Don’t forget your conservation stamp

Hunters and anglers must purchase a conservation stamp to hunt and fish in Wyoming. (See page 5)
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Stop Poaching

Text keyword **WGFD** and message to **TIP411 (847-411)**

(1-877-943-3847) (1-877-943-3847)

Submit Tip Online: wgfd.wyo.gov/law-enforcement/stop-poaching

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Donate today by calling (307) 777-4600 or when you purchase or apply for licenses.

Find out more about the program at AccessYes.wyo.gov
Dear Hunters,

If you’re like me, you look forward to your fall hunting trips and the experiences that make each season notable. I feel fortunate because even after 38 years of hunting, I continue to find great joy anticipating each year’s fall hunting season. As the director of the Wyoming Game and Fish Department and a fellow hunter, I want to say thank you. Wildlife management and habitat work carried out by the people who work here at Game and Fish, are funded almost entirely by hunters and anglers. Your deep appreciation for Wyoming’s wild animals and wild places is reflected in the tremendous diversity and abundance of wildlife we have in our state—both hunted and not hunted.

To help you as you make your way afield this fall, we’ve made a change to our regulations book this year for upland game bird, small game, migratory game bird and wild turkey. By combining two brochures into one we are striving to streamline information. We hope that with this change you are more knowledgeable and confident on Wyoming’s laws and regulations. As conservationists, understanding these rules and holding yourself to the highest level of hunting ethics and safety benefits wildlife and all who enjoy it. You are the model for future generations of hunters who will fill your boot prints.

If your plans allow this season, invest some time showing a young person the reasons we all love to spend time outdoors in Wyoming. Small game and bird hunting is a great way to introduce youth to the sport, teach vital field skills and spark an interest in conservation. All it takes is a mentor to show him or her the way. Inspire a kid; it’s for life!

Enjoy the Wyoming outdoors and your hunting trips this fall. I’ll be out there alongside you in pursuit of memories and game.
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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. Federal regulation requires all persons, regardless of age, to possess a valid state permit while hunting sandhill crane.

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.
- A resident person under fourteen (14) years of age who possesses a crane permit need not obtain a Wyoming game bird license if accompanied by an adult.

Nonresidents under fourteen (14) years of age
- A nonresident person under fourteen (14) years of age may take game birds without a Wyoming game bird license if accompanied by an adult possessing a valid Wyoming 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 who possesses a valid small game animal license and conservation stamp may take their own limit of small game.

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 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 any designated license selling agent or from the Department website.

APPLICATIONS FOR WILDERNESSotle ADORER LICENSES. Resident and nonresident landowners who qualify for LANDOWNER WILD TURKEY licenses must apply within the application dates. Applications shall be made to the game warden in the hunt area where the landowner’s deeded lands are located. Minimum requirements are 160 contiguous 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.

ARCHERY HUNTING. 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.

BANDED BIRDS; REPORTING. If you have found or harvested a banded bird, please report it at www.reportband.gov. You will be asked to provide the band number as well as the location, date and how you recovered the bird. Your contact information will be requested in case there are any questions. The U.S. Geological Survey’s Patuxent Bird Banding Lab will send you a certificate of appreciation that includes information about the sex, age and species of bird, and where and when it was banded. You may keep the band. Please note: Even if the band you recover is inscribed with a 1-800 number, as of July 2, 2017, you can only report it at www.reportband.gov.

Carcass records are any questions. The U.S. Geological Survey’s Patuxent Bird Banding Lab will send you a certificate of appreciation that includes information about the sex, age and species of bird, and where and when it was banded. You may keep the band. Please note: Even if the band you recover is inscribed with a 1-800 number, as of July 2, 2017, you can only report it at www.reportband.gov.

Carcass COUPONS; DATING AND DISPLAY. 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 licensees 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 29.) The carcass coupon shall remain on the game animal, wild turkey or sandhill crane 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.

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.

Online CONNECTION

Game and Fish has hundreds of videos available on its Youtube page. They offer education for new hunters, information about the Department and interesting stories of Wyoming’s wildlife.

Check them out at youtube.com/user/wygameandfish

Residents under fourteen (14) years of age
- A resident person under fourteen (14) years of age may hunt small game without obtaining a small game animal license.
- A nonresident person under fourteen (14) years of age need not obtain a small game animal license or conservation stamp if accompanied by an adult possessing a valid unexpired Wyoming small game animal license and conservation stamp 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.

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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 fur-bearing 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, fur-bearing animals and game birds.

CLOTHING REQUIREMENT. HUNTERS REQUIRED TO WEAR FLUORESCENT ORANGE OR FLUORESCENT PINK CLOTHING. The wearing of fluorescent orange or fluorescent pink clothing while hunting small game and game birds is recommended as a safety measure and is required when hunting upland game birds, waterfowl, upland game birds and waterfowl, or upland game birds and game birds. The wearing of fluorescent orange or fluorescent pink camouflage is legal.

