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JOB COMPLETION REPORT INVESTIGATIONS PROJECT

STATE OF WYOMING

NAME: SMALL GAME, UPLAND GAME BIRD, MIGRATORY GAME BIRD, WILD TURKEY, FURBEARER AND FALCONRY HARVEST SURVEYS

PROJECT NUMBER W-27-R-45

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Period Covered: June 1, 2010 to May 31, 2011

ABSTRACT:

This report summarizes harvests from the 2010-2011 hunting seasons for small game, upland game birds, migratory game birds, wild turkeys, and furbearers and harvest taken by falconers. Season length varied according to species. Some seasons closed by the end of 2010 while others extended through April 30, 2011. Harvest, hunting and trapping estimates were obtained by surveying licensed hunters and trappers via the internet, with mailed questionnaires or through mandatory reporting. Significant changes were made to the number of management areas and species surveyed as detailed below.

OBJECTIVES:

1. Determine harvests of small game, upland game bird, migratory game bird, wild turkey, and furbearers.
2. Determine the total days spent hunting each species listed in the first objective; the average days required to harvest an animal (hunter effort); and hunter success.

PROCEDURES:

Prior to 1982 this report presented harvest and effort statistics based on counties. Beginning in 1982, data from all species except waterfowl, wild turkey and furbearers were reported based on 46 small and upland game management areas. Furbearer harvest was reported statewide through the 1999-2000 season. During the 2000-2001 season furbearer harvest was reported based on the 46 small and upland game management areas. Because of low response to the furbearer trapper survey, only bobcat harvest was reported for the 2001-2002 season through the 2004-2005 season. Bobcat harvest was reported based on six management areas. Beginning with the 2005-2006 season furbearer harvest other than bobcat was again reported based on the 46 management areas. Waterfowl harvest has been reported based on drainages and wild turkey harvest based on wild turkey hunt areas.

Management area boundaries have changed through the years and some areas were combined. In all instances the level of detail in the harvest survey has been much finer than the department's ability to manage hunters and harvest. In order to simplify harvest reporting by the hunter and report data at a scale more appropriate for management purposes, the 2010-2011 harvest survey was simplified as follows:

1. The 46 management areas were consolidated to match the six bobcat area boundaries for all species except migratory game birds, wild turkeys and sage-grouse (see table below).
2. Since the 2004 biological year (6/1/04 – 5/31/05) a sage-grouse annual report has been written for each Local Working Group (LWG) area. The boundaries of the LWGs were established in Wyoming's July 2003 sage-grouse conservation plan. In order to align harvest data collection with the way the harvest is reported in annual reports, sage-grouse harvest areas were modified to match LWG boundaries. For purposes of the harvest survey these areas are indicated with letters rather than numbers to avoid confusion with the six areas used to report most other harvest. Areas closed to sage-grouse hunting by regulation are indicated on the survey instrument.
3. Migratory game birds management areas remain unchanged.
4. Coots, rail and snipe were removed from the migratory game bird survey. The department will use data collected by the USF&WS Harvest Information Program (HIP) at the state and flyway level for these species.
5. For wildlife defined by Wyoming Statute as a "Predatory Animal" (coyote, raccoon, red fox, skunk and others), the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission has no statutory authority to set season dates (harvest legal 365 days/year), bag limits (unlimited take allowed), require a license, or limit the manner in which predatory animals may be taken. Previous surveys only reported take of predatory animals by those holding a trapping license. Consequently, the reported harvest was only a subset of actual harvest with no method of estimating legal take by unlicensed hunters.
6. Bobcats were also removed from the harvest survey. Bobcats are listed in Appendix II of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species Treaty (CITES) due to their similarity of appearance to other endangered spotted cats. CITES requires that bobcats must be tagged to identify legal harvest for purposes of commerce. Under this provision all bobcat trappers have been required to present their pelts for mandatory tagging in Wyoming since July 1, 1990. The department has used CITES and harvest survey data to fulfill our CITES reporting requirement. From the 1977-1978 through the 1991-1992 season only harvest survey data were used. During those years, raw harvest survey data were not extrapolated to nonrespondents because early in this time period survey response rates were high. Beginning with the 1992-1993 season and through the 2002-2003 season the department reported data from both the harvest survey and the CITES tagging records. Through this period these two survey methods produced different estimates of bobcat harvest, trapping/hunting effort and trapper numbers. The CITES tagging data were obtained from all successful bobcat trappers whereas the furbearer harvest survey provided data from a sample of trappers who respond to the mail survey and included both successful and unsuccessful trappers/hunters. Because of declining response rates (only 26% of license holders surveyed responded to the 2010-2011 survey), the discrepancy in reported harvest between the two methods increased, i.e. the harvest reported through the harvest survey was less and less of the known harvest shown

through mandatory CITES reporting. Since the 2003-2004 season, only the number of pelts tagged with CITES tags have been reported in the CITES report. Because the CITES report provides better harvest data, bobcats were dropped from the furbearer harvest survey.

7. Efforts to estimate trapper effort have been problematic because a trapping license allows the take of all wildlife defined by Wyoming Statute as a furbearing animal (badger, beaver, bobcat, marten, mink and muskrat). In addition, trap and snare sets are not species specific so it was impossible to allocate days of effort to individual species. Over the years various survey questions have been devised to estimate species-specific effort, but the more complex surveys produced questionable results and likely contributed to the decline in response rates. In some years no questions regarding effort were asked. The 2010-2011 survey reinstated effort questions with the goal of estimating statewide trap, snare and rifle effort for those holding a furbearer license.

Harvest questionnaires were mailed to a random sample of daily, annual, and lifetime small game and game bird license holders (migratory game bird hunters must possess a game bird license), and to all furbearer trapping license holders. All spring and fall turkey license holders that were entered into the Department’s license information database in time for inclusion in the spring and fall surveys were surveyed. Samples were stratified according to license type and area as applicable. All early goose and crane hunting season license holders were surveyed. Some license holders were removed from the sample pools after NCOA and CASS mailing address cleansing programs were run (eliminates invalid addresses). There is a mandatory reporting requirement for holders of Light Goose Conservation Order permits. Mandatory harvest reporting is also required of falconers. The procedure used to estimate harvest statistics was similar for all species or species groups.

SMALL GAME, UPLAND GAME BIRD, FURBEARER MANAGEMENT AREAS	
NEW MANAGEMENT AREA (beginning 2010)	OLD MANAGEMENT AREA (1982 through 2009)
1	1,2
2	11-17, 19-21
3	32, 35-38, 40, 41, 44, 46
4	3-7, 10, 25
5	22, 24, 27, 28, 30
6	8,9, 14, 18, 32, 33, 45

2010 FIVE-YEAR LICENSE SALES TREND FOR SMALL AND UPLAND GAME

SMALL AND UPLAND GAME LICENSE CATEGORIES	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	5-YEAR TOTAL	ANNUAL AVERAGE
ANNUAL GAME BIRD							
RESIDENT	7,350	7,375	7,553	7,822	7,727	37,827	7,565
NONRESIDENT	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
TOTAL	7,350	7,375	7,553	7,822	7,727	37,827	7,565
ANNUAL SMALL GAME							
RESIDENT	2,008	2,031	1,831	1,713	1,600	9,183	1,837
NONRESIDENT	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
TOTAL	2,008	2,031	1,831	1,713	1,600	9,183	1,837
ANNUAL GAME BIRD/SMALL GAME							
RESIDENT	10,628	10,002	8,689	8,880	8,198	46,397	9,279
NONRESIDENT	2,165	2,151	1,889	1,779	1,777	9,761	1,952
TOTAL	12,793	12,153	10,578	10,659	9,975	56,158	11,232
DAILY GAME BIRD/SMALL GAME							
RESIDENT	1,019	1,026	957	994	938	4,934	987
NONRESIDENT	6,752	6,233	5,192	4,800	4,937	27,914	5,583
TOTAL	7,771	7,259	6,149	5,794	5,875	32,848	6,570
RESIDENT ONLY							
LIFETIME LICENSES - CUMULATIVE SOLD¹							
GAME BIRD/SMALL GAME/CONS STAMP ²	9	28	39	40	43		
GAME BIRD/SMALL GAME/FISHING ³	911	1,210	1,307	1,372	1,455		
GAME BIRD/SMALL GAME ²	67	105	115	127	140		

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

SPECIES	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	5-YEAR TOTAL	ANNUAL AVERAGE
GEESE	22,748	19,511	33,460	25,981	41,024	142,724	28,545
CRANE	194	138	162	195	182	871	174
DUCK	55,545	68,478	53,158	51,418	44,451	273,050	54,610
COOT	691	660	182	107	N/A	1,640	328
SNIPE	532	334	403	320	N/A	1,589	318
RAIL	20	12	36	8	N/A	76	15
PHEASANT	46,164	42,333	42,359	41,361	40,480	212,697	42,539
CHUKAR	8,315	7,609	7,900	7,130	6,744	37,698	7,540
GRAY PARTRIDGE	1,582	919	1,381	2,858	5,245	11,985	2,397
DUSKY (BLUE) GROUSE	9,324	10,384	8,611	7,844	7,818	43,981	8,796
RUFFED GROUSE	5,545	6,223	3,321	4,222	3,540	22,851	4,570
SAGE-GROUSE	12,920	10,378	10,303	11,162	11,057	55,820	11,164
SHARP-TAILED GROUSE	2,337	1,569	1,900	1,715	2,428	9,949	1,990
MOURNING DOVE	32,807	36,670	29,994	22,278	28,906	150,655	30,131
TURKEY	3,986	4,674	5,256	4,537	4,512	22,965	4,593
COTTONTAIL RABBIT	86,769	60,511	31,343	26,983	16,600	222,206	44,441
SNOWSHOE HARE	660	328	390	287	123	1,788	358
SQUIRREL	1,212	1,066	1,584	1,420	1,585	6,867	1,373

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



**2010-2011 SMALL GAME,
UPLAND GAME BIRD AND
MIGRATORY GAME BIRD
HARVEST SURVEY**

GSH11230RGBSGA

delivery point barcode
Gail F Sheridan
123 Some St
Cheyenne, WY 82001

We encourage you to fill out the survey on the Internet
<http://gf.state.wy.us/HarvestSurvey>
Please use the **HUNTER KEY** as it appears above your name in the address label to the left.

Dear Hunter,

We are asking you to participate in our 2010-2011 small game, upland game bird and waterfowl (ducks & geese) harvest survey. Our biologists use the results of this survey to monitor populations of these species and to recommend hunting seasons. Your response is very important even if you did not hunt or were unsuccessful. Please report your hunting results for the period 9/1/10 to 3/1/11 and return the survey in the enclosed prepaid envelope or **complete it on the internet as shown above by 5/1/11.**

Q1 Did you hunt Small Game, Upland Game Birds, or Migratory Game birds during the 2010-2011 season?

YES NO (If NO, your survey is complete.)

Q2 When hunting, did you have any contact with Wyoming Game and Fish personnel?

YES NO

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Q3 During the 2010-2011 hunting season, did you use any of the Private Land Public Wildlife (PLPW) walk-in areas?

YES NO (If NO, skip to Q7)

Q4 If YES, how many days did you spend hunting PLPW walk-in areas? # of days

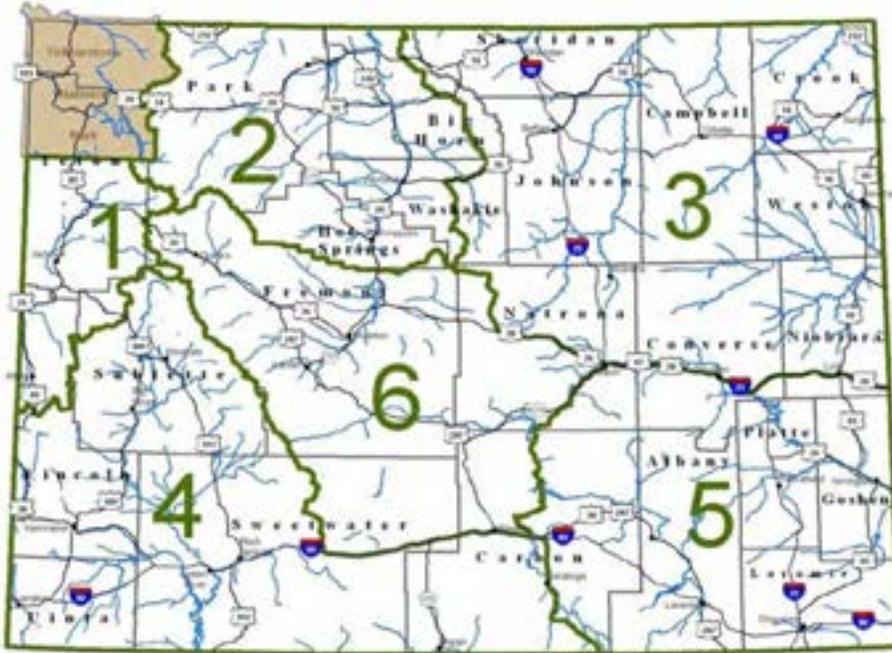
Q5 How many PLPW walk-in areas did you hunt? # of areas

Q6 Please rate your PLPW walk-in area experience using the scale below:

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

SMALL GAME & UPLAND GAME BIRD HUNTING

Small and Upland Game Management Areas



Q7 Did you hunt SMALL GAME, UPLAND GAME BIRDS, or MOURNING DOVES during the 2010-2011 season?

