

2017 Experimental Pronghorn Buck Season

- » The experimental permit is valid ONLY in special pronghorn experimental areas near Dalhart and Pampa (see maps).
- » Hunters MUST obtain landowner permission to access private land and have permit signed by landowner or authorized agent to validate permit prior to hunting.
- » No person may use more than ONE permit per license year because of bag limit restrictions.
- » Hunters are REQUIRED to complete and attach the permit to the pronghorn immediately upon harvest.
- » A pronghorn harvested within an experimental area MUST be brought to a TPWD check station within 24 hours of harvest (more information inside).



The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is continuing an experimental pronghorn buck season in some areas of the Panhandle, which allows landowners to control the number of buck pronghorn harvested on their properties. The experimental season will continue to be tested, and wildlife officials will closely monitor pronghorn herds during the pilot project to ensure populations remain healthy. However, if a definite negative biological impact is detected during the trial, the experimental season will be discontinued.

A person may pick up multiple permits; however, no hunter may take more than one pronghorn in a license year. If someone has received permission to obtain a permit for another individual, they must provide the appropriate information for the absent person (hunting or driver's license number and personal contact information) to the permit distributor.

The permit **MUST** be signed by a landowner or authorized agent of the property prior to hunting. Hunters who have permission to hunt on multiple properties must have the permit signed by each landowner/agent on whose property the person hunts. **TPWD strongly recommends that landowner designations of authorized agents be in writing.**

Hunters are required to present the intact, unfrozen head of harvested pronghorn at a mandatory check station within 24 hours of harvest, so wildlife staff can collect essential biological information from the harvested animal. These data will be analyzed annually to make sure populations remain healthy. Check stations are at the following locations:

- In Dalhart, at the park off of Lake Drive. Check station is across from People's Church (1929 Apache Dr). Coordinates of Dalhart check station (36.038269, -102.506358),
- In Pampa, at Chisum Ranch office (on Price Rd, south of HWY 152). Coordinates of Pampa check station (35.531080, -100.989493).

Check stations will be open through the 9-day season (Sept. 30 - Oct. 8 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and the following Monday (Oct. 9) 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

