2017

Upland Game Bird and Small Game Hunting Seasons and 2017 Fall/2018 Spring Wild Turkey Hunting Seasons

Wyoming Game and Fish Commission

DON’T FORGET YOUR CONSERVATION STAMP

Each person licensed to hunt or fish in Wyoming shall purchase one Conservation Stamp valid for the calendar year. See page 4 for information and exemptions.

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IMPORTANT HUNTER INFORMATION

DISCLAIMER. The following sections are a condensed summary of applicable wildlife laws and other important information. This summary is in no way intended to alter the content or statutory intent of those laws. If you have any questions regarding the precise language, you can view a copy of the State Statutes (Title 23) and Wyoming Game and Fish Commission (Commission) Regulations, available at the Cheyenne Headquarters, Department Regional Offices, the Department website or consult the following websites: http://wsowy.state.wy.us or http://legisweb.state.wy.us.

ACCESS ON LANDS ENROLLED IN THE DEPARTMENT’S WALK-IN AREAS OR HUNTER MANAGEMENT AREAS. Access to private lands enrolled in the Walk-in or Hunter Management Program is granted only for the species of wildlife and for the time periods specified in Department publications. Travel by motorized vehicle is prohibited,
except as otherwise stated. Hunters wishing to use enrolled private lands for any other wildlife species, activity or time period must obtain permission from the landowner or person in charge of the property. Department publications or signs shall serve as official regulations of the Commission and may advise of additional restrictions. The landowner or person in charge of the property may grant permission for motorized vehicle travel contrary to that specified by Department signs or publications.

ACCESS YES PROGRAM. The Access Yes Program was established to help address the difficulties of finding places to hunt and fish. Hunters and anglers can voluntarily donate any whole dollar amount to Access Yes when they purchase or apply for a license. Contributions are used to secure additional public hunting and fishing access on private lands and inaccessible public lands. Donating helps support the program, but does not provide or imply access to all private or inaccessible public lands in Wyoming.

AGE RESTRICTIONS; GAME BIRDS AND WILD TURKEY. All persons fourteen (14) years of age and older shall possess the proper license while hunting game birds in Wyoming:

- **Residents under fourteen (14) years of age**
  A resident person under fourteen (14) years of age may take game birds without a game bird license if accompanied by an adult. A resident person under fourteen (14) years of age may take their own limit.

- **Nonresidents under fourteen (14) years of age**
  A nonresident person under fourteen (14) years of age may take game birds without a game bird license if accompanied by an adult possessing a valid game bird license. Game birds taken by an unlicensed, nonresident person under fourteen (14) years of age shall be applied to and limited by the daily bag and possession limits of the licensed adult in their company. A nonresident person under fourteen (14) years of age may take their own limit of game birds if they obtain and possess a valid Wyoming game bird license.

NOTE: All resident and nonresident wild turkey hunters, including persons under fourteen (14) years of age, shall possess a valid wild turkey license. Wild turkey hunters under fourteen (14) years of age shall be accompanied by an adult.

AGE RESTRICTIONS; SMALL GAME. No person fourteen (14) years or older shall take any small game animal without first obtaining the proper license. Residents under fourteen (14) years of age may hunt small game without obtaining a small game animal license. A nonresident person under fourteen (14) years need not obtain a small game animal license if accompanied by an adult possessing a valid unexpired Wyoming small game animal license in which case the nonresident person’s bag limit shall be applied to and limited by the small game hunting license held by the adult in their company. A nonresident person under fourteen (14) years of age who possesses a valid small game animal license and conservation stamp may take their own limit of small game.

ARCHERY. Bow and arrow or crossbow are permissible equipment to take small game, game birds and migratory game birds. No special archery license is required to hunt game birds or small game with archery equipment; however, archers must first obtain the proper hunting license and, if required, stamps and permits for the species to be hunted. Archers must comply with the regulations established for the regular hunting season, including open season dates.

ARTIFICIAL LIGHT FOR HUNTING PROHIBITED; EXCEPTION. No person shall take any wildlife with the aid of or by using any artificial light or lighting device except that predators may be taken with the aid of an artificial light or lighting device by:
(i) A public officer authorized to and conducting predator control;

(ii) A landowner, resident manager or person with the landowner’s or a resident manager’s written permission to take predators, on land under the landowner’s control for the protection of their property.

It is prima facie evidence of a violation if a person uses an artificial light in an area that may be inhabited by wildlife while having in their possession and control any device for taking wildlife. This shall not prohibit the hunting on foot of raccoon with the aid of a handlight, provided the hunter is accompanied by a raccoon hunting dog and, if hunting on private land(s), has the written permission of the landowner or their agent.

BAIT RESTRICTIONS. No person shall take a game animal, game bird or game fish and use any part thereof for bait to hunt, trap or poison any wildlife of Wyoming.

CHECK STATIONS. Every hunter, angler, or trapper entering or leaving areas for which check stations have been established shall stop and report at the check station if the check station is on the hunter’s, angler’s or trapper’s route to and from the hunting or fishing area. This requirement applies even if the person does not have wildlife in possession. Game and fish licensees shall produce their licenses, permits or stamps as required by regulation for any game animals, game birds, fish or furbearing animals in their possession for inspection upon request by any authorized department representative.

CLOSED AREAS. All areas within the state of Wyoming not opened by specific order of the Commission shall be closed to the taking of game animals, furbearing animals and game birds.

CLOTHING REQUIREMENTS. HUNTERS REQUIRED TO WEAR FLUORESCENT ORANGE CLOTHING. The wearing of fluorescent orange clothing while hunting small game and game birds is recommended as a safety measure and is required when hunting pheasants on Department Wildlife Habitat Management Areas or on Bureau of Reclamation Withdrawal Lands bordering and including Glendo State Park. Fluorescent orange camouflage is legal.