CONSERVATION STAMP REQUIRED; EXEMPTIONS. Each person licensed to hunt or fish in Wyoming shall possess a valid conservation stamp while hunting or fishing. Conservation stamps include an actual stamp sold manually or a conservation stamp authorization sold through the Department’s Electronic Licensing Service (ELS). 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 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;
- Nonresident five (5) consecutive day 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.

CREDIT CARD FEE. Effective January 1, 2019, the Department shall charge a two point five percent (2.5%) credit card processing fee of the cost of any license, permit, stamp, tag, preference point or competitive raffle chance applied for or purchased by the use of a credit card.

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).

**Definitions**

**“Accompanied by a mentor”** means being directly supervised at all times by a mentor who is within sight and direct voice contact.

**“Adult”** means a person eighteen (18) years of age or older.

**“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.

**“Central Flyway”** means the portion of Wyoming east of the Continental Divide, excluding the Great Divide Basin.

**“Conservation Order”** means an action to reduce the mid-continent population of light geese, which is promulgated in accordance with 50 CFR 20.21 and 50 CFR 21.60, revised as of March 16, 2015, which does not include any later amendments or editions of the incorporated matter. A copy of Title 50 and the Code of Federal Regulations can be viewed at Department Regional Offices.

**“Daily bag limit”** means the maximum number of game birds or small game animals that may be legally taken in a single day.

**“Dark geese”** means Canada goose, cackling goose, white-fronted goose and brant.

**“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 and preference points.

**“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.

**“Federal duck stamp”** means Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp or Electronic Duck Stamp.

**“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.

**“Light geese”** means snow goose, blue goose or Ross’s goose.

**“Limited Quota Licenses”** means licenses that are 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 other federally approved nontoxic shot.

“Orders” means orders, rules and regulations.

“Pacific Flyway” means the portion of Wyoming west of the Continental Divide, including the Great Divide Basin.

“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 of the one or states, flyways or zones in which the hunting takes place.

“Predacious bird” means English sparrow and starling.

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“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” (except as otherwise provided) 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, and 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.

“Waterfowl” means ducks, geese, coots and mergansers. Federal ducks, geese and mergansers to take ducks, geese and mergansers. However, a Federal Stamp (Feder- al Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamps, Federal Duck Stamps) signed in ink across the face. This stamp is required to take ducks, geese and mergansers. However, a Federal Stamps expire June 30 of each year.

“Waste” 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) (iii) (B) (i) and (ll).

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DEPARTMENT WEBSITE. https://wgfd.wyo.gov

DISABLED HUNTER INFORMATION. Contact the Cheyenne Headquarters or any Department Regional Office for specific 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: https://soswy.state.wy.us or https://wyoleg.gov.

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 seven dollars ($7) for each duplicate or replacement license.

EMERGENCY CLOSURES. The Commission may institute an emergency closure by regulation 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.

FEDERAL MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING AND CONSERVATION STAMP (FEDERAL DUCK STAMP). Federal law requires each waterfowl hunter sixteen (16) years of age or older to purchase and carry a valid Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (Federal Duck Stamp) signed in ink across the face. This stamp is required to take ducks, geese and mergansers. However, a Federal Duck Stamp is not required to take mourning doves, sandhill cranes, coots, snipe, rails or crows. Federal duck stamps expire June 30 of each year.

FIREARM CALIBERS AND 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 firear, .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.

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 the Department uses 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 per-
son 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.

• A person under fourteen (14) years of age who has not yet received a hunter safety certificate may take small game and game birds while being accompanied by a mentor who possesses a valid Wyoming small game or game bird license and conservation stamp.

LICENSE EXPIRATION. Game bird and small game licenses expire on the date indicated on the license.

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 considered litter. Please dispose of spent shotgun hulls properly along with other litter.

MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS. Migratory game birds that may be legally taken during authorized seasons by properly licensed hunters include coots, doves, ducks, geese, mergansers, rails, sandhill cranes and snipe. A license is not required to take crows.
Hunting Ethics

Respect the land, the landowner and the game you pursue.

WYOMING GAME AND FISH
THANKS YOU

You are the largest contributors to wildlife conservation.

Thank you hunters!

National Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program (HIP). Each licensed hunter who hunts migratory game birds shall complete a current Wyoming validation for the National Harvest Information Program (HIP) and shall obtain a Wyoming HIP permit. This requirement also applies to holders of pioneer and lifetime hunting licenses. Each licensed hunter engaged in the act of hunting doves, ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, rails, cranes or snipe shall be in possession of a Wyoming HIP permit. Each person obtaining a HIP permit for the purpose set forth in this section shall validate the permit by signing the person’s name in ink across the face of the permit. HIP permits expire on June 30 each year. Wyoming HIP permits shall be available only on the Department website. Only one HIP permit is required to hunt all species for the entire migratory game bird season. HIP permits are non-transferable to other states. A separate permit is required from each state in which you hunt.

