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**JOB COMPLETION REPORT
INVESTIGATIONS PROJECT**

STATE OF Wyoming

NAME: GAME BIRD SURVEY

PROJECT N. W-27-R-45

PREPARED BY: Biological Services

Period Covered: June 1, 2009 to May 31, 2010

ABSTRACT:

This report contains the results of harvest surveys for the 2009 small game, upland game bird, migratory game bird, wild turkey, and furbearer hunting seasons. Harvest and hunting (or trapping) activity estimates were obtained by surveying licensed hunters (or trappers) with mailed questionnaires or through mandatory reporting.

OBJECTIVES:

1. To determine the 2009 small game, upland game, migratory game bird, turkey, furbearer and selected predator harvests.
2. To determine the number of days spent hunting small game, upland game birds, and migratory game birds; the number of days required to harvest an animal; and the percent success of hunters in the field during 2009 hunting season.

PROCEDURES:

Harvest questionnaires were mailed to a random sample of 2009 daily, annual and lifetime small and upland game bird license holders and to all 2009 furbearer trapping license holders. License holders were stratified by license type and hunt area or management area, where applicable. Details of obtaining information for furbearer trapping license holders are provided in the abstract preceding that section. Spring and fall turkey license holders were surveyed separately at 100% of the licenses that were entered into the Department's license information database in time for inclusion in the spring and fall surveys. Estimates of harvest by falconry were obtained through mandatory reporting by falconers. Early goose and crane hunting season license holders were surveyed at 100%, as were holders of Light Goose Conservation Order permits (mandatory reporting). The procedure used in making the harvest and hunting pressure estimates was similar for all species or species groups that were randomly sampled, and it was similar for those sampled at 100%. These harvest surveys were conducted by the Department's Biological Services Section.

2009 FIVE-YEAR LICENSE SALES TREND FOR SMALL AND UPLAND GAME

SMALL AND UPLAND GAME LICENSE CATEGORIES	2005 ¹	2006	2007	2008	2009	5-YEAR TOTAL	ANNUAL AVERAGE
ANNUAL GAME BIRD							
RESIDENT	7,767	7,350	7,375	7,553	7,822	37,867	7,573
NONRESIDENT	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
TOTAL	7,767	7,350	7,375	7,553	7,822	37,867	7,573

ANNUAL SMALL GAME

RESIDENT	2,142	2,008	2,031	1,831	1,713	9,725	1,945
NONRESIDENT	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
TOTAL	2,142	2,008	2,031	1,831	1,713	9,725	1,945

ANNUAL GAME BIRD/SMALL GAME

RESIDENT	10,278	10,628	10,002	8,689	8,880	48,477	9,695
NONRESIDENT	1,868	2,165	2,151	1,889	1,779	9,852	1,970
TOTAL	12,146	12,793	12,153	10,578	10,659	58,329	11,666

DAILY GAME BIRD/SMALL GAME

RESIDENT	1,108	1,019	1,026	957	994	5,104	1,021
NONRESIDENT	6,203	6,752	6,233	5,192	4,800	29,180	5,836
TOTAL	7,311	7,771	7,259	6,149	5,794	34,284	6,857

RESIDENT ONLY

LIFETIME LICENSES - CUMULATIVE SOLD

GAME BIRD/SMALL GAME/CONS STAMP ²	6	9	28	39	40		
GAME BIRD/SMALL GAME/FISHING ³	790	911	1,210	1,307	1,372		
GAME BIRD/SMALL GAME ²	44	67	105	115	127		

2009

WILD TURKEY, SMALL GAME, UPLAND GAME BIRD AND MIGRATORY GAME BIRD FIVE-YEAR HARVEST TREND BY SPECIES/SPECIES GROUP

SPECIES	2005 ¹	2006	2007	2008	2009	5-YEAR TOTAL	ANNUAL AVERAGE
GEESE	55,678	22,748	19,511	33,460	25,981	157,378	31,476
CRANE	116	194	138	162	195	805	161
DUCK	72,368	55,545	68,478	53,158	51,418	300,967	60,193
COOT	163	691	660	182	107	1,803	361
SNIPE	522	532	334	403	320	2,111	422
RAIL	74	20	12	36	8	150	30
PHEASANT	65,979	46,164	42,333	42,359	41,361	238,196	47,639
CHUKAR	10,909	8,315	7,609	7,900	7,130	41,863	8,373
GRAY PARTRIDGE	3,520	1,582	919	1,381	2,858	10,260	2,052
DUSKY (BLUE) GROUSE	13,076	9,324	10,384	8,611	7,844	49,239	9,848
RUFFED GROUSE	3,182	5,545	6,223	3,321	4,222	22,493	4,499
SAGE-GROUSE	13,176	12,920	10,378	10,303	11,162	57,939	11,588
SHARP-TAILED GROUSE	2,712	2,337	1,569	1,900	1,715	10,233	2,047
MOURNING DOVE	44,280	32,807	36,670	29,994	22,278	166,029	33,206
TURKEY	3,855	3,986	4,674	5,256	4,537	22,308	4,462
COTTONTAIL RABBIT	89,823	86,769	60,511	31,343	26,983	295,429	59,086
SNOWSHOE HARE	703	660	328	390	287	2,368	474
SQUIRREL	1,434	1,212	1,066	1,584	1,420	6,716	1,343

¹Lifetime license combination holders who have small and upland game privileged were included for the first time in 2005. The change in sampling strategy to include lifetime license holders may account for some significant changes in annual harvest estimates.

²First sold in 2004

³First sold in 1996

SURVEYS & MAPS



WYOMING GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT

5400 Bishop Blvd. Cheyenne, WY 82006

Phone: (307) 777-4600 Fax: (307) 777-4610

Web site: <http://gf.state.wy.us>

Dear Hunter,

We are asking you to participate in our 2009 small game, upland game bird and migratory game bird harvest survey. Our biologists use the results of this survey to monitor populations of these species and to recommend hunting seasons. Your responses are confidential and are very important even if you did not hunt or were unsuccessful. We appreciate your assistance with this survey and thank you in advance for your help.

You may complete this survey in one of two ways: via the Internet go to <http://gf.state.wy.us/HarvestSurvey/> and use the **Hunter Key** as it appears in the first line of the address label above, OR complete both sides of this survey and return it to us by June 1, 2010, in the enclosed prepaid envelope.

WATERFOWL HUNTING

1. Did you HUNT Waterfowl during the 2009 season? (The waterfowl season ended Feb. 8, 2010)

Yes No ➔ If NO, skip to Question 5 on the reverse side.

2. IF YES, using the waterfowl map below complete this chart for each species you hunted.

Enter the number and letter of the area from the map below, how many of each species you bagged there, and the total number of days you hunted there. If you hunted more than 3 areas for any species, please report on the 3 areas you hunted most.

If you did not hunt a species leave the corresponding row blank.	1st Area Hunted			2nd Area Hunted			3rd Area Hunted		
	# Bagged	# of Days Hunted		# Bagged	# of Days Hunted		# Bagged	# of Days Hunted	
Ducks									
Coots									
Rail									
Snipe									

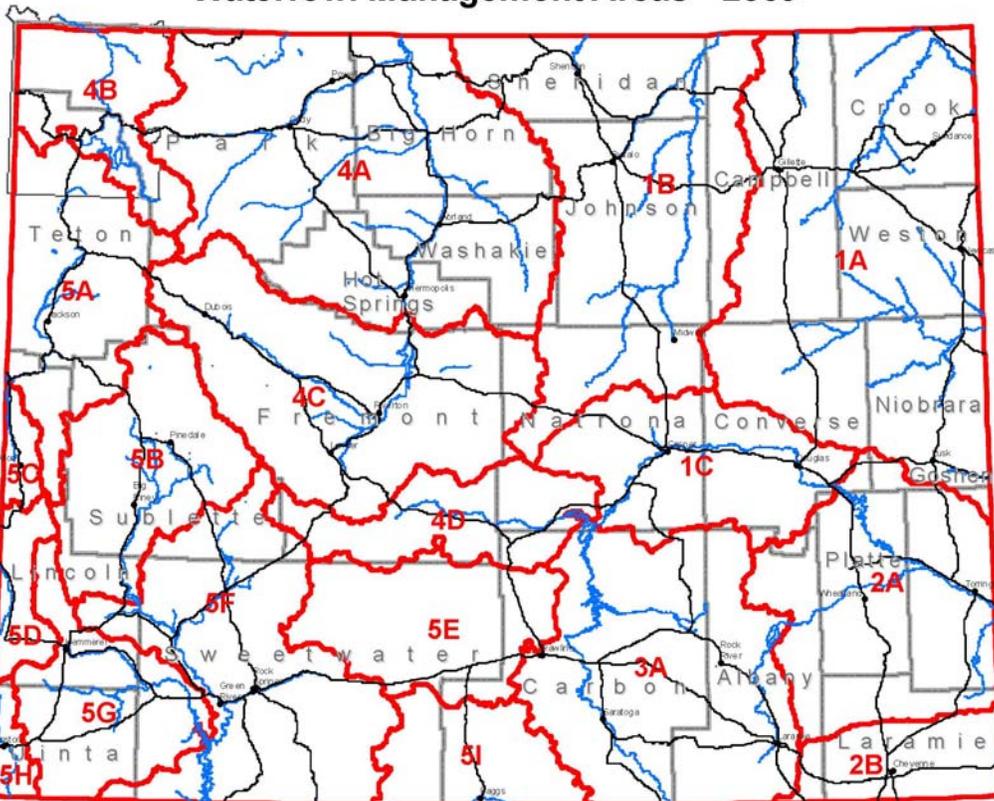
3. IF you hunted GEESE between SEPT. 1ST-8TH, using the waterfowl map below complete this chart for your activities during this period only.

If you did not hunt GEESE between Sept 1st-8th, leave this row blank and continue to Question 4 below.	1st Area Hunted			2nd Area Hunted			3rd Area Hunted		
	# Bagged	# of Days Hunted		# Bagged	# of Days Hunted		# Bagged	# of Days Hunted	

4. IF you hunted GEESE during the REGULAR SEASON, using the waterfowl map below complete this chart for each area you hunted during the REGULAR SEASON ONLY. The regular season began Sept 26 or Oct 3 depending on where you hunted.

If you did not hunt GEESE during the REGULAR SEASON, leave this row blank and continue to Question 5 on the reverse side.	1st Area Hunted			2nd Area Hunted			3rd Area Hunted		
	# Bagged	# of Days Hunted		# Bagged	# of Days Hunted		# Bagged	# of Days Hunted	

Waterfowl Management Areas - 2009



Please Complete Both Sides



Please Complete Both Sides



UPLAND GAME BIRD HUNTING

5. Did you HUNT upland game birds during the 2009 season?

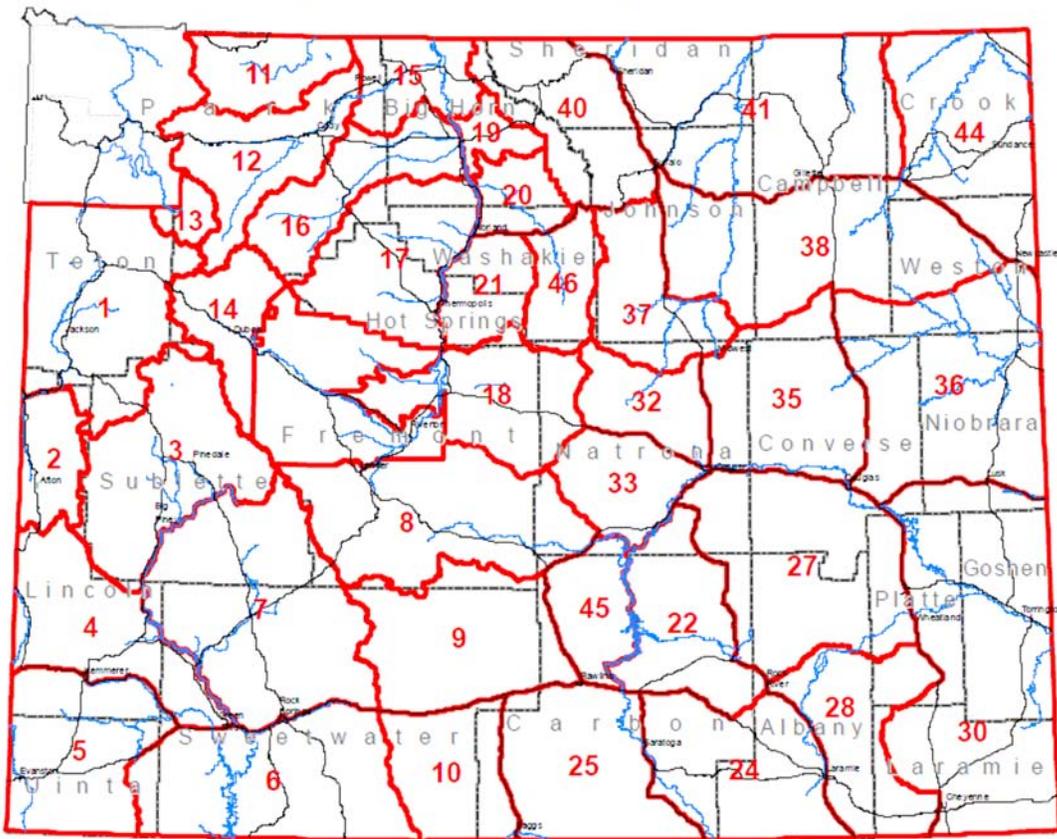
Yes No ➔ If NO, skip to Question 7 below.

6. IF YES, using the Small & Upland Game map below complete this chart for **each species** you hunted. Enter the **number of the management area** from the map below, how many of each species you bagged there, and the total number of days you hunted there. If you hunted more than 3 areas for any species, please report on the 3 areas you hunted most.

PLEASE DO NOT REPORT BIRDS HARVESTED AT PRIVATE BIRD FARMS

If you did not hunt a species leave the corresponding row blank.	1st Area Hunted	# Bagged	# of Days Hunted	2nd Area Hunted	# Bagged	# of Days Hunted	3rd Area Hunted	# Bagged	# of Days Hunted
Sage Grouse									
Dusky (Blue) Grouse									
Ruffed Grouse									
Sharp-tailed Grouse									
Chukar Partridge									
Gray (Hungarian) Partridge									
Pheasant									
Mourning Dove									

Small and Upland Game Management Areas - 2009



SMALL GAME HUNTING

7. Did you HUNT small game during the 2009 season? (The small game season ended March 1, 2010)

Yes No ➔ If NO, skip to Question 9 below.

8. IF YES, using the Small & Upland Game map above complete this chart for **each species** you hunted. Enter the **number of the management area** from the map above, how many of each species you bagged there, and the total number of days you hunted there. If you hunted more than 3 areas for any species, please report on the 3 areas you hunted most.

If you did not hunt a species leave the corresponding row blank.	1st Area Hunted	# Bagged	# of Days Hunted	2nd Area Hunted	# Bagged	# of Days Hunted	3rd Area Hunted	# Bagged	# of Days Hunted
Cottontail Rabbit									
Snowshoe Hare									
Squirrel									

9. When hunting, did you have any contact with Wyoming Game & Fish personnel?

Yes No

10. During the 2009-2010 hunting season, did you use any of the Private Land Public Wildlife (PLPW) walk-in areas?
 Yes No Did Not Hunt ➔ If NO or you did not hunt, your survey is complete.

11. IF YES, How many Days did you spend Hunting PLPW walk-in Areas? days

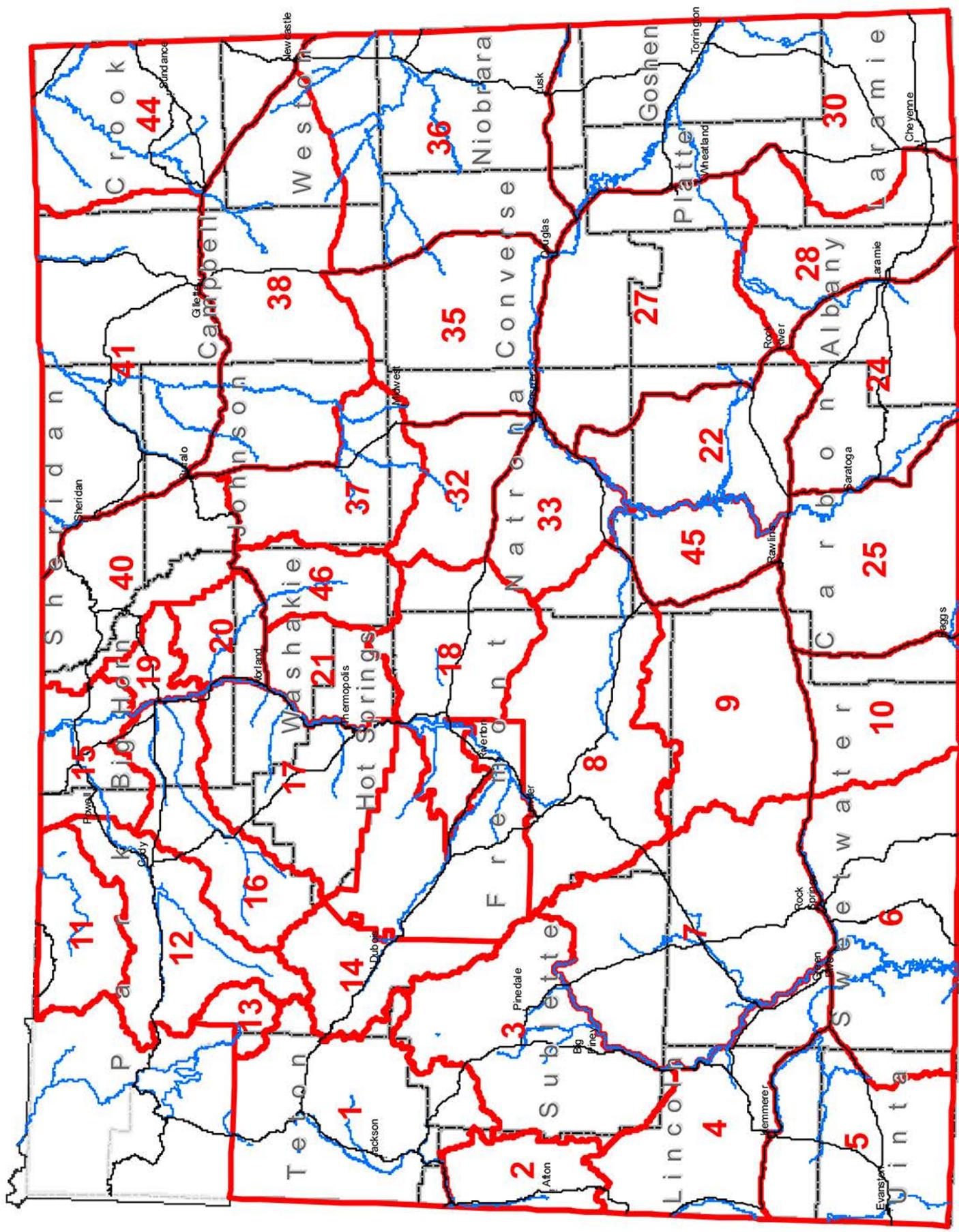
12. How many PLPW walk-in areas did you Hunt? areas

13. Please rate your PLPW walk-in area experience using the scale below:

1 = Very Dissatisfied 2 = Dissatisfied 3 = Neutral 4 = Satisfied 5 = Very Satisfied

Thank you for completing this survey.

Small and Upland Game Management Areas - 2009



2010 LIGHT GOOSE CONSERVATION ORDER SURVEY CARD

Conservation Order Special Management Permit Number _____

(Stamp Number)

Please list your hunting activities during each of the two periods identified below:*

	Feb 22 - Mar 10	Mar 11 - Apr 11
Number of days you hunted		
Number of light geese you harvested		
Number of light geese knocked down but not retrieved		
Did you use an electronic caller? Check One:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, how many days was a caller used?		
If yes, how many light geese were harvested while using a caller?		
Did you hunt after sunset? Check One:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, how many days did you hunt after sunset?		
If yes, how many light geese were harvested after sunset?		
List the primary county in which you hunted		

*If you did not hunt, enter "0" at the top of each column, leave the remainder of card blank.

2009 EARLY CRANE AND GOOSE HARVEST RECORD

Successful permit applicant, please complete and return by November 1.

Name: _____ Age: _____ Sex: _____

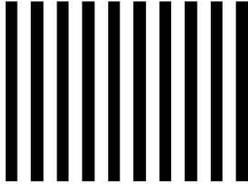
Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

1. Did you hunt the early crane season? Yes No
2. What area did you hunt? (Check One)
 - 1. Bear/Ham's Fork River 2. Salt River (Afton) 3. Farson/Eden
 - 4. Riverton Area 5. Uinta 6. Big Horn Basin
3. Number of days hunted: _____ Yes No
4. Did you Harvest a crane? Yes No
5. If you hunted and harvested a crane during the season, was it: (Check One)
 - _____ Adult (Bright Red Crown On Top Of Head) _____ Juvenile (Top Of Head Gray Or Reddish Brown)
6. Indicate the number of cranes knocked down, but not retrieved: _____
7. If you hunted geese during the early September season in the Pacific Flyway, indicate the number of Canada geese harvested: _____
8. Comments _____



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Dear Sportsman,

Each year the Wyoming Game & Fish Department conducts harvest surveys to help set hunting seasons. Your participation provides key data we need to manage game populations. *Your response is important even if you were unable to hunt this year.* Please fill out the attached questionnaire as completely as possible concerning your participation in the 2009 early Sandhill Crane and Goose seasons. Then detach the completed card and return it postage paid for processing.

Thank you for your help with this important information !

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WGFD SPRING WILD TURKEY HARVEST SURVEY

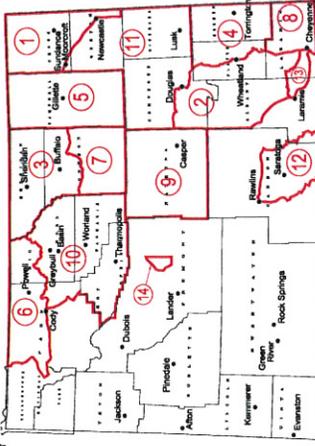
Dear Hunter, We are asking you to participate in the 2009 Wyoming Game and Fish Department Spring Wild Turkey Harvest Survey. Our biologists use the results of this survey to monitor populations and recommend hunting seasons. Your responses are confidential and are very important **even if you did not hunt or were unsuccessful.**



You may complete this survey in one of two ways: via the internet go to <http://gf.state.wy.us/HarvestSurvey/> and use the **Hunter Key** as it appears on the top of the attached survey postcard
 OR complete this survey postcard, detach it and mail it back to us. The postage is paid.

All surveys will be destroyed after the harvest data has been completed. We appreciate your assistance with the survey and thank you for your help.

WILD TURKEY HUNT AREA MAP



Hunter Key: Please return by July 1, 2009

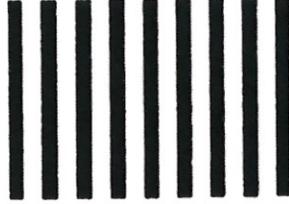
Did you hunt wild turkey? yes no
 Type of License: General Limited Quota
 Did you hunt on private land national forest other

hunt areas you hunted (see map)	# of days hunted in this area	Did you harvest a turkey in this area?	harvested	weapon used to harvest	date of harvest
main area # _____	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> tom <input type="checkbox"/> hen	<input type="checkbox"/> firearm <input type="checkbox"/> archery		
2nd area # _____	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> tom <input type="checkbox"/> hen	<input type="checkbox"/> firearm <input type="checkbox"/> archery		
3rd area # _____	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> tom <input type="checkbox"/> hen	<input type="checkbox"/> firearm <input type="checkbox"/> archery		

