Potential Income
For Texas Landowners

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What is a Short-Term Hunting Land Lease?
It is a contract between Texas Parks and Wildlife and a private landowner. The landowner agrees to give APH and LPU Permit holders access to their land to enjoy recreational activities including hunting and fishing. Texas Parks and Wildlife pays the landowner for this access, sets up an information station and posts signs.

Who can hunt on Short-Term Hunting Lease lands?
Only those hunters who purchase the APH Permit (approximately 38,000 are sold annually statewide) are allowed to hunt. Texas Parks and Wildlife biologists or game wardens periodically monitor the hunting area and are available to hunters and landowners.

What are my liability risks?
The Texas Legislature has enacted statutes that offer liability protection to landowners that lease recreational (including hunting) rights.

How much does Texas Parks and Wildlife pay for these leases?
Payments vary widely depending upon things such as location, size, habitat quality, game species and hunt dates provided. Currently, lease prices range from about $2 to $10 per acre. Areas with high quality managed habitat and those within close proximity to population centers receive the best price.

What is the length of the hunt period and leases?
The length of the lease is negotiable and depends on the species being hunted. A partial season, multi-seasons and special late seasons are all options. The deadline for lease agreements is early June.

What species may be hunted?
Texas Parks and Wildlife is interested in dove, waterfowl (ducks and geese), pheasants, quail, feral hog, squirrel and rabbits.