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DEER ABATEMENT PROGRAM AT CHARLESTON AFB IMPLEMENTED FOR FLIGHT SAFETY

CHARLESTON AIR FORCE BASE, S.C. – As part of Charleston AFB's flightline wildlife resource management program the base began conducting deer abatement along two of the main runways April 2.

The encroachment of deer along the runways poses a potential danger to both military and commercial flight operations, said Charleston officials. The problem, which has been studied by both airfield operations and flight safety personnel, causes a risk for an aircraft strike, loss of property or loss of life.

The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources has provided 24 deer depredation permits to ensure the base properly conducts the program. The program will continue until the airfield manager indicates that the deer are not being observed or until the permits are used. If there continue to be deer sightings and additional permits are needed, the base will contact the Department of Natural Resources for that purpose.

Individuals chosen for eradication team will be allowed to keep the processed meat of one deer and the remainder of all meat will be donated to the Jenkins Orphanage.

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