COMMENTS: _____



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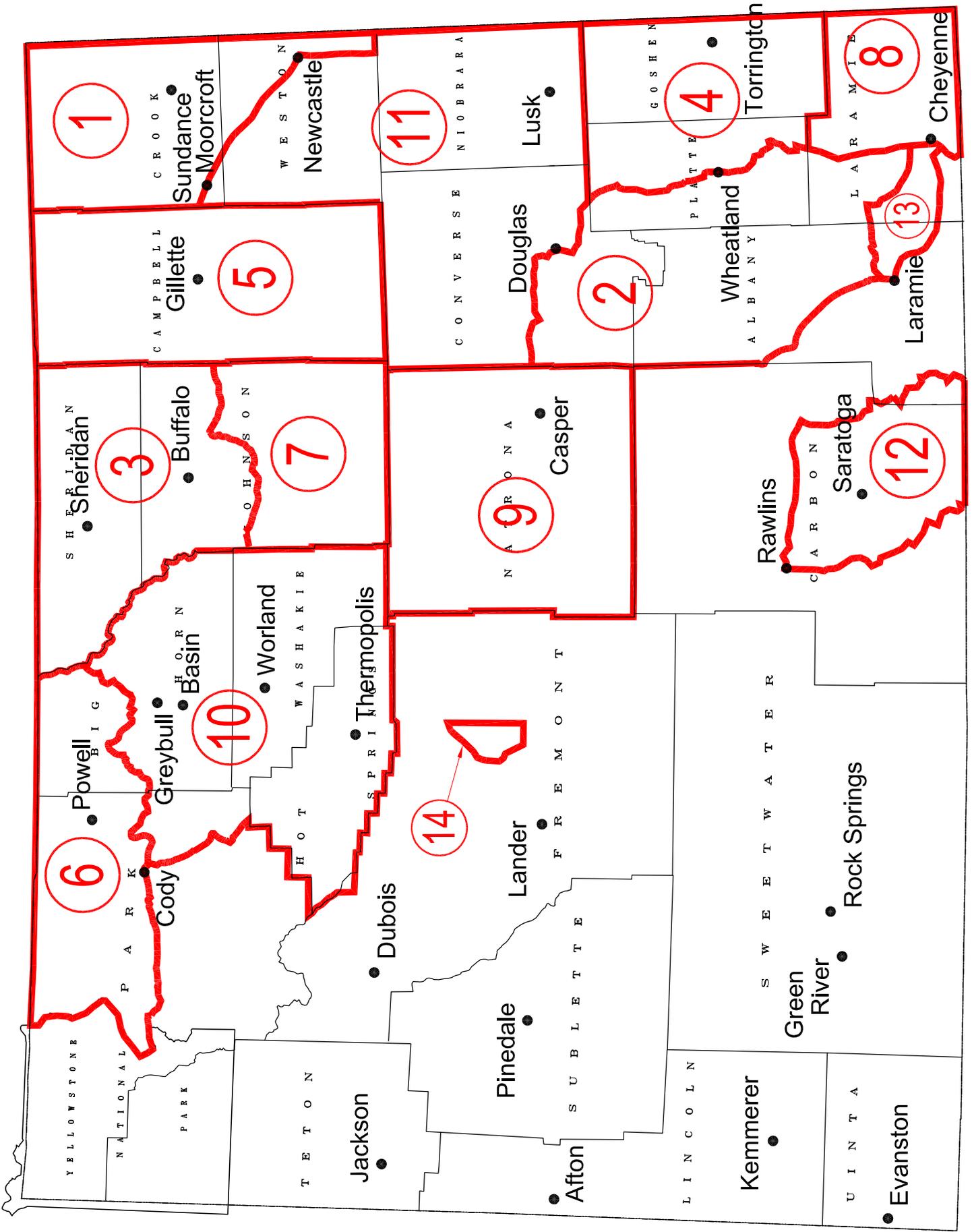
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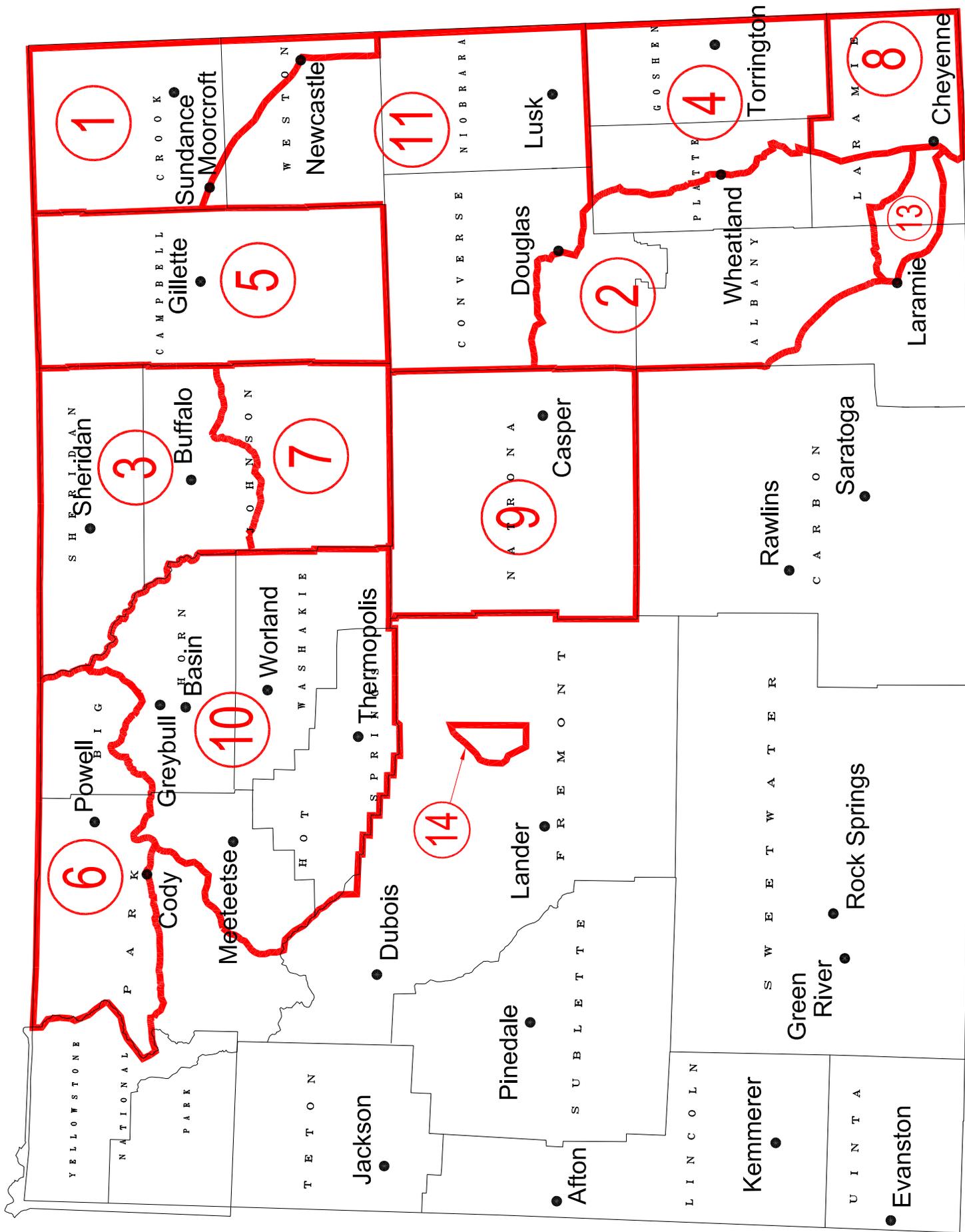


WILD TURKEY HUNT AREAS FALL 2008 - SPRING 2009



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WILD TURKEY HUNT AREAS FALL 2009 - SPRING 2010



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WYOMING GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT FURBEARER SURVEY

Dear Hunters & Trappers,

We are asking you to participate in the WYOMING GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT FURBEARER SURVEY for the 2009 furbearer/trapping season (Oct.1, 2009 to April 30, 2010). Our biologists use the results of this survey to monitor populations, recommend trapping seasons and provide defensible data for Wyoming's furbearer management. Your responses are confidential and are very important even if you did not trap or hunt furbearing animals or were unsuccessful. We appreciate your assistance with this survey and thank you in advance for your help. You may complete this survey in one of two ways: via the Internet go to <http://gf.state.wy.us/HarvestSurvey/> and use the **Hunter Key** as it appears in the first line of the address above to use the electronic survey form , OR complete the survey below and return it to us by JUNE 10, 2010 in the enclosed prepaid envelope.

Please check here if you DID NOT hunt or trap furbearing animals this season.

Using the management area map on the back:

Enter the Management Area and number of each species harvested by TRAPPING for each area you list.

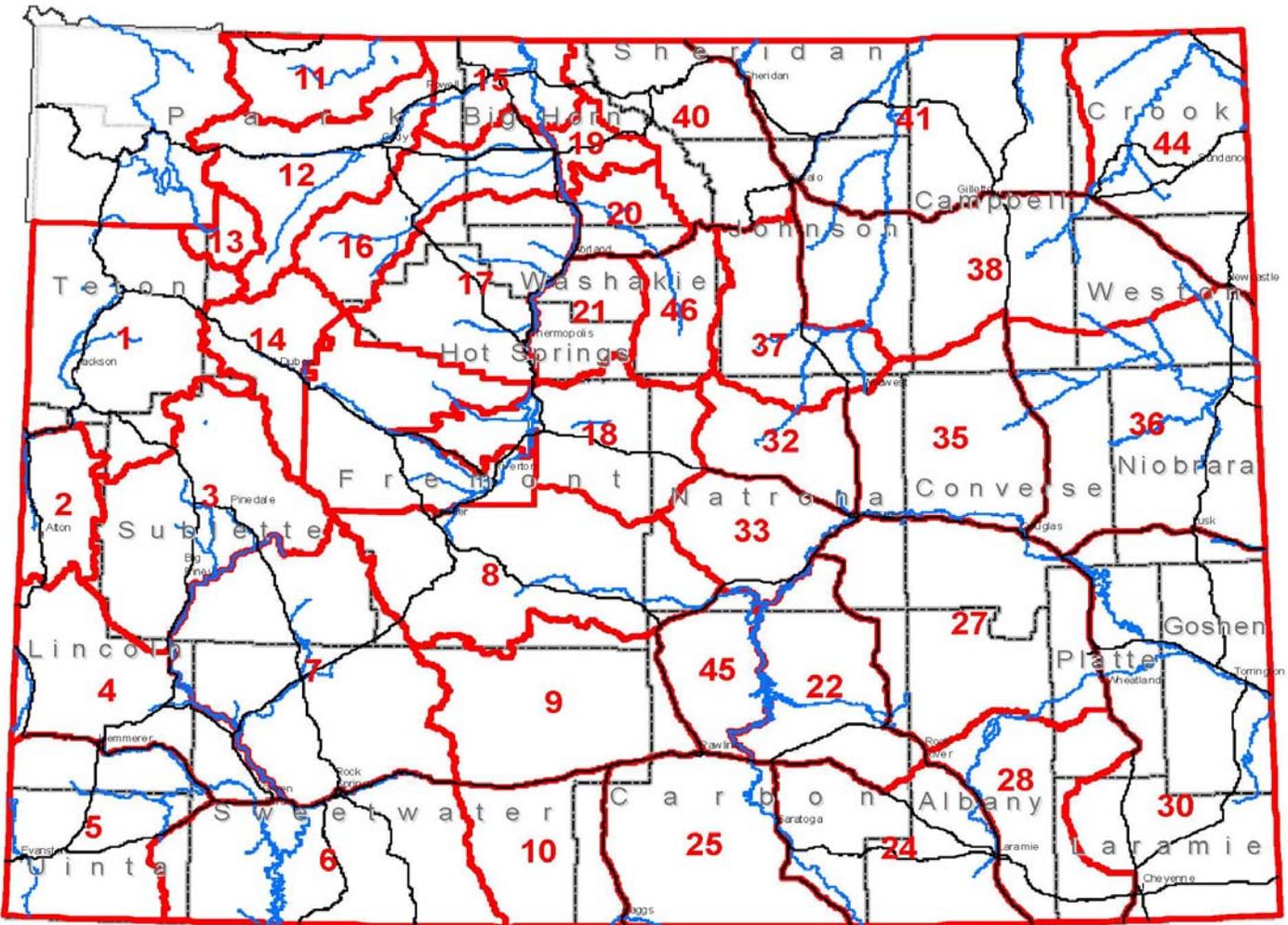
Using the Map on the back - Enter Management Area Number →	1st Area	2nd Area	3rd Area
Badger			
Beaver			
Bobcat			
Coyote			
Marten			
Mink			
Muskrat			
Raccoon			
Red Fox			
Striped Skunk			
Weasel			

Enter the Management Area and number of each species harvested by FIREARM for each area you list.

Using the Map on the back - Enter Management Area Number →	1st Area	2nd Area	3rd Area
Badger			
Beaver			
Bobcat			
Coyote			
Marten			
Mink			
Muskrat			
Raccoon			
Red Fox			
Striped Skunk			
Weasel			



Furbearer Management Areas - 2009



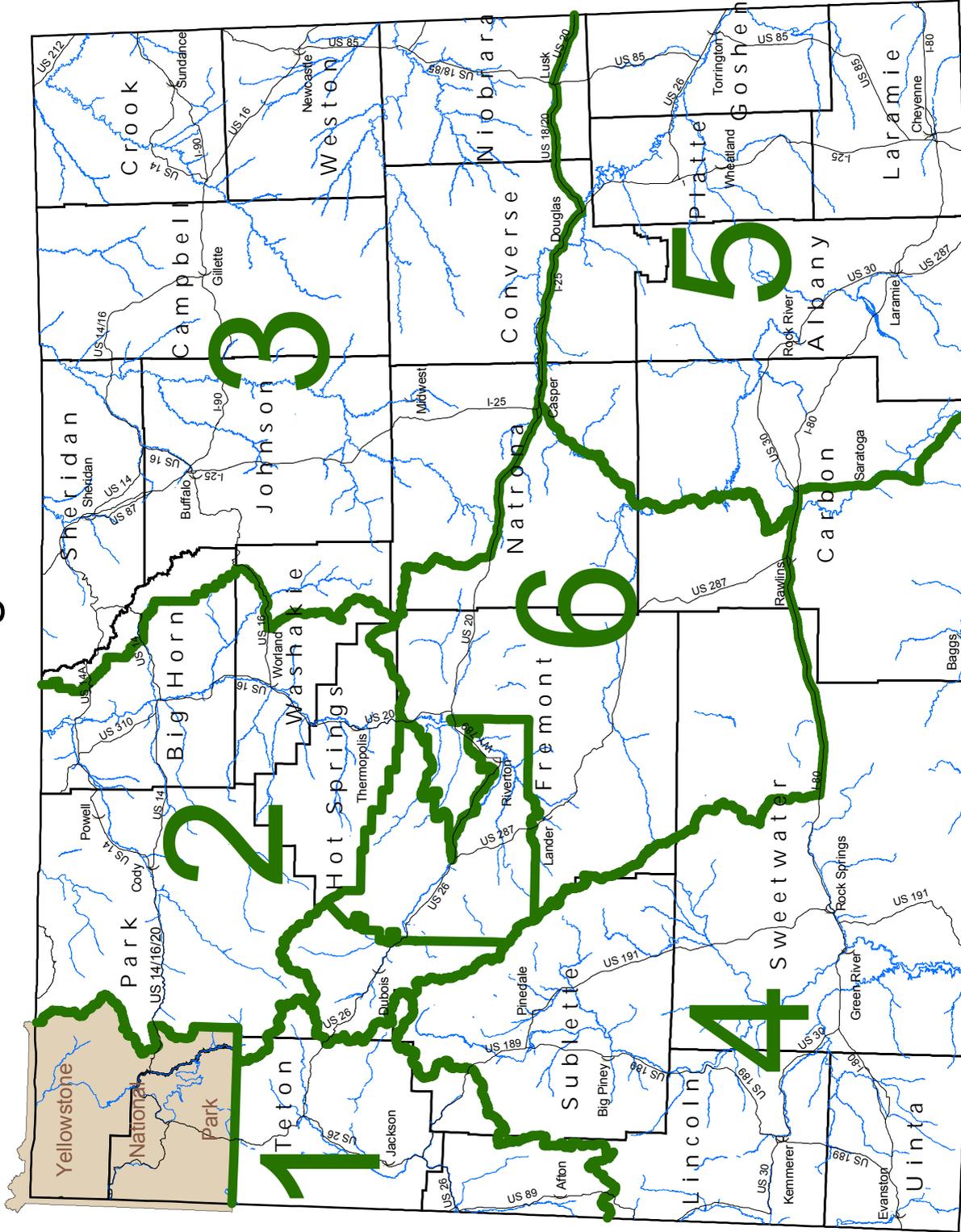
COMMENTS:

Thank you for your help with this important survey!

Please return your completed survey in the enclosed, postage-paid envelope to:

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Biological Services
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Cheyenne, WY 82006
(307) 777-4588

Bobcat Management Areas



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GIS Section
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MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS & WATERFOWL



"Sandhill Crane", Photo by LuRay Parker, Wyoming Game and Fish Department

**2009 MOURNING DOVE
HARVEST ESTIMATES**

MANAGEMENT AREA	HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
1 Teton	51	444	157
3 Bridger	6	94	50
4 Seedska-dee	33	126	64
5 Uinta	11	22	44
6 Flaming Gorge	42	178	69
7 Eden	31	129	51
8 Beaver Rim	24	290	40
11 Clark	15	24	58
12 Cody	18	500	64
14 Wind River	11	131	11
15 Lovell	94	1058	286
16 Greybull River	50	313	122
17 Grass Creek	72	1394	207
18 Copper Mtn	119	1450	307
19 Shell	14	26	25
20 Hyattville	14	211	19
21 Kirby Creek	70	636	317
22 Shirley Mtns	20	315	52
25 Sierra Madre	15	57	37
27 Laramie Peak	87	910	173
28 Iron Mtn	20	163	31
30 Southeast	753	10765	2445
33 Rattlesnake	80	604	150
35 Pine Ridge	52	193	94
36 Lance Creek	37	265	136
38 Savageton	41	183	70
40 Bighorn Mtns	29	717	174
41 Spotted Horse	110	740	187
44 Black Hills	18	146	122
45 Ferris	12	194	36
SPECIES TOTALS	1949	22278	5598

**2009 RAIL
HARVEST ESTIMATES**

MANAGEMENT AREA	HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
1A Missouri River	2	0	18
1C Central North Platte River	6	6	19
5F Lower Green River Basin	2	2	5
SPECIES TOTALS	10	8	42

**2009 SNIPE
HARVEST ESTIMATES**

MANAGEMENT AREA	HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
1A Missouri River	2	0	18
2A Lower Platte River	17	102	43
2B South Platte River	5	10	10
4A Big Horn River	11	44	11
4B Yellowstone River - YNP	3	59	13
5A Snake River	12	0	12
5B Upper Green River Basin	3	26	5
5C Salt River	3	8	3
5D Lower Bear River	2	2	2
5F Lower Green River Basin	5	36	15
5G Ham's Fork - Black Fork	5	15	5
5H Upper Bear River	2	18	5
5I Little Snake	5	0	5
SPECIES TOTALS	75	320	147

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN POPULATIONS OF GREATER SANDHILL CRANES
AND CANADA GEESE HARVEST AND HUNTER ACTIVITY DURING THE
LIMITED QUOTA AND EARLY SEASON IN WYOMING 2009**

Projected estimates from harvest questionnaires.

	AREA						TOTALS
	1 BEAR RIVER	2 SALT RIVER	3 FARSON	4 RIVERTON	5 UINTA	6 BIG HORN	
PERMITS	30	31	106	100	10	110	387
NUMBER HUNTING	24	22	83	73	8	93	303
DID NOT HUNT	6	9	23	27	2	17	84
DAYS HUNTED	46	54	152	133	22	217	624
AVG DAYS/HUNTER	1.90	2.50	1.80	1.80	2.80	2.30	2.06
ADULT CRANE HARVEST	14	5	25	48	0	46	138
JUVENILE CRANE HARVEST	4	3	21	10	2	17	57
TOTAL CRANE HARVEST	18	8	46	58	2	63	195
HUNTER SUCCESS %	75%	36%	55%	79%	25%	68%	64%
PERMIT SUCCESS %	60%	26%	43%	58%	25%	57%	50%
CRANES KNOCKED DOWN BUT NOT RETRIEVED	0	0	2	0	0	3	5
GEESE HARVESTED	41	17	83	0	6	0	147
GEESE/HUNTER	1.70	0.80	1.00	0.00	0.80	0.00	1.06

NOTE: Due to rounding of numbers during the derivation of the final estimates, area numbers may not equal totals.

**2009 DUCK
HARVEST ESTIMATES**

MANAGEMENT AREA	HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
1A Missouri, Little Powder River	193	2266	1142
1B Tongue, Little Big Horn & Powder Rivers	285	1954	1473
1C Central North Platte River	846	7526	5417
2A Lower Platte River	913	5840	4568
2B South Platte River	109	839	521
3A Upper North Platte River	450	2646	1994
4A Big Horn River Basin	1327	12525	7812
4B Yellowstone River - YNP	12	124	48
4C Wind River Basin	442	3761	1870
4D Sweetwater River	45	284	105
5A Snake River	144	868	809
5B Upper Green River Basin	258	1636	1007
5C Salt River	150	1963	914
5D Lower Bear River	91	1240	513
5E Great Divide Basin	36	88	68
5F Lower Green River Basin	408	3732	1960
5G Ham's Fork - Black Fork	209	1641	786
5H Upper Bear River	163	2385	1062
5I Little Snake	23	100	41
SPECIES TOTALS	6104	51418	32110

**2009 COOT
HARVEST ESTIMATES**

MANAGEMENT AREA	HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
1A Missouri, Little Powder River	2	0	18
1C Central North Platte River	23	46	66
2A Lower Platte River	6	6	32
3A Upper North Platte River	5	5	28
4A Big Horn River Basin	12	12	12
4C Wind River Basin	14	2	74
5A Snake River	12	24	182
5B Upper Green River Basin	12	0	73
5D Lower Bear River	2	12	18
5F Lower Green River Basin	3	0	26
5H Upper Bear River	11	0	22
SPECIES TOTALS	102	107	551

**2009 EARLY SEASON GOOSE
HARVEST ESTIMATES**

MANAGEMENT AREA	HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
1A Missouri, Little Powder River	5	18	12
1B Tongue, Little Big Horn & Powder Rivers	9	189	18
1C Central North Platte River	15	0	47
2A Lower Platte River	33	40	33
2B South Platte River	11	44	87
3A Upper North Platte River	8	22	33
4A Big Horn River Basin	10	18	23
4B Yellowstone River - YNP	2	2	12
4C Wind River Basin	11	10	14
5A Snake River	63	172	153
5B Upper Green River Basin	35	28	52
5C Salt River	90	171	248
5D Lower Bear River	24	40	54
5E Great Divide Basin	11	11	11
5F Lower Green River Basin	141	267	332
5G Ham's Fork - Black Fork	72	114	134
5H Upper Bear River	2	15	8
5I Little Snake	12	0	24
SPECIES TOTALS	554	1161	1295

**2009 REGULAR SEASON GOOSE
HARVEST ESTIMATES**

MANAGEMENT AREA	HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
1A Missouri, Little Powder River	180	1484	1065
1B Tongue, Little Big Horn & Powder Rivers	139	465	616
1C Central North Platte River	564	1675	3642
2A Lower Platte River	1848	11687	10189
2B South Platte River	68	79	167
3A Upper North Platte River	198	289	749
4A Big Horn River Basin	885	4970	5154
4C Wind River Basin	469	2677	2205
4D Sweetwater River	14	36	24
5A Snake River	104	159	207
5B Upper Green River Basin	157	236	531
5C Salt River	105	78	698
5D Lower Bear River	94	141	426
5F Lower Green River Basin	275	484	1420
5G Ham's Fork - Black Fork	120	269	597
5H Upper Bear River	130	91	326
5I Little Snake	11	0	11
SPECIES TOTALS	5361	24820	28027

**2009 ANNUAL COMBINED GOOSE
HARVEST ESTIMATES**

MANAGEMENT AREA	HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
1A Missouri, Little Powder River	185	1502	1077
1B Tongue, Little Big Horn & Powder Rivers	148	654	634
1C Central North Platte River	579	1675	3689
2A Lower Platte River	1881	11727	10222
2B South Platte River	79	123	254
3A Upper North Platte River	206	311	782
4A Big Horn River Basin	895	4988	5177
4B Yellowstone River - YNP	2	2	12
4C Wind River Basin	480	2687	2219
4D Sweetwater River	14	36	24
5A Snake River	167	331	360
5B Upper Green River Basin	192	264	583
5C Salt River	195	249	946
5D Lower Bear River	118	181	480
5E Great Divide Basin	11	11	11
5F Lower Green River Basin	416	751	1752
5G Ham's Fork - Black Fork	192	383	731
5H Upper Bear River	132	106	334
5I Little Snake	23	0	35
SPECIES TOTALS	5915	25981	29322

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

CHAPTER 39

EARLY MIGRATORY GAME BIRD HUNTING SEASONS

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

Section 2. Hunting Seasons Established. There shall be open seasons for the hunting of migratory game birds as set forth in this Chapter, and in accordance with Chapter 2, General Hunting Regulation. This regulation shall remain in effect until modified or repealed by the Commission.

Section 3. Definitions. For the purpose of this regulation, definitions shall be as set forth in Title 23, Wyoming Statutes and the Commission also adopts the following definitions:

- (a) “Central Flyway” means that portion of Wyoming east of the Continental Divide, excluding the Great Divide Basin.
- (b) “Daily bag limit” means the maximum number of migratory game birds or waterfowl that may be legally taken in a single day.
- (c) “Federal Duck Stamp” means Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp.
- (d) “Migratory game bird” means all migratory game birds defined under federal law.
- (e) "Nontoxic shot" means steel, bismuth-tin, tungsten-iron, tungsten-bronze, tungsten-tin-bismuth, tungsten-nickel-iron, tungsten-iron-nickel-tin, tungsten-iron-copper-nickel, tungsten-tin-iron, tungsten-matrix, and tungsten-polymer shot or any other federally-approved nontoxic shot.
- (f) “Pacific Flyway” means that portion of Wyoming west of the Continental Divide, including the Great Divide Basin.
- (g) “Possession limit” means the maximum number of migratory game birds or waterfowl that may be legally in possession. Migratory game birds in transit or storage shall be considered in possession. When a person hunts in more than one (1) state or flyway, the person’s total possession limit shall not exceed the largest possession limit prescribed for any one of the states or flyways in which the hunting takes place.
- (h) “Season limit” means the maximum number of migratory game birds or waterfowl that may be legally taken during the entire season.
- (i) “Waterfowl” means ducks, geese, coots and mergansers.

(j) “Webless migratory game bird” means mourning dove, rail, snipe, and sandhill crane.

Section 4. Hunting Regulations.

(a) Wounding and Retrieving. No person shall wound or kill any migratory game bird without making a reasonable effort to retrieve it and reduce it to possession.

(b) Federal Regulations. 16 USC 703-711 and 718a; 50 CFR 10, 50 CFR 20 revised as of October 1, 2008, which do not include any later amendments or editions of the incorporated matter, governing the hunting, taking and possession of migratory birds and migratory game birds, the requirement for a valid migratory bird hunting and conservation stamp and the requirement for state participation in the National Harvest Information Program 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 Department Regional Offices.

(i) Automatic loading, pump, or repeating shotguns shall be plugged to admit no more than one (1) shell in the chamber and two (2) shells in the magazine.

(ii) Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp. A federal duck stamp is required for persons sixteen (16) years of age and older to hunt ducks, geese and mergansers, but a federal duck stamp is not required to hunt coots, sandhill cranes, crows, mourning doves, rail or snipe.

(iii) National Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program. 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. HIP permits are not transferrable to other states. A separate validation is required from each state in which you hunt.

(c) 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.

(d) Nontoxic Shot Restrictions.

(i) Nontoxic Shot. No person shall hunt cranes, ducks, geese, mergansers or coots while possessing shot shells loaded with shot other than nontoxic shot. Nontoxic shot shall also be required when hunting any 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.

(e) Limited Quota Sandhill Crane Permits. Applications for limited quota sandhill crane permits shall be available at Wyoming Game and Fish Department Regional Offices and selected license selling agents in Bighorn, Fremont, Hot Springs, Lincoln, Park, Sublette, Sweetwater, and Washakie Counties. Application forms may also be downloaded from the Department’s website at <http://gf.state.wy.us>. Party applications shall be accepted. Maximum party size shall be two (2). Party applications shall be in the same envelope and shall specify the same hunt area preference. Permit applications shall be submitted to: Wyoming Game and Fish Department, License Draw, 5400 Bishop Boulevard, Cheyenne, WY 82006, between 8:00 a.m. July 1 and 5:00 p.m. July 31, 2009.

(f) General Sandhill Crane Permits. Applications for federal permits to hunt in the general sandhill crane season (Hunt Area 7) shall be available at Wyoming Game and Fish Department Regional Offices and selected license selling agents in Campbell, Converse, Crook, Goshen, Johnson, Laramie, Niobrara, Platte, Sheridan and Weston counties. Application forms may also be downloaded from the Department’s website at <http://gf.state.wy.us>.

(g) Species, Hunt Areas and Limitations, Season Dates, Shooting Hours, Closed Areas, and Bag Limit.