CONSERVATION STAMP REQUIRED; EXEMPTIONS. Each person licensed to hunt or fish in Wyoming shall purchase one (1) conservation stamp valid for the calendar year. The stamp shall be signed in ink and shall be in possession of the person while HUNTING OR FISHING. Hunters or anglers who acquire a lifetime conservation stamp or a conservation stamp authorization from the Department’s Electronic Licensing Service (ELS) shall not be required to meet the signature provision.

Persons holding the following licenses are exempt from the requirement to purchase a conservation stamp while exercising privileges under THESE licenses:

- Daily hunting or fishing license;
- Special limited fishing permit holders; or,
- Wyoming fifty (50%) percent disabled veteran fishing license;

Persons holding the following licenses are exempt from the requirement to purchase a conservation stamp while exercising hunting or fishing privileges under ANY Wyoming license. The person shall, at all times, be in possession of the license allowing the conservation stamp exemption while in the field:

- Any Wyoming pioneer hunting or fishing license;
- Wyoming one hundred (100%) percent disabled veteran game bird, small game and fishing license;
- Military combat general elk or general deer license;
- Military combat game bird or small game license;
• Licenses reissued to a veteran with disabilities or a person with a permanent disability who uses a wheelchair; or,
• Resident United States Military Purple Heart Medal recipients.

Conservation stamps may be purchased from the Cheyenne Headquarters, Department Regional Offices, license selling agents throughout the state and the Department website. A lifetime conservation stamp may be purchased by applying to the Cheyenne Headquarters or through any Department Regional Office.

CROW SEASON. The entire state of Wyoming shall be open to the taking of crows from November 1 through December 31 and from January 1 through February 28. No hunting license is required to hunt crows. Crows may be taken by use of firearms, bow and arrow, and falconry. There is no bag limit. While there is a hunting season for crows, ravens may not be hunted. The best method of distinguishing between the two species is the shape of the tail while in flight. The crow has a square tail while the raven has a wedge-shaped tail (see diagram).

![Common Raven](Image 207x457 to 292x531) ![American Crow](Image 207x457 to 292x531)

DATING AND DISPLAY OF GAME ANIMAL CARCASS COUPONS. When any big game animal, trophy game animal or wild turkey is killed under a license, or sandhill crane is killed under a limited quota sandhill crane permit, the licensee shall detach, sign and date the proper carcass coupon and attach the coupon to the carcass in a readily visible manner before leaving the site of the kill. When dating a carcass coupon, the entire day and month of the kill shall be completely cut out and removed. (See page 23.) The carcass coupon shall remain on the game animal or wild turkey carcass at all times until the meat undergoes processing, or on the trophy game animal hide until it reaches the hunter’s home or a taxidermist, except that during transportation of the carcass or hide, the validated carcass coupon may be removed to prevent its loss. If the carcass coupon is removed for transportation of the carcass or hide, it must be completely filled out and in the possession of the person accompanying the carcass or hide at all times. While quarters or pieces of an animal are being packed from the field, the carcass coupon shall remain with the person transporting the animal.

DEFINITIONS:
“Accompanied by a mentor” means being directly supervised at all times by a mentor who is within sight and direct voice contact.
“Artificial light or lighting device” means any man-made light or lighting device which projects a visible light outside the device, or any electronic device that provides an enhanced ability to see in the dark.
“Daily bag limit” means the maximum number of game birds or small game animals that may be legally taken in a single day.
“Designated road” means an established road marked with a white arrow sign.
“Domicile” means that place where a person has his true, fixed and permanent home to which whenever the person is temporarily absent the person has the intention of returning. To prove domicile as required by Wyoming Statutes § 23-1-102 and § 23-1-107 a person shall be able to establish that he: physically resides in Wyoming; has made his permanent home in Wyoming; is not residing in Wyoming for a special or temporary purpose; and, has abandoned his domicile in all other states, territories or countries.
“Electronic Licensing Service (ELS)” means the Department’s Electronic Draw Application System, Internet Point of Sale System and Online Internet Sales System used by the Department, license selling agents and the public to apply for or purchase licenses, permits, stamps, tags, preference points and coupons.
“Established road” means any road or trail that has been graded or constructed to carry motor vehicles or on which repeated legal motor vehicle traffic has created well-defined tracks.

“Falconry” means taking quarry by means of a trained raptor.

“Game bird” means grouse, partridge, pheasant, ptarmigan, quail, wild turkey and migratory game birds.

“General licenses” means big or trophy game or wild turkey licenses valid in any hunt area in which licenses have not been totally limited in number. General licenses shall be valid only under species, sex, age class and harvest limitations that are in effect for each hunt area.

“License” means a document issued by the Department, through the authority of the Commission, to a qualified individual that grants certain privileges to take fish or wildlife in accordance with statutory or regulatory provisions.

“Limited quota licenses” means licenses limited in number and valid only in a specified hunt area(s) or portion(s) of a hunt area. Limited quota licenses shall be valid only under species, sex, age class, harvest, and weapon type limitations that are in effect for each hunt area.

“Mentee” means a person who has received special authorization from the Department to take wildlife and who has not received a certificate of competency and safety in the use and handling of firearms.

“Mentor” means a person who is at least eighteen (18) years of age, can demonstrate they have a certificate of competency and safety in the use and handling of firearms, possesses a valid Wyoming hunting license and is directly supervising not more than one (1) mentee, other than immediate family members, at a time while in the field.

“Migratory game bird” means all migratory game birds defined and protected under federal law.

“Nonresident” means any person not a resident.

“Nontoxic shot” means steel or any federally approved nontoxic shot.

“Orders” means orders, rules and regulations.

“Permit” means a document that authorizes a license holder to carry out activities not authorized by the license itself.

