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## Leslie Canyon (/refuge/Leslie\_Canyon/)

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### Seeking Public Input

*Leslie Canyon National Wildlife Refuge is proposing to allow hunting in the open area of the refuge that is approximately 810 acres, and includes all refuge lands north of Leslie Canyon Road.*

The refuge proposes to open to Badger, Bear, Bobcat, Coati, Coyote, Dove, Fox, Javelina, Mule Deer, Quail, Rabbit, Raccoon, Ring-Tailed Cat, Skunk, and White-Tailed Deer. The public is being invited to provide information that should be considered in the refuges Hunt Plan.

The purpose of this proposed action is to provide compatible wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities on the refuge. The need of the proposed action is to meet the Service's priorities and mandates as outlined by the NWRSA to "recognize compatible wildlife-dependent recreational uses as the priority general uses of the NWR" and "ensure that opportunities are provided within the NWR for compatible wildlife-dependent recreational uses" 16 U.S.C. 668dd(a)(4)).

The refuge is encouraging members of the public to get involved in the hunting program for Leslie Canyon NWR. The refuge seeks public input and comment on its Draft Hunt Plan, Compatibility Determination and Environmental Assessment, available now for public review. These plans are designed to address hunting on the refuge.

Read the documents here:

Draft compatibility determination (/uploadedFiles/DraftCD\_LCNWR\_HUNTING\_012420.pdf)

Draft environmental assessment (/uploadedFiles/DraftEA\_LCNWR\_HUNTING\_021220.pdf)

Draft hunt plan (/uploadedFiles/Draft\_LCNWR\_HUNT\_PLAN\_012320.pdf)

The public is encouraged to provide input by writing to: Assistant Manager, Leslie Canyon National Wildlife Refuge, Po Box 3509 Douglas AZ 85608; or may e-mail [tasha\\_harden@fws.gov](mailto:tasha_harden@fws.gov) (mailto:tasha\_harden@fws.gov?subject=Public Input - Hunting). \*Please put "Public Input - Hunting" in the subject line of the email.

Comments will be accepted until April 30, 2020.

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### *Helping a Threatened Amphibian*

*Because of extreme drought conditions, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service made the decision during the summer of 2010 to collect as many Chiricahua leopard frog tadpoles as possible from the refuge's Leslie Creek. As a result, for the first time in many years, the endangered leopard frog is once again living in the wilds of the Chiricahua Mountains.*

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