(i) Mourning Doves, Rails and Snipe – Statewide

MOURNING DOVES, RAILS AND SNIPE						
Species, Hunt Areas and Limitations	Dates of Season		Shooting Hours	Closed Areas Section 5 Subsections	Bag Limit	
	Opens	Closes			Daily Possession	
MOURNING DOVE - STATEWIDE	Sept. 1	Oct. 30	See Sec. 6	b, d, e	15	30
SORA AND VIRGINIA RAIL - STATEWIDE	Sept. 1	Nov. 9	See Sec. 6	b, d, e	25	25
SNIPE - STATEWIDE	Sept. 1	Dec. 16	See Sec. 6	b, d, e a after Nov. 13 c after Nov. 14	8	16

(ii) Sandhill Crane – Central and Pacific Flyways (see Section 8 for hunt area descriptions)

LIMITED QUOTA SANDHILL CRANE SEASONS						
Species, Hunt Areas and Limitations	Dates of Season		Shooting Hours	Closed Areas Section 5 Subsections	Season Bag Limit	
	Opens	Closes				
Hunt Area 1 – Limited quota; 30 permits any sandhill crane	Sept. 1	Sept. 8	See Sec. 6		1 (one)	
Hunt Area 2 – Limited quota; 30 permits any sandhill crane	Sept. 1	Sept. 8	See Sec. 6	e	1 (one)	
Hunt Area 3 – Limited quota; 105 permits any sandhill crane	Sept. 1	Sept. 8	See Sec. 6	d	1 (one)	
Hunt Area 4 – Limited quota; 100 permits any sandhill crane	Sept. 19	Oct. 9	See Sec. 6		1 (one)	
Hunt Area 5 – Limited quota; 10 permits any sandhill crane	Sept. 1	Sept. 8	See Sec. 6		1 (one)	
Hunt Area 6 – Limited quota; 110 permits any sandhill crane	Sept. 19	Oct. 4	See Sec. 6		1 (one)	

GENERAL SANDHILL CRANE SEASON						
Species, Hunt Areas and Limitations	Dates of Season		Shooting Hours	Closed Areas Section 5 Subsections	Bag Limit Daily Possession	
	Opens	Closes				
Hunt Area 7 – Permit required, any sandhill crane	Sept. 19	Nov. 15	See Sec. 6	b a after Nov. 13	3	6

(iii) Early Canada Goose – Pacific Flyway

EARLY CANADA GOOSE						
Species, Hunt Areas and Limitations	Dates of Season		Shooting Hours	Closed Areas Section 5 Subsections	Bag Limit Daily Possession	
	Opens	Closes				
Pacific Flyway – Any Canada goose or cackling goose	Sept. 1	Sept. 8	See Sec. 6	d, e	2	4

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

(i) Tagging Sandhill Cranes. When a sandhill crane is killed under a limited quota permit, the permittee shall detach, sign and date the proper coupon and attach the coupon to the carcass before leaving the site of 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 kill. The carcass coupon shall be attached to the carcass of a crane in such a manner as to be plainly visible. Sandhill cranes killed during the general crane season in Hunt Area 7 are not required to be tagged.

Section 5. Description of Closed Areas. The areas described in this Section shall be closed for the species and dates specified in the tables in Section 4.

(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; northwesterly along said fence to the second gate; southwesterly 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 farmhouse; westerly along the fence between the farm land and the pasture land to the west end of the west pump lake; southerly to the northwest corner of the Wyoming Game and Fish Department's Springer Wildlife Habitat Management Area (WHMA); southerly along the Springer WHMA boundary south of the Game and Fish Department buildings; due south across the Lewis Howard property and the Robert Simkin property to the Craig and Roberta Fulmer pasture fence; southerly and westerly along said fence to the Yoder-Bump-Sullivan Road (Goshen County Road 37); southerly along said road to the county road (Goshen County Road 42) on the south boundary of the Springer WHMA; easterly along said road to U.S. Highway 85; northerly along said highway to the George Marlatt farmhouse. Also that portion of the Springer WHMA south of Goshen County Road 42.

(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 (Glomill 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 located between the two river crossings of Wyoming Highway 157.

(b) Platte County

(i) Festo Lake. Festo Lake and all lands within three hundred (300) yards of the normal high water line shall be closed to all migratory game bird hunting.

(ii) Wheatland Reservoir No. 1. Wheatland Reservoir No. 1 and all lands within three hundred (300) yards of the normal high water line and all Wheatland Irrigation District lands adjacent to the reservoir, in addition to those included in the three hundred (300) yard closure, shall be closed to hunting.

(c) Fremont County

(i) Ocean Lake. The waters of Ocean Lake and the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission lands within approximately one-half (1/2) mile of the aeration system on the north side of the lake shall be closed to migratory game bird hunting beginning November 15 through December 31 and January 1 through March 10 of each year. Beginning December 15 through March 10, the area shall be closed to all human presence, except for Wyoming Game and Fish Department administrative access, 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.

(d) Sweetwater County

(i) Eden Reservoir. Eden Reservoir and all lands within three hundred (300) yards of the normal high water line shall be closed to all migratory game bird hunting.

(ii) Seeds-kadee National Wildlife Refuge. All lands within Seeds-kadee National Wildlife Refuge shall be closed to goose hunting during the early Canada goose season.

(e) Lincoln County

(i) Palisades Reservoir. Beginning at the junction of the McCoy Creek Road and U.S. Highway 89; northerly on U.S. Highway 89 for 1.6 miles to the Palisades Reservoir high water line; westerly along said high water line to the Wyoming-Idaho state line; southerly along said state line to the McCoy Creek Road; southeasterly along the McCoy Creek Road to U.S. Highway 89 shall be closed to all migratory game bird hunting.

Section 6. Shooting Hours. Shooting hours for the hunting of all migratory game birds shall be from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to sunset as determined from the shooting hours table in this section.

(a) 2009 Shooting Hours Table. This table (including adjustments for daylight savings time) lists the official shooting hours (one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to sunset) adopted by the

Wyoming Game and Fish Commission for the taking of migratory game birds. (Do not use tables from other sources.) ST=Starting Time, QT= Quitting Time.

	AREA A		AREA B		AREA C		AREA D	
	ST	QT	ST	QT	ST	QT	ST	QT
September								
1-7	6:17	7:48	6:11	7:42	6:03	7:34	5:57	7:28
8-14	6:25	7:36	6:19	7:30	6:11	7:22	6:05	7:16
15-21	6:33	7:23	6:27	7:17	6:19	7:09	6:13	7:03
22-30	6:41	7:08	6:35	7:02	6:27	6:54	6:21	6:48
October								
1-7	6:50	6:55	6:44	6:49	6:36	6:41	6:30	6:35
8-14	6:58	6:43	6:52	6:37	6:44	6:29	6:38	6:23
15-21	7:07	6:32	7:01	6:26	6:53	6:18	6:47	6:12
22-31	7:17	6:18	7:11	6:12	7:03	6:04	6:57	5:58
November								
*1-7	6:28	5:08	6:22	5:02	6:14	4:54	6:08	4:48
8-14	6:37	5:00	6:31	4:54	6:23	4:46	6:17	4:40
15-21	6:45	4:53	6:39	4:47	6:31	4:39	6:25	4:33
22-30	6:55	4:48	6:49	4:42	6:41	4:34	6:35	4:28
December								
1-7	7:04	4:45	6:58	4:39	6:50	4:31	6:44	4:25
8-16	7:11	4:45	7:05	4:39	6:57	4:31	6:51	4:25

*Start Mountain Standard Time

AREA A - Lincoln, Sublette, Sweetwater, Teton, Uinta Counties

AREA B - Big Horn, Fremont, Hot Springs, Park, Washakie Counties

AREA C - Albany, Campbell, Carbon, Converse, Johnson, Natrona, Sheridan Counties

AREA D - Crook, Goshen, Laramie, Niobrara, Platte, Weston Counties

Section 7. Falconry Seasons. Migratory game birds may be taken by the use of falcons in the possession of properly licensed falconers during the regular hunting season and special extended seasons in accordance with the limitations in this Section, Section 6, Section 5 and Section 4 (a), (b), (c), (e) and (h) and the closures identified in Section 4 (g). No person shall be in possession of any firearm while hunting with a falcon.

(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 six (6) migratory game birds in the aggregate for falconry during the open hunting season or special extended falconry season. The falconry bag and possession limits are not in addition to the bag and possession limits listed in Section 4, Hunting Regulations.

FALCONRY						
Species and Hunt Areas	Dates of Season		Open Hours	Closed Areas Section 5 Subsections	AGGREGATE Bag Limit	
	Opens	Closes			Daily	Possession
Mourning Doves - Statewide	Sept. 1	Oct. 30	See Sec. 6	Limitations in effect in Sections 4 and 5 shall apply	3**	6**
Sora Rail, Virginia Rail and Snipe - Statewide	Sept. 1	Dec. 16				
Dark Geese - Pacific Flyway	Sept. 1	Sept. 8				

**The daily bag and possession limits, singly or in the aggregate, may include any species and sex of ducks, geese, coots, mergansers, rail, snipe and mourning doves when seasons for those species are open.

Section 8. Hunt Area Descriptions.

(a) General and Limited Quota Sandhill Crane Areas.

(i) Area 1. All of the Bear River and Ham's Fork River drainages in Lincoln County.

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

(iii) Area 3. All lands within the Bureau of Reclamation's Eden Project in Sweetwater County.

(iv) 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 Indian Reservation, excluding those lands within Hot Springs County.

(v) Area 5. All of Uinta County.

(vi) Area 6. All of Big Horn, Hot Springs, Park and Washakie counties.

(vii) Area 7. All of Campbell, Converse, Crook, Goshen, Laramie, Niobrara, Platte and Weston counties; that portion of Johnson County east of Interstate Highway 25 from the Natrona County line north to Interstate Highway 90 and east of Interstate Highway 90 from the intersection with Interstate Highway 25 to the Sheridan County line; and that portion of Sheridan County east of Interstate Highway 90.

Section 9. Savings Clause. If any provision of this regulation shall be held to be illegal or unconstitutional, such a ruling shall not affect other provisions of this regulation which can be given effect without the illegal or unconstitutional provision; and, to this end, the provisions of this regulation shall be severable.

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

By:

Clifford Kirk, President

Dated: April 23, 2009

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

CHAPTER 14

LATE MIGRATORY GAME BIRD HUNTING SEASONS

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

Section 2. Hunting Seasons Established. There shall be open seasons for the hunting of late migratory game birds as set forth in this Chapter, and in accordance with Chapter 2, General Hunting Regulation. This regulation shall remain in effect until modified or repealed by the Commission.

Section 3. Definitions. For the purpose of this regulation, definitions shall be as set forth in Title 23, Wyoming Statutes, and the Commission also adopts the following definitions:

- (a) "Adult" means a person eighteen (18) years of age or older.
- (b) "Central Flyway" means that portion of Wyoming east of the Continental Divide, excluding the Great Divide Basin.
- (c) "Daily bag limit" means the maximum number of migratory game birds or waterfowl that may be legally taken in a single day.
- (d) "Dark geese" means Canada goose, cackling goose, white-fronted goose and brant.
- (e) "Federal Duck Stamp" means Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp.
- (f) "Light geese" means snow goose, blue goose and Ross' goose.
- (g) "Migratory game bird" means all migratory game birds defined under federal law.
- (h) "Nontoxic shot" means steel, bismuth-tin, tungsten-iron, tungsten-bronze, tungsten-tin-bismuth, tungsten-nickel-iron, tungsten-iron-nickel-tin, tungsten-iron-copper-nickel, tungsten-tin-iron, tungsten-matrix, and tungsten-polymer shot or any other federally-approved nontoxic shot.
- (i) "Pacific Flyway" means that portion of Wyoming west of the Continental Divide, including the Great Divide Basin.
- (j) "Possession limit" means the maximum number of migratory game birds or waterfowl that may be legally in possession. Migratory game birds in transit or storage shall be considered in possession. When a person hunts in more than one (1) state or flyway, the person's total possession limit shall not exceed the largest possession limit prescribed for any one of the states or flyways in which the hunting takes place.
- (k) "Waterfowl" means ducks, geese, coots and mergansers.
- (l) "Webless migratory game bird" means mourning dove, rail, snipe and sandhill crane.

Section 4. Hunting Regulations.

(a) Wounding and Retrieving. No person shall wound or kill any migratory game bird without making a reasonable effort to retrieve it and reduce it to possession.

(b) Federal Regulations. 16 USC 703-711 and 718a; 50 CFR 10 and 50 CFR 20, revised as of October 1, 2008, which do not include any later amendments or editions of the incorporated matter, governing the hunting, taking and possession of migratory birds and migratory game birds, the requirement for a valid federal migratory bird hunting and conservation stamp and the requirement for state participation in the National Harvest Information Program, 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 Department Regional Offices.

(i) Automatic loading, pump, or repeating shotguns shall be plugged to admit no more than one (1) shell in the chamber and two (2) shells in the magazine.

(ii) Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp. A federal duck stamp is required for persons sixteen (16) years of age and older to hunt ducks, geese and mergansers, but a federal duck stamp is not required to hunt coots, sandhill cranes, crows, mourning doves, rail or snipe.

(iii) National Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program. 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. HIP permits are not transferrable to other states. A separate validation is required from each state in which you hunt.

(c) 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.

(d) Nontoxic Shot Restrictions.

(i) Nontoxic Shot. No person shall hunt cranes, ducks, geese, mergansers or coots while possessing shot shells loaded with shot other than nontoxic shot. Nontoxic shot shall also be required when hunting any game with a shotgun on all of the lands in the Springer and Table Mountain Wildlife Management Areas and on all national wildlife refuges open for hunting.

(e) Species and Hunt Areas, Season Dates, Shooting Hours, Bag Limit and Limitations.

(i) For information regarding rail, snipe, sandhill crane and early Canada goose seasons, refer to the Early Migratory Game Bird Hunting Seasons Regulation.

(ii) Pacific Flyway

WATERFOWL - PACIFIC FLYWAY						
Species and Hunt Areas	Dates of Season		Shooting Hours	Closed Areas Section 5 Subsections	Bag Limit	
	Opens	Closes			Daily	Possession
<u>PACIFIC FLYWAY</u>						
DUCKS and MERGANSERS	Sept. 26	Jan. 8	See Sec. 6	d, e	7**	14**
COOTS	Sept. 26	Jan. 8	See Sec. 6	d, e	25	25
DARK GEESE	Sept. 26	Dec. 31	See Sec. 6	d, e	3	6

In the Pacific Flyway, the scaup season shall be closed except on the Special Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days and during the period September 26 through December 20 when the daily bag limit for scaup ducks shall be three (3) and shall be counted as part of the aggregate bag limit for ducks.

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

- no more than one (1) canvasback
- no more than two (2) pintails;
- no more than two (2) hen mallards;
- no more than two (2) redheads; and during the dates scaup may be taken:
- no more than two three (3) scaup.

The possession limit shall be two (2) daily bag limits.

(iii) Central Flyway Zones. The Central Flyway is divided into two (2) zones for the 2009-2010 season. Refer to the season dates for the zone in which you are hunting.

(A) ZONE C1 shall include Converse, Goshen, Hot Springs, Natrona, Platte, and Washakie Counties; and that portion of Park County east of the Shoshone National Forest boundary and south of a line beginning where the Shoshone National Forest boundary crosses Park County Road 8VC, easterly along said road to Park County Road 1AB, easterly along said road to Wyoming Highway 120, northerly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 294, southeasterly along said highway to Lane 9, easterly along said lane to the town of Powell and Wyoming Highway 14A, easterly along said highway to the Park County line.

(B) ZONE C2 shall include Albany, Big Horn, Campbell, Crook, Fremont, Johnson, Laramie, Niobrara, Sheridan, Weston Counties; that portion of Carbon County east of the Continental Divide; that portion of Park County west of the Shoshone National Forest boundary, and that portion of Park County north of a line beginning where the Shoshone National Forest boundary crosses Park County Road 8VC, easterly along said road to Park County Road 1AB, easterly along said road to Wyoming Highway 120, northerly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 294, southeasterly along said highway to Lane 9, easterly along said lane to the town of Powell and Wyoming Highway 14A, easterly along said highway to the Park County line.

(iv) Central Flyway

WATERFOWL - CENTRAL FLYWAY						
Species and Hunt Areas	Dates of Season		Shooting Hours	Closed Areas Section 5 Subsections	Bag Limit	
	Opens	Closes			Daily	Possession
LIGHT GEESE	Oct. 3	Dec. 27	See Sec. 6	b a after Nov. 13 c after Nov. 14	10	40
	Jan. 21	Feb. 8	See Sec. 6	a, b, c	10	40

WATERFOWL - CENTRAL FLYWAY						
Species and Hunt Areas	Dates of Season		Shooting Hours	Closed Areas Section 5 Subsections	Bag Limit	
	Opens	Closes			Daily	Possession
ZONE C1						
DUCKS	Oct. 3	Oct. 20	See Sec. 6	b	6**	12**
	Oct. 31	Jan. 17	See Sec. 6	b a after Nov. 13	6**	12**
MERGANSERS	Oct. 3	Oct. 20	See Sec. 6	b	5**	10**
	Oct. 31	Jan. 17	See Sec. 6	b a after Nov. 13	5**	10**
COOTS	Oct. 3	Oct. 20	See Sec. 6	b	15	30
	Oct. 31	Jan. 17	See Sec. 6	b a after Nov. 13	15	30
DARK GEESE All counties except Goshen and Platte Counties	Oct. 3	Oct. 20	See Sec. 6		5	10
	Oct. 31	Dec. 6	See Sec. 6		5	10
	Dec. 12	Jan. 30	See Sec. 6		5	10
DARK GEESE Goshen and Platte Counties*	Oct. 3	Oct. 20	See Sec. 6	b	2	4
	Nov. 14	Feb. 8	See Sec. 6	a, b	4	8

*For Bump-Sullivan Managed Goose Hunt information, see Section 8.

WATERFOWL - CENTRAL FLYWAY						
Species and Hunt Areas	Dates of Season		Shooting Hours	Closed Areas Section 5 Subsections	Bag Limit	
	Opens	Closes			Daily	Possession
ZONE C2						
DUCKS	Sept. 26	Oct. 20	See Sec. 6		6**	12**
	Oct. 31	Jan. 10	See Sec. 6	c after Nov. 14	6**	12**
MERGANSERS	Sept. 26	Oct. 20	See Sec. 6		5**	10**
	Oct. 31	Jan. 10	See Sec. 6	c after Nov. 14	5**	10**
COOTS	Sept. 26	Oct. 20	See Sec. 6		15	30
	Oct. 31	Jan. 10	See Sec. 6	c after Nov. 14	15	30
DARK GEESE Big Horn and Fremont Counties	Sept. 26	Oct. 20	See Sec. 6		5	10
	Oct. 31	Dec. 6	See Sec. 6	c after Nov. 14	5	10
	Dec. 12	Jan. 23	See Sec. 6	c	5	10
DARK GEESE All counties except Big Horn and Fremont Counties	Sept. 26	Nov. 29	See Sec. 6		5	10
	Dec. 12	Jan. 20	See Sec. 6		5	10

**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 one (1) shall be a hen;
- no more than one (1) canvasback
- no more than one (1) pintail;
- no more than three (3) wood ducks;
- no more than two (2) redheads;
- no more than two (2) scaup;

The daily bag limit of five (5) mergansers shall not include more than two (2) hooded mergansers. Except for light geese, the possession limit shall be two (2) daily bag limits.

(f) **Special Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days.** In the Pacific Flyway, the special youth waterfowl hunting days are September 19-20, 2009. In Zone C1 of the Central Flyway, the special youth waterfowl hunting days are September 26-27, 2009. In Zone C2 of the Central Flyway, the special youth waterfowl hunting days are September 19-20, 2009. Only persons fifteen (15) years of age and younger may take ducks, mergansers, coots and geese (light geese cannot be taken in the Pacific Flyway) 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 licenses 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 hunting days. In Goshen and Platte Counties, the daily bag limit for dark geese shall be four (4) on the youth hunting days.
- (v) The areas described in Section 5 (b), (d), and (e) shall be closed to hunting during youth days.

Section 5. Description of Closed Areas. The areas described in this Section shall be closed for the species and dates specified in the tables in Section 4.

(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; northwesterly along said fence to the second gate; southwesterly 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 farmhouse; westerly along the fence between the farm land and the pasture land to the west end of the west pump lake; southerly to the northwest corner of the Wyoming Game and Fish Department's Springer Wildlife Habitat Management Area (WHMA); southerly along the Springer WHMA boundary south of the Game and Fish Department buildings; due south across the Lewis Howard property and the Robert Simkin property to the Craig and Roberta Fulmer pasture fence; southerly and westerly along said fence to the Yoder-Bump-Sullivan Road (Goshen County Road 37); southerly along said road to the county road (Goshen County Road 42) on the south boundary of the Springer WHMA; easterly along said road to U.S. Highway 85; northerly along said highway to the George Marlatt farmhouse. Also that portion of the Springer WHMA south of Goshen County Road 42.

(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 (Glomill 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 located between the two river crossings of Wyoming Highway 157.

(b) Platte County

(i) Festo Lake. Festo Lake and all lands within three hundred (300) yards of the normal high water line shall be closed to all migratory game bird hunting.

(ii) Wheatland Reservoir No. 1. Wheatland Reservoir No. 1 and all lands within three hundred (300) yards of the normal high water line and all Wheatland Irrigation District lands adjacent

to the reservoir, in addition to those included in the three hundred (300) yard closure, shall be closed to hunting.

(c) Fremont County

(i) Ocean Lake. The waters of Ocean Lake and the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission lands within approximately one-half (1/2) mile of the aeration system on the north side of the lake shall be closed to migratory game bird hunting beginning November 15 through December 31 and January 1 through March 10 of each year. Beginning December 15 through March 10, the area shall be closed to all human presence, except for Wyoming Game and Fish Department administrative access, 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.

(d) Sweetwater County

(i) Eden Reservoir. Eden Reservoir and all lands within three hundred (300) yards of the normal high water line shall be closed to all migratory game bird hunting.

(e) Lincoln County

(i) Palisades Reservoir. Beginning at the junction of the McCoy Creek Road and U.S. Highway 89; northerly on U.S. Highway 89 for 1.6 miles to the Palisades Reservoir high water line; westerly along said high water line to the Wyoming-Idaho state line; south along said state line to the McCoy Creek Road; southeasterly along the McCoy Creek Road to U.S. Highway 89 shall be closed to all migratory game bird hunting.

Section 6. Shooting Hours. Except as provided in this section, shooting hours for all migratory game birds shall be from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to sunset as determined from the shooting hours table in this section.

(a) In Goshen County, the shooting hours for dark geese shall be from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to 1 p.m., except on the days listed in subsections (i) and (ii) when shooting hours shall be from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to sunset as determined from the shooting hours table in subsection 6 (c) - Area D.

(i) October 3 through October 20 inclusive;

(ii) All Saturdays and Wednesdays from November 14 through December 31. All Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays from January 1 through the close of the dark goose season.

(b) In Platte County, the shooting hours for dark geese shall be from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to sunset within the following area: east of Interstate Highway 25 and north of Wyoming Highway 160 (Gray Rocks Road) and Riverview Road (Platte County Road 271). Shooting hours for dark geese in the remainder of Platte County shall be from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to 1:00 p.m., except on the days listed in subsections (i) and (ii) when shooting hours shall be from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to sunset as determined from the shooting hours table in subsection 6 (c) - Area D.

(i) October 3 through October 20 inclusive;

(ii) All Saturdays and Wednesdays from November 14 through December 31. All Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays from January 1 through the close of the dark goose season.

(c) 2009-2010 Shooting Hours Table. This table (including adjustments for daylight savings time) lists the official shooting hours (one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to sunset) adopted by the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission for migratory game bird hunting. (Do not use tables from other sources.) ST=Starting Time, QT=Quitting Time.

	AREA A		AREA B		AREA C		AREA D	
	ST	QT	ST	QT	ST	QT	ST	QT
September								
1-7	6:17	7:48	6:11	7:42	6:03	7:34	5:57	7:28
8-14	6:25	7:36	6:19	7:30	6:11	7:22	6:05	7:16
15-21	6:33	7:23	6:27	7:17	6:19	7:09	6:13	7:03
22-30	6:41	7:08	6:35	7:02	6:27	6:54	6:21	6:48
October								
1-7	6:50	6:55	6:44	6:49	6:36	6:41	6:30	6:35
8-14	6:58	6:43	6:52	6:37	6:44	6:29	6:38	6:23
15-21	7:07	6:32	7:01	6:26	6:53	6:18	6:47	6:12
22-31	7:17	6:18	7:11	6:12	7:03	6:04	6:57	5:58
November								
*1-7	6:28	5:08	6:22	5:02	6:14	4:54	6:08	4:48
8-14	6:37	5:00	6:31	4:54	6:23	4:46	6:17	4:40
15-21	6:45	4:53	6:39	4:47	6:31	4:39	6:25	4:33
22-30	6:55	4:48	6:49	4:42	6:41	4:34	6:35	4:28
December								
1-7	7:04	4:45	6:58	4:39	6:50	4:31	6:44	4:25
8-14	7:10	4:45	7:04	4:39	6:56	4:31	6:50	4:25
15-21	7:15	4:47	7:09	4:41	7:01	4:33	6:55	4:27
22-31	7:19	4:52	7:13	4:46	7:05	4:38	6:59	4:32
January								
1-7	7:20	4:59	7:14	4:53	7:06	4:45	7:00	4:39
8-14	7:19	5:06	7:13	5:00	7:05	4:52	6:59	4:46
15-21	7:16	5:14	7:10	5:08	7:02	5:00	6:56	4:54
22-31	7:09	5:25	7:03	5:19	6:55	5:11	6:49	5:05
February								
1-8	7:00	5:37	6:54	5:31	6:46	5:23	6:40	5:17

*Start Mountain Standard Time

AREA A - Lincoln, Sublette, Sweetwater, Teton, Uinta Counties

AREA B - Big Horn, Fremont, Hot Springs, Park, Washakie Counties

AREA C - Albany, Campbell, Carbon, Converse, Johnson, Natrona, Sheridan Counties

AREA D - Crook, Goshen, Laramie, Niobrara, Platte, Weston Counties

Section 7. Falconry Seasons. Migratory game birds may be taken by the use of falcons in the possession of properly licensed falconers during the regular hunting season and special extended seasons in accordance with the limitations in this Section, Section 6, Section 5 and Section 4 (a), (b) and (c) and the closures identified in Section 4 (e). No person shall possess any firearm while hunting with a falcon.

(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 six (6) migratory game birds in the aggregate for falconry during the open hunting season or special extended falconry season. The falconry bag and possession limits are not in addition to the bag and possession limits listed in Section 4, Hunting Regulations.

FALCONRY						
Species and Hunt Areas	Dates of Season		Open Hours	Closed Areas Section 5 Subsections	AGGREGATE Bag Limit	
	Opens	Closes			Daily	Possession
ZONE C1 – Central Flyway, Ducks, Mergansers and Coots	Sept. 26	Sept. 27	See Sec. 6	Limitations in effect in Sections 4 and 5 shall apply	3**	6**
	Oct. 3	Oct. 28				
	Oct. 31	Jan. 17				
ZONE C2 – Central Flyway, Ducks, Mergansers and Coots	Sept. 19	Sept. 20				
	Sept. 26	Oct. 28				
	Oct. 31	Jan. 10				
Dark Geese - Central Flyway, Goshen and Platte Counties	Oct. 3	Oct. 20				
	Nov. 14	Feb. 8				
Dark Geese – Central Flyway, all counties in Zone C1 except Goshen and Platte Counties	Oct. 3	Oct. 20				
	Oct. 31	Dec. 6				
	Dec. 12	Jan. 30				
Dark Geese – Central Flyway, Big Horn and Fremont Counties	Sept. 26	Oct. 20				
	Oct. 31	Dec. 6				
	Dec. 12	Jan. 23				
Dark Geese – Central Flyway, all Counties in Zone C2 except Big Horn and Fremont Counties	Sept. 26	Nov. 29				
	Dec. 12	Jan. 20				
Light Geese - Central Flyway	Oct. 3	Dec. 27				
	Jan. 21	Feb. 8				
Ducks, Mergansers and Coots – Pacific Flyway	Sept. 19	Sept. 20				
	Sept. 26	Jan. 8				
Dark Geese - Pacific Flyway	Sept. 1	Sept. 8				
	Sept. 26	Dec. 31				

**The daily bag and possession limits, singly or in the aggregate, may include any species and sex of ducks, geese, coots, mergansers, rail, snipe and mourning doves when seasons for these species are open.