“Possession limit” means the maximum number of game birds or small game animals that may be legally in possession. Wildlife in transit or storage shall be considered in possession. For migratory game birds, when a person hunts in more than one (1) state, flyway or zone, the person’s total possession limit shall not exceed the largest possession limit prescribed for any one of the states, flyways or zones in which the hunting takes place.

“Predacious bird” means English sparrow and starling.

“Predatory animal” means coyote, jackrabbit, porcupine, raccoon, red fox, skunk or stray cat. “Predatory animal” also means gray wolf located outside the Wolf Trophy Game Management Area and Seasonal Wolf Trophy Game Management Area as described in W.S. § 23-1-101(a)(ii)(B) (I) and (II).

“Protected animal” means black-footed ferret, fisher, lynx, otter, pika or wolverine.

“Protected bird” means migratory birds as defined and protected under federal law.

“Public road or highway” means any roadway that is open to vehicular travel by the public. The road surface, the area between the fences on a fenced public road or highway, and an area thirty (30) feet perpendicular to the edge of the road surface on an unfenced public road or highway shall be considered the public road or highway. Two-track trails on public lands are not public roads.

“Resident” means a United States citizen or legal alien who is domiciled in Wyoming for at least one (1) full year immediately preceding making application for any resident game and fish license, preference point, permit or tag, shall not have claimed residency in any other state, territory or country for any other purpose during that one (1) year period, and meets the requirements specified in Wyoming Statutes § 23-1-102 and § 23-1-107.

“Season limit” means the maximum number of sandhill cranes or pheasants that may be legally taken during the entire season.
“Small game animal” means cottontail rabbit or snowshoe hare, fox, grey and red squirrels.

“Take” means hunt, pursue, catch, capture, shoot, fish, seine, trap, kill or possess, or attempt to hunt, pursue, catch, capture, shoot, fish, seine, trap, kill, or possess.

“Waste” means to leave, abandon or allow any edible portion of meat from a big game animal, game bird, game fish or small game animal to become tainted, rotten or otherwise unfit for human consumption prior to processing at a person’s home or at a processor.

DISABLED HUNTER INFORMATION. Contact the Cheyenne Headquarters or any Department Regional Office for specific information.

DUPLICATE AND REPLACEMENT LICENSE ISSUED UPON LOSS OR DESTRUCTION OF ORIGINAL; PURCHASE AND FEES. When any license issued has been lost or destroyed, the licensee may secure a duplicate of the original license from the Cheyenne Headquarters, any Department Regional Office or designated license selling agents. A duplicate license shall be issued if the original license contained a carcass coupon. A replacement license shall be issued if the original license did not contain a carcass coupon. The licensee may secure a replacement license at the Cheyenne Headquarters, Department Regional Offices or from ELS agents. The Department shall charge a fee of five dollars ($5) for each duplicate or replacement license.

EMERGENCY CLOSURES. The Commission may institute an emergency closure to shorten the season in any area at any time if a harvest quota is reached or if an emergency arises warranting the closure. Should a closure become necessary after the season opens, no refunds will be given for unused licenses.

FALCONRY LICENSES. Licenses to hunt with trained raptors may be purchased from the Cheyenne Headquarters, Department Regional Offices and designated license selling agents. The license entitles the holder thereof to hunt, pursue and kill game birds and small game animals with the use of trained raptors and in accordance with Commission regulations. Persons holding a proper falconry license may hunt, pursue and kill game birds without distinction of sex in any hunt area in which the falconry season is open for the taking of game birds. Persons hunting with trained raptors must also hold a valid hunting license for the species being hunted.

HARVEST SURVEY. Each year a request to participate in the harvest survey is sent to a sample of hunters. Since a person can hunt multiple species in Wyoming, some hunters may be asked to complete more than one harvest survey questionnaire. Your reply provides critical data that Department wardens and biologists use to evaluate the past hunting season and set future hunting seasons. Even if you did not hunt, we need to hear from you to accurately track hunter effort. We ask that you reply online, if possible, as soon as you are done hunting each species for the year. Your time and assistance is much appreciated.

HUNTER SAFETY/MENTOR PROGRAM; EXEMPTION. Except as otherwise provided, no person born on or after January 1, 1966, may take wildlife by the use of firearms on land other than that of their own family, unless that person can demonstrate they have obtained a certificate of competency and safety in the use and handling of firearms. Attendance and successful completion of a hunter safety course offered by an association or governmental agency approved by the Commission satisfies the requirements of this section.

Any active member, honorably discharged past member or veteran of the armed forces of the United States and any active or retired Wyoming peace officer qualified pursuant to W. S. § 9-1-701 through § 9-1-707 may obtain an exemption from the hunter safety requirement. Hunter safety exemption applications are available at the Cheyenne Headquarters and Department Regional Offices.
This hunter safety exemption is not valid for hunting elk within Grand Teton National Park (Hunt Areas 75 and 79), or for persons acting as mentors in the Hunter Mentor Program.

A person who has not received a certificate of competency and safety in the use and handling of firearms may apply to the Department for a special authorization to take wildlife with the use of a firearm while being accompanied by a person acting as a mentor. A special authorization shall be valid for one (1) year from the date of issue and shall be in the possession of the recipient at all times while in the field. The application process may be completed on the Department website. Any person acting as a mentor shall be at least eighteen (18) years of age, shall possess a valid hunting license, and shall demonstrate they have successfully completed a hunter safety course. A mentor shall not provide supervision for more than one (1) person at a time in the field, other than immediate family members, and shall accompany the mentee at all times to provide constant supervision.