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. 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.

Labeling and Shipping.

Labeling. No person shall give, put or leave any migratory game birds at any place (other than at their personal abode) or in the custody of another person unless the birds are labeled by the hunter with the following information:

1. The hunter’s signature
2. The hunter’s address
3. The total number of birds by species
4. The dates such birds were killed

Labeling is required if the birds are being transported by another person for the hunter, or if the birds have been left for cleaning, storage (including temporary storage), shipping or taxidermy services.

Shipping. No person shall ship migratory game birds unless the package is marked on the outside with: (1) the name and address of the person sending the birds; (2) the name and address of the person to whom the birds are being sent; (3) the number of birds, by species, contained in the package; and, (4) interstate game tag where required.

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 access-
Common violations

NO FLUORESCENT ORANGE/FLUORESCENT PINK CLOTHING

The wearing of fluorescent orange or fluorescent pink 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 or fluorescent pink camouflage are legal.

PROHIBITED ACTS. IT IS ILLEGAL TO:

- 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 portion 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 hide-like 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 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.

SKY-BUSTING AND RETRIEVAL OF DOWNED BIRDS. It is unethical and disrespectful to your fellow hunters to shoot at geese, ducks and other game birds beyond reasonable killing ranges. The law requires that you make a reasonable effort to retrieve and reduce to possession any wounded or crippled migratory game birds you have shot. If you hit a migratory game bird and see it fall or in a location you can legally access, then you have an obligation to search for the downed bird and attempt to retrieve it. If a crippled migratory game bird lands on adjoining private land, you have an obligation to seek that landowner’s permission to retrieve the downed bird.

WATERCRAFT RESTRICTIONS. Waterfowl hunters should be aware certain bodies of water within Wyoming have watercraft restrictions on them. For a list of waters that have restrictions, please check the watercraft or fishing regulations or check with your local Department Regional Office.

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 “WILD-LIFE DAMAGE MANAGEMENT STAMP” is an optional stamp for sportspersons who 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 predatory 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 sportspersons 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.
**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 (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 game birds and small game with a shotgun on the Commission's Table Mountain and Springer 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 or fluorescent pink 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

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

(c) Ruffed Grouse Hunt Areas, Season Dates, Bag Limits and Limitations.
(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.
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**2019 PHEASANT HUNT AREAS**

This map is for general reference only. Please use the written boundary descriptions in this regulation for detailed boundary information.
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 Program, 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 Big Horn 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 land 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 17 through November 1. 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. 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). 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.

(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 19 and October 27.

(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 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 on the website at www.wyo-park.com.

(a) Youth Only Hunt Days. Youth only hunt days shall be the following Sundays: November 3, 10, 17 and 24. 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. 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.

(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 Saturday November 16. 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.

(a) Small Game Species, Seasons Dates, Bag Limits and Limitations.

(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 open hunt areas listed in Section 3 of this Chapter and subject to the closures listed in Subsection 10(c) of this Chapter.

(c) Closed Areas.

(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 Department surveys not later than May 1, 2020 requesting harvest information for the period September 1, 2019 through March 1, 2020.

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

### 2019 SMALL GAME HUNTING SEASONS

#### WHAT DOCUMENTS DO I NEED TO HUNT SMALL GAME IN WYOMING?

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

Section 2. Hunting Regulations.

(a) Federal Regulations. 50 CFR 20.21(j) revised as of June 4, 2018, which do not include any later amendments or editions of the incorporated matter, governing the baiting of migratory game birds, are adopted as regulations of the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission. Violations of these federal statutes and regulations shall be violations of the Commission regulations. A copy of Title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations can be viewed at the Cheyenne Headquarters or Department Regional Offices.

(b) Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (federal duck stamp). A federal duck stamp is required for persons sixteen (16) years of age and older to hunt ducks, geese and mergansers. A federal duck stamp is not required to hunt coots, sandhill cranes, crows, mourning doves, rail or snipe. Federal duck stamps shall be signed in ink across the face of the stamp and shall be in possession of the hunter while in the field. Hunters possessing an electronic federal duck stamp are exempted from this signature provision during the time their electronic federal duck stamp is valid.

(c) HIP Permit. Each licensed hunter who hunts migratory game birds shall complete a current Wyoming validation for the National Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program (HIP) and shall obtain a Wyoming HIP permit. This requirement also applies to holders of pioneer and lifetime hunting licenses. Each licensed hunter engaged in the act of hunting doves, ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, rails, cranes or snipe shall be in possession of a Wyoming HIP permit and shall immediately produce said permit upon request from any authorized Department representative. HIP permits shall be signed in ink across the face of the permit and shall be in possession of the hunter while in the field. HIP permits expire on June 30 each year. HIP permits are not transferrable to other states. A separate HIP permit is required from each state in which you hunt. Wyoming HIP permits shall be available only on the Department website. Youths under 16 are not required to obtain a HIP permit if they do not hold a valid game bird license.