YES NO (if NO, skip to Q9)

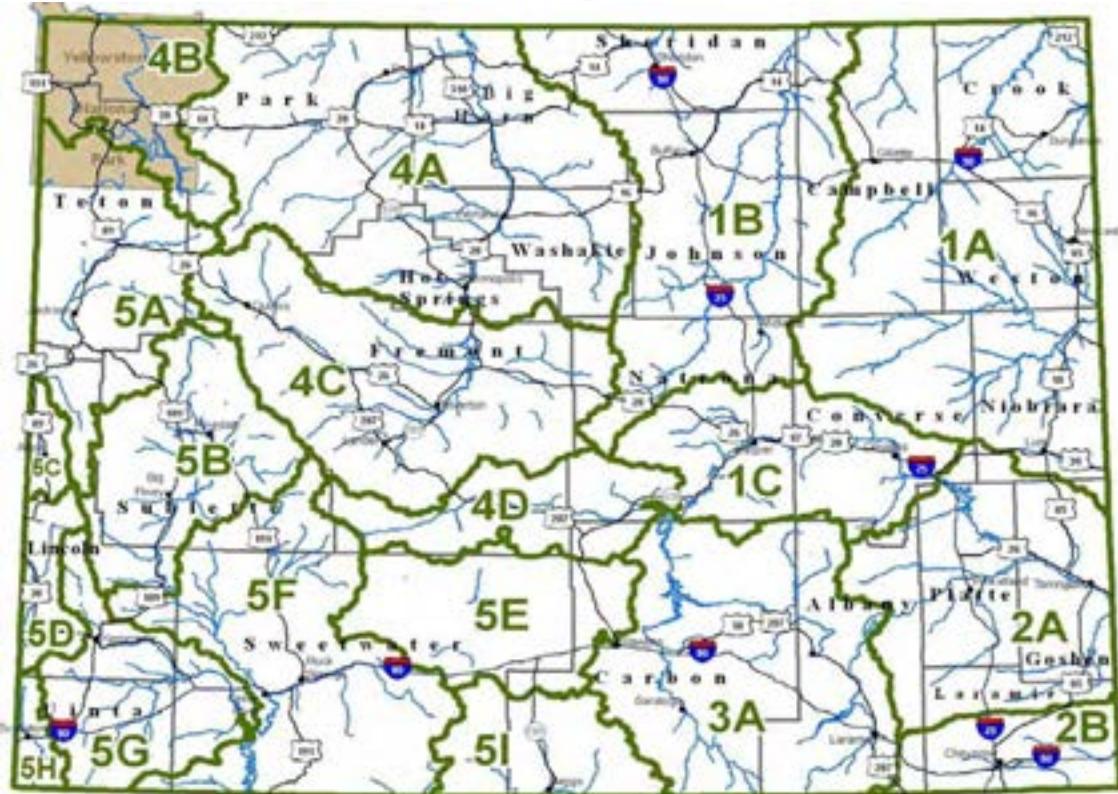
Q8 Referring to the Small and Upland Game map above, please enter the management areas you hunted most (1-6), number bagged, and number of days hunted for up to 3 areas.

PLEASE DO NOT REPORT BIRDS HARVESTED AT PRIVATE BIRD FARMS

	1st Area Number	# Bagged	# of Days Hunted	2nd Area Number	# Bagged	# of Days Hunted	3rd Area Number	# Bagged	# of Days Hunted
Cottontail Rabbit									
Snowshoe Hare									
Squirrel									
Blue Grouse									
Ruffed Grouse									
Sharp-tailed Grouse									
Chukar Partridge									
Gray Partridge									
Pheasant									
Mourning Dove									

DUCK & GOOSE HUNTING

Waterfowl Management Areas



Q9 Did you hunt DUCKS or GEESE during the 2010-2011 season?

YES NO (if NO, skip to Q11)

Q10 Referring to the Waterfowl map above, please enter the management areas you hunted most (1A-5I), number bagged, and the number of days hunted for up to 3 areas.

	1st Area Number	# Bagged	# of Days Hunted	2nd Area Number	# Bagged	# of Days Hunted	3rd Area Number	# Bagged	# of Days Hunted
Ducks									
Early Goose Season (Sept 1 - 8)									
Regular Goose Season (beginning Sept 25 or Oct 2)									

SAGE-GROUSE HUNTING

Sage-Grouse Management Areas



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Q11 Did you hunt SAGE-GROUSE during the 2010-2011 season?

YES NO (If NO, your survey is complete.)

Q12 Referring to the Sage-grouse map above, please enter the management areas you hunted most (B-H), number bagged, and number of days hunted for up to 3 areas.

	1st Area Letter	# Bagged	# of Days Hunted	2nd Area Letter	# Bagged	# of Days Hunted	3rd Area Letter	# Bagged	# of Days Hunted
Sage-grouse									

YOUR COMMENTS

THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THIS SURVEY

2010-2011 FURBEARER/TRAPPER HARVEST SURVEY

GSH11001RFBT

INTELLIGENT DELIVERY POINT BAR CODE (usps4cb 16 font)
GAIL SHERIDAN
123 SOME ST
CHEYENNE, WY 82006

We encourage you to fill out the survey on the Internet
<http://gf.state.wy.us/HarvestSurvey>
Please use the **HUNTER KEY** as it appears in **red** above your name in the address label to the left.

Dear Hunters & Trappers,

We are asking you to participate in our 2010-2011 FURBEARER harvest survey. Our biologists use the results of this survey to monitor populations of these species and recommend hunting seasons. Your response is very important even if you did not hunt or were unsuccessful. Please report your trapping and hunting results for the period 10/1/10 to 4/30/11 and return it to us in the enclosed prepaid envelope or **complete it on the internet as shown above by 6/10/11.**

You will notice the survey format has been revised from years past. The previous 46 management areas have been condensed to only 6. This is to improve data integrity and ease of responding.

Q1 Did you trap or hunt Furbearer Species during the 2010-2011 season?

- Yes (If YES, use the map below to answer the questions that follow.)
 NO (If NO, your survey is complete)

Furbearer Management Areas



Q2 How many trap sets were put out?
(Note: 2 or more traps in a single set are considered as 1 trap set)

Q3 How many nights were the above number of trap sets out?

Q4 How many snare sets were put out?
 (Note: 2 or more snares in a single set are considered as 1 snare set)

Q5 How many nights were the above number of snare sets out?

Q6 How many total days did you hunt furbearers with a firearm?

Q7 Please tell us which of the following Furbearer Species you TRAPPED or SNARED during the 2010-2011 season. Referring to the Furbearer map on the front, enter the areas (1-6), number TRAPPED, and number SNARED for the 3 areas you trapped most.

	1st Area Number	# Trapped	# Snared	2nd Area Number	# Trapped	# Snared	3rd Area Number	# Trapped	# Snared
Badger									
Beaver									
Marten									
Mink									
Muskrat									
Weasel									

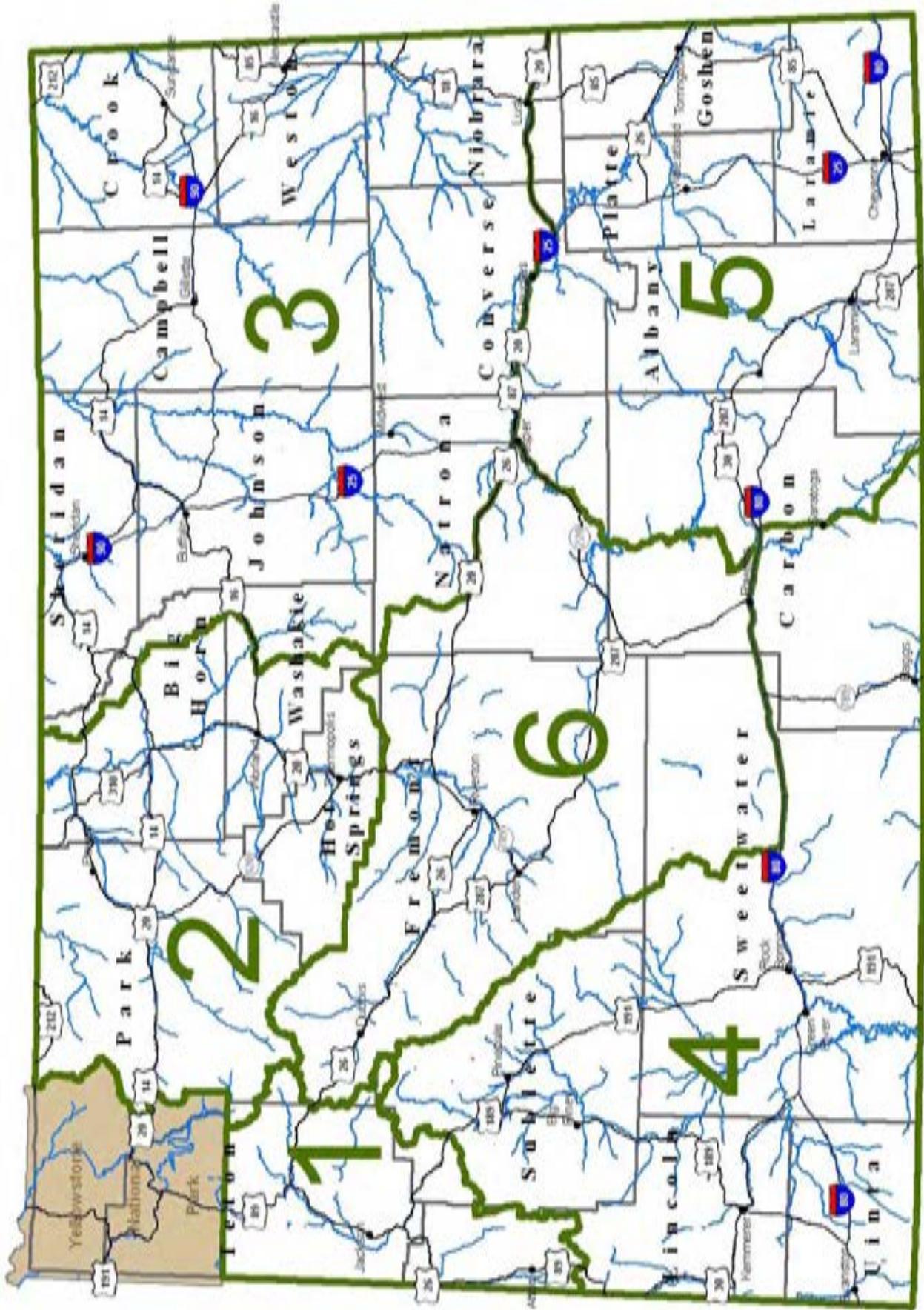
Q8 Please tell us which of the following Furbearer Species you HUNTED WITH A FIREARM during the 2010-2011 season. Referring to the Furbearer Management Area map on the front, enter the areas (1-6) and number SHOT for the 3 areas you hunted most.

	1st Area Number	# Shot	2nd Area Number	# Shot	3rd Area Number	# Shot
Badger						
Beaver						
Marten						
Mink						
Muskrat						
Weasel						