Section 8. **Bump-Sullivan Managed Goose Hunt.** Due to extreme drought and low water levels at Bump-Sullivan and Springer Reservoirs in Goshen County, the Bump-Sullivan Managed Goose Hunt is suspended until further notice. Although persons are not required to hunt waterfowl from an established blind, the blinds associated with the Goose Hunt (12 blinds on Bump-Sullivan Reservoir and 4 pass-shooting blinds west of Springer Reservoir) are available for use during the regular waterfowl season and the light goose conservation order in Goshen County. A goose special management permit is not required to hunt geese or other waterfowl within the Bump-Sullivan Managed Goose Hunt Area during the regular waterfowl season. However, a conservation order special management permit is required to hunt

light geese during the light goose conservation order. Hunters shall park vehicles only in established parking areas.

Section 9. Savings Clause. If any provision of this regulation shall be held to be illegal or unconstitutional, such a ruling shall not affect other provisions of this regulation which can be given effect without the illegal or unconstitutional provision; and, to this end, the provisions of this regulation shall be severable.

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION



By:

Clifford Kirk , President

Dated: November 19, 2009

2010 LIGHT GOOSE CONSERVATION ORDER

Harvest and hunter activity during the 2010 Light Goose Conservation Order in Wyoming.

Season	February 22 - April 11
Permits Sold (excludes known collector purchases)	124
Resident	96
Non-resident	28
Unknown residency	0
Initial Responses	64
% Initial Response	51.6
Second Responses	31
% Second Response	25.0
No Response ^a	29
% No Response	23.4
Total Survey Responses (completed surveys)	95
Percent Responded	76.6

PROJECTED TOTAL^b	
Active Hunters	86
Did Not Hunt	38
Total Days Hunted	285
Days/Hunter	3.3
Geese Harvested	221
Geese Knocked Down, but not retrieved	9
Total Harvest	230
Harvest/Hunter	2.7

Hunters using Electronic Callers	59
Harvest by Hunters using Electronic Callers	200
Average Harvest of Hunters using Callers	3.4
Total Days Hunting by Hunters Using Electronic Callers	197
Total Days Hunting with Electronic Callers	184
Average Days Electronic Callers were used	3.1
% Days Caller Hunters Used Electronic Callers	93.1

Hunters Hunting After Sunset	35
Harvest by Hunters Hunting After Sunset	15
Average Harvest of After Sunset Hunters	0.4
Total Days Hunting by Hunters Hunting After Sunset	127
Total Days Hunting After Sunset	100
Average Days Hunting After Sunset	2.9
% Days After Sunset Hunters Hunted After Sunset	78.9

Hunters Using Callers and Hunting After Sunset	36
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% of Hunters Hunting in Goshen County	99.0
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^a Includes non-respondents, incomplete survey responses, and responses received after due date.

^b Projected totals are the initial responses plus the nonresponse bias estimators.

Non-bias estimation as applied here is the projection of second responses on to nonrespondents.

For example, Active Hunters = (second respondents that hunted/second respondents) (permits analyzed - initial responses)

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

CHAPTER 48

LIGHT GOOSE CONSERVATION ORDER

Section 1. Authority. This regulation is promulgated by authority of W.S. §23-1-302(xxii).

Section 2. Hunting Seasons Established. There shall be an open season for the take of light geese as set forth in this Chapter, and in accordance with Chapter 2, General Hunting Regulation. This regulation shall remain in effect until modified or repealed by the Commission.

Section 3. Definitions. For the purpose of this regulation, definitions shall be as set forth in Title 23, Wyoming Statutes, and the Commission also adopts the following definitions:

- (a) "Adult" means a person eighteen (18) years of age or older.
- (b) "Central Flyway" means that portion of Wyoming east of the Continental Divide, excluding the Great Divide Basin.
- (c) "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 October 1, 2008, which does not include any later amendments or editions of the incorporated matter. A copy of Title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations can be viewed at Department Regional Offices.
- (d) "Daily bag limit" means the maximum number of migratory game birds or waterfowl that may be legally taken in a single day.
- (e) "Dark geese" means Canada goose, cackling goose, white-fronted goose and brant.
- (f) "Federal Duck Stamp" means Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp.
- (g) "Light geese" means snow goose, blue goose and Ross' goose.
- (h) "Migratory game bird" means all migratory game birds defined under federal law.
- (i) "Nontoxic shot" means steel, bismuth-tin, tungsten-iron, tungsten-bronze, tungsten-tin-bismuth, tungsten-nickel-iron, tungsten-iron-nickel-tin, tungsten-iron-copper-nickel, tungsten-tin-iron, tungsten-matrix and tungsten-polymer shot or any other federally-approved nontoxic shot.
- (j) "Pacific Flyway" means that portion of Wyoming west of the Continental Divide, including the Great Divide Basin.
- (k) "Possession limit" means the maximum number of migratory game birds or waterfowl that may be legally in possession. Migratory birds in transit or storage shall be considered in possession. When a person hunts in more than one (1) state or flyway, the person's total possession limit shall not exceed the largest possession limit prescribed for any one of the states or flyways in which the hunting takes place.
- (l) "Waterfowl" means ducks, geese, coots and mergansers.
- (m) "Webless migratory game bird" means mourning dove, rail, snipe and sandhill crane.

Section 4. Licensing, Permitting, and Reporting Requirements.

a) Wyoming Game Bird License and Conservation Stamp Requirements. Each person who takes or attempts to take any light geese 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).

(b) 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 and shall be immediately produced for inspection upon request of any authorized Department representative. 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 shall be available from the Laramie and Casper Regional Offices, the Department's Headquarters Office in Cheyenne and at designated license selling agents, or they may be obtained by submitting a completed application form to:

License Section
Attn: Conservation Order Special Management Permit
Wyoming Game and Fish Department
5400 Bishop Blvd.
Cheyenne, Wyoming 82006-0001

The application form can be requested by calling 1-800-842-1934 from in-state, 1-307-777-4600 from out-of-state, or the application form may be downloaded from the Department's website at <http://gf.state.wy.us>.

(c) Reporting Requirements. Any person who obtains a conservation order special management permit shall accurately complete the survey card provided with the permit and return the survey card to the Headquarters Office in Cheyenne no later than April 23, 2010. The survey card shall be completed and returned whether the person participated in the conservation order or not.

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

Section 5. Conservation Order Regulations.

(a) Wounding and Retrieving. No person shall wound or kill any migratory game bird without making a reasonable effort to retrieve it and reduce it to possession.

(b) Federal Regulations. 16 U.S.C. 703-712; 16 U.C. 742 a-j; Pub. L. 106-108; Pub. L. 95-616; 92 Stat. 3112 (16 U.S.C. 712(2)); and 50 CFR 20 and 21, revised as of October 1, 2008, which do not include any later amendments or editions of the incorporated matter, governing the taking and possession of migratory birds and migratory game birds, and the conservation order for mid-continent light geese, are adopted as regulations of the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission; except, those portions of 50 CFR 20 and 21, revised as of October 1, 2008, which allow the use of unplugged shotguns during the conservation order are not adopted as regulations of the 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 Department Regional Offices.

(i) Shotguns shall be the only weapons that can be used to take light geese. Shotguns larger than ten (10) gauge shall not be legal for the take of light geese in Wyoming during the conservation order for mid-continent light geese. Automatic loading, pump, or repeating shotguns shall be plugged to admit no more than one (1) shell in the chamber and two (2) shells in the magazine.

(ii) Recorded or electrically amplified bird calls or sounds, or imitations thereof may be used to take light geese during the dates of the light goose conservation order.

(c) 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.

(d) Nontoxic Shot Restrictions.

(i) Nontoxic Shot. No person shall take light geese while possessing shot shells loaded with shot other than nontoxic shot. Nontoxic shot shall also be required when hunting any 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.

(e) Species and Hunt Areas, Conservation Order Dates, Shooting Hours, Closed Areas, Bag Limit.

(i) The Central Flyway portion of Wyoming, excluding the closed areas listed in Section 6, is open during the conservation order for mid-continent light geese. The Central Flyway is that portion of Wyoming east of the Continental Divide, excluding the Great Divide Basin. Please refer to the Wyoming Waterfowl Flyway Areas Map in Chapter 14, Late Migratory Game Bird Hunting Seasons.

LIGHT GOOSE CONSERVATION ORDER, CENTRAL FLYWAY						
Species and Hunt Areas	Dates of Conservation Order		Shooting Hours	Closed Areas Section 6 Subsections	Bag Limit	
	Opens	Closes			Daily	Possession
LIGHT GEESE Central Flyway	Feb. 22	April 11	See Sec. 7	a(i), a(ii), b, c, d a(iii) after March 15	20	Unrestricted

(ii) Those areas within the boundaries of the Bump-Sullivan managed goose hunt, including Bump-Sullivan Reservoir, shall be open to the taking of light geese during the light goose conservation order. Pits/blinds shall be occupied on a first-come, first-served basis and shall not be claimed or reserved by leaving personal belongings, including decoys, unattended at the pit/blind at any time. Conservation order participants are not required to possess a Bump-Sullivan managed goose hunt permit or a goose special management permit nor are they required to hunt from a blind during the light goose conservation order.

Section 6. Description of Closed Areas. Except as otherwise noted, the areas described in this Section shall be closed for the species and dates specified in the table in Section 5.

(a) GOSHEN COUNTY

(i) Springer Reservoir. Beginning on U.S. Highway 85 at the George Marlatt farmhouse; westerly along the fence between the farm land and the pasture land to the west end of the west pump lake; southerly to the northwest corner of the Wyoming Game and Fish Department's Springer Wildlife Habitat Management Area (WHMA); southerly along the Springer WHMA boundary south of the Game and Fish Department buildings; due south across the Lewis Howard property and the Robert Simkin property to the Craig and Roberta Fulmer pasture fence; southerly and westerly along said fence to the Yoder-Bump-Sullivan Road (Goshen County Road 37); southerly along said road to the county road (Goshen County Road 42) on the south boundary of the Springer WHMA; easterly along said road to U.S. Highway 85; northerly along said highway to the George Marlatt farmhouse. Also, that portion of the Springer WHMA south of Goshen County Road 42.

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

(iii) Table Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Area. All of Table Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Area shall be closed to the taking of light geese after March 15.

(b) PLATTE COUNTY

(i) Festo Lake. Festo Lake and all lands within three hundred (300) yards of the normal high water line shall be closed to all migratory game bird hunting.

(ii) Wheatland Reservoir No. 1. Wheatland Reservoir No. 1 and all lands within three hundred (300) yards of the normal high water line. All Wheatland Irrigation District lands adjacent to the reservoir, in addition to those included in the three hundred (300) yard closure, shall be closed to hunting.

(c) FREMONT COUNTY

(i) Ocean Lake. The waters of Ocean Lake and the Wyoming Game and Fish Department lands within approximately one-half (1/2) mile of the aeration system on the north side of the lake shall be closed to migratory game bird hunting beginning November 15 through December 31 and January 1 through March 10 of each year. Beginning December 15 through March 10, the area shall be closed to all human presence, except for Wyoming Game and Fish Department administrative access, 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.

(d) PACIFIC FLYWAY

(i) The entire Pacific Flyway portion of Wyoming shall be closed to the taking of light geese during the conservation order for mid-continent light geese. The Pacific Flyway is that portion of Wyoming west of the Continental Divide, including the Great Divide Basin. Please refer to the Wyoming Waterfowl Flyway Areas Map in Chapter 14, Late Migratory Game Bird Hunting Seasons.

Section 7. 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 to one-half (1/2) hour after sunset as determined from the shooting hours table in this section.

2010 Conservation Order Shooting Hours Table. This table (including adjustments for daylight savings time) lists the official shooting hours adopted by the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission for taking light geese during the light goose conservation order. (Do not use tables from other sources.) ST=Starting Time, QT=Quitting Time.

	AREA B		AREA C		AREA D	
	ST	QT	ST	QT	ST	QT
February						
22-28	6:25	6:28	6:17	6:20	6:11	6:14
March						
1-7	6:14	6:36	6:06	6:28	6:00	6:22
8-13	6:03	6:44	5:55	6:36	5:49	6:30
*14-21	6:51	7:53	6:43	7:45	6:37	7:39
22-31	6:35	8:03	6:27	7:55	6:21	7:49
April						
1-7	6:20	8:13	6:12	8:05	6:06	7:59
8-11	6:11	8:20	6:03	8:12	5:57	8:06

*Start Daylight Saving Time

AREA B – Big Horn, Fremont, Hot Springs, Park, Washakie Counties

AREA C – Albany, Campbell, Carbon, Converse, Johnson, Natrona, Sheridan Counties

AREA D – Crook, Goshen, Laramie, Niobrara, Platte, Weston Counties

Section 8. Savings Clause. If any provision of this regulation shall be held to be illegal or unconstitutional, such a ruling shall not affect other provisions of this regulation which can be given effect without the illegal or unconstitutional provision; and, to this end, the provisions of this regulation shall be severable.

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

By:

Clifford Kirk, President

Dated: April 23, 2009

UPLAND GAME BIRDS



Sage Grouse, Photo by LuRay Parker, Wyoming Game and Fish Department

**2009 PHEASANT
HARVEST ESTIMATES**

MANAGEMENT AREA	HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
8 Beaver Rim	144	646	571
11 Clark	249	798	820
12 Cody	447	1745	1709
14 Wind River	69	263	249
15 Lovell	1111	5889	6433
16 Greybull River	341	1490	1709
17 Grass Creek	406	1307	1163
18 Copper Mtn	833	3368	3221
19 Shell	287	976	1077
20 Hyattville	221	643	1343
21 Kirby Creek	175	754	559
22 Shirley Mtns	6	13	6
24 Snowy Range	14	44	17
27 Laramie Peak	105	183	137
28 Iron Mtn	53	36	53
30 Southeast	3524	14546	11916
32 North Natrona	50	287	80
33 Rattlesnake	116	360	350
35 Pine Ridge	123	267	202
36 Lance Creek	70	151	95
37 Southern Bighorns	99	339	276
38 Savageton	309	881	951
40 Bighorn Mtns	745	3131	2803
41 Spotted Horse	767	3244	2927
SPECIES TOTALS	10264	41361	38667

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

CHAPTER 18

PHEASANT HUNTING SEASONS

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

Section 2. Hunting Seasons Established. There shall be open seasons for the hunting of pheasants as set forth in this Chapter, and in accordance with Chapter 2, General Hunting Regulation. This regulation shall remain in effect until modified or repealed by the Commission.

Section 3. Definitions. For the purpose of this regulation, definitions shall be as set forth in Title 23, Wyoming Statutes, and the Commission also adopts the following definitions:

- (a) "Adult" means a person eighteen (18) years of age or older.
- (b) "Daily bag limit" means the maximum number of pheasants that may be legally taken in a single day.
- (c) "Nontoxic shot" means steel, bismuth-tin, tungsten-iron, tungsten-bronze, tungsten-tin-bismuth, tungsten-iron-copper-nickel, tungsten-tin-iron, tungsten-matrix, tungsten-nickel-iron, tungsten-iron-nickel-tin and tungsten-polymer shot or any other federally-approved nontoxic shot.
- (d) "Possession limit" means the maximum number of pheasants that may be legally in possession. Pheasants in transit or storage shall be considered in possession.
- (e) "Season bag limit" means the total number of pheasants that may be legally taken from a particular hunt area during an entire season.
- (f) "Youth" means any person who has not attained the age of eighteen (18) on or before October 1 of the application year.

Section 4. Hunting Regulations.

(a) Bag and Possession Limit. Only one (1) daily bag limit 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 limits prescribed for any one (1) of the specified hunt areas in which the hunting and possession occurs.

(b) Evidence of Sex and Species. Evidence of sex and species shall be retained on each pheasant harvested. The feathered head, feathered wing, or foot shall remain naturally attached to the carcass of the pheasant in the field and during transportation.

(c) Nontoxic Shot. Nontoxic shot shall be required for hunting pheasants on all of the lands in the Springer and Table Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Areas and on all national wildlife refuges open for hunting. No person shall possess shot shells loaded with shot other than nontoxic shot while hunting pheasants on all lands in the Springer and Table Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Areas, and on national wildlife refuges.

(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.

(e) Hunt Areas, Season Dates, Bag Limit, Limitations and Shooting Hours.

Hunt Area	Date of Seasons		Bag Limit		Limitations	Shooting Hours	
	Opens	Closes	Daily	Possession		Start	End
1	Nov. 7	Dec. 31	2	6	Male pheasant only	½ hour before Sunrise	Sunset
2	Nov. 7	Dec. 6	2	6	Any pheasant (Youth Hunt-Refer to Section 8)	8:00 a.m.	4:00 p.m.
	Dec. 7	Dec. 31	2	6	Male pheasant only	8:00 a.m.	4:00 p.m.
3, 4	Nov. 7	Dec. 31	3	9	Male pheasant only	½ hour before Sunrise	Sunset
5	Nov. 7	Dec. 31	3	9	Male pheasant only except that portion of Area 5 north of the Shoshone River and west of the Yellowtail Reservoir shall be open for any pheasant (Youth hunt - refer to Section 8)	Veterans Day (State Observed Holiday), Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and Weekend Days ½ hour before Sunrise.	Sunset
						Week Days 11:00 a.m.	Sunset
7	Nov. 7	Dec. 31	3	9	Male pheasant only	½ hour before Sunrise	Sunset
						Table Mountain WHMA ½ hour before Sunrise	4:00 p.m.
8	Oct. 22	Nov. 6	3	Season Limit 3	Any pheasant (Springer permits) Refer to Section 6	8:00 a.m.	4:00 p.m.
	Nov. 7	Nov. 13	3	9	Any pheasant	8:00 a.m.	4:00 p.m.
	Nov. 14	Dec. 31	3	9	Male pheasant only; valid only in that portion of Area 8 west of Goshen County Road 37 (Bump-Sullivan Reservoir)	½ hour before Sunrise	4:00 p.m.
9	Nov. 7	Dec. 31	3	9	Any pheasant (Glendo permits). Refer to Section 7	8:00 a.m.	4:00 p.m.
10	Oct. 1	Dec. 31	3	9	Any pheasant	½ hour before Sunrise	Sunset
11	Nov. 1	Dec. 31	3	9	Any pheasant	½ hour before Sunrise	Sunset

(f) Closed Areas.

(i) 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.

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

(iii) 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 beginning November 15.

(iv) 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 5. 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 Private Lands/Public Wildlife Walk-In Access program, and members of their immediate families (landowner's spouse, parents, grandparents, or lineal descendants and their spouses) 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. The permit shall be available at Headquarters, Department Regional Offices and designated license selling agents.

(a) 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 Private Lands/Public Wildlife Walk-in Area in Platte County.

(iii) Ocean Lake Wildlife Habitat Management Area in Fremont County.

(iv) Springer Wildlife Habitat Management Area, including all the lands administered by the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission surrounding Bump-Sullivan and Springer reservoirs 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 Management Habitat 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 opened to the hunting of pheasants that are enrolled in the Department's Private Lands/Public Wildlife Walk-in Access 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 lands in Johnson and Sheridan Counties.

Section 6. Springer Permit Pheasant Season. 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. There shall be a Springer permit pheasant season in Hunt Area 8 beginning October 22 through November 6.

(a) Application for Springer permits. Completed applications shall be submitted to the Cheyenne Office of the Department on proper application forms beginning August 15. Applications shall be accepted until 5:00 p.m. September 15. A drawing shall be utilized to determine successful applicants. Only youths may apply for Springer permits for youth only hunt days as set forth in Section 6 (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 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 24 and November 1.

(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 to 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 7. 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 and on December 4, December 5, December 6 and December 7. 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 and conservation stamp (unless otherwise exempted by state statute), a pheasant special management permit and for hunters born on or after January 1, 1966, a hunter safety certificate.

(a) Youth only hunt days. Youth only hunt days shall be November 8, 15, 22 and 29. 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. Completed applications shall be submitted to the Cheyenne Office of the Department on proper application forms beginning August 15. Applications shall be accepted until 5:00 p.m. 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 8. Sand Mesa and Yellowtail Wildlife Habitat Areas Youth Hunt. The youth only hunt day is November 21. 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, except as provided in this section. The youth hunt shall take place on all lands included in the Sand Mesa Wildlife Habitat Area east of the Bass Lake Road, and all lands included in the Yellowtail Wildlife Habitat Area north of the Shoshone River.

Section 9. Archery Regulations.

(a) General Seasons. Pheasants may be taken with archery equipment in accordance with Section 4 of this Chapter.

Section 10. Falconry Seasons.

(a) Pheasants may be taken with falcons in accordance with Section 4 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 4 of this Chapter, except as otherwise provided in subsection 4(f) and subsection 10(c) of this Chapter.

(c) Closed Areas.

Hunt Area	Limitations
8, 9	Closed to falconry hunting

Section 11. Hunt Area Descriptions.

(a) Area and Number.

Area 1. All of Fremont County, excluding the Ocean Lake Wildlife Habitat Management Area surrounding Ocean Lake and excluding the Sand Mesa Wildlife Habitat Management Area east of the Bass Lake Road.

Area 2. All lands included in the Ocean Lake Wildlife Habitat Management Area surrounding Ocean Lake and all lands included in the Sand Mesa Wildlife Habitat Management Area east of the Bass Lake Road.

Area 3. All of Sheridan and Johnson Counties.

Area 4. All of Park, Washakie and Hot Springs Counties, and all of Big Horn County excluding all lands in the Yellowtail Wildlife Habitat Management Area north of U.S. Highway 14A.

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 and Platte Counties and that portion of Laramie County east of U.S. Highway 85, excluding Hunt Areas 8 and 9.

Area 8. All of the lands included in the Springer Wildlife Habitat Management Area.

Area 9. All Bureau of Reclamation Withdrawal lands bordering and including Glendo State Park and the adjoining Department Private Lands/Public Wildlife Walk-in Area.

Area 10. All of Campbell County.

Area 11. The entire State of Wyoming excluding the lands described in Areas 1-10.

Section 12. Savings Clause. If any provision of this regulation shall be held to be illegal or unconstitutional, such a ruling shall not affect other provisions of this regulation which can be given effect without the illegal or unconstitutional provision; and, to this end, the provisions of this regulation shall be severable.

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

By:

Clifford Kirk, President

Dated: April 23, 2009

**2009 CHUKAR PARTRIDGE
HARVEST ESTIMATES**

MANAGEMENT AREA	HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
6 Flaming Gorge	32	58	122
8 Beaver Rim	58	40	186
9 Red Desert	11	22	11
11 Clark	118	392	333
12 Cody	311	1525	1626
15 Lovell	87	165	190
16 Greybull River	171	336	467
17 Grass Creek	274	976	754
18 Copper Mtn	118	148	188
19 Shell	74	133	375
20 Hyattville	149	462	501
21 Kirby Creek	399	1816	1281
30 Southeast	28	189	70
32 North Natrona	36	419	129
33 Rattlesnake	31	65	52
35 Pine Ridge	9	36	9
37 Southern Bighorns	28	86	96
44 Black Hills	11	2	29
46 Nowood	102	260	257
SPECIES TOTALS	2047	7130	6676

**2009 GRAY PARTRIDGE
HARVEST ESTIMATES**

MANAGEMENT AREA	HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
1 Teton	11	11	163
2 Grey's River	13	0	13
6 Flaming Gorge	12	0	61
8 Beaver Rim	13	5	27
11 Clark	49	122	185
12 Cody	106	237	720
15 Lovell	20	39	30
16 Greybull River	29	5	42
17 Grass Creek	116	298	390
18 Copper Mtn	69	15	106
19 Shell	23	0	82
20 Hyattville	49	50	257
21 Kirby Creek	276	870	841
22 Shirley Mtns	2	0	2
27 Laramie Peak	12	0	12
30 Southeast	17	10	46
33 Rattlesnake	32	101	47
35 Pine Ridge	11	11	11
37 Southern Bighorns	17	5	134
38 Savageton	46	52	260
40 Bighorn Mtns	180	669	788
41 Spotted Horse	130	241	664
44 Black Hills	9	0	27
46 Nowood	38	117	90
SPECIES TOTALS	1280	2858	4998

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

CHAPTER 13

PARTRIDGE HUNTING SEASONS

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

Section 2. Hunting Seasons Established. There shall be open seasons for the hunting of chukar and gray partridge as set forth in this Chapter, and in accordance with Chapter 2, General Hunting Regulation. This regulation shall remain in effect until modified or repealed by the Commission.

Section 3. Definitions. For the purpose of this regulation, definitions shall be as set forth in Title 23, Wyoming Statutes, and the Commission also adopts the following definitions:

(a) "Daily bag limit" means the maximum number of partridge that may be legally taken in a single day.

(b) "Nontoxic shot" means steel, bismuth-tin, tungsten-iron, tungsten-bronze, tungsten-tin-bismuth, tungsten-matrix, tungsten-nickel-iron, tungsten-iron-nickel-tin, tungsten-iron-copper-nickel, tungsten-tin-iron and tungsten-polymer shot or any other federally-approved nontoxic shot.

(c) "Partridge" means chukar partridge and gray partridge.

(d) "Possession limit" means the maximum number of partridge that may be legally in possession. Chukar and gray partridge in transit or storage shall be considered in possession.

Section 4. Hunting Regulations.

(a) Shooting Hours. Shooting hours for the hunting of chukar and gray partridge shall be from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to sunset.

(b) Nontoxic shot shall be required for hunting chukar and gray partridge on all of the lands in the Springer and Table Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Areas and all national wildlife refuges open for hunting. No person shall possess shot shells loaded with shot other than nontoxic shot while hunting chukar and gray partridge on all lands in the Springer and Table Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Areas, and on national wildlife refuges.

(c) Evidence of Species. One fully-feathered wing or the feathered head shall remain naturally attached to the carcass as a means of identification in the field and while partridge are being transported.

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

CHUKAR PARTRIDGE					
Hunt Area	Dates of Seasons		Bag Limit		Limitations
	Opens	Closes	Daily	Possession	
1	Oct. 1	Jan. 31	5 chukar partridge	15 chukar partridge	Any chukar partridge

GRAY PARTRIDGE					
Hunt Area	Dates of Seasons		Bag Limit		Limitations
	Opens	Closes	Daily	Possession	
1	Oct. 1	Jan. 31	5 gray partridge	15 gray partridge	Any gray partridge

Section 5. Archery Regulations.

(a) Chukar and gray partridge may be taken with archery equipment in accordance with Section 4 of this Chapter.

Section 6. Falconry Seasons.

(a) Chukar and gray partridge may be taken with falcons in accordance with Section 4 of this Chapter.

(b) The falconry season shall open September 1 and close March 1 for all hunt areas listed in Section 4 of this Chapter.