LEGAL WEAPONS FOR GAME BIRDS AND SMALL GAME. Except as provided below, game birds, excluding wild turkey, blue and ruffed grouse, may only be taken by a center-fire or muzzle-loading shotgun not larger than ten (10) gauge plugged to admit no more than one (1) shell in the chamber and two (2) shells in the magazine. Wild turkey may only be taken by any shotgun, center-fire firearm, .17 HMR or larger rimfire firearm with an overall cartridge length greater than one (1) inch, any muzzle-loading firearm, or any archery equipment. Blue grouse, ruffed grouse and small game may be taken in any manner except as prohibited by Wyoming Statute.

LICENSE EXPIRATION. Game bird licenses expire on the last day of the calendar year for which issued, unless otherwise indicated.

LICENSE FRAUD PROHIBITED, INVALIDATION BY IMPROPER FEES. Department licenses, permits, stamps, tags or coupons shall not be altered by anyone other than authorized Department personnel. No license, permit, stamp, tag or coupon shall be transferred or used for the purpose of taking wildlife except by the individual to whom it was issued and therein named and while in that individual’s possession. No individual shall take or attempt to take any wildlife using another individual’s license, permit, stamp, tag or coupon. Any license, permit, stamp, or tag shall not be valid unless the proper fees have been received by the Department. Any Wyoming Game and Fish law enforcement officer may seize as evidence any license, permit, stamp or tag that was obtained in violation of Commission regulations or Wyoming Statutes.

LITTER. Spent shotgun shells are litter. Please dispose of shotgun hulls properly along with other litter.

NONTOXIC SHOT. Nontoxic shot (steel or other federally approved nontoxic shot) shall be required when taking or attempting to take ducks, mergansers, coots or geese. Nontoxic shot is also required when using a shotgun to take game birds or small game on the Springer and Table Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Areas and on any national wildlife refuge open to hunting. A current list of federally-approved nontoxic shot types can be viewed at 50 CFR 20.21 (j) (1).

CAUTION: More restrictive regulations may apply on national wildlife refuges. For additional information about federal regulations, contact Special Agent-in-Charge, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P O Box 25486, Denver Federal Center, Denver, CO 80225-0486, (303) 236-7540.

OPEN HOURS FOR TAKING SMALL GAME, UPLAND GAME BIRDS AND WILD TURKEY. Small game animals may only be taken from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to one-half (1/2) hour after sunset.
Except as otherwise provided, upland game birds and wild turkey may only be taken from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to sunset.

PERMISSION TO HUNT, FISH, TRAP OR COLLECT ANTLERS OR HORNS. No person shall enter upon the private property of any person to hunt, fish, trap or collect antlers or horns without the permission of the landowner or person in charge of the property. The license must bear the signature of the landowner, lessee or agent of the landowner on whose private property the person is accessing or legitimate proof shall be provided as evidence that permission to hunt, fish or trap has been granted.

PRECAUTIONS WHEN HUNTING IN AREAS OCCUPIED BY GRIZZLY BEARS. Hunters and anglers are reminded grizzly bears occupy many areas in and around the Bridger-Teton, Shoshone and Caribou-Targhee National Forests in northwest Wyoming. The Department strongly recommends individuals working and recreating in these areas take precautions, including carrying bear pepper spray, to avoid conflicts with grizzly bears. Information about human safety and proper storage of food and other attractants in occupied grizzly habitat is available from the Cheyenne Headquarters, Department Regional Offices, U.S. Forest Service Offices and the Department website. Regulations concerning food/carcass storage in occupied grizzly habitat can be obtained from the U.S. Forest Service. Report all conflicts with grizzly bears to the nearest Department Regional Office.

PROHIBITED ACTS. IT IS ILLEGAL TO:
- Shoot or attempt to kill any wildlife from any public road or highway. No person shall fire any firearm from, upon, along or across any public road or highway. No person shall knowingly fire any rifle from the enclosed lands of one person onto or across the enclosed lands of another without the permission of both persons.
- Use any dog to hunt, run or harass any big or trophy game animal, protected animal or fur-bearing animal except as otherwise provided by statute. The Commission shall regulate the use of dogs to take mountain lions and bobcats during hunting or trapping seasons.
- Use any aircraft with the intent to spot, locate and aid in the taking of any game animal from August 1 through January 31 of the following calendar year. Nothing in this Section shall apply to the operation of an aircraft in a usual manner where there is no attempt or intent to locate any game animal, such as aircraft used for the sole purpose of passenger transport.
- Take and leave, abandon or allow the edible portions of any game bird, game fish or game animal (except trophy game animal), to intentionally or needlessly go to waste.
- Transport illegally taken wildlife across state lines; such transportation is a violation of the Federal Lacey Act.
- Abandon meat from a big game animal or game bird at a meat processing plant. Unless there is an express agreement between the processing plant and the person providing otherwise, any meat from a big game animal or game bird left at a meat processing plant for more than forty-five (45) days is prima facie evidence of a violation if written notice of the expiration of time has been attempted by the processing plant in accordance with rules and regulations promulgated by the Commission.
- Harass, pursue, hunt, shoot or kill any Wyoming wildlife except predatory animals with, from or by use of any flying machine, automotive vehicle, trailer, motor-propelled wheeled vehicle or vehicle designed for travel over snow. The Commission may exempt handicapped hunters from any of these provisions. It is also illegal to shoot waterfowl from a boat under power or sail.
PROTECTED BIRDS. Migratory birds that may not be taken, possessed, transported, sold or bartered include all migratory birds as defined and protected under federal law including, but not limited to, whooping cranes, bitterns, grebes, herons, egrets, kingfishers, loons, pelicans, seagulls, shorebirds, eagles, falcons, hawks and owls. Any insectivorous birds and songbirds not otherwise classified are protected. Trumpeter swans are also protected in Wyoming.