(d) No person shall take migratory game birds:

(i) With a trap, snare, net, rifle, pistol, swivel gun, shotgun larger than 10 gauge, punt gun, machine gun, fishhook, poison, drug, explosive or stupefying substance;

(ii) With any shotgun that can hold more than three (3) shells in the magazine and chamber combined, except during the light goose conservation order (refer to Section 7 of this regulation);

(iii) From a sink box or any low floating device, which has a depression at the rear end of the sink box to hide a person underneath the water’s surface;

(iv) From or by means of any motorboat or sailboat unless the motor has been completely shut off or sail furled, and the boat’s progress there from has ceased;

(v) By the use or aid of live decoys. All live, tame or captive ducks and geese shall be removed for a period of ten (10) consecutive days prior to hunting, and shall be confined within an enclosure which substantially reduces the audibility of their calls and totally conceals such birds from the sight of migratory game birds;

(vi) By the use of records or tapes of migratory bird calls or sounds, or electronically amplified imitations of bird calls, except during the light goose conservation order;

(vii) By driving, rallying or chasing migratory game birds with any motor driven land, water or air conveyance or any sailboat.

(e) Nontoxic Shot. No person shall hunt ducks, geese, mergansers or coots while possessing shot other than nontoxic shot. Nontoxic shot is also required when using a shotgun to hunt any game bird on the Commission’s Table Mountain and Springer/Sullivan wildlife habitat management areas.

(f) Evidence of Species. One fully-feathered wing or the feathered head shall remain naturally attached to the carcass as a means of identification of migratory game birds, except mourning doves, in the field and while the birds are being transported.

(g) Mourning Dove, Rail and Snipe Hunting Seasons.

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(i) Permits. All persons, regardless of age, hunting sandhill cranes shall possess a permit valid for the hunt area in which they are hunting. No person shall apply for or receive more than one (1) limited quota sandhill crane permit. A person may also obtain a permit valid for the general sandhill crane season in Hunt Area 7.

(A) Limited Quota Sandhill Crane Permits. Persons may apply for limited quota sandhill crane permits through the Department’s Electronic Licensing Service (ELS). Party applications shall be accepted. Maximum party size shall be two (2). Residents and nonresidents shall not apply together as a party.

(B) General Sandhill Crane Permits. Permits to hunt during the general sandhill crane season (Hunt Area 7) shall be available through the Department’s ELS.

(ii) Tagging Sandhill Cranes. When a sandhill crane is killed under a limited quota permit, the permitee shall detach, sign and date the carcass coupon and attach the coupon to the carcass before leaving the site of the kill. The coupon shall remain on the crane carcass at all times until the meat undergoes processing, except that during transportation of the carcass the coupon may be removed to prevent its loss. If the coupon is removed for transportation of the carcass, it must be in possession of the person accompanying the carcass at all times. When dating a carcass coupon, the entire wedge or block shall be cut out for the date and the month of the kill. The carcass coupon shall be attached to the carcass of a sandhill crane in such a manner as to be plainly visible. Sandhill cranes killed during the general sandhill crane season in Hunt Area 7 are not required to be tagged.

(iii) Limited Quota and General Sandhill Crane Hunt Area Descriptions.

**Area and Number.**

**Area 1.** All of the Bear River and Ham’s Fork River drainages in Lincoln County.

**Area 2.** All of the Salt River drainage in Lincoln County south of the McCoy Creek Road.

**Area 3.** All lands within the Bureau of Reclamation’s Eden Project in Sweetwater County.

**Area 4.** All lands within the Bureau of Reclamation’s Riverton and Boysen Unit boundaries; those lands within Boysen State Park south of Cottonwood Creek, west of Boysen Reservoir, and south of U.S. Highway 20-26; and all non-indian owned fee title lands within the exterior boundaries of the Wind River Reservation, excluding those lands within Hot Springs County.

**Area 5.** All of Uinta County.

**Area 6.** All of Big Horn, Hot Springs, Park and Washakie counties.

**Area 7.** All of Campbell, Converse, Crook, Goshen, Laramie, Niobrara, Platte and Weston counties.

**Area 8.** All of Johnson, Natrona and Sheridan counties.

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The daily bag limit of seven (7) ducks and mergansers may include any combination of species with the following restrictions:

- no more than two (2) hen mallards;
- no more than one (1) pintail;
- no more than two (2) canvasbacks;
- no more than two (2) redheads; and,
- no more than three (3) scaup. No scaup shall be taken after December 15.

