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County Plans Managed Deer Hunts at Nature Preserve

Leesburg, VA – November 17, 2010 – The Loudoun County Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) will conduct a series of managed hunts at Banshee Reeks Nature Preserve in Leesburg, Virginia beginning in January 2011 to reduce the level of deer at the site. Fee-based, lottery-style managed hunts for antlerless deer will be conducted, followed by a maintenance program to keep the deer population in check.

Interested hunters must register for the lottery by December 13, 2010. Online registration is available at www.loudoun.gov/webtrac using activity number 267501-01. On-site registration is available Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the PRCS Administrative Office, 215 Depot Court, SE, Leesburg, Virginia. The lottery registration fee is \$10 for Loudoun residents and \$15 for non-residents. (An additional fee of \$1.00 applies to on-site registrations.) Twenty-five hunters (plus five alternates) will be selected through the lottery and will be notified on December 14. Participating hunters must have a Virginia hunting license, pass a qualifier at local ranges, attend a weekday orientation at Banshee Reeks, purchase a Loudoun County hunting permit (\$25) at the orientation, and participate in up to three weekday hunts.

Personnel from PRCS and the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF) have conducted deer herd health assessments at the preserve over the past four years. DGIF biologists have determined that the health of the deer is declining and that the carrying capacity of the herd has been far exceeded.

For more information about the managed hunt program, visit www.loudoun.gov/prcs or call 703-777-0343 or 703-669-0316.

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