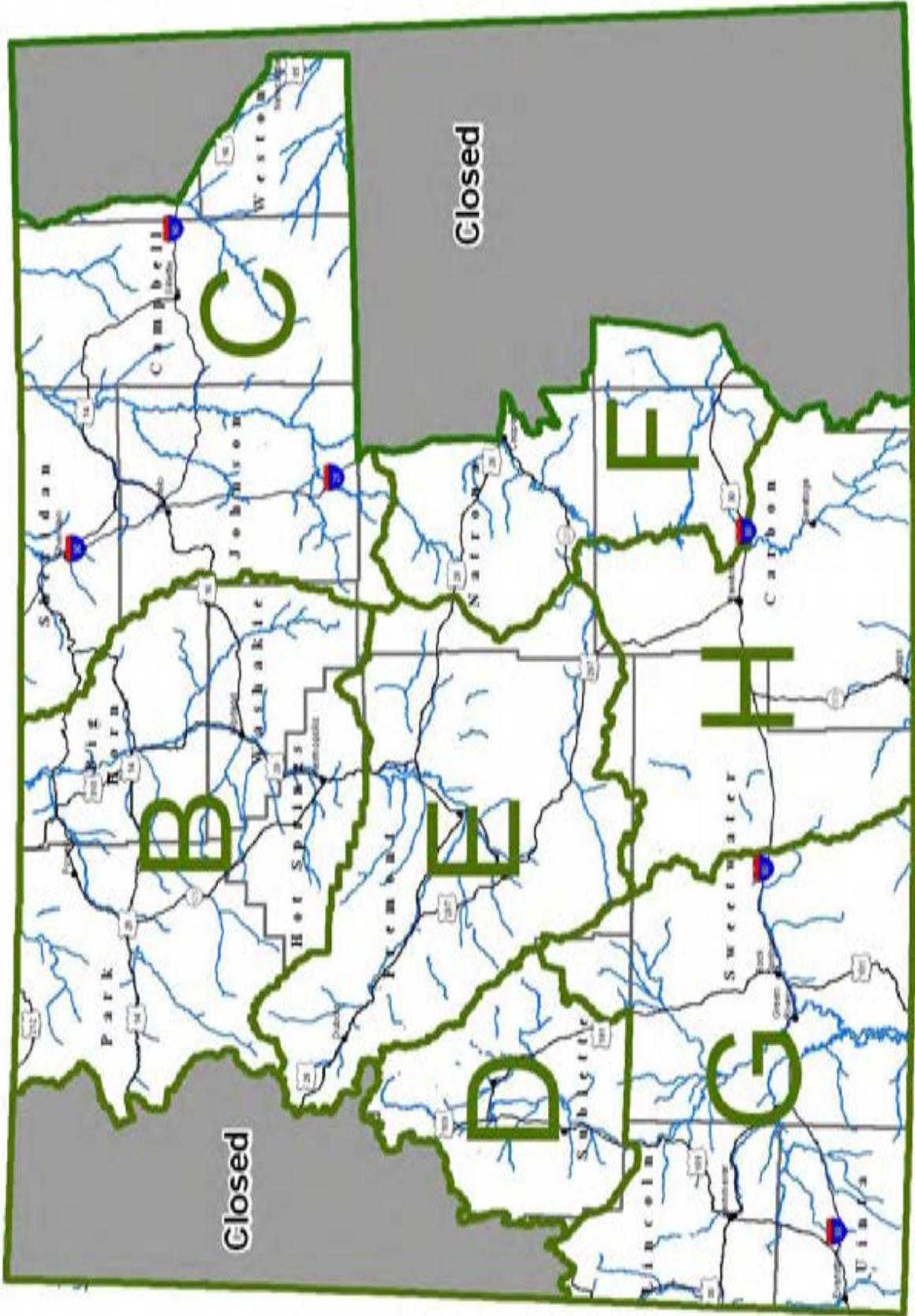
COMMENTS:

THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THIS SURVEY

MANAGEMENT AREA MAP
SMALL GAME, UPLAND GAME BIRDS AND FURBEARERS



MANAGEMENT AREA MAP
SAGE-GROUSE



01/07/2011

2011 LIGHT GOOSE CONSERVATION ORDER HARVEST SURVEY CARD

Conservation Order Special Management Permit Number _____
(Stamp Number)

Please list your hunting activities below for the period of February 21-April 10:*

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
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
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 the column, and leave the remainder of card blank.

2010 EARLY CRANE AND GOOSE HARVEST RECORD

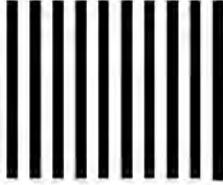
Successful permit applicant, please complete and return by November 1.

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 River's Fork River
 - 2. Salt River (Affton)
 - 3. Faison Eden
 - 4. Riverton Area
 - 5. Uinta
 - 6. Big Horn Basin
3. Number of days hunted _____
4. Did you harvest a crane? Yes _____ No _____
5. If you hunted and harvested a crane during the season, was it: (Check One)
 - Adult (single Red Crane On Top of head)
 - Immature (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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 BIOLOGICAL SERVICES
 5400 BISHOP BLVD
 CHEYENNE WY 82010-0023



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 !



WYOMING GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT 2010 SPRING WILD TURKEY HARVEST SURVEY



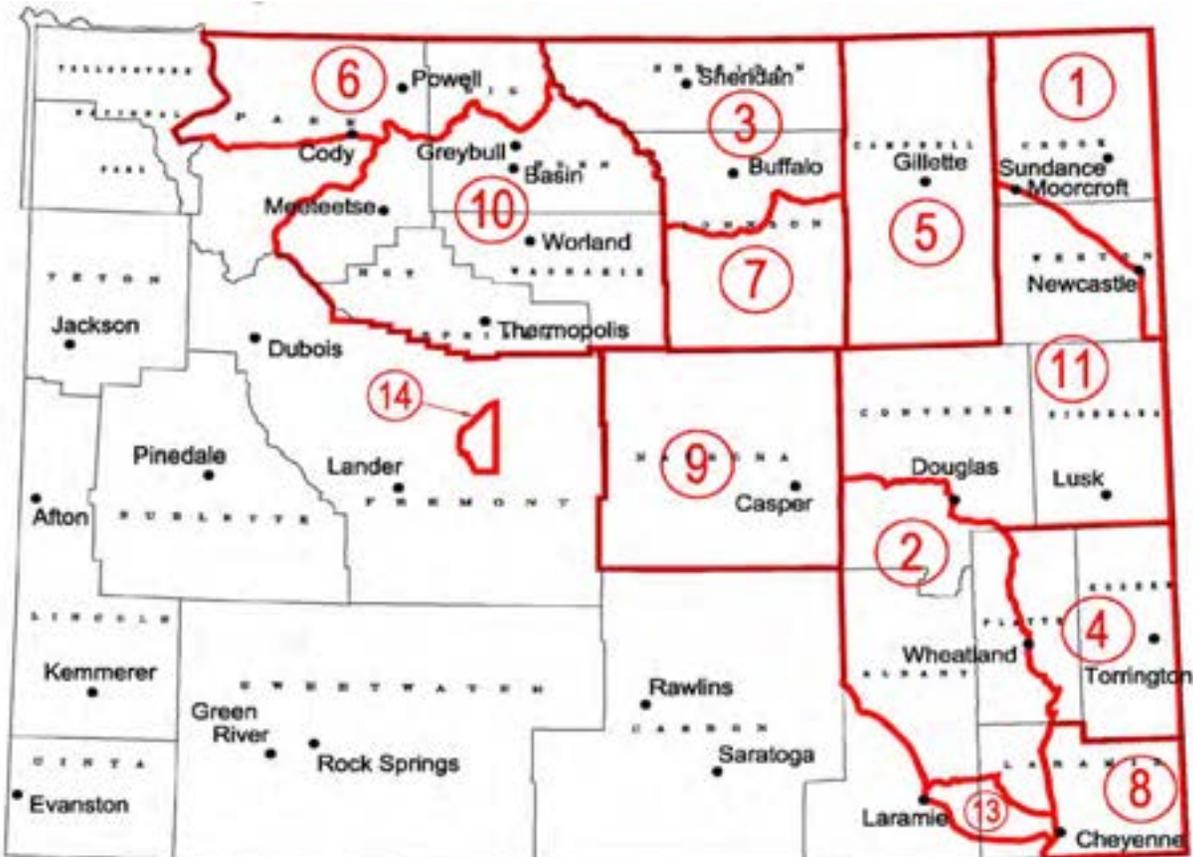
Dear Hunters,

We are asking you to participate in the WYOMING GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT SPRING WILD TURKEY SURVEY for the 2010 season (April 1, 2010 to May 20, 2010). 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 wild turkeys 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 enter the **Hunter Key** as it appears in the first line of your address above to use the electronic survey form, OR complete the survey on the back and return it to us by JUNE 20, 2010 in the enclosed prepaid envelope.

Please check here if you DID NOT hunt wild turkeys this season.

If you DID hunt, using the map below, please complete the survey on the back.

2010 SPRING WILD TURKEY MAP



OVER →



WYOMING GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT 2010 FALL WILD TURKEY HARVEST SURVEY

Due January 31, 2011



Dear Hunter,

We are asking you to participate in the WYOMING GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT'S FALL WILD TURKEY SURVEY for the 2010 season (Sept. 15 thru Dec. 31). Our biologists use the results of this survey to monitor populations and recommend hunting seasons. Your responses are confidential and very important even if you did not hunt wild turkeys or were unsuccessful. We appreciate your assistance with this survey and thank you in advance for your help. By JANUARY 31, 2011, please complete this survey in one of two ways: via the Internet go to <http://gf.state.wy.us/HarvestSurvey/> and use the electronic survey form by entering the **Hunter Key** as it appears in the first line of your address above, OR complete the survey on the back and return it to us in the enclosed prepaid envelope.

Please check here if you DID NOT hunt wild turkeys this season and simply return the form.

If you DID hunt, using the map below, please complete the survey on the back.

FALL 2010 WILD TURKEY HUNT AREAS



OVER →

If you hunted wild turkey, please check which license combination you held:

- 1 General Only 1 General & 1 Limited Quota
 1 Limited Quota Only 2 Limited Quota

GENERAL LICENSE	WRITE the hunt areas you hunted with your GENERAL LICENSE	# of days hunted in this area	Did you harvest a turkey in this area?	harvested	weapon used to harvest	date of harvest	location 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	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> private <input type="checkbox"/> national forest <input type="checkbox"/> other
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	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	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> private <input type="checkbox"/> national forest <input type="checkbox"/> other

LIMITED QUOTA LICENSE(S)	CHECK hunt area you hunted with your LIMITED QUOTA LICENSE(S)	check license type	# of days hunted in this area	Did you harvest a turkey in this area?	harvested	weapon used to harvest	date of harvest	location of harvest
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COMMENTS:

Thank you for your help with this important survey!
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**2011 SPRING WILD TURKEY
HARVEST SURVEY**
Please Return by June 30, 2011



HUNTER KEY

GSH113923RTS



Gail F Sheridan
1234 Some St
Somewhere, WY 82006

We encourage you to fill out the survey on the Internet
<http://gf.state.wy.us/HarvestSurvey>
Please use the **HUNTER KEY** as it appears in red above your name to the left.

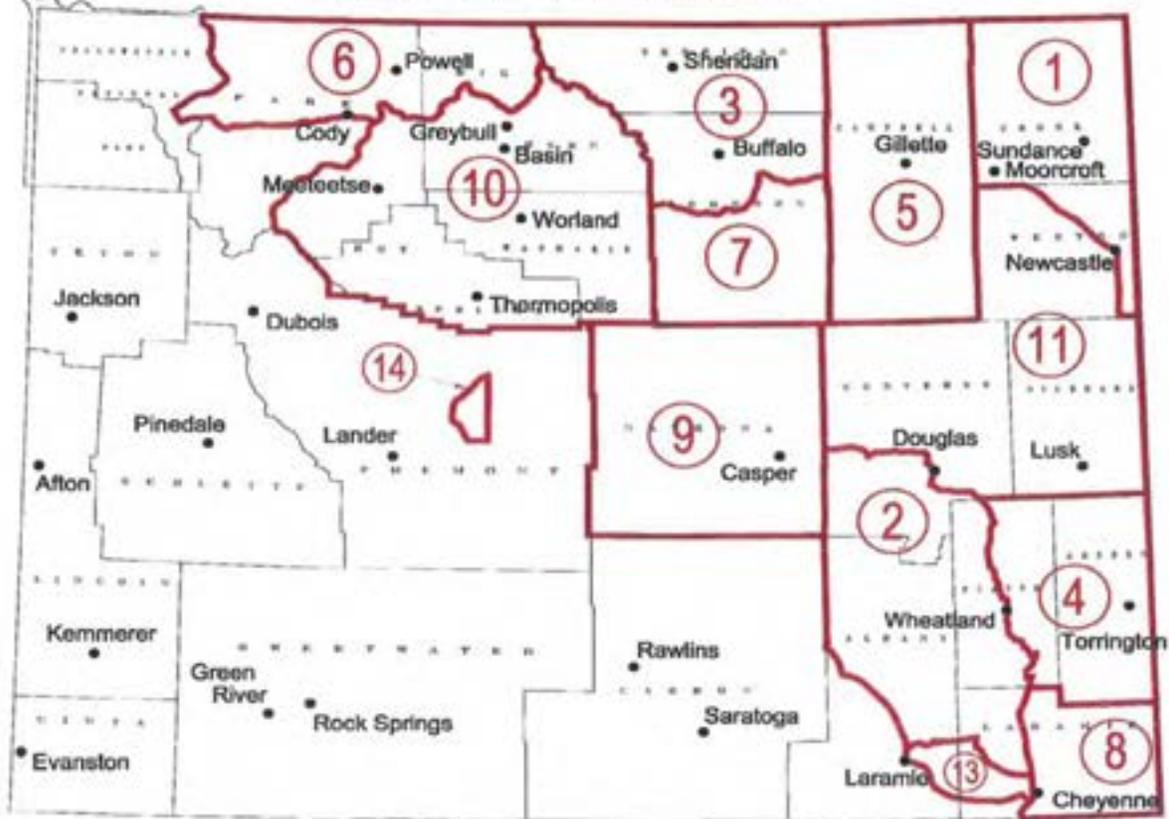
Dear Hunter,

We are asking you to participate in the WYOMING GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT SPRING WILD TURKEY SURVEY for the 2011 season (April 1, 2011 to May 20, 2011). 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 wild turkey 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 enter your **Hunter Key** as shown above your address to use the electronic survey form, OR complete the survey on the back and return it to us by JUNE 30, 2011 in the enclosed prepaid envelope.

Please check here if you DID NOT hunt wild turkeys this season.