SHIPPING GAME ANIMALS AND GAME BIRDS OUT OF STATE. Except as otherwise exempt by state statute, no game animal or game bird, or any part thereof, shall be shipped or transported from the state except by the person who harvested the animal, and in possession of the proper license, stamp and carcass coupon as required, or unless the amount does not exceed twenty-five (25) pounds and is properly tagged with a Wyoming interstate game tag. Not more than twenty-five (25) pounds from any one (1) big or trophy game animal may be exported from the state unless the part to be exported from the state is of a nonedible trophy or hidelike nature and properly tagged with a Wyoming interstate game tag or the big or trophy game animal was legally harvested by a nonresident and is tagged with a Wyoming interstate game tag.

SHIPPING GAME ANIMALS AND GAME BIRDS WITHIN WYOMING. Except as otherwise exempt by state statute, no person shall ship, transport or receive for shipment or transportation within Wyoming any game animal, game bird, or any part thereof, unless tagged with a Wyoming interstate game tag, or unless the transportation of a big or trophy game animal is by a person in possession of a proper carcass coupon signed and dated by the person who harvested the animal, or the transportation of game birds or small game is by a properly licensed hunter in possession of not more than the daily bag or possession limit.

TAKING PREDATORY ANIMALS AND PREDACIOUS BIRDS. Predatory animals and predacious birds may be taken without a license.

VEHICLE RESTRICTIONS ON FEDERAL LAND. Sportpersons are advised that many areas of National Forest and Bureau of Land Management lands are subject to travel and vehicle use limitations to protect resources. Maps and additional information regarding these limitations are available at U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management and other agency offices near these public lands.

WILD TURKEY HUNT AREAS WITH DIFFICULT PUBLIC ACCESS. Hunt areas marked with an asterisk (*) are predominantly private lands or have limited accessible public lands. If you are considering applying for a license in any of these hunt areas, you are advised to obtain landowner permission before applying. Obtaining permission to hunt after you receive a license is often difficult or impossible. You may hunt legally accessible state or public land within these hunt areas, but such lands are often small parcels that receive heavy hunting pressure and may not sustain the species of wildlife you desire to hunt. In addition, wildlife are often more abundant on the private land portions of these areas. Inability to secure a place to hunt is not cause for a license refund or exchange.

WILDLIFE DAMAGE MANAGEMENT STAMP. The “WILDLIFE DAMAGE MANAGEMENT STAMP” is an optional stamp sportpersons may voluntarily purchase to support activities of the Wyoming Animal Damage Management Board. The Wyoming Legislature originally created the Board to manage rabid wildlife, mitigate crop and livestock damage caused by depredating wildlife, and to protect human health and safety. The legislation developed several sources of funding for the Board to carry out its responsibilities including creation of this management stamp. Purchase of the stamp is not mandatory, but does provide sportpersons a voluntary means to fund predator management.

WILDLIFE VIOLATOR COMPACT. Wyoming is a member of the Wildlife Violator Compact. The Compact enables a violator from
any member state to accept a wildlife citation and proceed on their way without being required to post an appearance bond unless the violation requires MUST APPEAR and NO BOND ACCEPTED. The Compact provides for the suspension of wildlife license privileges in the home state of any person whose license privileges have been suspended by a participating state. If you have had your privileges suspended in any of the participating states, you may lose your privileges in Wyoming, in addition to all the participating Compact states. Additional information about the Compact can be obtained by contacting the Wildlife Law Enforcement Coordinator at (307) 233-6413.

WIND RIVER RESERVATION. Only non-Indian owned, fee title lands are open to the taking of wildlife with a State of Wyoming license. Land status is complicated and lawful access must be investigated thoroughly. Sportspersons are advised it is their responsibility to determine land status prior to entering these areas.

CHAPTER 11
UPLAND GAME BIRD AND SMALL GAME HUNTING SEASONS

Section 1. Authority. This regulation is promulgated by authority of Wyoming Statutes § 23-1-302 and § 23-2-105(d).

Section 2. Hunting Regulations.

(a) Bag and Possession Limit. Only one (1) daily bag limit of each species of upland game birds and small game may be taken per day regardless of the number of hunt areas hunted in a single day. When hunting more than one (1) hunt area, a person’s daily and possession limits shall be equal to, but shall not exceed, the largest daily and possession limit prescribed for any one (1) of the specified hunt areas in which the hunting and possession occurs.

(b) Evidence of sex and species shall remain naturally attached to the carcass of any upland game bird in the field and during transportation. For pheasant, this shall include the feathered head, feathered wing or foot. For all other upland game bird species, this shall include one fully feathered wing.

(c) No person shall possess or use shot other than nontoxic shot for hunting upland game birds and small game with a shotgun on all of the lands in the Springer and Table Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Areas and on all national wildlife refuges open for hunting.

(d) Required Clothing. Any person hunting pheasants within the boundaries of any Wyoming Game and Fish Commission Wildlife Habitat Management Area, or on Bureau of Reclamation Withdrawal Lands bordering and including Glendo State Park, shall wear in a visible manner at least one (1) outer garment of fluorescent orange color which shall include a hat, shirt, jacket, coat, vest or sweater.

Section 3. Upland Game Bird Hunting Seasons

(a) Sage Grouse Hunt Areas, Season Dates, Bag Limits and Limitations.

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(i) Sage Grouse Hunt Area Descriptions.

**Area 1.** Includes all of Big Horn, Fremont, Hot Springs, Park, Sweetwater, Uinta and Washakie counties, as well as that portion of Albany County north of U.S. Highway 30-287 and west of the Fetterman Road (Albany County Road 61), that portion of Converse County south and west of the Balsh Road (U.S.F.S. Road 660), all of Carbon County except that portion east of the Medicine Bow River and South of U.S. Highway 30-287, all of Lincoln and Sublette counties except those portions within the Snake River drainage, and all of Natrona County except that portion east of Interstate Highway 25. Area 1 also excludes that portion of Natrona County south of I-25 in the Muddy Creek drainage.