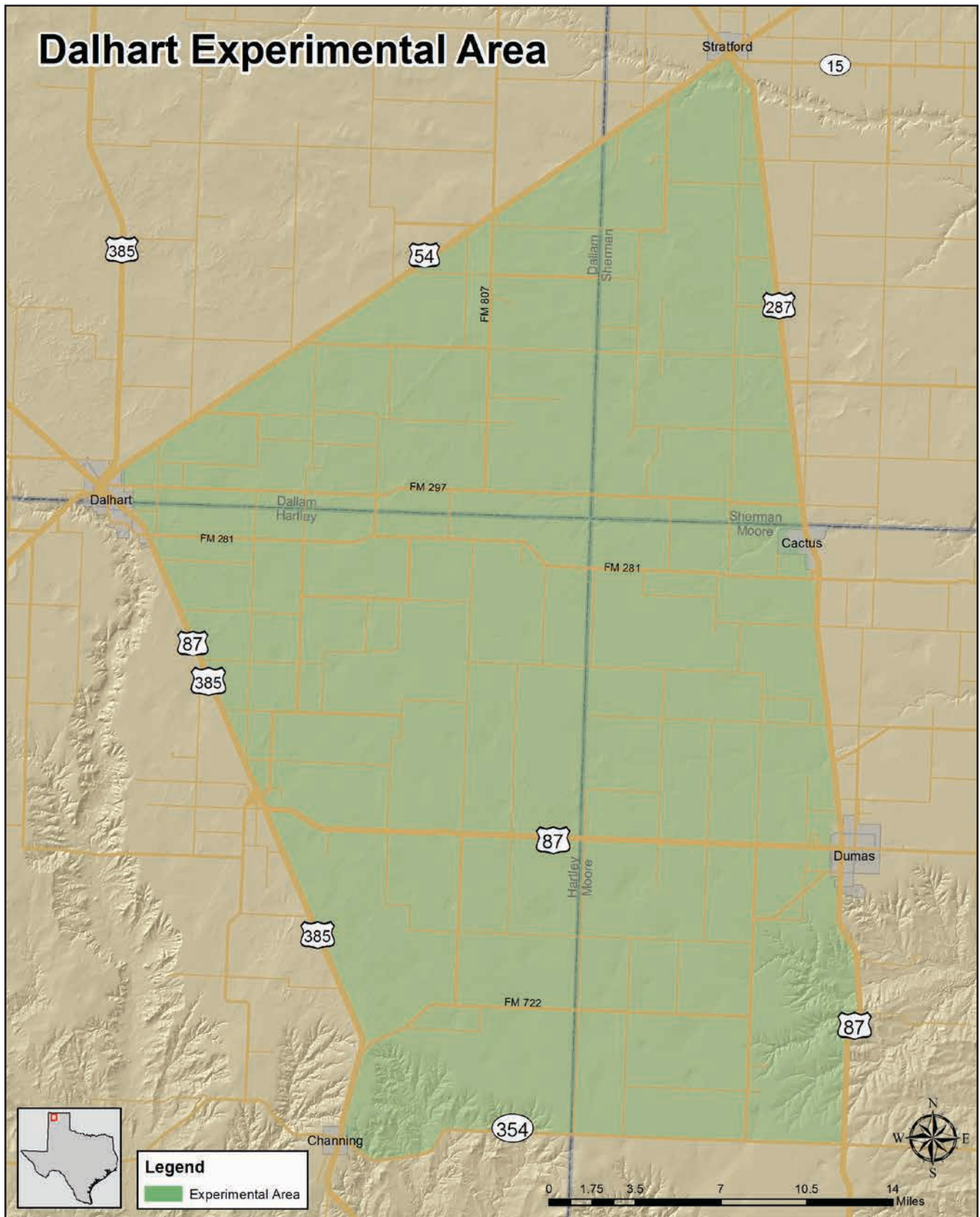
A check station receipt will be given to each hunter to provide documentation that they have complied with the mandatory check station regulation. A process called cementum annuli forensic aging will be used to estimate ages of harvested pronghorn. The procedure requires the two front teeth (incisors) from the harvested animal's lower jaw. Incisor removal from the lower jaw will not affect your trophy if you plan to have it mounted. Age estimates will be provided to hunters who participate in the check stations free of charge. Age results will be posted on our website by check station receipt number once data is received from the lab (usually in January).

Biologists also encourage those hunting in other herd units (outside of the experimental areas) to bring their harvested animal to a check station. Information from your pronghorn will be used in comparative analysis with the experimental areas and your animal will be aged for free.

The goal of the project is to simplify pronghorn hunting regulations and increase hunting opportunity in areas with stable populations. After completion of the experiment, the department will assess all data to determine whether a permanent regulation change to a landowner controlled harvest for bucks is suitable, as well as expanding the concept into other areas of the northern Panhandle.