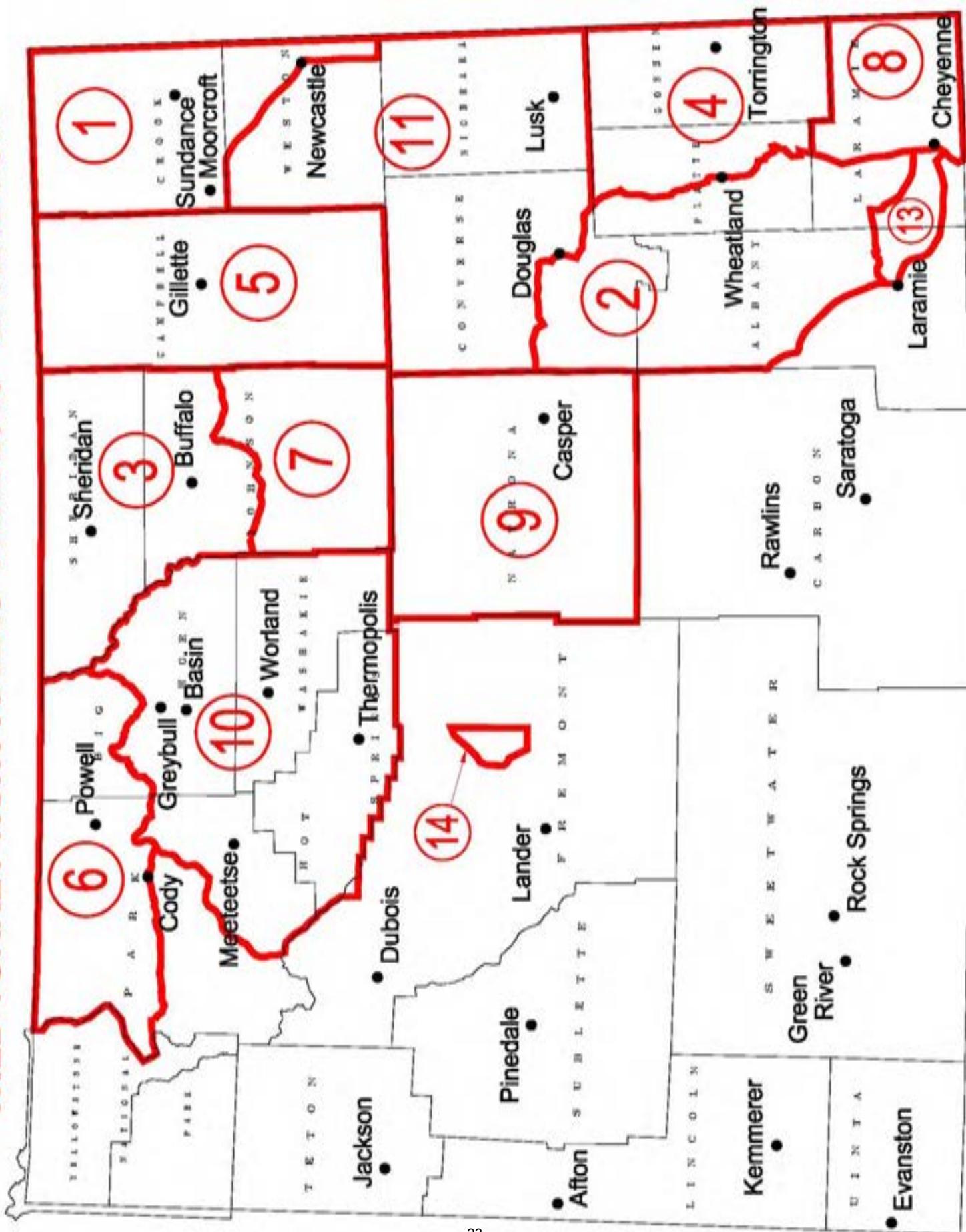
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2011 SPRING WILD TURKEY MAP

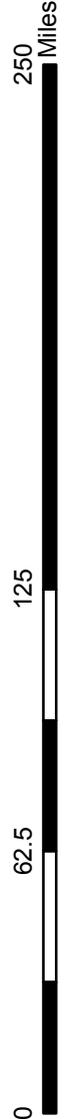
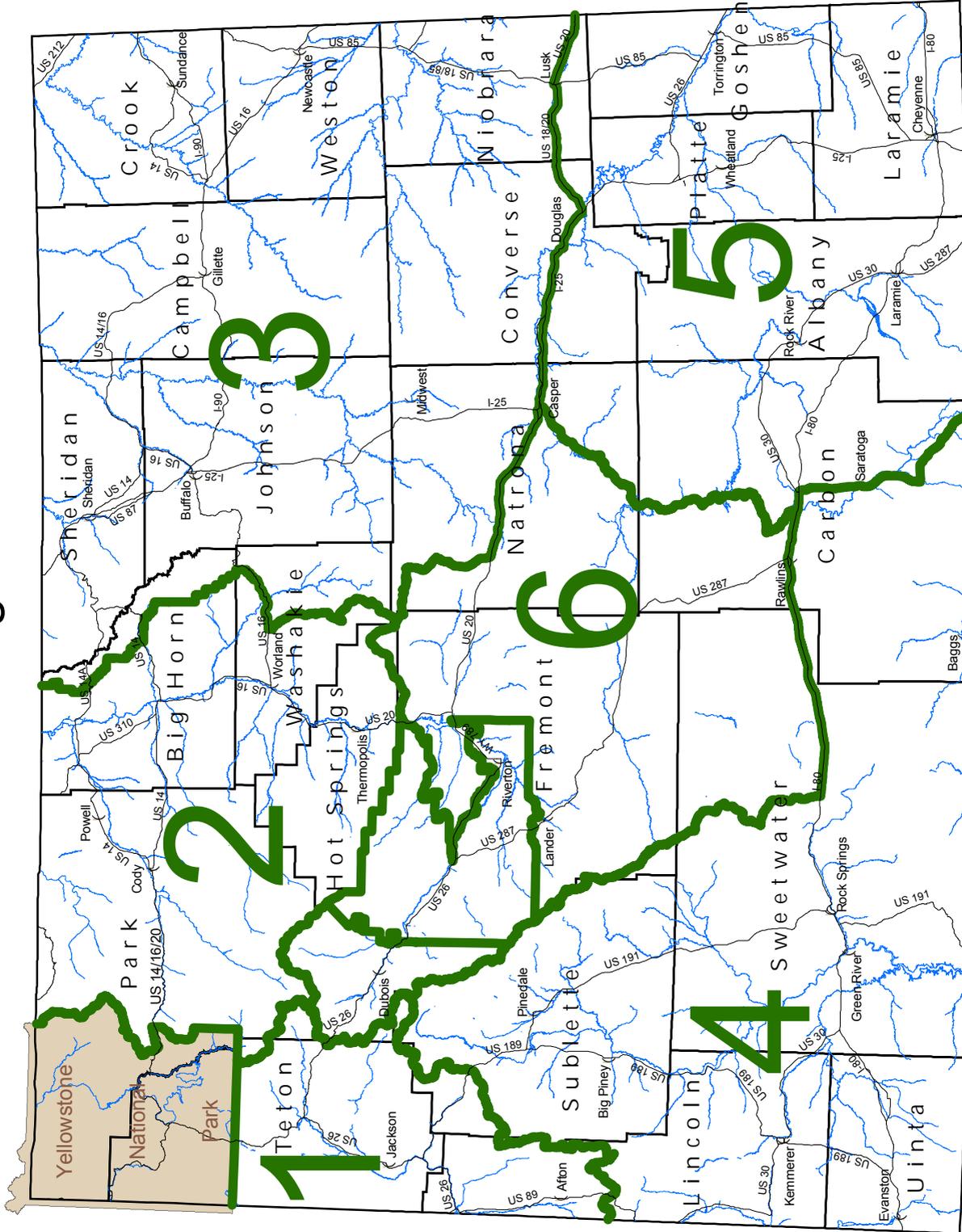


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WILD TURKEY HUNT AREAS FALL 2010 - SPRING 2011



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MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS & WATERFOWL



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

**2010 MOURNING DOVE
HARVEST ESTIMATES**

MANAGEMENT AREA	HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
1	20	80	28
2	456	5200	1640
3	300	3218	701
4	244	919	798
5	1182	16003	3972
6	326	3486	957
SPECIES TOTALS	2528	28906	8096

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN POPULATIONS OF GREATER SANDHILL CRANES
AND CANADA GEESE HARVEST AND HUNTER ACTIVITY DURING THE
LIMITED QUOTA AND EARLY SEASON IN WYOMING 2010**

Projected estimates from harvest questionnaires.

	AREA						TOTALS
	1 BEAR RIVER	2 SALT RIVER	3 FARSON	4 RIVERTON	5 UINTA	6 BIG HORNS	
PERMITS	30	30	105	105	10	115	395
NUMBER HUNTING	20	26	85	91	10	96	328
DID NOT HUNT	10	4	20	14	0	19	67
DAYS HUNTED	33	109	151	196	13	193	695
AVG DAYS/HUNTER	1.65	4.19	1.78	2.15	1.30	2.01	2.12
ADULT CRANE HARVEST	9	2	54	37	0	39	141
JUVENILE CRANE HARVEST	2	4	9	9	3	14	41
TOTAL CRANE HARVEST	11	6	63	46	3	53	182
HUNTER SUCCESS %	55%	21%	74%	51%	30%	55%	55%
PERMIT SUCCESS %	37%	20%	60%	44%	30%	46%	46%
CRANES KNOCKED DOWN BUT NOT RETRIEVED	2	0	2	4	0	2	10
GEESE HARVESTED	12	45	88	0	5	0	150
GEESE/HUNTER	0.60	1.71	1.04	0.00	0.50	0.00	1.06

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

**2010 DUCK
HARVEST ESTIMATES**

MANAGEMENT AREA		HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
1A	Missouri - Little Powder River	298	2558	1345
1B	Tongue - Little Bighorn - Powder River	229	1800	966
1C	Central North Platte River	798	6061	4669
2A	Lower Platte River	934	6833	5756
2B	South Platte River	115	1251	607
3A	Upper North Platte River	415	2527	1751
4A	Big Horn River Basin	1045	10236	6401
4B	Yellowstone River - YNP	10	97	18
4C	Wind River Basin	477	4217	2373
4D	Sweetwater River	26	61	59
5A	Snake River	125	1140	870
5B	Upper Green River Basin	104	503	294
5C	Salt River	120	1024	811
5D	Lower Bear River	111	1140	648
5E	Great Divide Basin	20	100	54
5F	Lower Green River Basin	368	2641	1998
5G	Ham's Fork - Black Fork	194	1169	747
5H	Upper Bear River	146	941	620
5I	Little Snake	48	152	138
SPECIES TOTALS		5583	44451	30125

**2010 EARLY GEESE
HARVEST ESTIMATES**

MANAGEMENT AREA		HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
1B	Tongue - Little Bighorn - Powder River	15	60	78
1C	Central North Platte River	17	0	99
2A	Lower Platte River	127	263	408
2B	South Platte River	8	24	64
3A	Upper North Platte River	3	0	3
4A	Big Horn River Basin	86	325	241
4B	Yellowstone River - YNP	2	9	5
4C	Wind River Basin	25	82	122
4D	Sweetwater River	3	6	6
5A	Snake River	77	193	161
5C	Salt River	71	161	185
5D	Lower Bear River	55	105	129
5F	Lower Green River Basin	178	208	345
5G	Ham's Fork - Black Fork	35	54	91
5H	Upper Bear River	24	12	57
5I	Little Snake	46	153	91
SPECIES TOTALS		772	1655	2085

**2010 REGULAR GEESE
HARVEST ESTIMATES**

MANAGEMENT AREA		HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
1A	Missouri - Little Powder River	85	2293	418
1B	Tongue - Little Bighorn - Powder River	172	1151	817
1C	Central North Platte River	599	2134	3021
2A	Lower Platte River	2391	20442	14009
2B	South Platte River	84	437	555
3A	Upper North Platte River	166	928	945
4A	Big Horn River Basin	869	7866	6126
4B	Yellowstone River - YNP	10	23	18
4C	Wind River Basin	419	2694	2064
4D	Sweetwater River	15	59	71
5A	Snake River	75	62	360
5B	Upper Green River Basin	47	37	119
5C	Salt River	82	91	558
5D	Lower Bear River	91	185	454
5E	Great Divide Basin	10	10	10
5F	Lower Green River Basin	293	499	1441
5G	Ham's Fork - Black Fork	76	137	384
5H	Upper Bear River	69	158	235
5I	Little Snake	25	163	76
SPECIES TOTALS		5578	39369	31681

**2010 ANNUAL COMBINED GEESE
HARVEST ESTIMATES**

MANAGEMENT AREA		HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
1A	Missouri - Little Powder River	85	2293	418
1B	Tongue - Little Bighorn - Powder River	187	1211	895
1C	Central North Platte River	616	2134	3120
2A	Lower Platte River	2518	20705	14417
2B	South Platte River	92	461	619
3A	Upper North Platte River	169	928	948
4A	Big Horn River Basin	955	8191	6367
4B	Yellowstone River - YNP	12	32	23
4C	Wind River Basin	444	2776	2186
4D	Sweetwater River	18	65	77
5A	Snake River	152	255	521
5B	Upper Green River Basin	47	37	119
5C	Salt River	153	252	743
5D	Lower Bear River	146	290	583
5E	Great Divide Basin	10	10	10
5F	Lower Green River Basin	471	707	1786
5G	Ham's Fork - Black Fork	111	191	475
5H	Upper Bear River	93	170	292
5I	Little Snake	71	316	167
SPECIES TOTALS		6350	41024	33766

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 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, 2009, 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, 2010.