**Area 2.** The entire state of Wyoming excluding the lands described in Areas 1, 3 and 4.

**Area 3.** All lands in the Snake River drainage within Lincoln, Sublette and Teton counties.

**Area 4.** Beginning at the intersection of the Sheridan-Big Horn County line with the Wyoming-Montana state line; easterly along said state line to the Rocky Point Road in Crook County; southerly along said road to the “D” Road; southerly along said road to Interstate Highway 90; easterly along said highway to U.S. Highway 16 at Moorcroft; southeasterly along said highway to U.S. Highway 85 at Newcastle; southerly along said highway to the Weston-Niobrara-Campbell-Converse-Natrona-Johnson county lines; westerly along said county lines to the Washakie-Johnson-Big-Horn-Sheridan county lines; northerly then northwesterly along said county lines to the Wyoming-Montana state line.

This map is for general reference only. Please use the written boundary descriptions in this regulation for detailed hunt area boundary information.

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(b) Blue (Dusky) Grouse Hunt Areas, Season Dates, Bag Limit and Limitations.

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(i) Blue (Dusky) Grouse Hunt Area Description.

**Area 1.** The entire state of Wyoming.

(c) Ruffed Grouse Hunt Areas, Season Dates, Bag Limit and Limitations.

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(i) Ruffed Grouse Hunt Area Description.

**Area 1.** The entire state of Wyoming.

(d) Partridge Hunt Areas, Season Dates, Bag Limit and Limitations.

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(i) Partridge Hunt Area Description.

**Area 1.** The entire state of Wyoming.

(e) Sharp-Tailed Grouse Hunt Areas, Season Dates, Bag Limit and Limitations.

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(i) Sharp-Tailed Grouse Hunt Area Description.

**Area 1.** That portion of Wyoming east of the Continental Divide.
(f) Pheasant Hunt Areas, Season Dates, Bag Limit and Limitations.

### PHEASANT

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(i) Pheasant Hunt Area Descriptions.

**Area 1.** All of Fremont County, excluding the Ocean Lake Wildlife Habitat Management Area, the Mile High Ranch Access Area, and the Sand Mesa Wildlife Habitat Management Area east of the Bass Lake Road. All of Sheridan, Johnson, Park, Washakie and Hot Springs counties, and all of Big Horn County excluding lands in the Yellowtail Wildlife Habitat Management Area north of U.S. Highway 14A.

**Area 2.** All lands in the Ocean Lake Wildlife Habitat Management Area, the Mile High Ranch Access Area and all lands in the Sand Mesa Wildlife Habitat Management Area east of the Bass Lake Road.

**Area 5.** All of the lands included in the Yellowtail Wildlife Habitat Management Area north of U.S. Highway 14A.

**Area 7.** All of Goshen County excluding Hunt Area 8.

**Area 8.** All of the lands included in the Springer/Bump-Sullivan Wildlife Habitat Management Area.
Area 9. All Bureau of Reclamation Withdrawal lands bordering and including Glendo State Park and the adjoining Department’s Access Yes Walk-in Area.

Area 11. The entire State of Wyoming excluding the lands described in Areas 1, 2, 5, 7, 8 and 9.

(ii) Closed Areas.

(A) The Ocean Lake Wildlife Habitat Management Area in Fremont County shall be closed during the period of December 15 through March 10 to all human presence within one-half (1/2) mile of the aerator on the ice and as marked by signs on Wyoming Game and Fish Commission lands around the aerator. Wyoming Game and Fish Department administrative access shall be allowed during this period.

(B) The Downar Bird Farm and Springer Headquarters in Goshen County shall be closed to pheasant hunting as marked by signs.

(C) Pond Number 1 and adjacent lands on the Table Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Area in Goshen County, as marked by colored signs and posts, shall be closed to pheasant hunting after November 17.

(D) The Sheridan Bird Farm in Sheridan County shall be closed to pheasant hunting, except during hunts sponsored and supervised by the Wyoming Game and Fish Department.

Section 4. Pheasant Special Management Permit. A pheasant special management permit shall be required of any person, except those exempted in this section, who participates in the hunting of pheasants in those areas listed in subsection (a) of this section. Owners of lands enrolled in the Department’s Access Yes Walk-In Areas, and members of their immediate families (landowner’s spouse, parents, grandparents, lineal descendants and their spouses, or siblings) are exempt from the requirement to obtain a pheasant special management permit when they are hunting pheasants on the deeded land of the landowner. The pheasant special management permit shall be in possession of any person while hunting pheasants, and shall be immediately produced for inspection upon request from any authorized Department representative. Any person purchasing
a pheasant special management permit for the purpose set forth in this section shall validate the permit by signing that person’s name in ink across the face of the permit. Hunters who acquire a pheasant special management permit through the Electronic Licensing Service (ELS) shall not be required to meet the signature provision of this section. The permit shall be available at headquarters, Department regional offices and designated license selling agents.

(a) Pheasant Special Management Permit Areas. A pheasant special management permit shall be required to hunt pheasants in the areas listed in this subsection:

(i) Bud Love Wildlife Habitat Management Area in Johnson County.

(ii) Glendo State Park; including all Bureau of Reclamation Withdrawal lands bordering the Park and the adjoining Department’s Access Yes Walk-In Area in Platte County.

(iii) Ocean Lake Wildlife Habitat Management Area and the Mile High Ranch Access Area in Fremont County.

(iv) Springer Wildlife Habitat Management Area in Goshen County.

(v) Table Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Area in Goshen County.

(vi) Yellowtail Wildlife Habitat Management Area, excluding any private lands included within the Yellowtail Wildlife Habitat Management Area, in Bighorn County.

