and fires are prohibited.
  - Feeding or harassing wildlife is prohibited.
  - Taking of any plants or other wildlife is prohibited.

## **V. Public Engagement**

### **A. Outreach for Announcing and Publicizing the Hunting Program**

The Refuge maintains a mailing list for a public informational bulletin to local newspapers, radio, and websites. Special announcements and articles may be released in conjunction with hunting seasons. In addition, information about the hunt will be available at the Banks Lake NWR website and the Georgia DNR website.

### **B. Anticipated Public Reaction to the Hunting Program**

Public comments are expected since hunting has not been previously allowed on Banks Lake NWR. In addition, due to the location of homes on the water and private docks being in the water, it is expected that homeowners may be concerned with hunting activities. Georgia DNR and Lanier County Commissioners support this hunting opportunity; however, all public output and comments will be taken into account by USFWS.

### **C. How Hunters Would Be Informed of Relevant Rules and Regulations**

All hunting information will be available on Banks Lake NWR website, Georgia DNR website and published in the Georgia hunting regulations.

## **VI. Compatibility Determination**

Hunting and all associated program activities in this plan are compatible with the purposes of the refuge.