(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	Nov. 9	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. 12 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; 105 permits any sandhill crane	Sept. 18	Oct. 10	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; 115 permits any sandhill crane	Sept. 18	Oct. 3	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	
	Opens	Closes			Daily	Possession
Hunt Area 7 – Permit required, any sandhill crane	Sept. 18	Nov. 14	See Sec. 6	b a after Nov. 12	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	
	Opens	Closes			Daily	Possession
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 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) Seedskafee National Wildlife Refuge. All lands within Seedskafee 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) 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 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	7:49	6:11	7:43	6:03	7:35	5:57	7:29
8-14	6:25	7:36	6:19	7:30	6:11	7:22	6:05	7:16
15-21	6:32	7:24	6:26	7:18	6:18	7:10	6:12	7:04
22-30	6:41	7:09	6:35	7:03	6:27	6:55	6:21	6:49
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	7:06	6:32	7:00	6:26	6:52	6:18	6:46	6:12
22-31	7:17	6:19	7:11	6:13	7:03	6:05	6:57	5:59
November								
1-6	7:27	6:09	7:21	6:03	7:13	5:55	7:07	5:49
*7-14	6:36	5:01	6:30	4:55	6:22	4:47	6:16	4:41
15-21	6:45	4:54	6:39	4:48	6:31	4:40	6:25	4:34
22-30	6:55	4:48	6:49	4:42	6:41	4:34	6:35	4:28
December								
1-7	7:03	4:45	6:57	4:39	6:49	4:31	6:43	4:25
8-16	7:11	4:45	7:03	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	Nov. 9	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

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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 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, 2009, 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 Chapter 39, Early Migratory Game Bird Hunting Seasons.

(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. 25	Jan. 7	See Sec. 6	d, e	7**	14**
COOTS	Sept. 25	Jan. 7	See Sec. 6	d, e	25	25
DARK GEESE	Sept. 25	Dec. 30	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 25 through December 19 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 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 2010-2011 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. 2	Dec. 26	See Sec. 6	b a after Nov. 12 c after Nov. 14	10	40
	Jan. 20	Feb. 7	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. 2	Oct. 19	See Sec. 6	b	6**	12**
	Oct. 30	Jan. 16	See Sec. 6	b a after Nov. 12	6**	12**
MERGANSERS	Oct. 2	Oct. 19	See Sec. 6	b	5**	10**
	Oct. 30	Jan. 16	See Sec. 6	b a after Nov. 12	5**	10**
COOTS	Oct. 2	Oct. 19	See Sec. 6	b	15	30
	Oct. 30	Jan. 16	See Sec. 6	b a after Nov. 12	15	30
DARK GEESE All counties except Goshen and Platte Counties	Oct. 2	Oct. 19	See Sec. 6		5	10
	Nov. 6	Dec. 5	See Sec. 6		5	10
	Dec. 11	Feb. 5	See Sec. 6		5	10
DARK GEESE Goshen and Platte Counties*	Oct. 2	Oct. 19	See Sec. 6	b	2	4
	Nov. 13	Feb. 7	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. 25	Nov. 28	See Sec. 6	c after Nov. 14	6**	12**
	Dec. 11	Jan. 11	See Sec. 6	c	6**	12**
MERGANSERS	Sept. 25	Nov. 28	See Sec. 6	c after Nov. 14	5**	10**
	Dec. 11	Jan. 11	See Sec. 6	c	5**	10**
COOTS	Sept. 25	Nov. 28	See Sec. 6	c after Nov. 14	15	30
	Dec. 11	Jan. 11	See Sec. 6	c	15	30
DARK GEESE Big Horn and Fremont Counties	Sept. 25	Oct. 19	See Sec. 6		5	10
	Oct. 30	Dec. 5	See Sec. 6	c after Nov. 14	5	10
	Dec. 11	Jan. 22	See Sec. 6	c	5	10
DARK GEESE All counties except Big Horn and Fremont Counties	Sept. 25	Nov. 28	See Sec. 6		5	10
	Dec. 11	Jan. 19	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 two (2) pintails;
- 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 18-19, 2010. In Zone C1 of the Central Flyway, the special youth waterfowl hunting days are September 25-26, 2010. In Zone C2 of the Central Flyway, the special youth waterfowl hunting days are September 18-19, 2010. 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 license and stamp requirements, daily bag limits, species and sex restrictions, shooting hours and other regulations that apply to the regular duck and goose seasons, as defined for each flyway, shall apply during the special youth 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 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. See Section 8 regarding the 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 Section 6(a), 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 Section 6(b).

(a) Goshen County and those portions of Platte County west of Interstate Highway 25 or south of Wyoming Highway 160 (Gray Rocks Road) and Riverview Road (Platte County Road 271). Shooting hours for dark geese shall be from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to 1:00 p.m., except on the dates listed in subsections (i), (ii) and (iii), when shooting hours shall be from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to sunset as determined from the shooting hours table in subsection 6(b) – Area D.

(i) October 2 through October 19.

(ii) All Saturdays and Wednesdays from November 13 through December 31.

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

(b) 2010-2011 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	7:49	6:11	7:43	6:03	7:35	5:57	7:29
8-14	6:25	7:36	6:19	7:30	6:11	7:22	6:05	7:16
15-21	6:32	7:24	6:26	7:18	6:18	7:10	6:12	7:04
22-30	6:41	7:09	6:35	7:03	6:27	6:55	6:21	6:49
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	7:06	6:32	7:00	6:26	6:52	6:18	6:46	6:12
22-31	7:17	6:19	7:11	6:13	7:03	6:05	6:57	5:59
November								
1-6	7:27	6:09	7:21	6:03	7:13	5:55	7:07	5:49
*7-14	6:36	5:01	6:30	4:55	6:22	4:47	6:16	4:41
15-21	6:45	4:54	6:39	4:48	6:31	4:40	6:25	4:34
22-30	6:55	4:48	6:49	4:42	6:41	4:34	6:35	4:28
December								
1-7	7:03	4:45	6:57	4:39	6:49	4:31	6:43	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								
1-7	7:01	5:36	6:55	5:30	6:47	5:22	6:41	5:16

*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. 25	Sept. 26	See Sec. 6	Limitations in effect in Sections 4 and 5 shall apply	3**	6**
	Oct. 2	Oct. 27				
	Oct. 30	Jan. 16				
ZONE C2 – Central Flyway, Ducks, Mergansers and Coots	Sept. 18	Sept. 19				
	Sept. 25	Dec. 6				
	Dec. 11	Jan. 11				
Dark Geese - Central Flyway, Goshen and Platte Counties	Oct. 2	Oct. 19				
	Nov. 13	Feb. 7				
Dark Geese – Central Flyway, all counties in Zone C1 except Goshen and Platte Counties	Oct. 2	Oct. 19				
	Nov. 6	Dec. 5				
	Dec. 11	Feb. 5				
Dark Geese – Central Flyway, Big Horn and Fremont Counties	Sept. 25	Oct. 19				
	Oct. 30	Dec. 5				
	Dec. 11	Jan. 22				
Dark Geese – Central Flyway, all Counties in Zone C2 except Big Horn and Fremont Counties	Sept. 25	Nov. 28				
	Dec. 11	Jan. 19				
Light Geese - Central Flyway	Oct. 2	Dec. 26				
	Jan. 20	Feb. 7				
Ducks, Mergansers and Coots – Pacific Flyway	Sept. 18	Sept. 19				
	Sept. 25	Jan. 7				
Dark Geese - Pacific Flyway	Sept. 1	Sept. 8				
	Sept. 25	Dec. 30				

**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. There shall be a Bump-Sullivan managed goose hunt during the November 13, 2010 – February 7, 2011 segment of the dark goose hunting season in Goshen County. In order to participate in this hunt, persons and parties shall register at the check station during the times specified in subsection (c) and shall successfully draw a pit, blind or hunting location as described in subsection (e) of this section. Each participant shall possess and present upon request a valid game bird license and conservation stamp (unless otherwise exempted by statute), a Wyoming HIP permit for licensed hunters and a federal duck stamp. Persons born on or after January 1, 1966 shall possess and

present upon request a hunter safety certificate. The maximum party size is three (3) – no more than three (3) persons shall hunt from each pit, blind or hunting location.

(a) Goose Special Management Permit. A Goose Special Management Permit shall not be required to participate in the Bump-Sullivan Managed Goose Hunt during the 2010-2011 waterfowl hunting season.

(b) Hunting Permits. Nineteen (19) hunting permits shall be available for each day during the Bump-Sullivan Managed Goose Hunt. Each hunting permit is valid only for the date and pit, blind or hunting location printed on the permit by the Department.

(i) Youth Only Hunt Days. The youth only hunt days are Saturday, December 11, 2010 and Sunday, January 2, 2011. Only persons under the age of eighteen (18) on or before October 1, 2010 shall be allowed to hunt on the youth hunt days. Persons under the age of fourteen (14) shall be accompanied by an adult. No adult shall take any waterfowl on the Bump-Sullivan Managed Goose Hunt area during the youth only hunt days.

(c) Check Station Location and Operation. A check station shall be located one and one-quarter (1 1/4) miles west of U.S. Highway 85 on Goshen County Road 42 at the south boundary of the Springer WHMA. All persons participating in the Bump-Sullivan Managed Goose Hunt shall be required to check in and out when entering and leaving the area for the purpose of hunting migratory game birds during dark goose shooting hours.

(i) Hours of Operation. The check station shall be opened to register hunters at 5:00 a.m. from November 13 through November 30, 2010; 5:30 a.m. from December 1, 2010 through January 31, 2011; and 5:00 a.m. from February 1 through February 7, 2011. All hunters shall register no later than 5:30 a.m. from November 13 through November 30, 2010; 6:00 a.m. from December 1, 2010 through January 31, 2011; and 5:30 a.m. from February 1 through February 7, 2011.

(d) Registration of Hunters. Persons participating in the Bump-Sullivan Managed Goose Hunt shall register at the check station prior to hunting. To register, each hunting party shall complete a registration card provided at the check station. The registration card shall be visibly displayed on the dash of one of the hunting party's vehicles. Each hunting party shall check out at the check station within two (2) hours after the close of legal shooting hours on the same day for which the hunting party is registered by accurately completing the daily registration card and depositing the card in the designated drop box located at the check station.

(e) Selection of Pits, Blinds and Hunting Locations. Drawings for the period November 13 through November 30, 2010 shall commence at 5:30 a.m.; drawings for the period December 1, 2010 through January 31, 2011 shall commence at 6:00 a.m.; and drawings for the period February 1 through February 7, 2011 shall commence at 5:30 a.m. Four (4) pass shooting pits, numbered 13-16, shall be available each day on a first-come, first-served basis when requested by hunters who register at the check station.

(f) Parking Assignment. Hunters shall park at the posts marked with the number corresponding to the numbered pit, blind or hunting location to which the hunters have been assigned. No more than two (2) vehicles per pit, blind or hunting location shall be allowed in the parking lots. No person shall drive a vehicle beyond the established parking areas during the goose and duck hunting seasons, except for Department administrative access. Hunters may use a non-motorized cart, watercraft or toboggan to transport decoys and other gear to and from the pit, blind or hunting location.

(g) Springer Field Hunting Locations. Three (3) field hunting locations identified by stakes numbered 17 through 19 shall be established in the portion of the Springer Wildlife Habitat Management

Area south of Goshen County Road 42 and shall be available for each day of the Bump-Sullivan Managed Goose Hunt. In order to hunt at these three (3) locations, hunters shall register as described in subsection (d) and shall participate in the drawing as described in subsection (e) of this section.

(i) All persons in each party shall only hunt from within ten (10) yards of the assigned stake location. Decoys may be set up outside the 10-yard perimeter. Persons may leave the 10-yard perimeter to arrange decoys or retrieve downed waterfowl. Persons are responsible for providing their own means of concealment, which may include portable blinds, tarps or other materials, provided all materials shall be removed and transported from the hunt area at the end of the day's hunt.

(ii) All other requirements of this section shall apply while hunting from the three (3) Springer field hunting locations.

(h) Leaving Pits, Blinds or Hunting Locations. Hunters shall be required, unless otherwise exempted by check station personnel, to be at their designated pit, blind or hunting location by the open of the official shooting time. Hunters shall remain at the pit, blind or hunting location at all times except hunters may leave to arrange decoys, retrieve downed birds or to return to the parking lot upon completion of the hunt. Participants shall only be permitted to hunt at the pit, blind or hunting location for which they have registered.

(i) Shell Restriction. The daily shell limit shall not exceed twelve (12) nontoxic shot shells per hunter per day. This means a hunter shall not take or possess more than a total of twelve (12) shot shells in the field in a single day. No person shall fire more than twelve (12) shot shells in a single day.

(j) Commercial Operations. No person shall conduct a commercially guided or outfitted hunt on the Bump-Sullivan Managed Goose Hunt area.