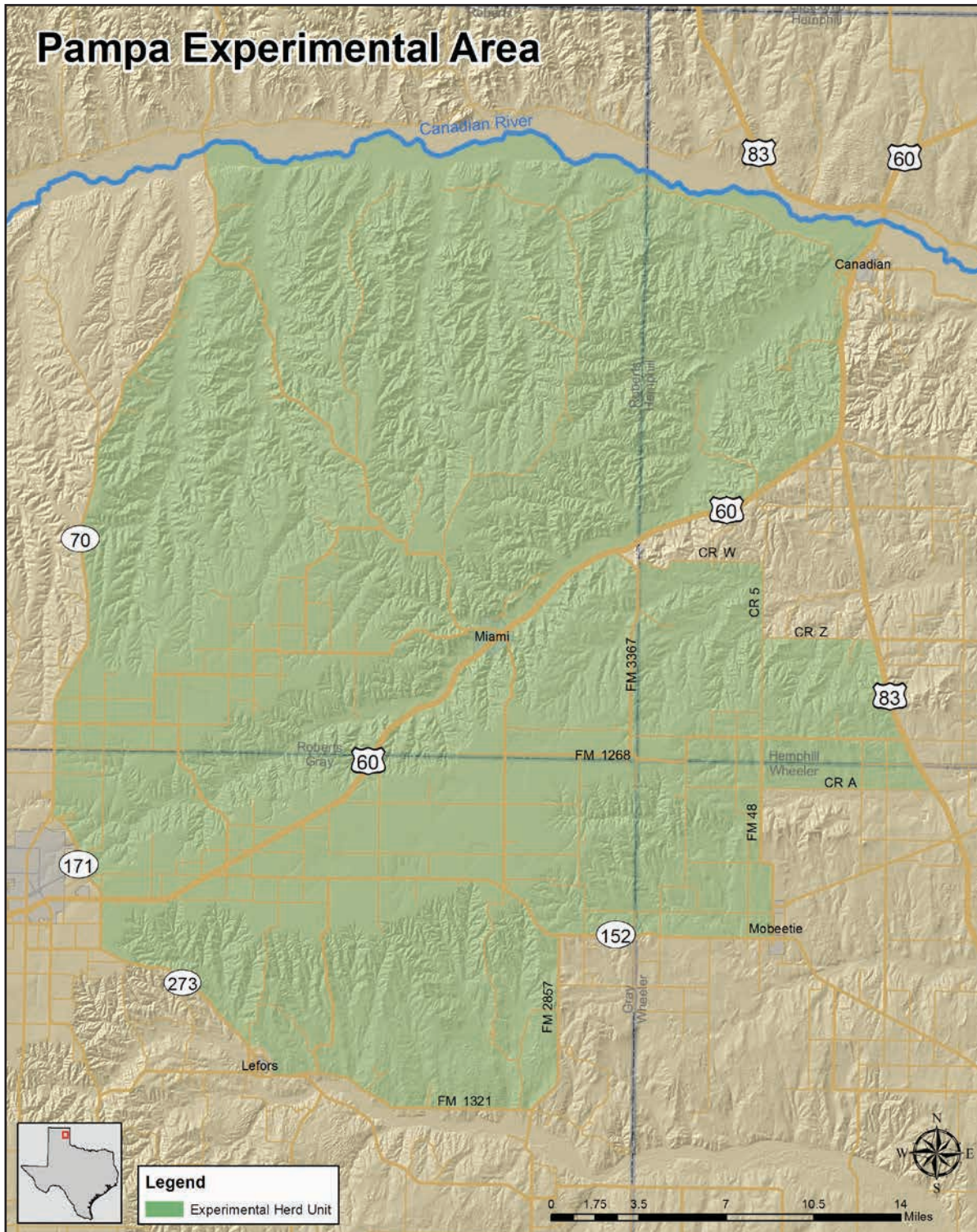
For sustainable harvest rates and recommendations, contact your local biologist or see link on the cover for more information. Don't know your biologist? Please visit www.tpwd.texas.gov/biologists/

Dalhart Experimental Area



Dalhart Experimental Area Boundary Description

That portion of the state south of a line beginning at the intersection of U.S. Highway (U.S.) 87 and U.S. 54 in the City of Dalhart in Dallam County; thence northeast along U.S. 54 to U.S. 287 in the City of Stratford in Sherman County; thence southeast along U.S. 287 to the intersection of State Highway (S.H.) 354 in Moore County; thence west along S.H. 354 to U.S. 385 in Hartley County; thence north-west along U.S. 385/87 to intersection of U.S. 87 and U.S. 54 in the City of Dalhart in Dallam County.



Pampa Experimental Area Boundary Description

That portion of the state south of a line beginning at the intersection of S.H. 70 and Canadian River in Roberts County; thence east along the Canadian River to U.S. 60 in Hemphill County; thence southwest along U.S. 60/83 to Ranch Road (R.R.) 3367 in Roberts County; thence southeast along R.R. 3367 to County Road (C.R.) W; thence east along C.R. W to Neece Road in Hemphill County; thence south along Neece Road to C.R. Z; thence east along C.R. Z to U.S. 83; thence south along U.S. 83 to C.R. A in Wheeler County; thence west along C.R. A to F.M. 48; thence south along F.M. 48 to S.H. 152/W. Oklahoma Ave; thence west along S.H. 152/W. Oklahoma Ave to R.R. 2857 in Gray County; thence south along R.R. 2857 to Ranch to Market (R.M.) 1321; thence west along R.M. 1321 to S.H. 273; thence west/northwest along S.H. 273 to S.H. 171 Loop; thence north along S.H. 171 Loop to S.H. 70; thence north along S.H. 70 to the Canadian River in Roberts County.