Section 7. Hunt Area Descriptions.

(a) Area and Number.

Area 1. The entire State of Wyoming.

Section 8. Savings Clause. If any provision of this regulation shall be held to be illegal or unconstitutional, such a ruling shall not affect other provisions of this regulation which can be given effect without the illegal or unconstitutional provision; and, to this end, the provisions of this regulation shall be severable.

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

By:
Clifford Kirk, President

Dated: April 23, 2009

**2009 DUSKY (BLUE) GROUSE
HARVEST ESTIMATES**

MANAGEMENT AREA	HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
1 Teton	191	387	1104
2 Grey's River	164	305	471
3 Bridger	191	250	587
4 Seedska-dee	279	774	1501
5 Uinta	11	36	20
6 Flaming Gorge	14	0	41
7 Eden	19	22	58
8 Beaver Rim	71	13	135
10 Bitter Creek	6	57	25
11 Clark	55	116	291
12 Cody	79	116	308
14 Wind River	60	87	153
15 Lovell	126	290	277
16 Greybull River	23	0	133
17 Grass Creek	4	0	9
19 Shell	24	80	66
21 Kirby Creek	58	152	179
20 Hyattville	21	61	26
22 Shirley Mtns	46	41	174
24 Snowy Range	488	1265	1624
25 Sierra Madre	673	1674	2528
27 Laramie Peak	122	195	377
28 Iron Mtn	80	119	433
32 North Natrona	20	0	44
37 Southern Bighorns	71	35	475
40 Bighorn Mtns	562	1518	1708
45 Ferris	26	3	86
46 Nowood	82	248	387
SPECIES TOTALS	3566	7844	13220

**2009 RUFFED GROUSE
HARVEST ESTIMATES**

MANAGEMENT AREA	HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
1 Teton	290	710	1356
2 Grey's River	153	612	756
3 Bridger	266	495	1019
4 Seedska-dee	279	695	1751
5 Uinta	18	6	64
6 Flaming Gorge	17	0	43
7 Eden	11	0	44
8 Beaver Rim	96	65	365
11 Clark	17	120	198
12 Cody	51	137	394
13 Thorofare	9	18	9
14 Wind River	54	93	159
15 Lovell	18	37	25
16 Greybull River	20	0	127
17 Grass Creek	105	79	251
40 Bighorn Mtns	8	0	15
41 Spotted Horse	141	1130	719
46 Nowood	26	25	257
SPECIES TOTALS	1579	4222	7552

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

CHAPTER 12

BLUE AND RUFFED GROUSE HUNTING SEASONS

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

Section 2. Hunting Seasons Established. There shall be open seasons for the hunting of blue and ruffed grouse as set forth in this Chapter, and in accordance with Chapter 2, General Hunting Regulation. This regulation shall remain in effect until modified or repealed by the Commission.

Section 3. Definitions. For the purpose of this regulation, definitions shall be as set forth in Title 23, Wyoming Statutes, and the Commission also adopts the following definitions:

(a) “Daily bag limit” means the maximum number of blue and ruffed grouse that may be legally taken in a single day.

(b) “Nontoxic shot” means steel, bismuth-tin, tungsten-iron, tungsten-bronze, tungsten-tin-bismuth, tungsten-matrix, tungsten-nickel-iron, tungsten-iron-nickel-tin, tungsten-iron-copper-nickel, tungsten-tin-iron and tungsten-polymer shot or any other federally-approved nontoxic shot.

(c) “Possession limit” means the maximum number of blue and ruffed grouse that may be legally in possession. Blue and ruffed grouse in transit or storage shall be considered in possession.

Section 4. Hunting Regulations.

(a) Shooting Hours. Shooting hours for the hunting of blue and ruffed grouse shall be one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to sunset.

(b) Nontoxic shot shall be required for hunting blue and ruffed grouse on all national wildlife refuges open for hunting. No person shall possess shot shells loaded with shot other than nontoxic shot while hunting blue or ruffed grouse on national wildlife refuges.

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

Hunt Area	Date of Seasons		Bag Limit		Limitations
	Opens	Closes	Daily	Possession	
1	Sept. 1	Nov. 30	3	9	Any blue or ruffed grouse

Section 5. Archery Regulations.

(a) Blue and ruffed grouse may be taken with archery equipment in accordance with Section 4 of this Chapter.

Section 6. Falconry Seasons.

(a) Blue and ruffed grouse may be taken with falcons in accordance with Section 4 of this Chapter.

(b) The falconry season shall open September 1 and close March 1 in those hunt areas listed in Section 4 of this Chapter.

Section 7. Hunt Area Descriptions.

(a) Area and Number.

Area 1. The entire State of Wyoming.

Section 8. Savings Clause. If any provision of this regulation shall be held to be illegal or unconstitutional, such a ruling shall not affect other provisions of this regulation which can be given effect without the illegal or unconstitutional provision; and, to this end, the provisions of this regulation shall be severable.

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

By:
Clifford Kirk, President

Dated: April 23, 2009

**2009 SAGE-GROUSE
HARVEST ESTIMATES**

MANAGEMENT AREA	HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
3 Bridger	460	1203	1177
4 Seedskadee	335	819	859
5 Uinta	374	765	826
6 Flaming Gorge	296	678	583
7 Eden	640	1974	1746
8 Beaver Rim	725	1918	1731
9 Red Desert	140	447	313
10 Bitter Creek	53	129	147
11 Clark	25	34	28
12 Cody	56	128	101
14 Wind River	26	33	118
15 Lovell	12	12	24
16 Greybull River	40	11	61
17 Grass Creek	14	33	43
18 Copper Mtn	124	344	265
19 Shell	18	98	67
20 Hyattville	28	36	64
21 Kirby Creek	49	76	108
22 Shirley Mtns	253	424	388
24 Snowy Range	88	177	172
25 Sierra Madre	378	709	658
27 Laramie Peak	116	262	229
32 North Natrona	52	139	94
33 Rattlesnake	111	201	245
36 Lance Creek	9	0	18
37 Southern Bighorns	24	59	52
38 Savageton	92	99	209
40 Bighorn Mtns	44	106	173
41 Spotted Horse	61	47	107
45 Ferris	67	157	184
46 Nowood	22	44	22
SPECIES TOTALS	4732	11162	10812

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

CHAPTER 11

SAGE GROUSE HUNTING SEASONS

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

Section 2. Hunting Seasons Established. There shall be open seasons for the hunting of sage grouse as set forth in this Chapter, and in accordance with Chapter 2, General Hunting Regulation. This regulation shall remain in effect until modified or repealed by the Commission.

Section 3. Definitions. For the purpose of this regulation, definitions shall be as set forth in Title 23, Wyoming Statutes, and the Commission also adopts the following definitions:

(a) “Daily bag limit” means the maximum number of sage grouse that may be legally taken in a single day.

(b) “Nontoxic shot” means steel, bismuth-tin, tungsten-iron, tungsten-bronze, tungsten-tin-bismuth, tungsten-matrix, tungsten-nickel-iron, tungsten-iron-nickel-tin, tungsten-iron-copper-nickel, tungsten-tin-iron and tungsten-polymer shot or any other federally-approved nontoxic shot.

(c) “Possession limit” means the maximum number of sage grouse that may be legally in possession. Sage grouse in transit or storage shall be considered in possession.

Section 4. Hunting Regulations.

(a) Shooting Hours. Shooting hours for the hunting of sage grouse shall be one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to sunset.

(b) Nontoxic shot shall be required for hunting sage grouse on all national wildlife refuges open for hunting. No person shall possess shot shells loaded with shot other than nontoxic shot while hunting sage grouse on national wildlife refuges.

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

Hunt Area	Date of Seasons		Bag Limit		Limitations
	Opens	Closes	Daily	Possession	
1	Sept. 19	Sept. 30	2	4	Any sage grouse
2, 3					CLOSED
4	Sept. 19	Sept. 25	2	4	Any sage grouse

Section 5. Archery Regulations.

(a) Sage grouse may be taken with archery equipment in accordance with Section 4 of this Chapter.

Section 6. Falconry Seasons.

(a) Sage grouse may be taken with falcons in accordance with Section 4 of this Chapter.

(b) The falconry season shall open September 1 and close March 1 in those hunt areas listed in Section 4 of this Chapter.

(c) The daily bag limit shall be one (1) sage grouse and the possession limit shall be two (2) sage grouse.

(d) Persons taking sage grouse with falcons shall respond to Wyoming Game and Fish Department surveys requesting harvest information.

Section 7. Hunt Area Descriptions.

(a) Area and Number.

Area 1. The entire State of Wyoming, excluding the lands described in Areas 2-4.

Area 2. Beginning where the Wyoming-Nebraska-Colorado state lines intersect; westerly along the Wyoming-Colorado state line to the divide between the North Platte and Laramie Rivers; northerly along said divide to the head of Rock Creek; northerly down said creek to Interstate Highway 80; westerly along said interstate to Wyoming Highway 13; northeasterly along said highway to U.S. Highway 30-287; northerly along said highway to the Fetterman Road (Albany County Road 61); easterly then northerly along said road to the Albany-Converse County line; westerly along said line to the Balsh Road (U.S.F.S. Road 660); westerly and northerly along said road to the Converse-Natrona County line; northerly along said line to Interstate Highway 25; northerly along said highway to the Natrona-Johnson-Converse-Campbell-Weston-Niobrara County lines; easterly along said county lines to U.S Highway 85; northerly along said highway to U.S. Highway 16 at Newcastle; northwesterly along said highway to Interstate Highway 90 at Moorcroft; westerly along said highway to the "D" Road; northerly along said road to the Rocky Point Road; northerly along said road to the Wyoming-Montana state line; easterly along said state line to the Wyoming-South Dakota state line; southerly along said state line to the Wyoming-Nebraska state line; southerly along said state line to the Wyoming-Colorado state line. Area 2 also includes that portion of Natrona County south of Interstate Highway 25 in the Muddy Creek drainage.

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.

Section 8. Savings Clause. If any provision of this regulation shall be held to be illegal or unconstitutional, such a ruling shall not affect other provisions of this regulation which can be given effect without the illegal or unconstitutional provision; and, to this end, the provisions of this regulation shall be severable.

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

By:

Clifford Kirk, President

Dated: April 23, 2009

**2009 SHARP-TAILED GROUSE
HARVEST ESTIMATES**

MANAGEMENT AREA	HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
25 Sierra Madre	23	24	23
27 Laramie Peak	15	0	28
28 Iron Mountain	9	0	9
30 Southeast	335	385	914
35 Pine Ridge	9	0	9
36 Lance Creek	9	9	18
37 Southern Bighorns	30	37	305
38 Savageton	52	81	277
40 Bighorn Mtns	232	673	652
41 Spotted Horse	210	440	719
44 Black Hills	122	66	565
46 Nowood	12	0	24
SPECIES TOTALS	1058	1715	3543

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

CHAPTER 19

SHARP-TAILED GROUSE HUNTING SEASONS

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

Section 2. Hunting Seasons Established. There shall be open seasons for the hunting of sharp-tailed grouse as set forth in this Chapter, and in accordance with Chapter 2, General Hunting Regulation. This regulation shall remain in effect until modified or repealed by the Commission.

Section 3. Definitions. For the purpose of this regulation, definitions shall be as set forth in Title 23, Wyoming Statutes, and the Commission also adopts the following definitions:

(a) “Daily bag limit” means the maximum number of sharp-tailed grouse that may be legally taken in a single day.

(b) “Nontoxic shot” means steel, bismuth-tin, tungsten-iron, tungsten-bronze, tungsten-tin-bismuth, tungsten-iron-copper-nickel, tungsten-tin-iron, tungsten-matrix, tungsten-nickel-iron, tungsten-iron-nickel-tin and tungsten-polymer shot or any other federally-approved nontoxic shot.

(c) “Possession limit” means the maximum number of sharp-tailed grouse that may be legally in possession. Sharp-tailed grouse in transit or storage shall be considered in possession.

Section 4. Hunting Regulations.

(a) Shooting Hours. Shooting hours for the hunting of sharp-tailed grouse shall be one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to sunset.

(b) Evidence of Species. One fully-feathered wing or the feathered head shall remain naturally attached to the carcass as a means of identification in the field and while sharp-tailed grouse are being transported.

(c) Nontoxic Shot. Nontoxic shot shall be required for hunting sharp-tailed grouse on all of the lands in the Springer and Table Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Areas and on all national wildlife refuges open to hunting. No person shall possess shot shells loaded with shot other than nontoxic shot while hunting sharp-tailed grouse on all lands in the Springer and Table Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Areas, and on national wildlife refuges.

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

Hunt Area	Date of Seasons		Bag Limit		Limitations
	Opens	Closes	Daily	Possession	
1	Sept. 19	Dec. 31	3	9	Any sharp-tailed grouse

Section 5. Archery Regulations.

(a) Sharp-tailed grouse may be taken with archery equipment in accordance with Section 4 of this Chapter.

Section 6. Falconry Seasons.

(a) Sharp-tailed grouse may be taken with falcons in accordance with Section 4 of this Chapter.

(b) The falconry season shall open September 1 and close March 1 in those hunt areas listed in Section 4 of this Chapter.

Section 7. Hunt Area Descriptions.

(a) Area and Number.

Area 1. That portion of Wyoming east of the Continental Divide.

Section 8. Savings Clause. If any provision of this regulation shall be held to be illegal or unconstitutional, such a ruling shall not affect other provisions of this regulation which can be given effect without the illegal or unconstitutional provision; and, to this end, the provisions of this regulation shall be severable.

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

By:

Clifford Kirk, President

Dated: April 23, 2009

WILD TURKEY



Wild Turkey, Photo by LuRay Parker, Wyoming Game and Fish Department

**2009 WILD TURKEY
ANNUAL HARVEST ESTIMATES**

	NUMBER PERMITS	NUMBER HUNTERS	TOMS	HENS	TOTAL HARVEST	SUCCESS RATE	HUNTER DAYS	DAYS/HARVEST
SPRING								
RESIDENT	4442	3878	2002	12	2014	51.9%	11765	5.84
NONRESIDENT	1449	1346	1129	2	1131	84.0%	3361	2.97
TOTAL	5891	5224	3131	14	3145	60.2%	15126	4.81

FALL								
RESIDENT	2538	2273	669	607	1276	56.1%	7147	5.60
NONRESIDENT	594	184	93	23	116	63.0%	765	6.59
TOTAL	3132	2457	762	630	1392	56.7%	7912	5.68

ANNUAL TOTALS								
RESIDENT	6980	6151	2671	619	3290	53.5%	18912	5.75
NONRESIDENT	2043	1530	1222	25	1247	81.5%	4126	3.31
TOTAL	9023	7681	3893	644	4537	59.1%	23038	5.08

**2009 SPRING WILD TURKEY
HARVEST ESTIMATES**

AREA NUMBER	LICENSE TYPE	AREA NAME/ RESIDENCY	NUMBER OF PERMITS PER REGULATION	NUMBER SOLD	TOTAL ACTIVE HUNTERS	TOTAL TOM	TOTAL HEN	TOTAL HARVEST	HUNTER SUCCESS	TOTAL DAYS	DAYS PER HARVEST
1	GEN	BLACK HILLS	UNLIMITED								
		RES		3843	1650	936	6	942	57.1%	5055	5.37
		NONRES		1360	945	836	0	836	88.5%	2425	2.90
		TOTAL		5203	2595	1772	6	1778	68.5%	7480	4.21
2	GEN	LARAMIE PEAK	UNLIMITED								
		RES		3843	423	144	0	144	34.0%	1137	7.90
		NONRES		1360	51	24	0	24	47.1%	129	5.38
		TOTAL		5203	474	168	0	168	35.4%	1266	7.54
3	GEN	SHERIDAN- JOHNSON	UNLIMITED								
		RES		3843	570	390	0	390	68.4%	1542	3.95
		NONRES		1360	90	85	0	85	94.4%	207	2.44
		TOTAL		5203	660	475	0	475	72.0%	1749	3.68
4	1	GOSHEN	150								
		RES		121	96	28	0	28	29.2%	436	15.57
		NONRES		29	23	14	0	14	60.9%	54	3.86
		TOTAL		150	119	42	0	42	35.3%	490	11.67
4	2	GOSHEN	150								
		RES		138	99	39	0	39	39.4%	334	8.56
		NONRES		15	11	9	0	9	81.8%	26	2.89
		TOTAL		153	110	48	0	48	43.6%	360	7.50
5	GEN	CAMPBELL	UNLIMITED								
		RES		3843	189	87	3	90	47.6%	411	4.57
		NONRES		1360	75	68	0	68	90.7%	163	2.40
		TOTAL		5203	264	155	3	158	59.8%	574	3.63
6	1	SHOSHONE	40								
		RES		32	26	21	0	21	80.8%	98	4.67
		NONRES		8	8	8	0	8	100.0%	20	2.50
		TOTAL		40	34	29	0	29	85.3%	118	4.07
6	2	SHOSHONE	50								
		RES		46	38	27	0	27	71.1%	123	4.56
		NONRES		4	4	3	0	3	75.0%	9	3.00
		TOTAL		50	42	30	0	30	71.4%	132	4.40
7	GEN	KAYCEE	UNLIMITED								
		RES		3843	93	48	3	51	54.8%	174	3.41
		NONRES		1360	5	2	0	2	40.0%	7	3.50
		TOTAL		5203	98	50	3	53	54.1%	181	3.42
8	1	LARAMIE COUNTY	25								
		RES		24	22	10	0	10	45.5%	48	4.80
		NONRES		1	1	1	0	1	100.0%	2	2.00
		TOTAL		25	23	11	0	11	47.8%	50	4.55
9	GEN	NATRONA	UNLIMITED								
		RES		3843	174	39	0	39	22.4%	684	17.54
		NONRES		1360	2	0	0	0	0.0%	5	0.00
		TOTAL		5203	176	39	0	39	22.2%	689	17.67

2009 SPRING WILD TURKEY - continued

AREA NUMBER	LICENSE TYPE	AREA NAME/ RESIDENCY	NUMBER OF PERMITS PER REGULATION	NUMBER SOLD	TOTAL ACTIVE HUNTERS	TOTAL TOM	TOTAL HEN	TOTAL HARVEST	HUNTER SUCCESS	TOTAL DAYS	DAYS PER HARVEST
9	3	NATRONA	100								
		RES		94	84	24	0	24	28.6%	317	13.21
		NONRES		6	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0.00
		TOTAL		100	84	24	0	24	28.6%	317	13.21
10	1	BIGHORN	150								
		RES		128	124	84	0	84	67.7%	544	6.48
		NONRES		22	15	9	2	11	73.3%	24	2.18
		TOTAL		150	139	93	2	95	68.3%	568	5.98
11	GEN	CHEYENNE RIVER	UNLIMITED								
		RES		3843	267	114	0	114	42.7%	813	7.13
		NONRES		1360	112	68	0	68	60.7%	262	3.85
		TOTAL		5203	379	182	0	182	48.0%	1075	5.91
12	1	PLATTE VALLEY	10								
		RES		8	6	3	0	3	5.0%	14	4.67
		NONRES		2	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0.00
		TOTAL		10	6	3	0	3	50.0%	14	4.67
13	1	POLE MOUNTAIN	10								
		RES		8	8	8	0	8	100.0%	20	2.50
		NONRES		2	2	2	0	2	100.0%	26	13.00
		TOTAL		10	10	10	0	10	100.0%	46	4.60
14	GEN	WIND RIVER	UNLIMITED								
		RES		3843	9	0	0	0	0.0%	15	0.00
		NONRES		1360	2	0	0	0	0.0%	2	0.00
		TOTAL		5203	11	0	0	0	0.0%	17	0.00
GRAND TOTALS		STATEWIDE									
		RES		4442	3878	2002	12	2014	51.9%	11765	5.84
		NONRES		1449	1346	1129	2	1131	84.0%	3361	2.97
		TOTAL		5891	5224	3131	14	3145	60.2%	15126	4.81

**2009 FALL WILD TURKEY
HARVEST ESTIMATES**

AREA NUMBER	LICENSE TYPE	AREA NAME/ RESIDENCY	NUMBER OF PERMITS PER REGULATION	NUMBER SOLD	TOTAL ACTIVE HUNTERS	TOTAL TOM	TOTAL HEN	TOTAL HARVEST	HUNTER SUCCESS	TOTAL DAYS	DAYS PER HARVEST
1	GEN	BLACK HILLS	UNLIMITED								
		RES		2327	917	205	189	394	42.9%	3562	9.04
		NONRES		283	159	76	20	96	59.8%	490	5.10
		TOTAL		2610	1076	281	209	490	45.5%	4052	8.27
2	GEN	LARAMIE PEAK	UNLIMITED								
		RES		2327	211	55	65	120	56.9%	588	4.90
		NONRES		283	15	10	2	12	80.0%	15	1.25
		TOTAL		2610	226	65	67	132	58.4%	603	4.57

2009 FALL WILD TURKEY - continued

AREA NUMBER	LICENSE TYPE	AREA NAME/ RESIDENCY	NUMBER OF PERMITS PER REGULATION	NUMBER SOLD	TOTAL ACTIVE HUNTERS	TOTAL TOM	TOTAL HEN	TOTAL HARVEST	HUNTER SUCCESS	TOTAL DAYS	DAYS PER HARVEST
3	GEN	SHERIDAN-JOHNSON	UNLIMITED								
		RES		2327	419	192	111	303	72.1%	1060	3.50
		NONRES		283	39	32	7	39	100.0%	66	1.69
		TOTAL		2610	458	224	118	342	74.7%	1126	3.29
3	3	SHERIDAN-JOHNSON	250								
		RES		62	62	38	24	62	100.0%	176	2.84
		NONRES		13	13	10	0	10	76.9%	31	3.10
		TOTAL		75	75	48	24	72	96.0%	207	2.88
4	1	GOSHEN	100								
		RES		87	77	25	23	48	62.3%	203	4.23
		NONRES		13	7	2	3	5	71.4%	20	4.00
		TOTAL		100	84	27	26	53	63.1%	223	4.21
5	GEN	CAMPBELL	UNLIMITED								
		RES		2327	85	20	16	36	42.4%	416	11.56
		NONRES		283	17	10	2	12	70.6%	34	2.83
		TOTAL		2610	102	30	18	48	47.1%	450	9.38
7	GEN	KAYCEE	UNLIMITED								
		RES		2327	59	10	39	49	83.1%	81	1.65
		NONRES		283	5	0	5	5	100.0%	5	1.00
		TOTAL		2610	64	10	44	54	84.4%	86	1.59
8	1	LARAMIE COUNTY	20								
		RES		7	7	4	3	7	100.0%	21	3.00
		NONRES		2	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0.00
		TOTAL		9	7	4	3	7	100.0%	21	3.00
9	GEN	NATRONA	UNLIMITED								
		RES		2327	215	62	75	137	63.7%	484	3.53
		NONRES		283	5	5	0	5	100.0%	5	1.00
		TOTAL		2610	220	67	75	142	64.5%	489	3.44
9	3	NATRONA	100								
		RES		55	55	9	23	32	58.2%	211	6.59
		NONRES		2	2	0	0	0	0.0%	16	0.00
		TOTAL		57	57	9	23	32	56.1%	227	7.09
11	GEN	CHEYENNE RIVER	UNLIMITED								
		RES		2327	153	49	39	88	57.5%	299	3.40
		NONRES		283	22	20	0	20	90.9%	76	3.80
		TOTAL		2610	175	69	39	108	61.7%	375	3.47
14	GEN	WIND RIVER	UNLIMITED								
		RES		2327	13	0	0	0	0.0%	46	0.00
		NONRES		283	2	0	0	0	0.0%	7	0.00
		TOTAL		2610	15	0	0	0	0.0%	53	0.00
GRAND TOTALS		STATEWIDE									
		RES		2538	2273	669	607	1276	56.1%	7147	5.60
		NONRES		594	184	93	23	116	63.0%	765	6.59
		TOTAL		3132	2457	762	630	1392	56.7%	7912	5.68

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

CHAPTER 20

WILD TURKEY FALL AND SPRING HUNTING SEASONS

Section 1. Authority. This regulation is promulgated by authority of W.S. §23-1-302.

Section 2. Hunting Seasons Established. There shall be open seasons for the hunting of wild turkey for fall, 2009 and spring, 2010, as set forth in this Chapter, and in accordance with Chapter 2, General Hunting Regulation. This regulation shall remain in effect until modified or repealed by the Commission.

Section 3. Definitions. For the purpose of this regulation, definitions shall be as set forth in Title 23, Wyoming Statutes, and the Commission also adopts the following definitions:

(a) "General Wild Turkey Licenses" mean wild turkey licenses that are unlimited in number and valid in any hunt area with a general license hunting season for a specified sex of wild turkey during specified season dates.

(b) "Limited Quota Wild Turkey Licenses" mean wild turkey licenses that are limited in number and valid only in a specified hunt area or portion of a hunt area for a specified sex of wild turkey during specified season dates.

(c) "Nontoxic shot" means steel, bismuth-tin, tungsten-iron, tungsten-bronze, tungsten-tin-bismuth, tungsten-matrix, tungsten-iron-copper-nickel, tungsten-tin-iron, tungsten-nickel-iron, tungsten-iron-nickel-tin and tungsten-polymer shot or any other federally-approved nontoxic shot.

Section 4. 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 two (2) wild turkey licenses valid for each season, provided that at least one of those licenses is a Limited Quota Type 3 license. However, no person shall apply for and receive more than a total of two (2) wild turkey licenses valid for the fall season and no more than a total of two (2) wild turkey licenses valid for the spring season.

(c) Shooting Hours. Shooting hours for the hunting of wild turkey shall be one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to sunset.

(d) Nontoxic Shot. Nontoxic shot shall be required for hunting wild turkeys on all of the lands in the Springer and Table Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Areas and on all national wildlife refuges open for hunting. No person shall possess shot shells loaded with shot other than nontoxic shot while hunting wild turkey on all lands in the Springer and Table Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Areas, and on national wildlife refuges.

(e) 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.

(f) 2009 Fall Season. Hunt Areas, Season Dates and Limitations.

Hunt Area	Type	Date of Seasons		Limitations
		Opens	Closes	
1		Nov. 1	Nov. 30	General license; any wild turkey
2		Oct. 1	Nov. 30	General license; any wild turkey
3		Oct. 1	Dec. 31	General license; any wild turkey
	3	Oct. 1	Dec. 31	Limited quota; 250 licenses any wild turkey
4	1	Sept.15	Nov. 30	Limited quota; 100 licenses any wild turkey
5		Oct. 1	Dec. 31	General license; any wild turkey
7		Oct. 1	Dec. 31	General license; any wild turkey
8	1	Oct. 1	Nov. 30	Limited quota; 20 licenses any wild turkey
9		Oct. 1	Dec. 31	General license; any wild turkey
	3	Oct. 1	Dec. 31	Limited quota; 100 licenses any wild turkey
6, 10, 13				CLOSED
11		Oct. 1	Nov. 30	General license; any wild turkey
14		Oct. 1	Oct. 31	General license; any wild turkey

(g) 2010 Spring Season. Hunt Areas, Season Dates and Limitations.