(k) Decoy Placement and Removal. Hunters shall set out decoys prior to the opening time for legal shooting hours and hunters shall remove decoys at the completion of each day's hunt.

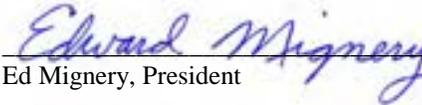
(l) Trash Removal. Hunters shall remove all trash or litter, including spent shell casings.

(m) The Bump-Sullivan Managed Goose Hunt area is open to light goose hunting during the Light Goose Conservation Order. Only the Bump-Sullivan Managed Goose Hunt area and the portion of the Springer Wildlife Habitat Management Area south of Goshen County Road 42 are open to light goose hunting. Participants shall be required to park only in the established parking locations. Pits, blinds and hunting locations shall be occupied on a first-come, first-served basis, however participants are not required to hunt from established pits, blinds or hunting locations. There shall be no registration requirement. Participants shall comply with all requirements set forth in Chapter 48 Light Goose Conservation Order.

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:


Ed Mignery, President

Dated: November 17, 2010

2011 LIGHT GOOSE CONSERVATION ORDER

Harvest and hunter activity during the 2011 Light Goose Conservation Order in Wyoming.

	Season February 21 - April 10
Permits Sold (excludes known collector purchases)	204
Resident	152
Non-resident	52
Unknown residency	0
Initial Responses	110
% Initial Response	53.9
Second Responses	53
% Second Response	26.0
No Response ^a	41
% No Response	20.1
Total Survey Responses (completed surveys)	163
Percent Responded	79.9

PROJECTED TOTAL^b	
Active Hunters	159
Did Not Hunt	45
Total Days Hunted	520
Days/Hunter	3.3
Geese Harvested	873
Geese Knocked Down, but not retrieved	82
Total Harvest	965
Harvest/Hunter	6.1

Hunters using Electronic Callers	109
Harvest by Hunters using Electronic Callers	755
Average Harvest of Hunters using Callers	7.0

Hunters Hunting After Sunset	55
Harvest by Hunters Hunting After Sunset	89
Average Harvest of After Sunset Hunters	1.6

Hunters Using Callers and Hunting After Sunset	41
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% of Hunters Hunting in Goshen County	100.0
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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)

Note: Beginning in 2011, the survey questions about total days hunting with electronic callers or after sunset are no longer asked.

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, 2009, 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 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 22, 2011. 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, 2009, 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. 21	April 10	See Sec. 7	a(i), a(ii), b, c, d a(iii) after March 20	20	Unrestricted

(ii) Those areas within the boundaries of the Bump-Sullivan and Springer managed goose hunts, including Bump-Sullivan Reservoir, shall be open to the taking of light geese during the light goose conservation order. Pits/blinds and staked hunting locations 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 or staked hunting location 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 or staked hunting location 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 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.

(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 20.

(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 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.

2011 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						
21-28	6:27	6:27	6:19	6:19	6:13	6:13
March						
1-7	6:14	6:36	6:06	6:28	6:00	6:22
8-12	6:04	6:43	5:56	6:35	5:50	6:29
*13-21	6:52	7:52	6:44	7:44	6:38	7:38
22-31	6:35	8:03	6:27	7:55	6:21	7:49
April						
1-7	6:21	8:13	6:13	8:05	6:07	7:59
8-10	6:12	8:18	6:04	8:10	5:58	8:04

*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:
Ed Mignery, President

Dated: April 22, 2010

UPLAND GAME BIRDS



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

2010 PHEASANT HARVEST ESTIMATES			
MANAGEMENT AREA	HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
2	2507	11369	13237
3	1896	8892	8970
4	98	125	98
5	3348	15896	12782
6	1036	4198	4852
SPECIES TOTALS	8885	40480	39939

2010 RUFFED GROUSE HARVEST ESTIMATES			
MANAGEMENT AREA	HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
1	493	1367	3277
2	229	380	906
3	156	217	1012
4	566	925	2524
6	297	651	1166
SPECIES TOTALS	1741	3540	8885

2010-2011 CHUKAR PARTRIDGE HARVEST ESTIMATES			
MANAGEMENT AREA	HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
1	2	19	9
2	1342	5140	5845
3	272	661	770
4	144	240	508
5	52	121	74
6	262	563	598
SPECIES TOTALS	2074	6744	7804

2010 BLUE GROUSE HARVEST ESTIMATES			
MANAGEMENT AREA	HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
1	376	681	1857
2	498	1153	1955
3	595	1552	2196
4	1021	1843	4864
5	997	2077	3856
6	357	512	1108
SPECIES TOTALS	3844	7818	15836

2010-2011 GRAY PARTRIDGE HARVEST ESTIMATES			
MANAGEMENT AREA	HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
1	29	32	54
2	611	2115	3516
3	640	2354	3223
4	9	7	9
5	80	245	210
6	144	492	453
SPECIES TOTALS	1513	5245	7465

2010 SAGE-GROUSE HARVEST ESTIMATES			
MANAGEMENT AREA	HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
B	278	545	655
C	117	129	202
D	526	1510	1497
E	1056	2495	2866
F	480	1027	1001
G	1788	4225	4048
H	487	1126	1165
SPECIES TOTALS	4732	11057	11434

2010 SHARP-TAILED GROUSE HARVEST ESTIMATES			
MANAGEMENT AREA	HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
3	666	1911	3156
5	405	517	1355
SPECIES TOTALS	1071	2428	4511

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 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. 18	Sept. 30	2	4	Any sage grouse
2, 3					CLOSED
4	Sept. 18	Sept. 20	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:
Ed Mignery, President

Dated: April 22, 2010

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 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:
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Dated: April 22, 2010

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 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:
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Dated: April 22, 2010

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 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. 6	Dec. 31	2	6	Male pheasant only	½ hour before Sunrise	Sunset
2	Nov. 6	Dec. 5	2	6	Any pheasant (Youth Hunt-Refer to Section 8)	8:00 a.m.	4:00 p.m.
	Dec. 6	Dec. 31	2	6	Male pheasant only	8:00 a.m.	4:00 p.m.
3, 4	Nov. 6	Dec. 31	3	9	Male pheasant only	½ hour before Sunrise	Sunset
5	Nov. 6	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. 6	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. 21	Nov. 5	3	Season Limit 3	Any pheasant (Springer permits) Refer to Section 6	8:00 a.m.	4:00 p.m.
	Nov. 6	Nov. 12	3	9	Any pheasant	8:00 a.m.	4:00 p.m.
	Nov. 13	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. 6	Dec. 31	3	9	Any pheasant (Glendo permits). Refer to Section 7	8:00 a.m.	4:00 p.m.
10	Nov. 6	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 13.

(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 21 through November 5.

(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 23 and October 31.

(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 3, December 4, December 5 and December 6. 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 7, 14, 21, and 28. 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 20. 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:
Ed Mignery, President

Dated: April 22, 2010

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 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. 18	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:
Ed Mignery, President

Dated: April 22, 2010

WILD TURKEY



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

2010 WILD TURKEY ANNUAL HARVEST ESTIMATES

(January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010)

	NUMBER SOLD	NUMBER HUNTERS	TOMS	HENS	TOTAL HARVEST	SUCCESS RATE	HUNTER DAYS	DAYS/HARVEST
2010 SPRING								
RESIDENT	4957	3439	1896	12	1908	0.00%	13447	7.05
NONRESIDENT	1869	1817	1306	0	1306	0.00%	4908	3.76
TOTAL	6826	5256	3202	12	3214	0.00%	18355	5.71
2010 FALL								
RESIDENT	2202	1826	595	511	1106	60.57%	4806	4.35
NONRESIDENT	280	249	129	63	192	77.11%	622	3.24
TOTAL	2482	2075	724	574	1298	62.55%	5428	4.18
ANNUAL TOTALS								
RESIDENT	7159	5265	2491	523	3014	57.25%	18253	6.06
NONRESIDENT	2149	2066	1435	63	1498	72.51%	5530	3.69
TOTAL	9308	7331	3926	586	4512	61.55%	23783	5.27

FALL 2010 & SPRING 2011 WILD TURKEY ANNUAL HARVEST ESTIMATES

(June 1, 2010 through May 31, 2011)

	NUMBER SOLD	NUMBER HUNTERS	TOMS	HENS	TOTAL HARVEST	SUCCESS RATE	HUNTER DAYS	DAYS/HARVEST
2010 FALL								
RESIDENT	2123	1826	595	511	1106	60.57%	4806	4.35
NONRESIDENT	280	249	129	63	192	77.11%	622	3.24
TOTAL	2403	2075	724	574	1298	62.55%	5428	4.18
2011 SPRING								
RESIDENT	4503	3996	1694	2	1696	42.44%	12909	7.61
NONRESIDENT	1842	1787	1131	4	1135	63.51%	5034	4.44
TOTAL	6345	5783	2825	6	2831	48.95%	17943	6.34
ANNUAL TOTALS								
RESIDENT	6626	5822	2289	513	2802	48.13%	17715	6.32
NONRESIDENT	2122	2036	1260	67	1327	65.18%	5656	4.26
TOTAL	8748	7858	3549	580	4129	52.55%	23371	5.66

NOTE:

In 2009, the dates covered in this report were changed from the calendar year (Jan 1 through Dec 31) to the biological year (June 1 through May 31). For one time only, two years of turkey harvest estimates are included here, in an effort to adjust the reporting schedule to the biological year.

2010 SPRING WILD TURKEY HARVEST ESTIMATES

AREA	TYPE	FEETYPE	SOLD	HUNTERS	TOM	HEN	TOTAL	SUCCESS	DAYS	DAYS/
										HARVEST
1 BLACK HILLS	3	RES	696	594	302	0	302	50.8%	2083	6.9
	3	NONRES	540	526	383	0	383	72.8%	1466	3.8
	G	RES	3647	1364	549	6	555	40.7%	4331	7.8
	G	NONRES	1263	894	654	0	654	73.2%	2449	3.7
TOTAL			6146	3378	1888	6	1894	56.1%	10329	5.5
2 LARAMIE PEAK	G	RES	3647	481	136	0	136	28.3%	1234	9.1
	G	NONRES	1263	50	21	0	21	42.0%	108	5.1
TOTAL			4910	531	157	0	157	29.6%	1342	8.6
3 SHERIDAN-JOHNSON	G	RES	3647	574	338	3	341	59.4%	1662	4.9
	G	NONRES	1263	99	87	0	87	87.9%	257	3.0
TOTAL			4910	673	425	3	428	63.6%	1919	4.5
4 GOSHEN	1	RES	131	93	45	0	45	48.4%	304	6.8
	1	NONRES	21	21	15	0	15	71.4%	55	3.7
	2	RES	136	82	41	0	41	50.0%	278	6.8
	2	NONRES	15	10	5	0	5	50.0%	27	5.4
	G	RES	3647	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0
TOTAL			3950	206	106	0	106	51.5%	664	6.3
5 CAMPBELL	G	RES	3647	171	74	0	74	43.3%	440	6.0
	G	NONRES	1263	50	43	0	43	86.0%	118	2.7
TOTAL			4910	221	117	0	117	52.9%	558	4.8
6 SHOSHONE	1	RES	32	32	21	0	21	65.6%	108	5.1
	1	NONRES	10	10	8	0	8	80.0%	33	4.1
	2	RES	49	47	30	0	30	63.8%	319	10.6
	2	NONRES	3	3	3	0	3	100.0%	18	6.0
TOTAL			94	92	62	0	62	67.4%	478	7.7
7 KAYCEE	G	RES	3647	84	47	0	47	56.0%	177	3.8
	G	NONRES	1263	4	4	0	4	100.0%	6	1.5
TOTAL			4910	88	51	0	51	58.0%	183	3.6
8 LARAMIE COUNTY	1	RES	23	18	16	0	16	88.9%	51	3.2
TOTAL			23	18	16	0	16	88.9%	51	3.2
9 NATRONA COUNTY	3	RES	97	88	50	0	50	56.8%	400	8.0
	3	NONRES	3	3	3	0	3	100.0%	5	1.7
	G	RES	3647	198	71	3	74	37.4%	809	10.9
	G	NONRES	1263	8	0	0	0	0.0%	19	0.0
TOTAL			5010	297	124	3	127	42.8%	1233	9.7

10 BIGHORN	1	RES	138	121	72	0	72	59.5%	552	7.7
	1	NONRES	12	12	8	0	8	66.7%	36	4.5
	TOTAL		150	133	80	0	80	60.2%	588	7.4
11 CHEYENNE RIVER	G	RES	3647	267	102	0	102	38.2%	663	6.5
	G	NONRES	1263	122	70	0	70	57.4%	292	4.2
	TOTAL		4910	389	172	0	172	44.2%	955	5.6
13 POLE MOUNTAIN	1	RES	8	7	2	0	2	28.6%	30	15.0
	1	NONRES	2	1	0	0	0	0.0%	2	0.0
	TOTAL		10	8	2	0	2	25.0%	32	16.0
14 WIND RIVER	G	RES	3647	6	0	0	0	0.0%	6	0.0
	G	NONRES	1263	4	2	0	2	50.0%	17	8.5
	TOTAL		4910	10	2	0	2	20.0%	23	11.5