(ii) Central Flyway Zones. The Central Flyway is divided into three (3) zones. Refer to the season dates for the zone in which you are hunting.

(A) ZONE C1 shall include Big Horn, Converse, Hot Springs, Park and Washakie counties, and Fremont County excluding those portions south or west of the Continental Divide.

(B) ZONE C1A shall include Goshen and Platte counties.

(C) ZONE C2 shall include Albany, Campbell, Crook, Johnson, Laramie, Niobrara, Sheridan and Weston counties, and that portion of Carbon County east of the Continental Divide.
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**The daily bag limit of six (6) ducks may include any combination of species with the following restrictions:
- no more than five (5) mallards of which not more than two (2) shall be hens;
- no more than one (1) pintail;
- no more than three (3) wood ducks;
- no more than two (2) canvasbacks;
- no more than two (2) redheads; and,
- no more than three (3) scaup.

- two (2) blue-winged teal may be taken in addition to the regular limit of six (6) ducks during the following dates:
- Zone C1 and C1A: September 28 – October 13
- Zone C2: September 21 – October 6

*** The daily bag limit of five (5) mergansers shall not include more than two (2) hooded mergansers.

(j) Special Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days. In the Pacific Flyway and in Zone C2 of the Central Flyway, the special youth waterfowl hunting days are September 14-15, 2019. In Zone C1 and C1A of the Central Flyway, the special youth waterfowl hunting days are September 21-22, 2019. Only persons seventeen (17) years of age and younger may take ducks, mergansers, coots and geese on the special youth waterfowl hunting days, subject to the following conditions:

(i) All youth hunters shall be accompanied in the field by an adult at least eighteen (18) years of age.

(ii) No more than four (4) youths shall be supervised by any one (1) adult.

(iii) The adult shall not take ducks, coots, mergansers or geese, but may participate in other open seasons.

(iv) All license and stamp requirements, daily bag limits, species and sex restrictions, shooting hours and other regulations that apply to the regular duck and goose seasons, as defined for each flyway, shall apply during the special youth waterfowl hunting days. Exceptions: The additional blue-winged teal limit does not apply on the youth waterfowl hunting days. In Zone C1A, the daily bag limit for dark geese shall be four (4) on the youth waterfowl hunting days.

(v) The areas described in Section 3 (b), (d) and (e) shall be closed to hunting during youth days.

### Section 3. Description of Closed Areas.

The areas described in this Section shall be closed for the species and dates specified in the tables in Sections 2, 5 and 7.

(a) Goshen County

(i) Hawk Springs Reservoir. Beginning where the east fence of the Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way meets the south fence enclosing Hawk Springs Reservoir; due east along said fence to Goshen County Road 51; northerly along said road to the access road to the northeast dam of the reservoir; southwesterly along said road to the northeast dam and the fence enclosing the reservoir; northerly along said fence to the second gate; southerly from said gate to the northwest corner of the fence enclosing the reservoir; southerly along said fence to the beginning point.

(ii) Springer Reservoir. Beginning on U.S. Highway 85 at the George Marlatt farmstead; westerly along the fence between the farm land and the pasture land to the west end of the west pump lake and Bump-Sullivan Ditch; southerly along said ditch to the high-water mark of Springer Reservoir; westerly then southerly along the high-water mark to the Wyoming Game and Fish Department’s Springer Wildlife Habitat Management Area (WHMA); westerly then southerly along the Springer WHMA boundary to Parking Area 3; southeasterly along the reservoir access road to the Wyoming Game and Fish Department buildings; due south from said buildings across the Whispering Wings LLC property to the Fuller Family Trust property; southerly along said road to Goshen County Road 42; easterly along said road to U.S. Highway 85; northerly along said highway to the Springer WHMA boundary at the Casey L. Hunter property; westerly then northerly along said boundary to the fence separating the Joe and Judith Hunter Living Trust property and the George Marlatt & Son, Inc. property; easterly then southerly then easterly along said fence to U.S. Highway 85; northerly along said highway to the George Marlatt farmhouse.

(iii) Pond No. 1 Table Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Area. Pond No. 1 and adjacent lands as marked by colored signs and posts.

(iv) Miller Lake (Glomili Reservoir). Miller Lake and all lands within three hundred (300) yards of the normal high water line.

(v) North Platte River. That portion of the North Platte River and all lands within three hundred (300) yards of each bank of said river beginning one-quarter (1/4) mile downstream of the western-most river crossing with Wyoming Highway 157 downstream to the eastern-most river crossing with Wyoming Highway 157.

(b) Platte County
Section 4. Shooting Hours.

Except as provided in Section 4 (a) and Section 8, shooting hours for hunting all migratory game birds shall be from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise until sunset.