(vii) All lands in the Sand Mesa Wildlife Habitat Management Area east of the Bass Lake Road in Fremont County.

(viii) All lands open to the hunting of pheasants that are enrolled in the Department’s Access Yes Program, excluding Walk-In Access Areas in Big Horn, Fremont, Hot Springs, Park and Washakie counties on which pheasants are not released by the Department.

(ix) All State Trust lands in Sheridan County.

(x) Welch Ranch Management Area in Sheridan County

Section 5. Springer Permit Pheasant Season. There shall be a Springer permit pheasant season in Hunt Area 8 beginning October 19 through November 3. In order to participate in this season, a person shall possess and present upon request a valid Springer permit, a valid bird license and conservation stamp (unless otherwise exempted by state statute) and a pheasant special management permit. Persons born on or after January 1, 1966, shall possess and present upon request a hunter safety certificate. The Springer permit shall only be valid for the day printed on the permit by the Department.

(a) Application for Springer Permits. Applications shall be submitted through the Electronic Licensing Service (ELS) beginning August 15 and shall be accepted until 12:00 midnight September 15. Only youths may apply for Springer permits for youth only hunt days as set forth in Section 5 (c) of this Chapter. A drawing shall be utilized to determine successful applicants. A person shall only submit a single application. Successful applicants shall be notified by mail of their hunting date and furnished a set of special instructions.

(b) Issuance of Springer Permits. A maximum of one hundred twenty (120) permits shall be issued to successful applicants in the drawing for each day of the Springer permit pheasant season. A maximum of one hundred twenty (120) hunters shall be allowed to hunt at any one time during the Springer permit pheasant season. When a hunter checks out of the Springer Check Station, the Department may issue a permit to another person at the check station. If all one hundred twenty (120) permits for a single day have not been issued by the
Department, or if the check station attendants are advised that a permitted hunter will not participate, the Department may issue a permit to another person at the check station on a first-come, first-served basis, not to exceed a maximum of one hundred twenty (120) permitted hunters. Permitted hunters may begin hunting at 8:00 a.m. Hunters who are issued permits through the drawing must check in at the check station by 9:00 a.m. on the date their permit is valid. Permits that are unclaimed after 9:00 a.m. shall be issued to other hunters on a first-come, first-served basis.

(c) Youth Only Hunt Days. Only youths shall be allowed to take pheasants on the youth hunt days. Youths under the age of fourteen (14) shall be accompanied by an adult. No adult shall take any pheasant during the youth only hunt days. The youth only hunt days are October 21 and October 29.

(d) Springer Check Station. The Springer Check Station is located one and one-quarter (1-1/4) miles west of U.S. Highway 85 on the south boundary of the Springer Wildlife Habitat Management Area. The hours of operation of the check station shall be from 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily during the Springer permit pheasant season. Persons participating in the Springer permit pheasant season shall check in at the check station prior to hunting. Prior to leaving the Springer permit pheasant area, each hunter shall check out at the check station by 4:30 p.m. on the same day that the hunter registered and shall accurately report all harvested pheasants and return all special hunt materials to the check station.

(e) Parking Assignment. Parking lot assignments and tags shall be issued by the Department for each vehicle utilized by hunters. Parking lot tags shall be displayed in a visible manner in each vehicle. All vehicles shall be parked in assigned parking lots.

Section 6. Glendo Permit Pheasant Season. Glendo permits shall be required to hunt pheasants in Hunt Area 9 on each Friday, Saturday and Monday during the open season in November. Glendo permits are not required to hunt pheasants in Hunt Area 9 on other days during the open season. A person shall possess and present upon request a valid Glendo permit (on those days required), a valid bird license, a pheasant special management permit and conservation stamp (unless otherwise exempted by state statute).

GLENDO STATE PARK USER FEES. Persons hunting pheasants in Glendo State Park are required to have a State Park Permit. Permits can be purchased at any State Park or by telephone at 1-877-WYO-PARK or the website at www.wyo-park.com.

(a) Youth Only Hunt Days. Youth only hunt days shall be November 5, 12, 19 and 26. Only youths shall be allowed to take pheasants on youth hunt days. Youths under the age of fourteen (14) shall be accompanied by an adult. No adult shall take any pheasant during the youth only hunt days. No Glendo permit is required for youths to hunt on youth only hunt days.

(b) Application for Glendo Permits. Applications shall be submitted through the ELS beginning August 15 and shall be accepted until 12:00 midnight September 15. A drawing shall be utilized to determine successful applicants. A person shall only submit a single application. No person shall apply for and receive more than one (1) Glendo permit in a calendar year. Successful applicants shall be notified by mail of their hunting date and furnished a set of special instructions.

(c) Issuance of Glendo Permits. A maximum of sixty (60) permits shall be issued in the drawing for each day a permit is required. The Glendo permit shall only be valid for the day printed on the permit by the Department.
Section 7. Bud Love, Sand Mesa and Yellowtail Wildlife Habitat Management Areas Youth Pheasant Hunt. The youth only hunt day is November 18. Only youths shall be allowed to take pheasants on this date. Youths under the age of fourteen (14) shall be accompanied by an adult. No adults shall take any pheasant during the youth only hunt day. The youth hunt shall take place on all lands included in the Bud Love Wildlife Habitat Management Area, Sand Mesa Wildlife Habitat Management Area east of the Bass Lake Road, and all lands included in the Yellowtail Wildlife Habitat Management Area north of the Shoshone River.

Section 8. Small Game Hunting Seasons. Small Game Species, Season Dates, Bag Limits and Limitations.  

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<td>Mar. 1</td>
<td>Any red, grey or fox squirrel</td>
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(i) Small Game Hunt Area Description.

Area 1. The entire state of Wyoming.