2010 FALL WILD TURKEY HARVEST ESTIMATES

AREA	TYPE	FEETYPE	SOLD	HUNTERS	TOM	HEN	TOTAL	SUCCESS	DAYS	DAYS/ HARVEST
1 BLACK HILLS	G	RES	1902	633	191	165	356	56.2%	1879	5.3
	G	NONRES	262	127	63	32	95	74.8%	351	3.7
	TOTAL		2164	760	254	197	451	59.3%	2230	4.9
2 LARAMIE PEAK	G	RES	1902	174	41	50	91	52.3%	433	4.8
	G	NONRES	262	14	9	2	11	78.6%	26	2.4
	TOTAL		2164	188	50	52	102	54.3%	459	4.5
3 SHERIDAN-JOHNSON	3	RES	75	72	36	18	54	75.0%	143	2.7
	3	NONRES	3	2	0	2	2	100.0%	8	4.0
	G	RES	1902	363	160	93	253	69.7%	801	3.2
	G	NONRES	262	34	21	10	31	91.2%	77	2.5
TOTAL		2242	471	217	123	340	72.2%	1029	3.0	
4 GOSHEN	1	RES	90	63	23	14	37	58.7%	225	6.1
	1	NONRES	10	10	5	5	10	100.0%	18	1.8
	TOTAL		100	73	28	19	47	64.4%	243	5.2
5 CAMPBELL	G	RES	1902	65	17	14	31	47.7%	160	5.2
	G	NONRES	262	21	9	7	16	76.2%	43	2.7
	TOTAL		2164	86	26	21	47	54.7%	203	4.3
6 SHOSHONE	1	RES	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0
	1	NONRES	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0
	TOTAL		0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0

7 KAYCEE	G	RES	1902	33	14	10	24	72.7%	53	2.2
	G	NONRES	262	3	3	0	3	100.0%	5	1.7
	TOTAL		2164	36	17	10	27	75.0%	58	2.2
8 LARAMIE COUNTY	1	RES	7	7	4	2	6	85.7%	30	5.0
	1	NONRES	2	2	0	0	0	0.0%	7	0.0
	TOTAL		9	9	4	2	6	66.7%	37	6.2
9 NATRONA COUNTY	3	RES	79	71	10	33	43	60.6%	163	3.8
	3	NONRES	2	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0
	G	RES	1902	206	60	74	134	65.1%	652	4.9
	G	NONRES	262	14	10	2	12	85.7%	17	1.4
TOTAL		2245	291	80	109	189	65.0%	832	4.4	
10 BIGHORN	1	RES	49	31	6	7	13	41.9%	83	6.4
	1	NONRES	1	1	0	0	0	0.0%	2	0.0
	TOTAL		50	32	6	7	13	40.6%	85	6.5
11 CHEYENNE RIVER	G	RES	1902	108	33	31	64	59.3%	184	2.9
	G	NONRES	262	21	9	3	12	57.1%	68	5.7
	TOTAL		2164	129	42	34	76	58.9%	252	3.3
14 WIND RIVER	G	RES	1902	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0
	G	NONRES	262	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0
	TOTAL		2164	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0

2011 SPRING WILD TURKEY HARVEST ESTIMATES

AREA	TYPE	FEETYPE	SOLD	HUNTERS	TOM	HEN	TOTAL	SUCCESS	DAYS	DAYS/ HARVEST
1 BLACK HILLS	3	RES	482	431	201	0	201	46.6%	1486	7.4
	3	NONRES	490	495	308	0	308	62.2%	1389	4.5
	G	RES	3200	1261	412	0	412	32.7%	4097	9.9
	G	NONRES	1229	899	548	4	552	61.4%	2590	4.7
TOTAL			5401	3086	1469	4	1473	47.7%	9562	6.5
2 LARAMIE PEAK	G	RES	3200	466	159	0	159	34.1%	1430	9.0
	G	NONRES	1229	38	18	0	18	47.4%	108	6.0
	TOTAL			4429	504	177	0	177	35.1%	1538
3 SHERIDAN-JOHNSON	3	RES	149	132	97	0	97	73.5%	371	3.8
	3	NONRES	55	57	53	0	53	93.0%	150	2.8
	G	RES	3200	460	267	0	267	58.0%	1332	5.0
	G	NONRES	1229	102	84	0	84	82.4%	298	3.6
TOTAL			4633	751	501	0	501	66.7%	2151	4.3

4 GOSHEN	1	RES	131	100	56	2	58	58.0%	367	6.3
	1	NONRES	19	17	14	0	14	82.4%	43	3.1
	2	RES	133	107	58	0	58	54.2%	258	4.5
	2	NONRES	18	15	12	0	12	80.0%	36	3.0
TOTAL			301	239	140	2	142	59.4%	704	5.0
5 CAMPBELL	G	RES	3200	125	41	0	41	32.8%	443	10.8
	G	NONRES	1229	33	24	0	24	72.7%	73	3.0
	TOTAL			4429	158	65	0	65	41.1%	516
6 SHOSHONE	1	RES	40	38	25	0	25	65.8%	158	6.3
	1	NONRES	13	13	11	0	11	84.6%	41	3.7
	2	RES	49	47	24	0	24	51.1%	231	9.6
	2	NONRES	2	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0
TOTAL			104	98	60	0	60	61.2%	430	7.2
7 KAYCEE	G	RES	3200	34	20	0	20	58.8%	85	4.3
	G	NONRES	1229	4	4	0	4	100.0%	9	2.3
	TOTAL			4429	38	24	0	24	63.2%	94
8 LARAMIE COUNTY	1	RES	25	23	10	0	10	43.5%	65	6.5
	TOTAL			25	23	10	0	10	43.5%	65
9 NATRONA COUNTY	3	RES	95	73	30	0	30	41.1%	250	8.3
	3	NONRES	4	4	4	0	4	100.0%	14	3.5
	G	RES	3200	274	95	0	95	34.7%	960	10.1
	G	NONRES	1229	15	11	0	11	73.3%	24	2.2
TOTAL			4528	366	140	0	140	38.3%	1248	8.9
10 BIGHORN	1	RES	187	159	88	0	88	55.3%	624	7.1
	1	NONRES	12	9	7	0	7	77.8%	29	4.1
	TOTAL			199	168	95	0	95	56.6%	653
11 CHEYENNE RIVER	G	RES	3200	247	101	0	101	40.9%	679	6.7
	G	NONRES	1229	82	33	0	33	40.2%	219	6.6
	TOTAL			4429	329	134	0	134	40.7%	898
12 PLATTE VALLEY	1	RES	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0
	1	NONRES	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0
	TOTAL			0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0
13 POLE MOUNTAIN	1	RES	12	12	7	0	7	58.3%	53	7.6
	TOTAL			12	12	7	0	7	58.3%	53
14 WIND RIVER	G	RES	3200	7	3	0	3	42.9%	20	6.7
	G	NONRES	1229	4	0	0	0	0.0%	11	0.0
	TOTAL			4429	11	3	0	3	27.3%	31

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

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, 2010 and spring, 2011, 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 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) 2010 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
6				CLOSED
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
10	1	Oct. 1	Nov. 30	Limited quota; 50 licenses any wild turkey
11		Oct. 1	Nov. 30	General license; any wild turkey
13				CLOSED
14		Oct. 1	Oct. 31	General license; any wild turkey

(g) 2011 Spring Season. Hunt Areas, Season Dates and Limitations.

Hunt Area	Type	Date of Seasons		Limitations
		Opens	Closes	
1		April 9	May 20	General license; any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
	3	April 9	May 20	Limited quota; 3,000 licenses any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
2		April 9	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
	3	April 1	May 20	Limited quota; 250 licenses 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 9	May 20	Limited quota; 50 licenses any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
	2	April 9	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 9	May 20	Limited quota; 200 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
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Section 5. Archery Regulations.

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Area 9. Natrona County. All of Natrona County.

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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.

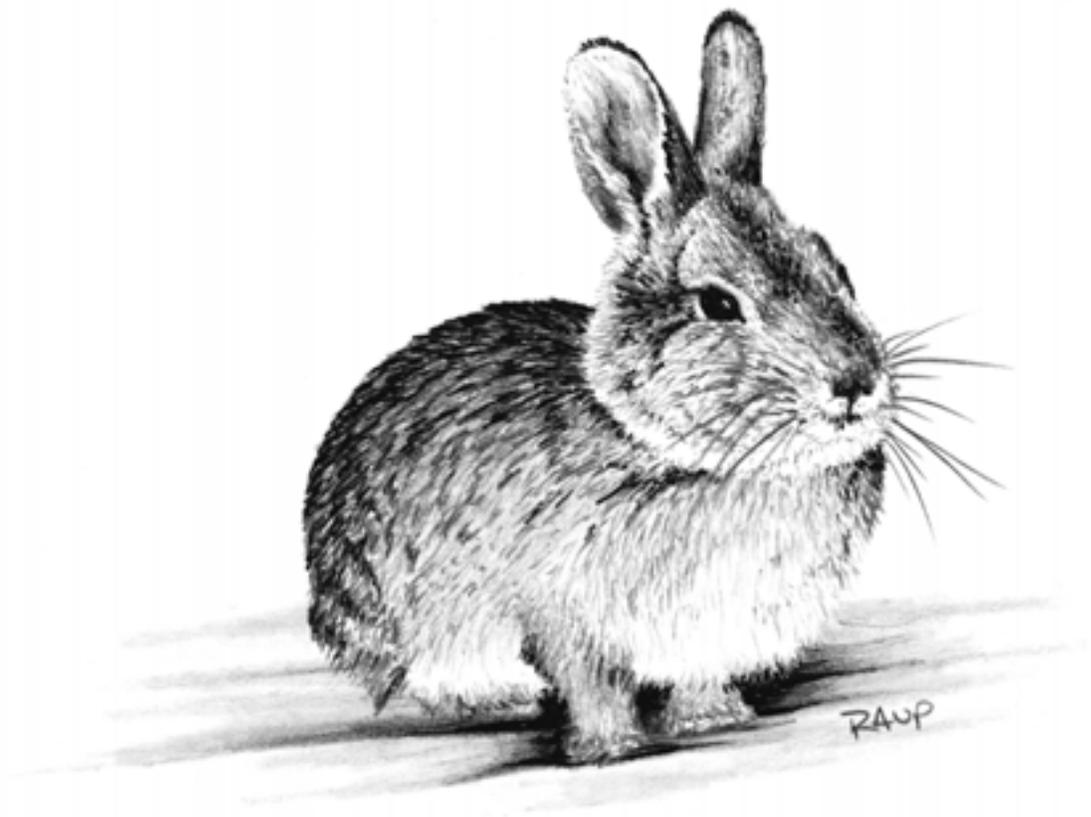
Section 7. Savings Clause. If any provision of this regulation shall be held to be illegal or unconstitutional, such a ruling shall not affect other provisions of this regulation which can be given effect without the illegal or unconstitutional provision; and, to this end, the provisions of this regulation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

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

By:
Ed Mignery, President

Dated: April 22, 2010

SMALL GAME



Cottontail Rabbit, Artwork by Bob Raup

**2010 - 2011 COTTONTAIL RABBIT
HARVEST ESTIMATES**

MANAGEMENT AREA	HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
1	40	142	248
2	583	3019	1778
3	374	994	2014
4	1363	7976	5395
5	831	2347	2576
6	616	2234	1794
SPECIES TOTALS	3807	16712	13805

**2010 - 2011 SNOWSHOE HARE
HARVEST ESTIMATES**

MANAGEMENT AREA	HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
1	9	0	211
2	15	0	34
3	40	16	83
4	116	82	335
5	49	25	223
6	34	0	79
SPECIES TOTALS	263	123	965

**2010 - 2011 SQUIRREL
HARVEST ESTIMATES**

MANAGEMENT AREA	HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
1	33	150	241
2	14	66	125
3	63	250	828
4	34	134	199
5	156	787	690
6	52	208	228
SPECIES TOTALS	352	1595	2311

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 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</u>	<u>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:

Ed Mignery, President

DATED: April 22, 2010

FURBEARER TRAPPER



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

**2010-2011 CITES TAGGING/BOBCAT
HARVEST STATISTICS**

OVERVIEW	RESIDENT	NONRESIDENT	TOTAL
LICENSES SOLD	1,828	53	1,881
SUCCESSFUL LICENSE HOLDERS	455	32	487
PERCENT WHO REPORTED BOBCATS	24.9%	60.4%	25.9%
TOTAL BOBCATS TAGGED	1,534	72	1,606

TRAPPING ACTIVITY	RESIDENT	NONRESIDENT	TOTAL
BOBCAT TRAPPERS	349	28	377
TRAP HARVEST	1,345	66	1,411
AVERAGE HARVEST PER TRAPPER	3.9	2.4	3.7
TRAP NIGHTS (# traps * nights traps active)	495,199	19,915	515,114
AVERAGE TRAP DAYS PER TRAPPER	1,418.9	711.3	1,366.4
AVERAGE TRAP DAYS PER HARVEST	368.2	301.7	365.1