(a) Within the following areas: Goshen County north of Wyoming Highway 313 and County Road 28; that portion of Platte County west of Interstate Highway 25; and that portion of Platte County south of Wyoming Highway 160 (Gray Rocks Road) and Riverview Road (Platte County Road 271). Shooting hours for hunting dark geese shall be from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise until 1:00 p.m., except on the dates listed in subsections (i), (ii) and (iii), when shooting hours shall be from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to sunset.

(i) September 28 through October 9.

(ii) All Saturdays and Wednesdays from November 16 through December 31.

(iii) All Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays from January 1 through the close of the dark goose season.

Section 5. Falconry Seasons.

Migratory game birds may be taken by the use of trained raptors in the possession of properly licensed falconers during the regular hunting season set forth in Section 2 and extended falconry seasons in accordance with the limitations in this Section, Section 2, Section 3 and Section 4. Licensed adult falconers are allowed to hunt by falconry methods during the youth waterfowl hunting days set forth in Section 2 (j).

(a) Falconry Bag and Possession Limits. The daily bag limit shall not exceed three (3) migratory game birds in the aggregate nor shall the possession limit exceed nine (9) migratory game birds in the aggregate for falconry during the regular hunting season or extended falconry seasons. The daily bag and possession limits, singly or in the aggregate, may include any species and sex of ducks, geese, coots, mergansers, rail, snipe, mourning doves and sandhill crane when seasons for these species are open. No more than one (1) sandhill crane shall be taken under a limited quota sandhill crane permit. The falconry bag and possession limits are not in addition to the bag and possession limits listed in Section 2.

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Nineteen (19) numbered pits/blinds shall be available each day during the dark goose hunting season and shall be occupied on a first-come, first-served basis within the Bump-Sullivan Managed Goose Hunt Area in Goshen County. From November 16, 2019, through February 16, 2020, hunting during dark goose shooting hours shall only be allowed from pits/blinds or within fifty (50) yards of the pits/blinds.

(a) Selection of pits/blinds. Hunters and hunting parties shall occupy pits/blinds by parking one vehicle directly in front of the numbered post that is marked with the corresponding number of the pit/blind. Vehicles shall not be parked overnight to reserve a pit/blind. Vehicles shall also not be parked in front of a numbered post of a pit/blind other than the one the hunting party is occupying. Hunters shall not change pits/blinds except by returning to the parking area and moving their vehicle to the numbered post corresponding to the new pit/blind.

(b) Access to pits/blinds. Hunters shall only park in established parking areas. No more than two (2) vehicles per pit/blind shall be allowed in the parking lots. No person shall drive a vehicle beyond the established parking areas during the goose and duck hunting seasons, except for Department administrative access. Hunters may only use non-motorized methods to transport decoys and other gear to and from the pit/blind.

(c) Commercial operations. No person shall conduct a commercially guided or outfitted hunt on the Bump-Sullivan Managed Goose Hunt Area.

(d) Bump-Sullivan Managed Goose Hunt Area boundary description. The Bump-Sullivan Managed Goose Hunt Area shall include the portion of the Springer/Bump Sullivan Wildlife Habitat Management Area (WHMA) located west of Goshen County Road 37 (Bump-Sullivan Reservoir and adjacent Commission owned lands); the portion of the Springer/Bump Sullivan WHMA located south of Goshen County Road 42; and the portion of the Springer/Bump Sullivan WHMA located between County Road 37 and the closed area boundary.

Section 7. Light Goose Conservation Order

(a) Licensing, Permitting and Reporting Requirements.

(i) Wyoming Game Bird License and Conservation Stamp. Each person who takes or attempts to take any light goose under the authority of this regulation shall have in possession a valid Wyoming game bird license and a valid Wyoming conservation stamp (except as otherwise exempted by State statute).

(ii) Conservation Order Special Management Permit. A Conservation Order Special Management Permit shall be in possession of any person participating in the light goose conservation order. The Conservation Order Special Management Permit shall be validated by signing the person’s name in ink across the face of the permit. Conservation Order Special Management Permits may be purchased through the Department’s ELS.

(iii) Reporting Requirements. Any person who obtains a Conservation Order Special Management Permit is requested to accurately complete the online survey at the web address provided on the permit no later than May 14, 2020.

(iv) Hunters are not required to possess a Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (duck stamp) or Harvest Information Program (HIP) Permit in order to participate in the light goose conservation order.

(b) Conservation Order Regulations.

(i) Shotguns shall be the only weapons that can be used to take light geese and are not required to be plugged to limit shell capacity to three (3). Shotguns larger than ten (10) gauge shall not be legal for the taking of light geese during the light goose conservation order.

(ii) Recorded or electronically-amplified calls may be used for the taking of light geese during the light goose conservation order.