Hunt Area	Type	Date of Seasons		Limitations
		Opens	Closes	
1		April 10	May 20	General license; any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
	3	April 10	May 20	Limited quota; 2,500 licenses any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
2		April 10	May 20	General license; any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
3		April 1	May 20	General license; any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
4	1	April 1	April 30	Limited quota; 150 licenses any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
	2	April 16	May 20	Limited quota; 150 licenses any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
5		April 1	May 20	General license; any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
6	1	April 10	May 20	Limited quota; 40 licenses any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
	2	April 10	May 20	Limited quota; 50 licenses any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard, except the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission's Yellowtail Wildlife Habitat Management Area shall be closed
7		April 1	May 20	General license; any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
8	1	April 1	May 20	Limited quota; 25 licenses any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
9		April 1	May 20	General license; any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
	3	April 1	May 20	Limited quota; 100 licenses any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
10	1	April 10	May 20	Limited quota; 150 licenses any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
11		April 1	May 20	General license; any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
13	1	April 1	May 20	Limited quota; 10 licenses any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
14		April 1	May 20	General license; any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard

Section 5. Archery Regulations.

(a) Wild turkey may be taken with archery equipment in accordance with Section 4 of this Chapter.

Section 6. Hunt Area Descriptions.

(a) 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. Laramie Peak. That portion of Converse County south of the North Platte River, that portion of Platte County west of Interstate Highway 25, that portion of Laramie County west of Interstate Highway 25, north of Wyoming Highway 211 and north of the Fisher Canyon/Rogers Canyon Road, and that portion of Albany County north of U.S. Highway 30 and the Ninth Street-Rogers Canyon Road.

Area 3. Sheridan-Johnson. All of Sheridan County and that portion of Johnson County north of the middle fork of Crazy Woman Creek and Crazy Woman Creek to Interstate Highway 90, and north of Interstate Highway 90 from Crazy Woman Creek to the Campbell County line.

Area 4. Goshen. All of Goshen County and that portion of Platte County east of Interstate Highway 25.

Area 5. Campbell. All of Campbell County.

Area 6. Shoshone. All of the Clark's Fork River drainage, all of the Shoshone River drainage in Big Horn County, all of the Shoshone River drainage in Park County north of U.S. Highway 14-16-20, and that portion of the Big Horn River drainage in Bighorn County north of Sheep Mountain Canyon and the Bear Creek-Shell Creek divide.

Area 7. Kaycee. That portion of Johnson County south of the following boundary: Middle Fork of Crazy Woman Creek and Crazy Woman Creek to Interstate Highway 90, and Interstate Highway 90 from Crazy Woman Creek to the Campbell County line.

Area 8. Laramie County. That portion of Laramie County east of Interstate Highway 25.

Area 9. Natrona County. All of Natrona County.

Area 10. Bighorn. All of the Bighorn River drainage in Bighorn County south of Sheep Mountain Canyon and the Bear Creek-Shell Creek divide, all of Washakie County, all of Hot Springs County, and that portion of the Bighorn River drainage in Park County south and east of the Shoshone River drainage.

Area 11. Cheyenne River. That portion of Weston County south of U.S. Highway 16 and west of U.S. Highway 85, all of Niobrara County, and that portion of Converse County north of the North Platte River.

Area 13. Pole Mountain. Beginning in the city of Laramie and the Rogers Canyon-Ninth Street Road (Albany County Road 17-Laramie County Road 228); northeasterly along said road to Wyoming Highway 211; southeasterly along said highway to Interstate Highway 25; southerly along said highway to Interstate Highway 80; westerly along said highway to the city of Laramie.

Area 14. Wind River. All non-Indian owned fee title lands, Boysen State Park lands and Bureau of Reclamation lands within the following described area: Beginning where Wyoming Highway 789 crosses the Wind River Indian Reservation Boundary east of Boysen Reservoir; southerly, then westerly along said boundary to Wyoming Highway 135; northwesterly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 789; northeasterly along said highway to the Wind River Indian Reservation Boundary east of Boysen Reservoir.

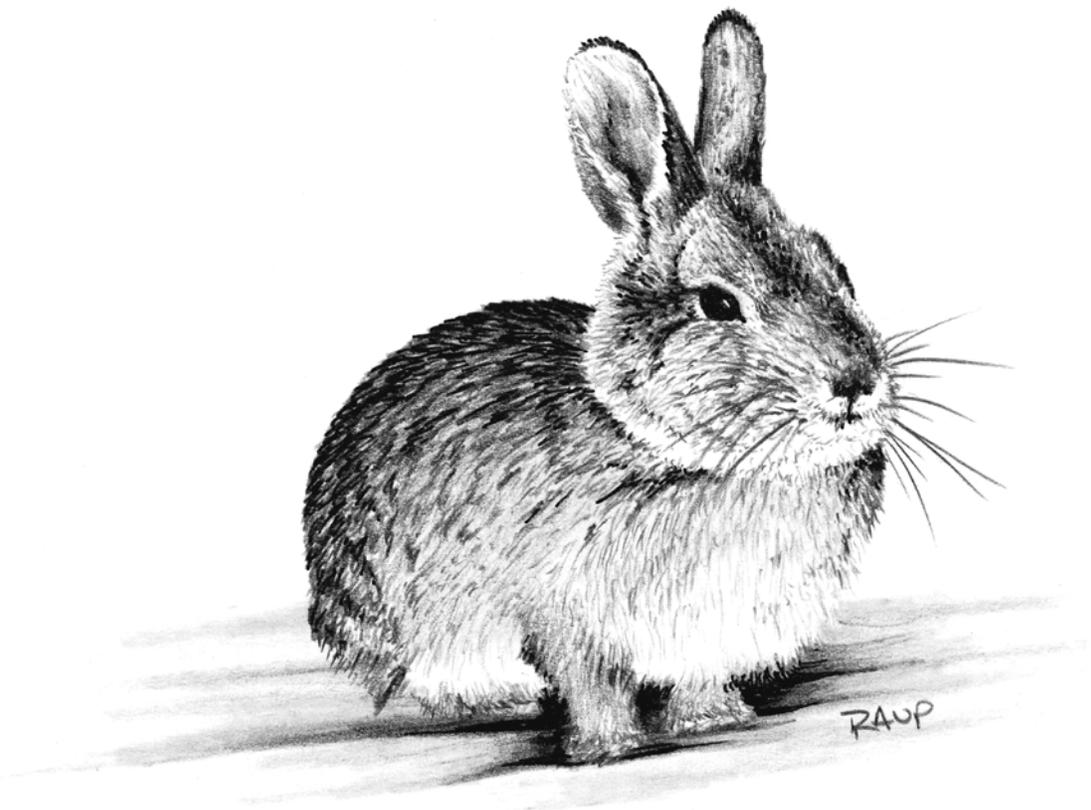
Section 7. Savings Clause. If any provision of this regulation shall be held to be illegal or unconstitutional, such a ruling shall not affect other provisions of this regulation which can be given effect without the illegal or unconstitutional provision; and, to this end, the provisions of this regulation shall be severable.

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

By:
Clifford Kirk, President

Dated: April 23, 2009

SMALL GAME



Cottontail Rabbit, Artwork by Bob Raup

**2009 COTTONTAIL RABBIT
HARVEST ESTIMATES**

MANAGEMENT AREA	HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
1 Teton	36	447	168
2 Grey's River	3	8	3
3 Bridger	145	522	425
4 Seedskaelee	258	1439	545
5 Uinta	339	1648	902
6 Flaming Gorge	663	2706	2571
7 Eden	267	902	895
8 Beaver Rim	254	1040	653
9 Red Desert	31	68	226
10 Bitter Creek	36	300	336
11 Clark	90	749	278
12 Cody	249	1126	613
14 Wind River	53	261	196
15 Lovell	216	1880	886
16 Greybull River	165	1261	394
17 Grass Creek	164	1441	472
18 Copper Mtn	244	2360	826
19 Shell	69	543	188
20 Hyattville	40	174	79
21 Kirby Creek	97	362	193
22 Shirley Mtns	73	200	171
24 Snowy Range	135	107	426
25 Sierra Madre	136	619	670
27 Laramie Peak	236	1140	589
28 Iron Mtn	170	664	511
30 Southeast	379	1330	2074
32 North Natrona	128	371	364
33 Rattlesnake	216	486	431
35 Pine Ridge	157	638	381
36 Lance Creek	34	102	51
37 Southern Bighorns	28	111	57
38 Savageton	103	311	592
40 Bighorn Mtns	114	251	228
41 Spotted Horse	111	418	395
44 Black Hills	43	210	97
45 Ferris	51	488	181
46 Nowood	77	300	195
SPECIES TOTALS	5610	26983	18262

**2009 SNOWSHOE HARE
HARVEST ESTIMATES**

MANAGEMENT AREA	HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
1 Teton	6	0	63
2 Grey's River	6	2	6
3 Bridger	6	6	6
4 Seedskedee	16	84	160
5 Uinta	21	10	28
8 Beaver Rim	11	11	11
12 Cody	4	0	18
15 Lovell	9	9	21
16 Greybull River	7	12	47
19 Shell	11	0	21
21 Kirby Creek	9	4	84
24 Snowy Range	32	24	78
25 Sierra Madre	28	2	130
27 Laramie Peak	5	12	25
28 Iron Mtn	9	3	14
30 Southeast	11	0	11
35 Pine Ridge	5	5	10
36 Lance Creek	5	12	12
40 Bighorn Mtns	42	91	237
44 Ferris	2	0	5
46 Nowood	2	0	12
SPECIES TOTALS	247	287	999

**2009 SQUIRREL
HARVEST ESTIMATES**

MANAGEMENT AREA	HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
1 Teton	12	46	86
2 Grey's River	11	0	11
3 Bridger	40	116	102
4 Seedskadee	11	54	11
6 Flaming Gorge	6	13	32
7 Eden	11	0	33
8 Beaver Rim	11	54	11
12 Cody	4	13	4
14 Wind River	9	21	9
15 Lovell	4	13	4
22 Shirley Mountains	5	8	5
24 Snowy Range	26	48	81
25 Sierra Madre	12	56	298
27 Laramie Peak	6	20	19
28 Iron Mountain	33	135	94
30 Southeast	61	454	874
32 North Natrona	2	38	18
35 Pine Ridge	2	0	2
37 Southern Bighorns	9	13	13
40 Bighorn Mountains	20	222	112
44 Black Hills	39	96	96
SPECIES TOTALS	334	1420	1915

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

CHAPTER 17

SMALL GAME HUNTING SEASONS

Section 1. Authority. These rules are promulgated by authority of W.S. §23-1-302 and §23-2-105(d).

Section 2. Hunting Seasons Established. There shall be open seasons for the hunting of small game as set forth in this Chapter, and in accordance with Chapter 2, General Hunting Regulation. This regulation shall remain in effect until modified or repealed by the Commission.

Section 3. Definitions. For the purpose of this regulation, definitions shall be as set forth in Title 23, Wyoming Statutes, and the Commission also adopts the following definitions:

(a) "Daily bag limit" means the maximum number of small game that may be legally taken in a single day.

(b) "Nontoxic shot" means steel, bismuth-tin, tungsten-iron, tungsten-bronze, tungsten-tin-bismuth, tungsten-matrix, tungsten-nickel-iron, tungsten-iron-nickel-tin, tungsten-iron-copper-nickel, tungsten-tin-iron and tungsten-polymer shot or any other federally-approved nontoxic shot.

(c) "Possession limit" means the maximum number of small game animals that may be legally in possession. Small game animals in transit or storage shall be considered in possession.

Section 4. Hunting Regulations.

(a) Shooting Hours. Shooting hours for the hunting of small game shall be from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to one-half (1/2) hour after sunset.

(b) Nontoxic shot shall be required when using a shotgun to take small game on all of the lands included in the Springer and Table Mountain Wildlife Habitat Areas and on all national wildlife refuges open to hunting. No person shall possess shot shells loaded with shot other than nontoxic shot while hunting small game on all lands in the Springer and Table Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Areas and on national wildlife refuges.

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

<u>Species</u>	<u>Hunt Area</u>	<u>Date of Seasons</u>		<u>Bag Limit</u>		<u>Limitations</u>
		<u>Opens</u>	<u>Closes</u>	<u>Daily Possession</u>		
Cottontail rabbit	1	Sept. 1	March 1	10	20	Any cottontail rabbit
Snowshoe Hare	1	Sept. 1	March 1	4	8	Any snowshoe hare
Red, Gray and Fox Squirrel	1	Sept. 1	March 1	10	20	Any red, gray or fox squirrel

Section 5. Archery Regulations.

(a) General Seasons. Small game animals may be taken with archery equipment in accordance with Section 4 of this Chapter.

Section 6. Falconry Regulations.

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

<u>Species</u>	<u>Hunt Area</u>	<u>Date of Seasons</u>		<u>Bag Limit</u>		<u>Limitations</u>
		<u>Opens</u>	<u>Closes</u>	<u>Daily</u>	<u>Possession</u>	
Cottontail rabbit	1	Sept. 1	March 1	10	20	Any cottontail rabbit
		March 2	Aug. 31	1	2	Any cottontail rabbit
Snowshoe Hare	1	Sept. 1	March 1	10	20	Any snowshoe hare
		March 2	Aug. 31	1	2	Any snowshoe hare
Red, Gray and Fox Squirrel	1	Sept. 1	March 1	10	20	Any red, gray or fox squirrel
		March 2	Aug. 31	1	2	Any red, gray or fox squirrel

Section 7. Hunt Area Descriptions.

(a) Area and Number.

Area 1. The entire state of Wyoming.

Section 8. Savings Clause. If any provision of this regulation shall be held to be illegal or unconstitutional, such a ruling shall not affect other provisions of this regulation which can be given effect without the illegal or unconstitutional provision; and, to this end, the provisions of this regulation shall be severable.

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

By:

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FURBEARER TRAPPER



"Weasel", Photo by LuRay Parker, Wyoming Game and Fish Department

FURBEARER ABSTRACT

The number of furbearer licenses sold in Wyoming has steadily increased over the past 10 years, from 976 in 1999-00 to 1,902 in 2009-10. Furbearer trapping licenses represent less than one tenth of one percent of the total annual licenses sales.

A trapping license authorizes the holder to take wildlife defined by statute as furbearing animals, (badger, bobcat, marten, weasel, beaver, mink and muskrat) during the open season. Several species classified by statute as predatory animals can be taken at any time without a license. Predatory animals commonly trapped or hunted include coyotes, raccoons, red fox, and skunk. Landowners or their designee(s) may also take beaver, bobcat, weasel, badger, and muskrat if damage is being caused. Traps, snares, archery equipment, and rifles are all allowable methods of take. Other than restrictions on beaver and marten harvest in certain areas, Wyoming has not set limits or quotas on take of furbearing or predatory animals.

Until 2001, the Wyoming Game and Fish Department surveyed all furbearer trapping license-holders each year to obtain effort and harvest information on all furbearing animals and some predatory animals taken during the furbearing animal hunting or trapping seasons. Attempts to collect effort data and in many cases harvest data were confounded due to poor response rates and the inability to extrapolate results from the few that replied to all license holders.

Despite less than desired response rates, trappers contributed valuable management information. For example, trapping data on swift fox, ermine, lynx, river otter and other rarely observed species has provided the Department with useful distribution information that might not otherwise have been collected. In 2005-06, the furbearer harvest survey was reinstated in a greatly simplified format. Questions pertaining to trapping effort were eliminated to reduce complexity and improve response rate. For 2005-06, only statewide results were published. Since 2006-07, data have been reported by furbearer management area.

Apart from the survey, all bobcat trappers are required to present their pelts for mandatory tagging in accordance with the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES), mandatory since July 1, 1990. The different survey methods, CITES and furbearer harvest survey, produce different estimates of bobcat harvest, trapping/hunting effort and trapper numbers. The CITES tagging data are obtained from all successful bobcat trappers, whereas the furbearer harvest survey produces an extrapolated estimate based on a sample of furbearer trappers who responded to the mail survey.

The 2009-2010 survey was mailed May 11, 2010 and sampled 1621 license holders (34 of 43 nonresident license holders and 1587 of 1857 resident license holders). 18 nonresidents responded creating a 53% response rate. 514 residents responded creating a 32% response rate.

**2009 CITES TAGGING/BOBCAT
HARVEST STATISTICS**

OVERVIEW	RESIDENT	NONRESIDENT	TOTAL
LICENSES SOLD	1,859	43	1,902
LICENSE HOLDERS REPORTING	468	15	483
PERCENT WHO REPORTED BOBCATS	25.2%	34.9%	25.4%
TOTAL BOBCATS TAGGED	1,537	72	1,609

TRAPPING ACTIVITY	RESIDENT	NONRESIDENT	TOTAL
BOBCAT TRAPPERS	469	26	495
TRAP HARVEST	1,356	72	1,428
AVERAGE HARVEST PER TRAPPER	2.9	2.8	2.9
TRAP NIGHTS (# traps * nights traps active)	446,433	17,427	463,860
AVERAGE TRAP DAYS PER TRAPPER	951.9	670.3	937.1
AVERAGE TRAP DAYS PER HARVEST	329.2	242.0	324.8

HUNTING ACTIVITY	RESIDENT	NONRESIDENT	TOTAL
BOBCAT HUNTERS	125	0	125
FIREARM HARVEST	165	0	165
AVERAGE HARVEST PER HUNTER	1.3	0	1.3
HUNT DAYS	862	0	862
AVERAGE HUNT DAYS PER HUNTER	6.9	0	6.9
AVERAGE HUNT DAYS PER HARVEST	5.2	0	5.2
MISCELLANEOUS BOBCATS TAGGED	16	0	16

**2009 BOBCAT HARVEST BY
AREA AND METHOD OF TAKE**

AREA	TRAP	FIREARM	MISC	TOTAL
1	10	2	1	13
2	309	6	3	318
3	396	102	3	501
4	261	30	1	292
5	258	14	5	277
6	194	11	3	208
TOTAL	1,428	165	16	1,609

**2009 BOBCAT
HARVEST BY AGE AND GENDER**

AGE CLASS	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
JUVENILE	68	101	169
ADULT	873	567	1,440
TOTAL	941	668	1,609

**2009 FURBEARER/TRAPPER
HARVEST ESTIMATES**

BADGER

		Trapper #	Trap Harvest	Hunter #	Firearm Harvest	Total Trapper/Hunters	Total Harvest
AREA 1	NONRES	2	0	0	0	2	0
	RES	0	0	11	29	11	29
	Area Totals:	2	0	11	29	13	29
AREA 3	RES	4	0	11	14	15	14
	Area Totals:	4	0	11	14	15	14
AREA 4	RES	14	112	7	4	21	116
	Area Totals:	14	112	7	4	21	116
AREA 5	NONRES	7	10	2	0	9	10
	RES	14	69	14	11	28	80
	Area Totals:	21	79	16	11	37	90
AREA 6	NONRES	2	2	0	0	2	2
	RES	25	90	22	14	47	104
	Area Totals:	25	90	22	14	49	106
AREA 7	RES	11	11	11	7	22	18
	Area Totals:	11	11	11	7	22	18
AREA 8	RES	22	58	14	11	36	69
	Area Totals:	22	58	14	11	36	69
AREA 9	RES	4	0	7	7	11	7
	Area Totals:	4	0	7	7	11	7
AREA 10	NONRES	2	0	2	0	4	0
	Area Totals:	2	0	2	0	4	0
AREA 11	RES	4	0	7	25	11	25
	Area Totals:	4	0	7	25	11	25
AREA 12	RES	11	4	4	0	15	4
	Area Totals:	11	4	4	0	15	4
AREA 14	RES	4	4	4	4	8	8
	Area Totals:	4	4	4	4	8	8
AREA 15	RES	7	18	4	22	11	40
	Area Totals:	7	18	4	22	11	40
AREA 16	RES	7	11	0	0	7	11
	Area Totals:	7	11	0	0	7	11
AREA 17	RES	11	29	4	4	15	33
	Area Totals:	11	29	4	4	15	33
AREA 18	RES	7	14	11	7	18	21
	Area Totals:	7	14	11	7	18	21
AREA 20	RES	7	14	0	0	7	14
	Area Totals:	7	14	0	0	7	14
AREA 21	RES	7	61	4	7	11	68
	Area Totals:	7	61	4	7	11	68
AREA 22	RES	7	14	14	22	21	36
	Area Totals:	7	14	14	22	21	36
AREA 24	RES	11	43	7	7	18	50
	Area Totals:	11	43	7	7	18	50
AREA 25	NONRES	5	7	0	0	5	7
	RES	7	22	25	32	32	54
	Area Totals:	12	29	25	32	37	61
AREA 27	RES	29	40	7	4	36	44
	Area Totals:	29	40	7	4	36	44
AREA 28	RES	11	14	7	11	18	25
	Area Totals:	11	14	7	11	18	25

		Trapper #	Trap Harvest	Hunter #	Firearm Harvest	Total Trapper/Hunters	Total Harvest
AREA 30	NONRES	2	0	0	0	2	0
	RES	11	25	11	7	22	32
	Area Totals:	13	25	11	7	24	32
AREA 32	RES	11	22	11	7	22	29
	Area Totals:	11	22	11	7	22	29
AREA 33	RES	4	7	14	25	18	32
	Area Totals:	4	7	14	25	18	32
AREA 35	RES	11	90	4	7	15	97
	Area Totals:	11	90	4	7	15	97
AREA 36	NONRES	2	19	0	0	2	19
	RES	14	188	18	22	32	210
	Area Totals:	16	207	18	22	34	229
AREA 37	RES	7	29	0	0	7	29
	Area Totals:	7	29	0	0	7	29
AREA 38	RES	25	54	40	58	65	112
	Area Totals:	25	54	40	58	65	112
AREA 41	RES	25	108	18	25	43	133
	Area Totals:	25	108	18	25	43	133
AREA 44	RES	0	0	11	14	11	14
	Area Totals:	0	0	11	14	11	14
AREA 46	RES	4	7	0	0	4	7
	Area Totals:	4	7	0	0	4	7
BADGER TOTALS		356	1194	326	407	684	1603

BEAVER

		Trapper #	Trap Harvest	Hunter #	Firearm Harvest	Total Trapper/Hunters	Total Harvest
AREA 1	NONRES	2	0	0	0	2	0
	RES	4	7	4	14	8	21
	Area Totals:	6	7	4	14	10	21
AREA 2	NONRES	2	29	0	0	2	29
	RES	4	72	0	0	4	72
	Area Totals:	6	101	0	0	6	101
AREA 3	RES	18	740	0	0	18	740
	Area Totals:	18	740	0	0	18	740
AREA 4	RES	22	383	4	0	26	383
	Area Totals:	22	383	4	0	26	383
AREA 5	NONRES	5	0	2	0	7	0
	RES	11	101	4	0	15	101
	Area Totals:	16	101	6	0	22	101
AREA 6	RES	7	0	4	0	11	0
	Area Totals:	7	0	4	0	11	0
AREA 7	RES	7	7	4	0	11	7
	Area Totals:	7	7	4	0	11	7
AREA 8	RES	14	119	0	0	14	119
	Area Totals:	14	119	0	0	14	119
AREA 9	RES	4	0	0	0	4	0
	Area Totals:	4	0	0	0	4	0
AREA 10	NONRES	2	0	2	0	4	0
	RES	0	0	4	4	4	4
	Area Totals:	2	0	6	4	8	4
AREA 11	RES	4	0	4	0	8	0
	Area Totals:	4	0	4	0	8	0
AREA 12	RES	11	7	4	0	15	7
	Area Totals:	11	7	4	0	15	7

		Trapper #	Trap Harvest	Hunter #	Firearm Harvest	Total Trapper/Hunters	Total Harvest
AREA 14	RES	7	29	0	0	7	29
	Area Totals:	7	29	0	0	7	29
AREA 15	RES	4	47	0	0	4	47
	Area Totals:	4	47	0	0	4	47
AREA 16	RES	4	0	0	0	4	0
	Area Totals:	4	0	0	0	4	0
AREA 17	RES	4	7	0	0	4	7
	Area Totals:	4	7	0	0	4	7
AREA 18	RES	22	310	4	0	26	310
	Area Totals:	22	310	4	0	26	310
AREA 20	RES	7	18	0	0	7	18
	Area Totals:	7	18	0	0	7	18
AREA 21	RES	7	14	0	0	7	14
	Area Totals:	7	14	0	0	7	14
AREA 22	RES	7	40	0	0	7	40
	Area Totals:	7	40	0	0	7	40
AREA 24	RES	18	72	4	0	22	72
	Area Totals:	18	72	4	0	22	72
AREA 25	NONRES	2	33	0	0	2	33
	RES	18	206	14	61	32	267
	Area Totals:	20	239	14	61	34	300
AREA 27	RES	25	134	11	14	36	148
	Area Totals:	25	134	11	14	36	148
AREA 28	RES	18	217	7	4	25	221
	Area Totals:	18	217	7	4	25	221
AREA 30	NONRES	2	0	0	0	2	0
	RES	18	383	4	0	22	383
	Area Totals:	18	383	4	0	24	383
AREA 32	RES	4	25	0	0	4	25
	Area Totals:	4	25	0	0	4	25
AREA 33	RES	7	47	0	0	7	47
	Area Totals:	7	47	0	0	7	47
AREA 35	RES	7	47	0	0	7	47
	Area Totals:	7	47	0	0	7	47
AREA 36	RES	7	0	14	51	21	51
	Area Totals:	7	0	14	51	21	51
AREA 38	RES	4	4	4	0	8	4
	Area Totals:	4	4	4	0	8	4
AREA 41	RES	14	54	4	0	18	54
	Area Totals:	14	54	4	0	18	54
AREA 44	RES	4	11	4	11	8	22
	Area Totals:	4	11	4	11	8	22
AREA 46	RES	4	7	0	0	4	7
	Area Totals:	4	7	0	0	4	7
BEAVER TOTALS		329	3170	106	159	437	3329

BOBCAT

		Trapper #	Trap Harvest	Hunter #	Firearm Harvest	Total Trapper/Hunters	Total Harvest
AREA 1	NONRES	2	0	0	0	2	0
	RES	4	11	7	148	11	159
	Area Totals:	6	11	7	148	13	159
AREA 2	RES	4	65	4	0	8	65
	Area Totals:	4	65	4	0	8	65