Section 9. Archery Regulations. Upland game birds and small game may be taken with archery equipment in accordance with limitations set forth in this Chapter.

Section 10. Upland Game Bird and Small Game Falconry Seasons.

(a) Upland Game Birds may be taken with falcons in accordance with Section 3 of this Chapter. Persons hunting with falcons may take any pheasant.

(b) The falconry season shall open September 1 and close March 1 in those hunt areas listed in Section 3 of this Chapter and Subsection 10(c) of this Chapter.

(c) Closed Areas. Also refer to closed areas in Section 3.

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(d) The daily bag and possession limits for upland game birds other than sage grouse, shall be as set forth in Section 3 of this Chapter. The daily bag limit shall be one (1) sage grouse and the possession limit shall be two (2) sage grouse.

(e) Persons taking sage grouse with falcons shall respond to Wyoming Game and Fish Department surveys by May 1, 2018 requesting harvest information for the period September 1, 2017 through March 1, 2018.

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(f) Small game animals may be taken with falcons in accordance with the open seasons in the table below.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION: PYGMY RABBITS - Small game hunters in southwest Wyoming should be aware of the pygmy rabbit, a small, rare rabbit similar in appearance to the cottontail. Pygmy rabbits are found in Uinta, southern Lincoln and Sublette counties and western Sweetwater County. Pygmy rabbits inhabit dense, tall thickets of sagebrush along small streams and riparian areas, sagebrush stringers along dry washes, and hummocks or clumps of sagebrush on dry, upland benches. The pygmy rabbit is classified as a nongame species and protected from intentional harvest. There is no open season for taking pygmy rabbits. The pygmy rabbit is about the size of a juvenile cottontail. Other comparative characteristics are:

Pygmy Rabbit
- Short, rounded ears
- Small, inconspicuous tail,
- Yellow-brown on underside

Cottontail Rabbit
- Longer, more pointed ears
- Large white tail

Hunting Ethics
- Hunting is a privilege, not a right
- Know your maximum effective shooting range
- Follow up on “every shot” you take

Dated: April 20, 2017

Keith Culver, President

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

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CHAPTER 20  
2017 FALL AND 2018 SPRING  
WILD TURKEY HUNTING SEASONS

APPLICATIONS FOR FALL WILD TURKEY LICENSES  
Applications for resident and nonresident LIMITED QUOTA AND GENERAL FALL WILD TURKEY licenses shall be submitted through the ELS system July 1 through July 31. Resident and nonresident GENERAL FALL WILD TURKEY licenses may also be purchased from the Cheyenne Headquarters, any Department Regional Office, any designated license selling agent or from the Department website.

APPLICATIONS FOR SPRING WILD TURKEY LICENSES  
Applications for resident and nonresident LIMITED QUOTA AND GENERAL SPRING WILD TURKEY licenses shall be submitted through the ELS system January 1 through January 31. Resident and nonresident GENERAL SPRING WILD TURKEY licenses may also be purchased from the Cheyenne Headquarters, any Department Regional Office, any designated license selling agent or from the Department website.

APPLICATIONS FOR LANDOWNER LICENSES  
Residents and nonresidents who qualify for LANDOWNER WILD TURKEY licenses must apply within the application dates to the game warden in the area where subject lands are located. Minimum requirements are 160 deeded acres and 2,000 animal days of use annually by the species for which application is made. Landowners should contact local game wardens to determine eligibility well before the application period.

Section 1. Authority.  This regulation is promulgated by authority of Wyoming Statutes § 23-1-302.

Section 2. Hunting Regulations.

(a) No person shall apply for or receive more than one (1) license for a wild turkey during any one (1) season, except as otherwise provided in this regulation. The maximum bag limit for wild turkey for any person with the proper license shall not exceed one (1) wild turkey per license.

(b) Issuance of Licenses. No person shall apply for or receive more than one (1) fall wild turkey license and one (1) spring wild turkey license in any calendar year. After the initial drawing is completed, a person may apply for and receive up to three (3) wild turkey licenses valid for each season, provided that at least two (2) of those licenses are Limited Quota Type 3 licenses. However, no person shall apply for and receive more than a total of three (3) wild turkey licenses valid for the fall season and no more than a total of three (3) wild turkey licenses valid for the spring season.

(c) No person shall possess or use shot other than nontoxic shot for hunting wild turkeys with a shotgun on all of the lands in the Springer and Table Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Areas and on all national wildlife refuges open for hunting.
(d) Evidence of Sex. During the spring season in those hunt areas limited to the taking of male wild turkeys or any wild turkey with a visible beard, a visible beard shall remain naturally attached to the carcass as a means of identification in the field and while the wild turkey is being transported.

(e) 2017 Fall Season. Hunt Areas, Season Dates and Limitations

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(f) 2018 Spring Season. Hunt Areas, Season Dates and Limitations

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Section 4. Hunt Area Descriptions. Area and Number.

Area 1. Black Hills. All of Crook County and that portion of Weston County north of U.S. Highway 16 or east of U.S. Highway 85.

Area 2. Central. That portion of Weston County south of U.S. Highway 16 and west of U.S. Highway 85; and all of Converse, Natrona and Niobrara counties.

Area 3. Powder River. All of Campbell, Johnson and Sheridan counties.

Area 4. Bighorn Basin. All of Big Horn, Hot Springs, Park and Washakie counties.

Area 5. South Central. All of Albany, Carbon, Fremont, Goshen, Laramie and Platte counties.

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WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION
Keith Culver, President
Dated: April 20, 2017
How to Fill Out a Carcass Coupon

IMMEDIATELY AFTER Harvesting a Wild Turkey and BEFORE LEAVING the Site of the Kill, Detach from License

- Cut out the entire day of the kill
- Sign carcass coupon
- Cut out the entire month of the kill
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