(iii) Evidence of Species. One fully feathered wing or the feathered head shall remain naturally attached to the carcass as a means of identification of all light geese in the field and while the birds are being transported.

(iv) Nontoxic Shot Restrictions. No person shall take light geese while possessing shot shells loaded with shot other than nontoxic shot.

(v) The Central Flyway portion of Wyoming, excluding the closed areas listed in Section 3, is open during the light goose conservation order.

(vi) Light Goose Conservation Order Hunting Seasons.

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(c) Bump-Sullivan Area. Those areas within the boundary of the Bump-Sullivan Managed Goose Hunt Area, including Bump-Sullivan Reservoir, shall be open to the taking of light geese during the light goose conservation order. Light goose conservation order participants are not required to hunt from a numbered Department pit/blind during the light goose conservation order. Participants who choose to hunt from a numbered Department pit/blind shall follow the rules in Section 6 of this regulation. Section 6 (c) shall apply to persons hunting light geese anywhere within the Bump-Sullivan Managed Goose Hunt Area.

Section 8. Light Goose Conservation Order Shooting Hours.

Shooting hours for taking light geese during the light goose conservation order shall be from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise until one-half (1/2) hour after sunset.
THIS MAP IS FOR GENERAL REFERENCE ONLY. Please use the written boundary descriptions in the regulation for detailed boundary information.
One of the toughest jobs for a waterfowl hunter is to judge how far away a target is. Shooting at waterfowl out of range (sky-busting) causes a significantly higher rate of crippling than shooting at closer ranges and is not a responsible way to hunt. This applies to geese in particular. Because of their size, geese usually appear closer than they actually are.

You can use your shotgun to learn to judge distances more accurately and quickly. If the portion of a large Canada goose covered by the end of your shotgun barrel does not extend beyond the wing tips on an overhead shot, then the goose is near the maximum range of 50-55 yards. If the area of the goose covered by the barrel does not extend beyond the wrist joints of the wings, then the goose is probably 40 yards or less and is within effective killing range. The illustrations above approximate what a goose’s silhouette looks like at these maximum and optimum shotgun ranges. These guidelines are intended for 12 gauge shotguns with 28-30 inch barrel lengths. Generally speaking, if you cannot see wing tips of a flying goose outside the muzzle of the shotgun on an overhead shot, it is beyond 55 yards and too far away to shoot at. The same principle applies if you cannot see the body of a flying goose outside the muzzle on a crossing shot.

Along with learning to estimate distances, pattern your shotgun and the loads you hunt with, and practice to improve your shooting skills. For most shotguns and reasonable shooting ranges, CONSEP research has found that steel #BB or #BBB shot for large-bodied geese, and steel #2, #1, or #BB shot for small- and medium-bodied geese are needed for proper penetration (see CONSEP Lethality Table on page 27). These shot sizes will carry enough energy to penetrate a goose’s vital areas. In order to kill large-bodied geese, CONSEP research has found your shotgun must consistently place at least 50-55 pellets inside a 30-inch circle at the distances you shoot. In order to kill small- or medium-bodied geese, CONSEP research finds your shotgun must consistently place at least 60-65 pellets inside the 30-inch circle (see CONSEP Lethality Table). Try patterning your shotgun at various distances with the appropriate pellet sizes. The distance at which the pellet count in a 30-inch circle drops below 50-55 (large geese) and 60-65 (small-medium geese) determines the maximum effective range of your shotgun with that particular load. Be a responsible hunter and practice these suggestions to reduce crippling losses and to improve the non-hunting public’s perception and acceptance of waterfowl hunting. The shotgun barrel pictured above depicts the approximate area covered by a 12 gauge 28”-30” single barrel or over/under barrel at optimum range of forty (40) yards or less on an overhead shot (Fig. 1) and a crossing shot (Fig 2). Fig. 3 indicates the approximate area covered at 50-55 yards on a crossing shot. Remember: If your shotgun’s muzzle appears to totally cover the goose, it is too far away for a lethal shot. If you are unsure ... DON’T SHOOT!
IDENTIFY YOUR BIRDS

Sandhill crane

Trumpeter swan

Snow goose (light goose)

Blue-winged teal

Length - 16 inches | Weight - 15 ounces

Green-winged teal

Length - 15 inches | Weight - 14 ounces

Mallard

Length - 24 inches | Weight - 2.75 pounds

Pintail

Length - 26 inches | Weight - 1.75 pounds
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Wood duck
Length - 18.5 inches | Weight - 1.5 pounds

Lesser scaup
Length - 17 inches | Weight - 1.875 pounds

Canvasback
Length - 22 inches | Weight - 3 pounds

Hooded merganser
Length - 18 inches | Weight - 1.5 pounds

Redhead
Length - 20 inches | Weight - 2.5 pounds

Common merganser
Length - 22 inches | Weight - 3.2 pounds
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Bufflehead
Length - 15 inches | Weight - 1 pound

