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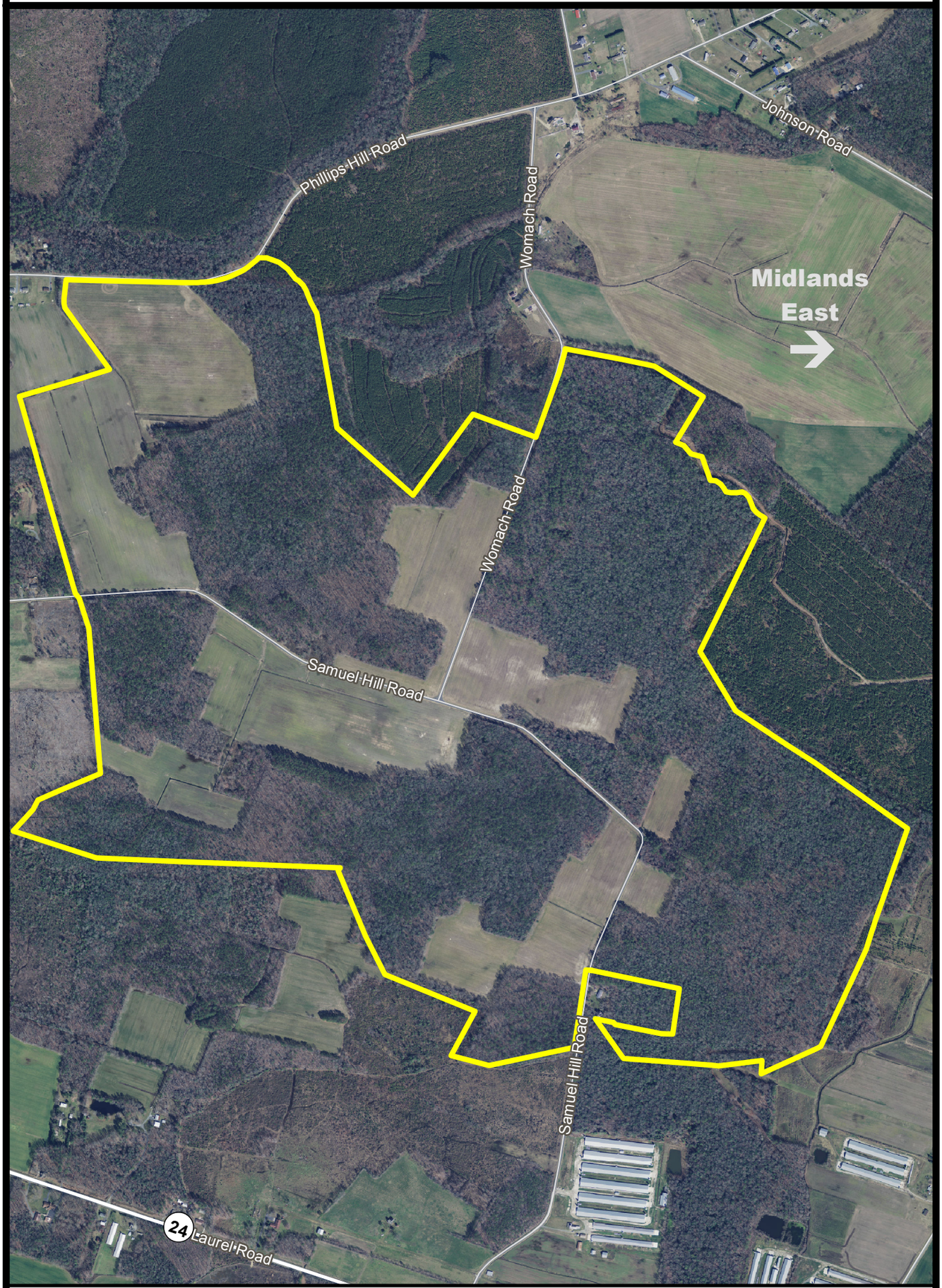

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Persons may use state wildlife areas only as directed by the following rules, which have been established by Wildlife Regulations 3900 of the Division of Fish and Wildlife, pursuant to Section 103, 7 Delaware Code. Please refer to **Wildlife Area Regulations** map for general information.

GENERAL RULES

1. Violators of wildlife area regulations may be subject to fines and/or revocation of hunting privileges on state wildlife areas for up to one year.
2. Persons who possess, consume, or are under the influence of drugs or alcoholic beverages are prohibited from hunting or possessing firearms on Division Lands.
3. Firearms prohibited on state wildlife areas from March 1 - August 31 except during legal hunting seasons or as authorized in writing by the Division of Fish and Wildlife. Target shooting is prohibited.

DEER HUNTING

1. Deer hunters may hunt anywhere (excluding posted refuges and safety zones) in season.
2. This area IS OPEN for the special October antlerless firearms season.
3. Deer hunters may use temporary portable stands. No permanent deer stands, platforms, ladders, or blinds may be constructed. No screw-in steps, tree spikes, screws, or nails are allowed. All parts of temporary portable deer stands must be removed within 48 hours of the last day of the last deer season. Any stands remaining after this date will be removed and become property of the Division of Fish and Wildlife.
4. The Division is not responsible for theft or damage to any temporary stand and placement of a temporary stand does not give the stand owner any exclusive hunting rights to that area.
5. Deer drives are permitted between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM. No more than 6 resident hunters may participate in deer drives. Non-resident hunters are prohibited from participating in deer drives.
6. Handguns are permitted during any season where a shotgun is legal and also during the January handgun season.
7. Hunters are permitted to use designated established roadways to retrieve harvested deer between the hours of 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM and from ½ hour after sunset – 9:00 PM.

UPLAND HUNTING

A. Small Game

1. Small game hunters must display a minimum of 250 square inches of blaze orange while hunting on State Wildlife Areas.
2. Small game hunting permitted anywhere (excluding posted refuges and safety zones) in season.
3. Rabbit hunting closed during December antlerless and January shotgun deer seasons.
4. Hunting prohibited within posted refuges and safety zones and dogs are not permitted to enter refuges for any reason.
5. Rabbit dogs may be trained on Sundays during September, October, and November except during open deer firearms seasons.

B. Dove

1. No person shall hunt doves on state wildlife areas during the early season while possessing shot other than approved nontoxic shot.
2. Dove hunting permitted anywhere (excluding posted refuges and safety zones) in season.

C. Turkey

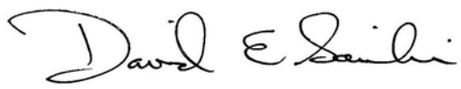
1. Turkey hunting by permit only. Permits awarded through preseason lottery. See Delaware Hunting and Trapping Guide for application.

D. Furbearers

1. Trapping is prohibited.
2. Raccoon hunting is permitted from Sept 1 – March 31 during legal raccoon hunting seasons.
3. Fox and coyote hunting permitted in season while hunting other game species per these map regulations. No fox chasing permitted during any deer firearm season or prior to 1:00 PM during turkey season.

WATERFOWL HUNTING

1. Waterfowl hunting is permitted anywhere within this area (excluding posted refuges and safety zones).
2. Layout blinds are permitted to be used in upland fields provided no excavation of ground occurs. Vehicles may not be driven into upland fields or anywhere off of established roadways.
3. This area will be open during the Snow Goose Conservation Order. See official seasons and regulations. No permit or sign-in required during the conservation order.



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