HUNTING ACTIVITY	RESIDENT	NONRESIDENT	TOTAL
BOBCAT HUNTERS	127	5	132
FIREARM HARVEST	177	5	182
AVERAGE HARVEST PER HUNTER	1.4	1	1.4
HUNT DAYS	759	11	770
AVERAGE HUNT DAYS PER HUNTER	6.0	2	5.8
AVERAGE HUNT DAYS PER HARVEST	4.3	2	4.2
MISCELLANEOUS BOBCATS TAGGED	12	1	13

**2010-2011 BOBCAT HARVEST BY
AREA AND METHOD OF TAKE**

AREA	TRAP	FIREARM	MISC	TOTAL
1	1	2	0	3
2	344	10	1	355
3	347	105	6	458
4	206	33	2	241
5	305	20	3	328
6	212	8	1	221
TOTAL	1,415	178	13	1,606

**2010-2011 BOBCAT
HARVEST BY AGE AND GENDER**

AGE CLASS	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
JUVENILE	111	119	230
ADULT	818	558	1,376
TOTAL	929	677	1,606

**2010 - 2011 BADGER
HARVEST ESTIMATES**

AREA	FEETYPE	TRAPPERS	TRAP HARVEST	SNARERS	SNARE HARVEST	HUNTERS	FIREARM HARVEST	DAYS	TOTAL TRAPPERS, SNARERS & HUNTERS	TOTAL HARVEST
2	RES	41	109	16	0	16	5	41	73	114
AREA TOTALS		41	109	16	0	16	5	41	73	114
3	NONRES	5	0	2	0	2	0	2	9	0
	RES	47	67	26	5	67	47	648	140	119
AREA TOTALS		52	67	28	5	69	47	650	149	119
4	NONRES	17	24	12	2	0	0	0	29	26
	RES	52	233	16	16	73	93	720	141	342
AREA TOTALS		69	257	28	18	73	93	720	170	368
5	NONRES	5	2	2	0	2	7	12	9	9
	RES	57	98	36	52	93	119	1357	186	269
AREA TOTALS		62	100	38	52	95	126	1369	195	278
6	NONRES	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	4	0
	RES	47	98	21	0	41	26	207	109	124
AREA TOTALS		49	98	23	0	41	26	207	113	124
SPECIES TOTALS		273	631	133	75	294	297	2987	700	1003

**2010 - 2011 BEAVER
HARVEST ESTIMATES**

AREA	FEETYPE	TRAPPERS	TRAP HARVEST	SNARERS	SNARE HARVEST	HUNTERS	FIREARM HARVEST	DAYS	TOTAL TRAPPERS, SNARERS & HUNTERS	TOTAL HARVEST
1	NONRES	5	27	0	0	0	0	0	5	27
	RES	5	78	0	0	10	21	36	15	99
AREA TOTALS		10	105	0	0	10	21	36	20	126
2	RES	41	456	5	0	10	0	36	56	456
AREA TOTALS		41	456	5	0	10	0	36	56	456
3	NONRES	5	0	2	0	2	0	2	9	0
	RES	36	430	21	0	31	0	295	88	430
AREA TOTALS		41	430	23	0	33	0	297	97	430
4	NONRES	10	108	7	10	0	0	0	17	118
	RES	31	487	16	16	26	62	238	73	565
AREA TOTALS		41	595	23	26	26	62	238	90	683
5	NONRES	2	72	2	0	0	0	0	4	72
	RES	67	704	31	73	21	67	425	119	844
AREA TOTALS		69	776	33	73	21	67	425	123	916
6	NONRES	2	48	2	0	0	0	0	4	48
	RES	16	150	5	0	5	5	5	26	155
AREA TOTALS		18	198	7	0	5	5	5	30	203
SPECIES TOTALS		220	2560	91	99	105	155	1037	416	2814

**2010 - 2011 MARTEN
HARVEST ESTIMATES**

AREA	FEETYPE	TRAPPERS	TRAP HARVEST	SNARERS	SNARE HARVEST	HUNTERS	FIREARM HARVEST	DAYS	TOTAL TRAPPERS, SNARERS & HUNTERS	TOTAL HARVEST
1	NONRES	5	29	0	0	0	0	0	5	29
	RES	10	352	5	0	0	0	0	15	352
AREA TOTALS		15	381	5	0	0	0	0	20	381
2	RES	21	130	5	0	10	0	36	36	130
AREA TOTALS		21	130	5	0	10	0	36	36	130
3	NONRES	5	0	2	0	2	0	2	9	0
	RES	21	26	21	0	16	0	73	58	26
AREA TOTALS		26	26	23	0	18	0	75	67	26
4	NONRES	10	72	5	0	0	0	0	15	72
	RES	5	0	0	0	5	0	5	10	0
AREA TOTALS		15	72	5	0	5	0	5	25	72
5	NONRES	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	4	0
	RES	10	57	0	0	5	0	119	15	57
AREA TOTALS		12	57	2	0	5	0	119	19	57
6	NONRES	5	22	2	0	0	0	0	7	22
	RES	5	580	5	0	0	0	0	10	580
AREA TOTALS		10	602	7	0	0	0	0	17	602
SPECIES TOTALS		99	1268	47	0	38	0	235	184	1268

**2010 - 2011 MINK
HARVEST ESTIMATES**

AREA	FEETYPE	TRAPPERS	TRAP HARVEST	SNARERS	SNARE HARVEST	HUNTERS	FIREARM HARVEST	DAYS	TOTAL TRAPPERS, SNARERS & HUNTERS	TOTAL HARVEST
1	NONRES	5	12	0	0	0	0	0	5	12
	RES	5	10	0	0	0	0	0	5	10
AREA TOTALS		10	22	0	0	0	0	0	10	22
2	RES	10	31	5	0	10	0	36	25	31
AREA TOTALS		10	31	5	0	10	0	36	25	31
3	NONRES	5	0	2	0	2	0	2	9	0
	RES	47	36	31	0	31	5	249	109	41
AREA TOTALS		52	36	33	0	33	5	251	118	41
4	NONRES	7	12	7	0	0	0	0	14	12
	RES	10	10	0	0	5	0	5	15	10
AREA TOTALS		17	22	7	0	5	0	5	29	22
5	NONRES	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	4	2
	RES	31	78	10	0	5	5	5	46	83
AREA TOTALS		33	80	12	0	5	5	5	50	85
6	NONRES	5	17	2	0	0	0	0	7	17
	RES	10	26	5	0	0	0	0	15	26
AREA TOTALS		15	43	7	0	0	0	0	22	43
SPECIES TOTALS		137	234	64	0	53	10	297	254	244

**2010 - 2011 MUSKRAT
HARVEST ESTIMATES**

AREA	FEETYPE	TRAPPERS	TRAP HARVEST	SNARERS	SNARE HARVEST	HUNTERS	FIREARM HARVEST	DAYS	TOTAL TRAPPERS, SNARERS & HUNTERS	TOTAL HARVEST
1	NONRES	5	263	0	0	0	0	0	5	263
AREA TOTALS		5	263	0	0	0	0	0	5	263
2	RES	21	559	5	0	10	0	36	36	559
AREA TOTALS		21	559	5	0	10	0	36	36	559
3	NONRES	5	0	2	0	2	0	2	9	0
	RES	41	606	21	0	21	62	192	83	668
AREA TOTALS		46	606	23	0	23	62	194	92	668
4	NONRES	5	121	5	0	0	0	0	10	121
	RES	36	430	10	0	21	16	197	67	446
AREA TOTALS		41	551	15	0	21	16	197	77	567
5	NONRES	2	181	2	0	0	0	0	4	181
	RES	47	1233	21	5	16	16	88	84	1254
AREA TOTALS		49	1414	23	5	16	16	88	88	1435
6	NONRES	5	48	2	0	0	0	0	7	48
	RES	16	285	5	0	0	0	0	21	285
AREA TOTALS		21	333	7	0	0	0	0	28	333
SPECIES TOTALS		183	3726	73	5	70	94	515	326	3825

**2010 - 2011 WEASEL
HARVEST ESTIMATES**

AREA	FEETYPE	TRAPPERS	TRAP HARVEST	SNARERS	SNARE HARVEST	HUNTERS	FIREARM HARVEST	DAYS	TOTAL TRAPPERS, SNARERS & HUNTERS	TOTAL HARVEST
2	RES	16	21	5	0	10	0	36	31	21
AREA TOTALS		16	21	5	0	10	0	36	31	21
3	NONRES	5	0	2	0	2	0	2	9	0
	RES	21	0	21	0	21	0	192	63	0
AREA TOTALS		26	0	23	0	23	0	194	72	0
4	NONRES	10	5	5	0	0	0	0	15	5
	RES	5	0	0	0	10	5	161	15	5
AREA TOTALS		15	5	5	0	10	5	161	30	10
5	NONRES	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	4	0
	RES	5	5	0	0	5	5	93	10	10
AREA TOTALS		7	5	2	0	5	5	93	14	10
6	NONRES	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	4	0
AREA TOTALS		2	0	2	0	0	0	0	4	0
SPECIES TOTALS		66	31	37	0	48	10	484	151	41

**2010 - 2011 FURBEARER STATEWIDE
HARVEST EFFORT ESTIMATES**

SURVEY QUESTIONS	STATE TOTALS
Q2. Traps Set Out:	14440
Q3. Traps Nights Out:	21790
Q4. Snares Set Out:	6510
Q5. Snare Nights Out:	11925
Q6. Total Firearm Days:	5395

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. Henry's Fork. Henry's 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

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RESIDENT FALCON HARVEST 2010-2011

SAGE-GROUSE

County	Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar	
	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest
Johnson			15	3	25	3	10	0						
Natrona	13	4	41	14	38	10	26	4	4	0				
Sweetwater	23	5	20	6	16	4	5	3						
Hot Springs	10	0	10	1	10	0	10	0						
Park	10	0	10	0	10	1	10	1						
Sheridan	1	1							1	1				
Sublette			15	11	25	10	24	7						
TOTALS	57	10	111	35	124	28	85	15	5	1				

Days Hunted	382
Harvest	89
Hunters	13

GRAY PARTRIDGE

County	Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar	
	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest
Sheridan	2	2	22	0	20	0	22	5	21	4	20	6		
Johnson					15	0	10	0						
Natrona			4	0	15	0	10	0						
Fremont					2	0	1	0						
TOTALS	2	2	26	0	52	0	43	5	21	4	20	6		

Days Hunted	164
Harvest	17
Hunters	6

PHEASANT

County	Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar	
	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest										
Sheridan	8	3	32	6	34	7	38	8	35	6	35	3	4	2
Goshen	2	0							1	0	18	0	1	0
TOTALS	10	3	32	6	34	7	38	8	36	6	53	3	5	2

Days Hunted	208
Harvest	35
Hunters	5

RESIDENT FALCON HARVEST 2010-2011 (Continued)

SHARP-TAILED GROUSE

County	Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar	
	Days	Harvest												
Sheridan	6	1	41	3	51	6	49	4	32	2	38	4		
TOTALS	6	1	41	3	51	6	49	4	32	2	38	4		

Days Hunted	217
Harvest	20
Hunters	4

COTTONTAIL RABBIT

County	Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar	
	Days	Harvest												
Sheridan	10	0	15	0	7	1	3	0						
Campbell	6	0	11	1	13	1								
Natrona	1	0			4	0	4	0	2	0	5	0	6	0
Sweetwater							5	0	5	1	5	0	2	0
Lincoln							5	0	5	0	5	0	2	
Uinta							5	0	5	0	5	0	1	
TOTALS	17	0	26	1	24	2	22	0	17	1	20	0	11	0

Days Hunted	137
Harvest	4
Hunters	5

DUCKS

County	Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar	
	Days	Harvest												
Sheridan	6	5	37	24	38	17	32	17	7	4				
Johnson	4	2	11	5	4	0								
Goshen	2	0												
TOTALS	12	7	48	29	42	17	32	17	7	4				

Days Hunted	141
Harvest	74
Hunters	7

Total Surveys Mailed	47
Total Responded	46
% Response	98%

NONRESIDENT FALCON HARVEST 2010-2011

SAGE-GROUSE

County	Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar	
	Days	Harvest												
Sublette	20	10	79	12	21	3	17	4						
Lincoln	19	4	35	8	28	6	18	2						
Sweetwater	108	31	99	13	50	17	15	2						
Uinta					5	1	6	0						
Fremont	38	3					8	0						
TOTALS	185	48	213	33	104	27	64	8						

Days Hunted	566
Harvest	116
Hunters	25

COTTONTAIL RABBIT

County	Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar	
	Days	Harvest												
Park	13	44												
Hot Springs	8	26												
Sweetwater			20	6	10	2								
Sublette			10	5	10	4								
Fremont	4	0												
Natrona	1	1												
TOTALS	26	71	30	11	20	6								

Days Hunted	76
Harvest	88
Hunters	7

DUCKS

County	Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar	
	Days	Harvest												
Sublette			15	5	5	4								
Lincoln			1	1										
Sweetwater	4	4	11	1	5	3								
Teton			10	5	4	2	4	1						
Fremont	2	1												
TOTALS	6	5	37	12	14	9	4	1						

Days Hunted	61
Harvest	27
Hunters	8

Total Surveys Mailed	59
Total Responded	36
% Response	61%