Northern shoveler
Length - 19 inches | Weight - 1.5 pounds

Barrow’s goldeneye
Length - 18 inches | Weight - 2 pounds

Gadwall
Length - 20 inches | Weight - 2 pounds

American wigeon
Length - 20 inches | Weight - 1.8 pounds

Coot
Length - 15 inches | Weight - 1 pound
## Proven Nontoxic Loads for Waterfowl, Doves, & Upland Game Birds

**Vel. Range Tested:** 1,225 - 1,700 FPS

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1These findings are derived from testing 2½" 28 gauge; 3" 20 ga.; 2½" 12 ga.; & 3½" 10 ga. steel loads; plus 2½" 28 ga.; 2½" & 3½" 20 ga.; and 2½" & 3½" 12 ga. HEVI-Shot loads.

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WHAT DOCUMENTS DO I NEED TO HUNT WILD TURKEY IN WYOMING?

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Section 1. Authority.

This regulation is promulgated by authority of Wyoming Statute § 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) 2019 Fall Season. Hunt Areas, Season Dates and Limitations.

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Section 3. Archery Regulations.

Wild turkey may be taken with archery equipment during any open season in accordance with Section 2 of this Chapter.

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.

HOW TO FILL OUT CARCASS COUPON

IMMEDIATELY AFTER Harvesting a Wild Turkey and BEFORE LEAVING the Site of the Kill do ALL of the following:

STEP 1 Detach carcass coupon from license

STEP 2 Cut out the entire month of the kill

STEP 3 Cut out the entire day of the kill

STEP 4 Sign carcass coupon

IMMEDIATELY AFTER Harvesting a Wild Turkey and BEFORE LEAVING the Site of the Kill do ALL of the following:
WILDLIFE HUNT AREAS FALL 2019 - SPRING 2020

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Game retrieval and handling
- **Immediately remove** carcasses from the field. The longer game is in the field, at camp, or in a vehicle, the more likely it is to be discovered.
- Separate the carcass from the gut pile with **as much distance as possible** if you must leave meat in the field for any time.
- Ideally leave the gut pile in the field **far away** from camps, roads, trails.
- If an animal is harvested by a camp, road or trail, move the gut pile or parts ½ mile away or to a landfill.
- **Quarter and hang** the carcass in a tree or game pole 10 to 15 feet from the ground and 4 feet from the tree trunk or supporting branches.
- If you must leave the carcass on the ground, **place it in plain view** so you can see if a bear is present or if it has been disturbed when you return. Placing large items such as branches or a jacket on the carcass so you can tell from a safe distance if a bear has disturbed your carcass.
- When returning to a carcass **stop and view** the area from a distance with binoculars. Approach the carcass from upwind and make sufficient noise to alert any bears of your presence. Just because you don’t see a bear doesn’t mean there isn’t one in the area.
- When retrieving meat go with your hunting partners and if possible **approach on horseback**.
- If you detect disturbance from a distance or if the carcass has been buried, a bear has probably been to the carcass or may be bedded nearby.
- **Never attempt to scare** a bear off of a carcass it has claimed.
- **Have a plan** on how to recover an animal before you harvest one and use extra caution if harvesting an animal late in the day.

What to do if you see an aggressive /defensive bear at close range
- Try to remain calm, slowly back out of the area, and have a defense ready.
- **Never run away** from the bear.

- Do not challenge the bear with aggressive body language, **direct eye contact** or shouting.
- If the bear begins to approach, stand your ground and **use bear spray** if available.
- If a bear makes contact or is about to make contact, drop and cover by lying flat on your stomach inter-lacing your fingers and placing them on the back of your neck. Do not fight back.
- Once the bear feels the threat is neutralized it will usually stop attacking.
- Make certain the bear has left the area before you retreat or move.

How and when to use bear spray
- **Bear spray is an effective deterrent** that is designed to deter aggressive bear behavior.
- Studies have shown that bear spray is more effective than firearms at reducing your chances of injury.
- Make sure that you are carrying an **EPA registered** Bear Spray and not another form of self protection pepper spray.
- Bear spray is to be used on a **charging bear** or in an aggressive encounter.
- It sprays 25-30 feet as it creates a 4-foot cloud.
- Each member of a party should carry spray.
- Bear spray must be carried where it is readily accessible.

If a bear comes into your camp
- Remain calm and do not panic. Bears generally avoid people and they are probably attracted to odors of food.
- **Ready your bear spray** or firearm for use.
- Do not approach the bear.
- Try to **scare the bear** away by yelling, shouting, or making other loud noises.
- If the bear does not get a food reward they will usually leave.
- If a bear tries getting into your tent **fight back** and use your personal defense.

For more information about staying safe in bear country, visit the WGFD bear wise page.


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