		Trapper #	Trap Harvest	Hunter #	Firearm Harvest	Total Trapper/Hunters	Total Harvest
AREA 3	RES	4	7	4	4	8	11
	Area Totals:	4	7	4	4	8	11
AREA 4	RES	14	76	7	18	21	94
	Area Totals:	14	76	7	18	21	94
AREA 5	NONRES	7	50	2	0	9	50
	RES	18	137	4	0	22	137
	Area Totals:	25	187	6	0	31	187
AREA 6	NONRES	2	5	0	0	2	5
	RES	36	108	18	7	54	115
	Area Totals:	38	113	18	7	56	120
AREA 7	RES	11	14	7	7	18	21
	Area Totals:	11	14	7	7	18	21
AREA 8	RES	25	227	4	4	29	231
	Area Totals:	25	227	4	4	29	231
AREA 9	RES	4	0	7	0	11	0
	Area Totals:	4	0	7	0	11	0
AREA 10	NONRES	2	0	2	0	4	0
	RES	0	0	11	0	11	0
	Area Totals:	2	0	13	0	15	0
AREA 11	RES	4	0	11	0	15	0
	Area Totals:	4	0	11	0	15	0
AREA 12	RES	11	18	0	0	11	18
	Area Totals:	11	18	0	0	11	18
AREA 15	RES	14	76	0	0	14	76
	Area Totals:	14	76	0	0	14	76
AREA 17	RES	11	36	7	0	18	36
	Area Totals:	11	36	7	0	18	36
AREA 18	RES	22	83	4	4	26	87
	Area Totals:	22	83	4	4	26	87
AREA 19	RES	0	0	4	0	4	0
	Area Totals:	0	0	4	0	4	0
AREA 20	RES	11	11	7	4	18	15
	Area Totals:	11	11	7	4	18	15
AREA 21	RES	18	51	11	7	29	58
	Area Totals:	18	51	11	7	29	58
AREA 22	RES	4	7	4	4	8	11
	Area Totals:	4	7	4	4	8	11
AREA 24	NONRES	2	48	0	0	2	48
	RES	7	22	4	0	11	22
	Area Totals:	9	70	4	0	13	70
AREA 25	NONRES	2	60	0	0	2	60
	RES	11	7	11	4	22	11
Area Totals:	13	67	11	4	24	71	
AREA 27	RES	40	224	18	4	58	228
	Area Totals:	40	224	18	4	58	228
AREA 28	RES	14	65	14	0	28	65
	Area Totals:	14	65	14	0	28	65
AREA 30	NONRES	2	2	0	0	2	2
	RES	14	51	4	0	18	51
	Area Totals:	16	53	4	0	20	53
AREA 32	RES	11	36	11	11	22	47
	Area Totals:	11	36	11	11	22	47
AREA 33	RES	4	29	7	0	11	29
	Area Totals:	4	29	7	0	11	29

		Trapper #	Trap Harvest	Hunter #	Firearm Harvest	Total Trapper/Hunters	Total Harvest
AREA 35	RES	7	90	0	0	7	90
	Area Totals:	7	90	0	0	7	90
AREA 36	NONRES	5	24	0	0	5	24
	RES	14	130	22	11	36	141
	Area Totals:	19	154	22	11	41	165
AREA 37	RES	18	97	7	14	25	111
	Area Totals:	18	97	7	14	25	111
AREA 38	RES	22	11	7	4	29	15
	Area Totals:	22	11	7	4	29	15
AREA 40	RES	0	0	4	4	4	4
	Area Totals:	0	0	4	4	4	4
AREA 41	RES	29	76	14	7	43	83
	Area Totals:	29	76	14	7	43	83
AREA44	RES	14	25	18	11	28	36
	Area Totals:	14	25	18	11	32	36
AREA 46	RES	4	18	0	0	4	18
	Area Totals:	4	18	0	0	4	18
BOBCAT TOTALS		448	1997	266	277	714	2274

COYOTE

		Trapper #	Trap Harvest	Hunter #	Firearm Harvest	Total Trapper/Hunters	Total Harvest
AREA 1	NONRES	2	0	0	0	2	0
	RES	0	0	22	415	22	415
	Area Totals:	2	0	22	415	24	415
AREA 2	RES	14	61	14	134	28	195
	Area Totals:	14	61	14	134	28	195
AREA 3	RES	7	40	25	199	32	239
	Area Totals:	7	40	25	199	32	239
AREA 4	RES	18	148	22	90	40	238
	Area Totals:	18	148	22	90	40	238
AREA 5	NONRES	7	48	5	14	12	62
	RES	14	97	22	606	36	703
	Area Totals:	21	145	27	620	48	765
AREA 6	NONRES	2	2	0	0	2	2
	RES	36	159	69	552	105	711
	Area Totals:	38	161	69	552	107	713
AREA 7	RES	25	116	32	177	57	293
	Area Totals:	25	116	32	177	57	293
AREA 8	RES	22	762	29	249	51	1011
	Area Totals:	22	762	29	249	51	1011
AREA 9	RES	14	11	25	130	39	141
	Area Totals:	14	11	25	130	39	141
AREA 10	NONRES	2	0	2	2	4	2
	RES	4	7	22	69	26	76
	Area Totals:	6	7	24	71	30	78
AREA 11	RES	4	0	7	22	11	22
	Area Totals:	4	0	7	22	11	22
AREA 12	RES	11	94	11	32	22	126
	Area Totals:	11	94	11	32	22	126
AREA 14	RES	11	235	4	83	15	318
	Area Totals:	11	235	4	83	15	318
AREA 15	RES	14	152	14	25	28	177
	Area Totals:	14	152	14	25	28	177

		Trapper #	Trap Harvest	Hunter #	Firearm Harvest	Total Trapper/Hunters	Total Harvest
AREA16	RES	11	119	14	43	25	162
	Area Totals:	11	119	14	43	25	162
AREA 17	RES	14	97	22	155	36	252
	Area Totals:	14	97	22	155	36	252
AREA 18	RES	22	238	25	130	47	368
	Area Totals:	22	238	25	130	47	368
AREA 20	RES	11	108	22	137	33	245
	Area Totals:	11	108	22	137	33	245
AREA 21	RES	4	144	18	188	22	332
	Area Totals:	4	144	18	188	22	332
AREA 22	RES	4	271	18	224	22	495
	Area Totals:	4	271	18	224	22	495
AREA24	RES	14	437	25	177	39	614
	Area Totals:	14	437	25	177	39	614
AREA 25	NONRES	2	19	0	0	2	19
	RES	14	123	36	386	50	509
	Area Totals:	16	142	36	386	52	528
AREA 27	RES	40	848	43	181	83	1029
	Area Totals:	40	848	43	181	83	1029
AREA 28	RES	14	29	18	90	32	119
	Area Totals:	14	29	18	90	32	119
AREA 30	NONRES	2	0	0	0	2	0
	RES	32	632	32	921	64	1553
	Area Totals:	34	632	32	921	66	1553
AREA 32	RES	14	401	22	217	36	618
	Area Totals:	14	401	22	217	36	618
AREA 33	RES	11	25	29	130	40	155
	Area Totals:	11	25	29	130	40	155
AREA 35	RES	14	329	11	90	25	419
	Area Totals:	14	329	11	90	25	419
AREA 36	NONRES	2	2	0	0	2	2
	RES	14	220	29	76	43	296
	Area Totals:	16	222	29	76	45	298
AREA 37	RES	7	534	7	58	14	592
	Area Totals:	7	534	7	58	14	592
AREA 38	RES	29	137	40	123	69	260
	Area Totals:	29	137	40	123	69	260
AREA 40	RES	4	4	7	25	11	29
	Area Totals:	4	4	7	25	11	29
AREA 41	RES	40	120	40	812	80	932
	Area Totals:	40	120	40	812	80	932
AREA 44	RES	11	29	32	119	43	148
	Area Totals:	11	29	32	119	43	148
AREA 45	RES	4	7	4	11	8	18
	Area Totals:	4	7	4	11	8	18
AREA 46	RES	4	7	7	29	11	36
	Area Totals:	4	7	7	29	11	36
COYOTE TOTALS		545	6812	826	7121	1371	13933

MARTEN

		Trapper #	Trap Harvest	Hunter #	Firearm Harvest	Total Trapper/Hunters	Total Harvest
AREA 1	NONRES	7	50	2	14	9	64
	RES	7	112	0	0	7	112
	Area Totals:	14	162	2	14	16	176

		Trapper #	Trap Harvest	Hunter #	Firearm Harvest	Total Trapper/Hunters	Total Harvest
AREA 2	RES	11	101	0	0	11	101
	Area Totals:	11	101	0	0	11	101
AREA 3	RES	7	209	0	0	7	209
	Area Totals:	7	209	0	0	7	209
AREA 4	RES	7	47	4	0	11	47
	Area Totals:	7	47	4	0	11	47
AREA 5	NONRES	5	0	2	0	7	0
	RES	4	0	4	0	8	0
	Area Totals:	9	0	6	0	15	0
AREA 6	RES	7	0	4	0	11	0
	Area Totals:	7	0	4	0	11	0
AREA 7	RES	7	7	4	0	11	7
	Area Totals:	7	7	4	0	11	7
AREA 8	RES	4	65	0	0	4	65
	Area Totals:	4	65	0	0	4	65
AREA 9	RES	4	0	0	0	4	0
	Area Totals:	4	0	0	0	4	0
AREA 10	NONRES	2	0	2	0	4	0
	Area Totals:	2	0	2	0	4	0
AREA 11	RES	4	0	7	14	11	14
	Area Totals:	4	0	7	14	11	14
AREA 12	RES	18	25	4	0	22	25
	Area Totals:	18	25	4	0	22	25
AREA 14	RES	7	238	0	0	7	238
	Area Totals:	7	238	0	0	7	238
AREA 15	RES	4	0	0	0	4	0
	Area Totals:	4	0	0	0	4	0
AREA 16	RES	4	0	0	0	4	0
	Area Totals:	4	0	0	0	4	0
AREA 17	RES	4	0	4	0	8	0
	Area Totals:	4	0	4	0	8	0
AREA 20	NONRES	7	11	4	0	11	11
	Area Totals:	7	11	4	0	11	11
AREA 24	RES	7	101	4	0	11	101
	Area Totals:	7	101	4	0	11	101
AREA 25	NONRES	2	2	0	0	2	2
	Area Totals:	2	2	0	0	2	2
AREA 27	RES	14	0	4	0	18	0
	Area Totals:	14	0	4	0	18	0
AREA 28	RES	4	0	4	0	8	0
	Area Totals:	4	0	4	0	8	0
AREA 30	NONRES	2	0	0	0	2	0
	RES	4	0	4	0	8	0
	Area Totals:	6	0	4	0	10	0
AREA 35	RES	4	0	0	0	4	0
	Area Totals:	4	0	0	0	4	0
AREA 36	RES	7	0	11	0	18	0
	Area Totals:	7	0	11	0	18	0
AREA 38	RES	0	0	4	0	4	0
	Area Totals:	0	0	4	0	4	0
AREA 41	RES	4	0	4	0	8	0
	Area Totals:	4	0	4	0	8	0

		Trapper #	Trap Harvest	Hunter #	Firearm Harvest	Total Trapper/Hunters	Total Harvest
AREA 46	RES	4	0	0	0	4	0
	Area Totals:	4	0	0	0	4	0
MARTEN TOTALS		172	968	76	28	248	996

MINK

		Trapper #	Trap Harvest	Hunter #	Firearm Harvest	Total Trapper/Hunters	Total Harvest
AREA 1	NONRES	2	2	0	0	2	2
	RES	4	7	4	14	8	21
	Area Totals:	6	9	4	14	10	23
AREA 2	NONRES	2	7	0	0	2	7
	RES	7	11	0	0	7	11
	Area Totals:	9	18	0	0	9	18
AREA 3	RES	4	0	0	0	4	0
	Area Totals:	4	0	0	0	4	0
AREA 4	RES	4	14	4	0	8	14
	Area Totals:	4	14	4	0	8	14
AREA 5	NONRES	5	0	2	0	7	0
	RES	4	0	4	0	8	0
	Area Totals:	9	0	6	0	15	0
AREA 6	RES	11	14	4	0	15	14
	Area Totals:	11	0	4	0	15	14
AREA 7	RES	4	0	4	0	8	0
	Area Totals:	4	0	4	0	8	0
AREA 8	RES	7	11	0	0	7	11
	Area Totals:	7	11	0	0	7	11
AREA 9	RES	4	0	0	0	4	0
	Area Totals:	4	0	0	0	4	0
AREA 10	RES	2	0	2	0	4	0
	Area Totals:	2	0	2	0	4	0
AREA 11	RES	4	0	4	0	8	0
	Area Totals:	4	0	4	0	8	0
AREA 12	RES	11	4	4	0	15	4
	Area Totals:	11	4	4	0	15	4
AREA 15	RES	7	14	0	0	7	14
	Area Totals:	7	14	0	0	7	14
AREA 16	RES	4	0	0	0	4	0
	Area Totals:	4	0	0	0	4	0
AREA 17	RES	4	4	4	0	8	4
	Area Totals:	4	4	4	0	8	4
AREA 18	RES	4	4	0	0	4	4
	Area Totals:	4	4	0	0	4	4
AREA 20	RES	7	7	4	0	11	7
	Area Totals:	7	7	4	0	11	7
AREA 24	RES	11	18	4	0	15	18
	Area Totals:	11	18	4	0	15	18
AREA 25	NONRES	5	12	0	0	5	12
	RES	4	22	0	0	4	22
	Area Totals:	9	34	0	0	9	34
AREA 27	RES	18	7	4	0	22	7
	Area Totals:	18	7	4	0	22	7
AREA 28	RES	11	14	4	0	15	14
	Area Totals:	11	14	4	0	15	14

		Trapper #	Trap Harvest	Hunter #	Firearm Harvest	Total Trapper/Hunters	Total Harvest
AREA 30	NONRES	2	0	0	0	2	0
	RES	14	40	4	0	18	40
	Area Totals:	16	40	4	0	20	40
AREA 32	RES	4	22	0	0	4	22
	Area Totals:	4	22	0	0	4	22
AREA 35	RES	4	0	0	0	4	0
	Area Totals:	4	0	0	0	4	0
AREA 36	RES	7	0	11	0	18	0
	Area Totals:	7	0	11	0	18	0
AREA 38	RES	7	11	4	0	11	11
	Area Totals:	7	11	4	0	11	11
AREA 40	RES	4	7	0	0	4	7
	Area Totals:	4	7	0	0	4	7
AREA 41	RES	11	22	4	0	15	22
	Area Totals:	11	22	4	0	15	22
AREA 46	RES	4	0	0	0	4	0
	Area Totals:	4	0	0	0	4	0
MINK TOTALS		207	260	75	14	282	288

MUSKRAT

		Trapper #	Trap Harvest	Hunter #	Firearm Harvest	Total Trapper/Hunters	Total Harvest
AREA 1	NONRES	2	72	0	0	2	72
	RES	4	7	7	191	11	198
	Area Totals:	6	79	7	191	13	270
AREA 2	NONRES	2	112	0	0	2	112
	RES	18	227	4	11	22	238
	Area Totals:	20	339	4	11	24	350
AREA 3	RES	11	29	0	0	11	29
	Area Totals:	11	29	0	0	11	29
AREA 4	RES	14	184	7	4	21	188
	Area Totals:	14	184	7	4	21	188
AREA 5	NONRES	5	0	2	0	7	0
	RES	11	11	4	0	15	11
	Area Totals:	16	11	6	0	22	11
AREA 6	RES	11	22	4	0	15	22
	Area Totals:	11	22	4	0	15	22
AREA 7	RES	7	7	4	0	11	7
	Area Totals:	7	7	4	0	11	7
AREA 8	RES	7	184	0	0	7	184
	Area Totals:	7	184	0	0	7	184
AREA 9	RES	4	0	0	0	4	0
	Area Totals:	4	0	0	0	4	0
AREA 10	NONRES	2	0	2	0	4	0
	Area Totals:	2	0	2	0	4	0
AREA 11	RES	4	0	4	0	8	0
	Area Totals:	4	0	4	0	8	0
AREA 12	RES	18	126	7	14	25	140
	Area Totals:	18	126	7	14	25	140
AREA 15	RES	22	588	0	0	22	588
	Area Totals:	22	588	0	0	22	588
AREA 16	RES	7	4	0	0	7	4
	Area Totals:	7	4	0	0	7	4
AREA 17	RES	7	238	4	0	11	238
	Area Totals:	7	238	4	0	11	238

		Trapper #	Trap Harvest	Hunter #	Firearm Harvest	Total Trapper/Hunters	Total Harvest
AREA 18	RES	18	267	0	0	18	267
	Area Totals:	18	267	0	0	18	267
AREA 20	RES	7	4	4	0	11	4
	Area Totals:	7	4	4	0	11	4
AREA 24	NONRES	2	239	0	0	2	239
	RES	14	105	4	0	18	105
	Area Totals:	16	344	4	0	20	344
AREA 25	NONRES	5	163	0	0	5	163
	RES	11	72	4	4	15	76
	Area Totals:	16	235	4	4	20	239
AREA 27	RES	18	108	4	0	22	108
	Area Totals:	18	108	4	0	22	108
AREA 28	RES	14	72	4	0	18	72
	Area Totals:	14	72	4	0	18	72
AREA 30	NONRES	2	0	0	0	2	0
	RES	14	570	4	0	18	570
	Area Totals:	16	570	4	0	20	570
AREA 32	RES	4	40	0	0	4	40
	Area Totals:	4	40	0	0	4	40
AREA 33	RES	4	22	0	0	4	22
	Area Totals:	4	22	0	0	4	22
AREA 35	RES	4	0	0	0	4	0
	Area Totals:	4	0	0	0	4	0
AREA 36	RES	7	0	11	0	18	0
	Area Totals:	7	0	11	0	18	0
AREA 38	RES	7	217	4	0	11	217
	Area Totals:	7	217	4	0	11	217
AREA 41	RES	7	4	4	0	11	4
	Area Totals:	7	4	4	0	11	4
AREA 44	RES	4	108	4	4	8	112
	Area Totals:	4	108	4	4	8	112
AREA 46	RES	4	4	0	0	4	4
	Area Totals:	4	4	0	0	4	4
MUSKRAT TOTALS		302	3806	96	228	398	4034

RACCOON

		Trapper #	Trap Harvest	Hunter #	Firearm Harvest	Total Trapper/Hunters	Total Harvest
AREA 1	NONRES	2	10	0	0	2	10
	Area Totals:	2	10	0	0	2	10
AREA 2	RES	7	25	4	14	11	39
	Area Totals:	7	25	4	14	11	39
AREA 3	RES	7	4	0	0	7	4
	Area Totals:	7	4	0	0	7	4
AREA 4	RES	11	47	7	11	18	58
	Area Totals:	11	47	7	11	18	58
AREA 5	NONRES	5	5	2	0	7	5
	RES	4	0	4	0	8	0
	Area Totals:	9	5	6	0	15	5
AREA 6	RES	14	11	4	0	18	11
	Area Totals:	14	11	4	0	18	11
AREA 7	RES	11	29	7	7	18	36
	Area Totals:	11	29	7	7	18	36
AREA 8	RES	14	40	0	0	14	40
	Area Totals:	14	40	0	0	14	40

		Trapper #	Trap Harvest	Hunter #	Firearm Harvest	Total Trapper/Hunters	Total Harvest
AREA 9	RES	4	0	0	0	4	0
	Area Totals:	4	0	0	0	4	0
AREA 10	NONRES	2	0	2	0	4	0
	Area Totals:	2	0	2	0	4	0
AREA 11	RES	4	0	4	0	8	0
	Area Totals:	4	0	4	0	8	0
AREA 12	RES	14	159	4	0	18	159
	Area Totals:	14	159	4	0	18	159
AREA 14	RES	4	7	0	0	4	7
	Area Totals:	4	7	0	0	4	7
AREA 15	RES	25	610	4	11	29	621
	Area Totals:	25	610	4	11	29	621
AREA 16	RES	18	177	0	0	18	177
	Area Totals:	18	177	0	0	18	177
AREA 17	RES	11	238	7	4	18	242
	Area Totals:	11	238	7	4	18	242
AREA 18	RES	25	278	4	18	29	296
	Area Totals:	25	278	4	18	29	296
AREA 19	RES	4	108	0	0	4	108
	Area Totals:	4	108	0	0	4	108
AREA 20	RES	7	350	7	54	14	404
	Area Totals:	7	350	7	54	14	404
AREA 21	RES	4	361	0	0	4	361
	Area Totals:	4	361	0	0	4	361
AREA22	RES	4	0	0	0	4	0
	Area Totals:	4	0	0	0	4	0
AREA 24	RES	18	58	7	7	25	65
	Area Totals:	18	58	7	7	25	65
AREA 25	NONRES	5	79	0	0	5	79
	RES	4	7	0	0	4	7
	Area Totals:	9	86	0	0	9	86
AREA 27	RES	43	107	11	148	54	255
	Area Totals:	43	107	11	148	54	255
AREA 28	RES	14	43	4	0	18	43
	Area Totals:	14	43	4	0	18	43
AREA 30	NONRES	2	0	0	0	2	0
	RES	25	238	14	32	39	270
	Area Totals:	27	238	14	32	41	270
AREA 32	NONRES	4	54	0	0	4	54
	Area Totals:	4	54	0	0	4	54
AREA 33	RES	4	14	0	0	4	14
	Area Totals:	4	14	0	0	4	14
AREA 35	RES	11	303	4	14	15	317
	Area Totals:	11	303	4	14	15	317
AREA 36	RES	11	72	14	152	25	224
	Area Totals:	11	72	14	152	25	224
AREA 37	RES	4	7	0	0	4	7
	Area Totals:	4	7	0	0	4	7
AREA 38	RES	14	14	4	0	18	14
	Area Totals:	14	14	4	0	18	14
AREA 40	RES	11	130	0	0	11	130
	Area Totals:	11	130	0	0	11	130
AREA 41	RES	22	112	11	18	33	130
	Area Totals:	22	112	11	18	33	130

		Trapper #	Trap Harvest	Hunter #	Firearm Harvest	Total Trapper/Hunters	Total Harvest
AREA44	RES	11	90	4	4	15	94
	Area Totals:	11	90	4	4	15	94
AREA 46	RES	4	18	0	0	4	18
	Area Totals:	4	18	0	0	4	18
RACCOON TOTALS		408	3805	133	494	541	4299

RED FOX

		Trapper #	Trap Harvest	Hunter #	Firearm Harvest	Total Trapper/Hunters	Total Harvest
AREA 1	NONRES	2	0	0	0	2	0
	RES	4	4	0	0	4	4
	Area Totals:	6	4	0	0	6	4
AREA 2	RES	4	40	0	0	4	40
	Area Totals:	4	40	0	0	4	40
AREA 3	RES	4	11	0	0	4	11
	Area Totals:	4	11	0	0	4	11
AREA 4	RES	14	90	11	18	25	108
	Area Totals:	14	90	11	18	25	108
AREA 5	NONRES	5	0	2	0	7	0
	RES	11	58	11	97	22	155
	Area Totals:	16	58	13	97	29	155
AREA 6	RES	18	69	11	18	29	87
	Area Totals:	18	69	22	18	29	87
AREA 7	RES	25	79	18	61	43	140
	Area Totals:	25	79	18	61	43	140
AREA 8	RES	18	72	0	0	18	72
	Area Totals:	18	72	0	0	18	72
AREA 9	RES	4	0	4	0	8	0
	Area Totals:	4	0	4	0	8	0
AREA 10	NONRES	2	0	2	0	4	0
	RES	4	4	0	0	4	4
	Area Totals:	6	4	2	0	8	4
AREA 11	RES	4	0	4	0	8	0
	Area Totals:	4	0	4	0	8	0
AREA 12	RES	18	116	7	4	25	120
	Area Totals:	18	116	7	4	25	120
AREA 14	RES	7	36	0	0	7	36
	Area Totals:	7	36	0	0	7	36
AREA 15	RES	22	134	4	4	26	138
	Area Totals:	22	134	4	4	26	138
AREA 16	RES	14	227	0	0	14	227
	Area Totals:	14	227	0	0	14	227
AREA 17	RES	14	61	11	11	25	72
	Area Totals:	14	61	11	11	25	72
AREA 18	RES	11	90	4	4	15	94
	Area Totals:	11	90	4	4	15	94
AREA 20	RES	11	7	4	0	15	7
	Area Totals:	11	7	4	0	15	7
AREA 21	RES	7	22	4	4	11	26
	Area Totals:	7	22	4	4	11	26
AREA 24	RES	7	116	7	4	14	120
	Area Totals:	7	116	7	4	14	120
AREA 25	NONRES	2	36	0	0	2	36
	RES	7	69	7	7	14	76
	Area Totals:	9	105	7	7	16	112

		Trapper #	Trap Harvest	Hunter #	Firearm Harvest	Total Trapper/Hunters	Total Harvest
AREA27	RES	29	137	4	0	33	137
	Area Totals:	29	137	4	0	33	137
AREA 28	RES	11	32	7	7	18	39
	Area Totals:	11	32	7	7	18	39
AREA 30	NONRES	2	0	0	0	2	0
	RES	25	72	11	7	36	79
	Area Totals:	27	72	11	7	38	79
AREA 32	RES	7	18	4	0	11	18
	Area Totals:	7	18	4	0	11	18
AREA 33	RES	4	0	0	0	4	0
	Area Totals:	4	0	0	0	4	0
AREA 35	RES	7	58	0	0	7	58
	Area Totals:	7	58	0	0	7	58
AREA 36	RES	7	29	11	0	18	29
	Area Totals:	7	29	11	0	18	29
AREA 37	RES	7	36	0	0	7	36
	Area Totals:	7	36	0	0	7	36
AREA 38	RES	14	22	14	7	28	29
	Area Totals:	14	22	14	7	28	29
AREA 40	RES	0	0	7	7	7	7
	Area Totals:	0	0	7	7	7	7
AREA 41	RES	29	224	4	0	33	224
	Area Totals:	29	224	4	0	33	224
AREA 44	RES	11	18	7	0	18	18
	Area Totals:	11	18	7	0	18	18
AREA 46	RES	4	7	0	0	4	7
	Area Totals:	4	7	0	0	4	7
RED FOX TOTALS		396	1994	191	260	576	2254

STRIPED SKUNK

		Trapper #	Trap Harvest	Hunter #	Firearm Harvest	Total Trapper/Hunters	Total Harvest
AREA 1	NONRES	2	0	0	0	2	0
	RES	4	4	0	0	4	4
	Area Totals:	6	4	0	0	6	4
AREA 2	RES	4	11	4	11	8	22
	Area Totals:	4	11	4	11	8	22
AREA 3	RES	4	29	0	0	4	29
	Area Totals:	4	29	0	0	4	29
AREA 4	RES	11	29	4	0	15	29
	Area Totals:	11	29	4	0	15	29
AREA 5	NONRES	5	0	2	0	7	0
	RES	7	7	7	4	14	11
	Area Totals:	12	7	9	4	21	11
AREA 6	RES	11	4	4	0	15	4
	Area Totals:	11	4	4	0	15	4
AREA 7	RES	11	101	7	0	18	101
	Area Totals:	11	101	7	0	18	101
AREA 8	RES	4	0	4	4	8	4
	Area Totals:	4	0	4	4	8	4
AREA 9	RES	4	0	0	0	4	0
	Area Totals:	4	0	0	0	4	0
AREA 10	NONRES	2	0	2	0	4	0
	Area Totals:	2	0	2	0	4	0

		Trapper #	Trap Harvest	Hunter #	Firearm Harvest	Total Trapper/Hunters	Total Harvest
AREA 11	RES	4	0	4	0	8	0
	Area Totals:	4	0	4	0	8	0
AREA 12	RES	11	25	7	14	18	39
	Area Totals:	11	25	7	14	18	39
AREA 15	RES	11	76	0	0	11	76
	Area Totals:	11	76	0	0	11	76
AREA 16	RES	7	18	0	0	7	18
	Area Totals:	7	18	0	0	7	18
AREA 17	RES	11	32	4	0	15	32
	Area Totals:	11	32	4	0	15	32
AREA 18	RES	11	40	0	0	11	40
	Area Totals:	11	40	0	0	11	40
AREA 20	RES	7	29	4	0	11	29
	Area Totals:	7	29	4	0	11	29
AREA 21	RES	4	36	0	0	4	36
	Area Totals:	4	36	0	0	4	36
AREA 22	RES	4	0	0	0	4	0
	Area Totals:	4	0	0	0	4	0
AREA 24	RES	14	69	4	0	18	69
	Area Totals:	14	69	4	0	18	69
AREA 25	NONRES	2	167	0	0	2	167
	RES	7	29	0	0	7	29
	Area Totals:	9	196	0	0	9	196
AREA 27	RES	25	307	4	0	29	307
	Area Totals:	25	307	4	0	29	307
AREA 28	RES	11	22	4	0	15	22
	Area Totals:	11	22	4	0	15	22
AREA 30	NONRES	2	0	0	0	2	0
	RES	22	112	7	54	29	166
	Area Totals:	24	112	7	54	31	166
AREA 32	RES	4	29	0	0	4	29
	Area Totals:	4	29	0	0	4	29
AREA 35	RES	7	130	4	22	11	152
	Area Totals:	7	130	4	22	11	152
AREA 36	NONRES	5	19	0	0	5	19
	RES	14	112	18	90	32	202
	Area Totals:	19	131	18	90	37	221
AREA 37	RES	7	76	0	0	7	76
	Area Totals:	7	76	0	0	7	76
AREA 38	RES	11	32	14	18	25	50
	Area Totals:	11	32	14	18	25	50
AREA 40	RES	7	105	7	18	14	123
	Area Totals:	7	105	7	18	14	123
AREA 41	RES	22	61	18	65	40	126
	Area Totals:	22	61	18	65	40	126
AREA 44	RES	11	54	11	72	22	126
	Area Totals:	11	54	11	72	22	126
AREA 46	RES	4	7	0	0	4	7
	Area Totals:	4	7	0	0	4	7
STRIPED SKUNK TOTALS		314	1772	144	372	458	2144

WEASEL

		Trapper #	Trap Harvest	Hunter #	Firearm Harvest	Total Trapper/Hunters	Total Harvest
AREA 1	NONRES	2	10	0	0	2	10
	Area Totals:	2	10	0	0	2	10
AREA 3	RES	4	0	0	0	4	0
	Area Totals:	4	0	0	0	4	0
AREA 4	RES	4	72	4	0	8	72
	Area Totals:	4	72	4	0	8	72
AREA 5	NONRES	5	0	2	0	7	0
	RES	4	0	4	0	8	0
	Area Totals:	9	0	6	0	15	0
AREA 6	RES	7	0	4	0	11	0
	Area Totals:	7	0	4	0	11	0
AREA 7	RES	7	7	4	0	11	7
	Area Totals:	7	7	4	0	11	7
AREA 8	RES	4	4	0	0	4	4
	Area Totals:	4	4	0	0	4	4
AREA 9	RES	4	0	0	0	4	0
	Area Totals:	4	0	0	0	4	0
AREA 10	NONRES	2	0	2	0	4	0
	Area Totals:	2	0	2	0	4	0
AREA 11	RES	4	0	4	0	8	0
	Area Totals:	4	0	4	0	8	0
AREA 12	RES	11	0	4	0	15	0
	Area Totals:	11	0	4	0	15	0
AREA 14	RES	4	11	0	0	4	11
	Area Totals:	4	11	0	0	4	11
AREA 15	RES	4	0	0	0	4	0
	Area Totals:	4	0	0	0	4	0
AREA 16	RES	4	0	0	0	4	0
	Area Totals:	4	0	0	0	4	0
AREA 17	RES	4	0	4	0	8	0
	Area Totals:	4	0	4	0	8	0
AREA 20	RES	7	4	4	0	11	4
	Area Totals:	7	4	4	0	11	4
AREA 24	RES	7	25	4	0	11	25
	Area Totals:	7	25	4	0	11	25
AREA 25	RES	7	22	0	0	7	22
	Area Totals:	7	22	0	0	7	22
AREA 27	RES	14	0	4	0	18	0
	Area Totals:	14	0	4	0	18	0
AREA 28	RES	4	0	4	0	8	0
	Area Totals:	4	0	4	0	8	0
AREA 30	NONRES	2	0	0	0	2	0
	RES	4	0	4	0	8	0
	Area Totals:	6	0	4	0	10	0
AREA 35	RES	4	0	0	0	4	0
	Area Totals:	4	0	0	0	4	0
AREA 36	RES	7	0	11	0	18	0
	Area Totals:	7	0	11	0	18	0
AREA 38	RES	0	0	4	0	4	0
	Area Totals:	0	0	4	0	4	0
AREA 41	RES	4	0	4	0	8	0
	Area Totals:	4	0	4	0	8	0

		Trapper #	Trap Harvest	Hunter #	Firearm Harvest	Total Trapper/Hunters	Total Harvest
AREA 46	RES	4	0	0	0	4	0
	Area Totals:	4	0	0	0	4	0
WEASEL TOTALS		138	155	71	0	209	155

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

CHAPTER 4

FURBEARING ANIMAL HUNTING OR TRAPPING SEASONS

Section 1. Authority. This regulation is promulgated by authority of W.S. §23-1-302, W.S. §23-2-303, W.S. §23-2-305 and W.S. §23-3-109.

Section 2. Definitions. For the purpose of this regulation, definitions shall be as set forth in Title 23, Wyoming Statutes, and the Commission also adopts the following definitions:

(a) "Drainage" means all lands within the watershed of a named river or stream, including all tributaries and standing waters which drain into that river or stream.

(b) "Green pelt" means the untanned hide or skin of a furbearing animal.

(c) "Owner" means the person who physically sets any trap or snare in any fashion that may result in the take of any furbearing or predatory animal.

(d) "Quick-kill Body-grip Trap" means a device that closes around the body or head of the animal in such a manner as to almost immediately kill the animal caught. Such traps include, but are not necessarily limited to, Conibear type traps.

(e) "Snare" means a device consisting of a loop with no mechanical trigger for capturing furbearing or predatory animals.

(f) "Leg-hold Trap" means any device using a mechanical trigger that springs the jaws or loop shut for capturing furbearing or predatory animals.

(g) "Trapping" or "trap" means the taking of a furbearing or predatory animal by trap, snare or with a firearm or archery equipment.

(h) "Trap Identification Number" means an identification number assigned to the owner of traps or snares by the Department.

(i) "Week" means the seven-day period starting on Monday through the following Sunday.

Section 3. Hunting or Trapping Seasons Established. There shall be open seasons for the hunting or trapping of furbearing animals and the use of dogs to take bobcats as set forth in this Chapter. Furbearing animals may also be taken by hunting with the use of firearms. This regulation shall remain in effect until modified or repealed by the Commission.

Section 4. Hunting or Trapping Seasons.

(a) Species, Hunting or Trapping Areas, Season Dates and Limitations.

<u>Species</u>	<u>Trapping Area</u>	<u>Date of Seasons</u>		<u>Limitations</u>
		<u>Opens</u>	<u>Closes</u>	
Mink	1	Oct. 1	March 31	Any mink

Bobcat	1	Nov. 15	March 1	Any bobcat
Muskrat	1	Oct. 1	April 30	Any muskrat
Weasel	1	Oct. 1	March 31	Any weasel
Badger	1	Jan.1	Dec. 31	Any badger
Marten	1	Oct. 1	March 1	Any marten
	2	Dec. 1	March 1	Any marten
	602	Oct. 1	March 1	5 trappers; 100 marten
Beaver	1	Oct. 1	April 30	Any beaver
	101	Oct. 1	April 30	1 trapper; 5 beaver
	102	Oct. 1	April 30	1 trapper; 20 beaver
	103	Oct. 1	April 30	1 trapper; 10 beaver
	104	Oct. 1	April 30	1 trapper; 25 beaver
	301-305	CLOSED		
	401	CLOSED		
	404	CLOSED		
	405	CLOSED		
	406	CLOSED		
	407	CLOSED		
	408	Oct. 1	April 30	1 trapper; 15 beaver
	409	Oct. 1	April 30	1 trapper; 15 beaver
	410	Oct. 1	April 30	1 trapper; 15 beaver
	411	Oct. 1	April 30	1 trapper; 35 beaver
	412	Oct. 1	April 30	1 trapper; 15 beaver
	413	Oct. 1	April 30	1 trapper; 30 beaver
	414	Oct. 1	April 30	1 trapper; 30 beaver
<u>Species</u>	<u>Trapping Area</u>	<u>Date of Seasons</u>		<u>Limitations</u>
		<u>Opens</u>	<u>Closes</u>	
Beaver	501	Oct. 1	April 30	1 trapper; 10 beaver
	502	Oct. 1	April 30	1 trapper; 10 beaver
	601	Oct. 1	April 30	1 trapper; 30 beaver
	602	Oct. 1	April 30	1 trapper; 30 beaver
	603	Oct. 1	April 30	2 trappers; 60 beaver
	604	Oct. 1	April 30	1 trapper; 30 beaver
	605	Oct. 1	April 30	1 trapper; 5 beaver

Section 5. Furbearing Animal Hunting or Trapping Area Descriptions.

(a) Area and Number.

(i) All furbearing animals, excluding marten and beaver.

Area 1. The entire State of Wyoming, excluding those areas closed in Section 5(b).

(ii) Marten.

Area 1. The entire State of Wyoming, excluding Area 2 and Limited Quota Area 602 as listed in this subsection and those areas closed in Section 5(b).

Area 2. Snowy Range. Beginning at the junction of Interstate Highway 80 and U.S. Highway 287 in the city of Laramie; southerly along U.S. Highway 287 to the Wyoming-Colorado state line; westerly along said line to Wyoming Highway 230 in Carbon County; northerly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 130; northerly along said highway to Interstate Highway 80; easterly along said highway to its junction with U.S. Highway 287.

Area 602. Little Popo Agie. All U.S. Forest Service lands within the Little Popo Agie River drainage (including Cherry Creek and Snow Creek) and the Sawmill Creek drainage in Fremont County.

(iii) Beaver.

Area 1. The entire State of Wyoming, excluding those limited quota trapping areas listed in this subsection and those areas closed in Section 5(b).

Area 101. Ditch Creek. Ditch Creek drainage in Teton County.

Area 102. Willow Creek. Willow Creek drainage in Teton and Lincoln Counties.

Area 103. Game Creek and Little Horse Creek. Game Creek and Little Horse Creek drainages in Teton County.

Area 104. Fall Creek. All of the Fall Creek, Mosquito Creek and Dog Creek drainages on U.S. Forest Service lands in Teton and Lincoln Counties.

Area 301. North Tongue River. North Tongue River drainage in Sheridan County.

Area 302. South Tongue River. South Tongue River drainage in Sheridan County.

Area 303. East Fork of Big Goose Creek. East Fork of Big Goose Creek drainage upstream of Park Reservoir in Johnson County.

Area 304. Clear Creek. Clear Creek drainage on U.S. Forest Service lands in Johnson County.

Area 305. Crazy Woman Creek. Crazy Woman Creek drainage on U.S. Forest Service lands in Johnson County.

Area 401. South Rock Springs. That portion of Sweetwater County south of I-80 between the Green River, Flaming Gorge Reservoir and Wyoming Highway 430.

Area 404. Henrys Fork. Henrys Fork River, Louse Creek and Sage Creek drainages on the Wasatch-Cache National Forest in Uinta County.

Area 405. Cottonwood Creek. Cottonwood Creek drainage on the Wasatch-Cache National Forest in Uinta County.

Area 406. East Fork of Smiths Fork. Drainages of Gilbert Creek and East Fork of Smiths Fork River upstream from Wasatch-Cache National Forest boundary in Uinta County.

Area 407. West Fork of Smiths Fork. West Fork of the Smiths Fork River and Willow Creek drainages upstream from Wasatch-Cache National Forest boundary in Uinta County.

Area 408. Salt Creek. Salt Creek drainage on U.S. Forest Service lands, Salt Creek Proper and Raymond Creek drainage on public lands in Lincoln County.

Area 409. Upper Smiths Fork. Smiths Fork drainage on U.S. Forest Service lands in Lincoln County.

Area 410. Hobble Creek. Hobble Creek drainage on U.S. Forest Service lands, Coal Creek, and Saw Mill Creek drainages in Lincoln County.

Area 411. Hams Fork River (Hams Fork). Beginning where the Hams Fork River crosses the Bridger-Teton National Forest boundary to where the river crosses U.S. Forest Service Road 062 and all tributaries lying east of the Hams Fork River in Lincoln County.

Area 412. South Fork Fontenelle Creek. Beginning where the South Fork of Fontenelle Creek crosses the Bridger-Teton National Forest boundary to its headwaters and all tributaries in Lincoln County, including all of the drainages of the South Fork of Fontenelle Creek upstream from the Bridger-Teton National Forest boundary within Lincoln County.

Area 413. Fontenelle Creek. Beginning where Fontenelle Creek crosses the Bridger-Teton National Forest boundary to the confluence of Camp Fire Creek and all tributaries in Lincoln County, including all of the drainages of Fontenelle Creek between the Bridger-Teton National Forest boundary and Camp Fire Creek within Lincoln County.

Area 414. LaBarge Creek and South LaBarge Creek (main streams). Beginning where LaBarge Creek crosses the Bridger-Teton National Forest boundary to its headwaters and the main channel of South LaBarge Creek in Lincoln County. LaBarge Creek Proper will be closed one (1) mile each direction from the confluence of Nameless Creek and LaBarge Creek in Lincoln County.

Area 501. North Pole Mountain. All of the drainages of Brush Creek, Crow Creek, Lodgepole (Pole) Creek, McKechnie Creek and Horse Creek within the boundaries of the Pole Mountain Division of the Medicine Bow National Forest and north of the Happy Jack Road (Wyoming Secondary Highway 210-U.S.F.S. 722) in Albany County.

Area 502. South Pole Mountain. All of the drainages of Brush Creek, Lodgepole (Pole) Creek, Crow Creek and Dale Creek within the boundaries of the Pole Mountain Division of the Medicine Bow National Forest and south of the Happy Jack Road (Wyoming Secondary Highway 210-U.S.F.S. 722) in Albany County.

Area 601. Beaver Creek. All public lands within the Twin Creek and Beaver Creek drainages south of U.S. Highway 287 in Fremont County.

Area 602. Little Popo Agie. All U.S. Forest Service lands within the Little Popo Agie River drainage (including Cherry Creek and Snow Creek) and all U.S. Forest Service lands within the Sawmill Creek drainage in Fremont County.

Area 603. Upper Sweetwater. All public lands within the Sweetwater River drainage above Phelps-Dodge Bridge in Fremont and Sublette Counties.

Area 604. Sweetwater. All public lands within the Rock Creek, Strawberry Creek and Deep Creek drainages and along the Sweetwater River proper between Phelps-Dodge Bridge and Sweetwater Station in Fremont County.

Area 605. Green Mountain. All public lands within the Crooks Creek, Cottonwood Creek, Cooper Creek and Willow Creek drainages on Green Mountain in Fremont County.

(b) Closed Areas.

(i) The following areas shall be closed to the taking of all furbearing animals.

(A) Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area in Bighorn County.

(B) Grand Teton National Park in Teton County;

(C) John D. Rockefeller Jr. Memorial Parkway in Teton County;

(D) National Elk Refuge in Teton County; and,

(E) Rawhide Wildlife Management Area, Springer Wildlife Habitat Management Area and the Table Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Area in Goshen County shall be closed October 1 through February 15.

(ii) The following areas shall be closed to the taking of beaver.

(A) Beaver Creek drainage from Wyoming Highway 70 downstream to its confluence with the North Fork of the Encampment River in Carbon County;

(B) Cache Creek drainage in Teton County;

(C) Cliff Creek drainage in Sublette County;

(D) Granite Creek drainage from the Granite Hot Springs swimming pool downstream to the confluence with the Hoback River in Teton and Sublette Counties;

(E) Nameless Creek proper in Lincoln County;

(F) Nash Fork drainage south of Wyoming Highway 130 from the Snowy Range Ski Area Road downstream to its confluence with the North Fork of the Little Laramie River in Albany County;

(G) South Fork Hog Park Creek drainage from the Colorado/Wyoming state line downstream to its confluence with Hog Park Creek in Carbon County;

(H) South Fork Lake Creek and Goetze Creek drainages on the Pennock Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Area in Carbon County; and,

(I) The head of the Rock Creek drainage north and east of the Sand Lake Road (USFS Road 101) downstream to its confluence with the South Fork of Rock Creek in Carbon County.

(iii) The following areas shall be closed to the taking of Marten.

(A) All lands within the Pole Mountain Unit of the Medicine Bow National Forest in Albany County.

Section 6. Common Season Boundary. Wherever a stream or river forms a boundary between two (2) trapping areas with differing seasons for the same furbearing animal, the stream or river channel proper shall open for trapping on the earliest opening date and close on the latest closing date of the two (2) seasons involved.

Section 7. Limited Quota Furbearing Animal Trapping Area Permits. Limited quota trapping areas shall be open only to the person(s) who possesses a furbearing animal trapping permit for the limited quota trapping area and a furbearing animal trapping license. Only the holder of a permit for a limited quota trapping area(s) shall be allowed to trap the limited quota area for the designated species during the trapping season for which the permit is valid. Permit holders shall be determined by a random computer selection.

(a) Application for Limited Quota Furbearing Animal Trapping Permits. Applications shall be available from Wyoming Game and Fish Department Regional Offices, the Cheyenne Headquarters Office and game wardens. Any qualified person may submit one (1) application for a limited quota trapping area drawing and may list as many as three (3) choices.

(b) When trapping, each permit holder shall present his permit and a valid Wyoming furbearing animal trapping license for inspection upon request to any law enforcement officer empowered to enforce these regulations.

(c) Application Date. Applications shall be submitted on a form provided by the Department to the Headquarters Office from July 1 through September 1.

(d) Drawing. Only correct and complete applications received in the Headquarters Office during the application dates shall be entered in the random computer selection. Successful applicants shall be notified by mail.

(e) Leftover Limited Quota Trapping Area Permits. After the regular drawing, applicants may apply for limited quota trapping area permits not issued in the drawing for limited quota furbearing animal trapping areas. Applicants shall apply to the Headquarters Office. Permits shall be issued in the order the applications are processed or until quotas are reached. Submission of an application either through the mail or hand delivered shall not guarantee a permit

Section 8. Authorization to Trap.

(a) Any person holding a valid Wyoming furbearing animal trapping license shall be authorized to trap furbearing animals in any trapping area specified in the current trapping regulations, excluding those species within limited quota furbearing animal trapping areas requiring a limited quota furbearing animal trapping permit as specified in this regulation and excluding closed areas in Section 5(b) of this regulation.

(b) Individuals issued limited quota furbearing animal trapping permits shall contact the game warden listed on the notice for instructions prior to taking furbearing animals authorized by this permit in the limited quota furbearing animal trapping areas.

Section 9. Snare Specifications and Check Period for Snares and Quick-kill Body-grip Traps.

(a) All snares used for furbearing or predatory animals shall be equipped with a break-away device located at the point of the snare lock;

(b) Break-away devices shall release at two hundred ninety-five (295) pounds of pressure or less;

(c) Snare capture loop size shall not exceed twelve (12) inches in diameter measured from side to side;

(d) Snares shall be solidly anchored to ensure the break-away device properly functions to release at two hundred ninety-five (295) pounds of pressure or less, and;

(i) Snares shall not be anchored to any wire of a fence.

(ii) Snares shall not be anchored to any moveable object such as a drag.

(e) All snares and quick-kill body-grip traps shall be checked a minimum of one time each week, except during the initial week the snares or quick-kill body-grip traps were set.

Section 10. Mandatory Bobcat Registration. All bobcats harvested in Wyoming shall be registered with the Department by the person taking the bobcat, regardless of the final disposition of the pelt or unskinned carcass. Bobcat pelts may be registered throughout the bobcat season, but registration of pelts shall end at 5:00 p.m. on March 11 of each year. The properly licensed trapper shall present the pelt or unskinned carcass in an unfrozen condition to a game warden or a Department Regional Office. It shall be unlawful to possess an untagged green bobcat pelt after the registration period expires. Before a Wyoming bobcat tag shall be issued, the person taking a bobcat shall provide to the Department at the time of registration, the age and sex of the bobcat, the number of the Department's bobcat management area in which the bobcat was taken, the date the bobcat was taken, the number of traps that were set, and the number of days traps were set or days hunted with a firearm (i.e. trapping or harvest effort). A Wyoming bobcat tag shall be attached to the pelt or unskinned carcass by an employee of the Department. Wyoming bobcat tags shall be issued free of charge.

Section 11. Trapping of Non-target Wildlife; Disposition of Furbearing Animals at the Trap Site. All non-target wildlife, including but not necessarily limited to game animals, game birds, furbearing animals, protected animals or protected birds that are trapped shall be released unharmed. If a big or trophy game animal, game bird, protected animal or raptor caught has been injured to the extent that the injury may result in death of the animal or if the animal has been killed, the trapper shall immediately notify a Department law enforcement officer. Furbearing animals legally taken shall be either killed at the trap site or immediately released to the wild. If the trapper holds both a furbearing animal trapping license and a license to capture furbearing animals for domestication, the furbearing animals do not have to be killed at the trap site.

Section 12. Use of Dogs. Persons possessing a valid furbearing animal trapping license may use dogs to take bobcats during the bobcat hunting or trapping season.

Section 13. Trap Identification Numbers. All traps and snares used for furbearing or predatory animals shall be permanently marked or tagged with the name and address of the owner or the trap identification number assigned to the owner by the Department.

(a) A person may apply for a trap identification number from the Department. Each individual shall be issued only one (1) trap identification number for the life of the trapper. Trap identification numbers shall be transferable from one (1) person to another only upon completion of an application and approval by the Department.

(b) Trap identification numbers shall consist of the prefix WY, followed by the last two (2) digits of the calendar year in which the number is issued, followed by a number generated by the Department. A hyphen shall separate the three (3) portions of the number. For example, the first trap identification number issued in calendar year 2001 shall be WY-01-001. Numbers shall be legible, at least one-eighth (1/8) inch in height and affixed to traps in such a manner as to read left to right. The trap identification number shall be stamped on the trap or on a metal tag that is affixed to the trap.

(c) Application for a trap identification number shall include the full name and complete home address of the applicant and shall be submitted on a form provided by the Department. Applications shall be submitted to the Wildlife Division, at the Headquarters Office of the Wyoming Game and Fish Department.

(d) Any person who has obtained a trap identification number shall notify the Department by telephoning (307) 777-4686 within thirty (30) days of any change in address.

Section 14. Violation of Commission Regulations. Failure to abide by the provisions of this regulation shall be punishable as provided by Wyoming statutes for violation of Commission regulations.

Section 15. Savings Clause. If any provision of this regulation is held to be illegal or unconstitutional, such a ruling shall not affect other provisions of this regulation which can be given effect without the illegal or unconstitutional provision; and, to this end, the provisions of the regulation are severable.

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

By:
Clifford Kirk, President

Dated: August 6, 2009

FALCONRY



Gyrfalcon, Photo by Ron Maier, Wyoming Game and Fish Department

RESIDENT FALCON HARVEST 2009-2010

GRAY PARTRIDGE

County	Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar	
	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest
Natrona	5	0	15	0	9	0	10	0						
Sheridan			5	0	5	1	5	0	5	2				
TOTALS	5		20		14	1	15		5	2				

Days Hunted	59
Harvest	3
Hunters	3

PHEASANT

County	Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar	
	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest
Goshen							2	0						
Sheridan	11	4	38	11	55	11	69	9	27	2	26	3		
TOTALS	11	4	38	11	55	11	71	9	27	2	26	3		

Days Hunted	228
Harvest	40
Hunters	8

SAGE-GROUSE

County	Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar	
	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest
Carbon			6	2	4	2	1	0						
Hot Springs									25	2	20	2		
Johnson	20	0	17	1	34	5	15	1	10	0	5	0		
Natrona	7	2	33	9	34	7	17	2	7	1	2	0		
Sublette			20	13	14	9	8	3						
Sweetwater	16	4	12	3	10	4								
TOTALS	43	6	88	28	96	27	41	6	42	3	27	2		

Days Hunted	337
Harvest	72
Hunters	10

SHARP-TAILED GROUSE

County	Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar	
	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest										
Sheridan	23	3	67	7	80	7	60	4	40	1	27	1		
TOTALS	23	3	67	7	80	7	60	4	40	1	27	1		

Days Hunted	297
Harvest	23
Hunters	8

RESIDENT FALCONRY - continued

COTTONTAIL RABBIT

County	Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar	
	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest
Campbell			20	11	11	7	11	2	15	3	19	1		
Natrona	10	0	10	2	10	0	10	0	10	1	10	0		
Sheridan	2	0			18	0	25	0	21	0	15	0		
TOTALS	12	0	30	13	39	7	46	2	46	4	44	1		

Days Hunted	217
Harvest	27
Hunters	4

DUCKS

County	Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar	
	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest
Goshen	2	0	21	14	17	3	1	0						
Johnson	12	3	27	9	2	0								
Natrona	2	1	8	2	5	2								
Sheridan	3	1	15	10	25	9	18	9						
TOTALS	19	5	71	35	49	14	19	9						

Days Hunted	158
Harvest	63
Hunters	6

Total Surveys Mailed	61
Total Responded	49
% Response	80%

NONRESIDENT FALCON HARVEST 2009-2010

PHEASANT

County	Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar	
	Days	Harvest												
Sheridan			5	0	1	0								
TOTALS			5	0	1	0								

Days Hunted	6
Harvest	0
Hunters	1

SAGE-GROUSE

County	Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar	
	Days	Harvest												
Fremont	24	6									16	1		
Johnson					4	2								
Lincoln	22	1	24	2	16	1	9	0						
Sublette	4	1	23	5	7	1	5	1	5	1	9	2		
Sweetwater	45	18	83	37	44	20	5	1						
Uinta	13	5	10	4	12	2	12	1						
Unknown	3	0	36	5	6	1								
TOTALS	111	31	176	53	89	27	31	3	5	1	25	3		

Days Hunted	437
Harvest	118
Hunters	24

SHARP-TAILED GROUSE

County	Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar	
	Days	Harvest												
Sheridan					1	0					1	0		
TOTALS					1	0					1	0		

Days Hunted	2
Harvest	0
Hunters	2

COTTONTAIL RABBIT

County	Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar	
	Days	Harvest												
Fremont											10	3		
Unknown			8	4	7	0								
TOTALS	0	0	8	4	7	0					10	3		

Days Hunted	25
Harvest	7
Hunters	3

NONRESIDENT FALCONRY - continued

DUCKS

County	Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar	
	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest
Albany	3	0												
Lincoln			5	4										
Sublette			14	0										
Sweetwater			20	6	10	6								
Uinta			3	1										
Unknown			20	7										
TOTALS	3	0	62	18	10	6								

Days Hunted	75
Harvest	24
Hunters	6

Total Surveys Mailed	56
Total Responded	35
% Response	63%