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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, 2013 to May 31, 2014

ABSTRACT:

This report summarizes harvests from the 2013-2014 hunting seasons for small game, upland game birds, migratory game birds, wild turkeys, and furbearers and harvest taken by falconers. Harvest, hunting and trapping estimates were obtained by surveying licensed hunters and trappers via the internet, mailed questionnaires or mandatory reporting. Significant changes to the number of management areas and species surveyed are also detailed in the report.

OBJECTIVES:

1. Estimate small game, upland game bird, migratory game bird, wild turkey, and furbearer harvest.
2. Estimate total days spent hunting each species; the average days expended per harvest (hunter effort); and hunter success.

PROCEDURES:

Prior to 1982 harvest and effort were reported 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. Due to a very low response rate, only bobcat harvest was reported from the furbearer trapper survey from 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 is reported based on wild turkey hunt areas.

Management area boundaries have changed through the years and some areas have been 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 present 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) sage-grouse annual reports have been written for each Local Working Group (LWG) area. The boundaries of the LWGs were delineated 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 the LWG 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 also shown on the survey instrument.
3. Migratory game bird management areas remain unchanged.
4. Coots, rail and snipe were removed from the migratory game bird survey. The Department defers to 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 require a license or set seasons (harvest is legal year round), bag limits (unlimited take is allowed), or limit method of take. Previous surveys only reported take of predatory animals by persons holding a trapping license. Consequently, the reported harvest was only a subset of actual harvest as there was no means to estimate legal take by unlicensed hunters. These species were dropped from the furbearer harvest survey.
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. Historically, the department has relied on both CITES tagging data and the harvest survey to fulfill our CITES reporting requirement. From 1977-1978 through 1991-1992, only harvest survey data were used. During those years, raw harvest survey data were not extrapolated to estimate harvest by nonrespondents because early in this timeframe, survey response rates were high. Beginning with the 1992-1993 season and through the 2002-2003 season the department reported data obtained from both the harvest survey and the CITES tagging records. Throughout this period the two survey methods produced differing 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 an increasingly smaller proportion of the known harvest documented 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 a more realistic harvest estimate, bobcats were dropped from the furbearer harvest survey.
7. Attempts 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, muskrat and weasel). 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 improve estimates of 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 hunter effort for those holding a furbearer license.

The harvest survey for the 2013-14 season was conducted as follows: Harvest questionnaires were mailed to a random sample of daily, annual, pioneer and lifetime small game and game bird license holders, and to all furbearer trapping license holders. All holders of fall and spring turkey licenses were surveyed. Samples were stratified according to license type and area as applicable. All holders of early crane hunting permits were surveyed. Some license holders were removed from the sample pools after NCOA and CASS mailing address cleansing programs were run to eliminate invalid addresses. A mandatory reporting requirement applies to holders of Light Goose Conservation Order permits and falconers. The extrapolation 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 AREAS (1982-2009)
1	1-2
2	11-13, 15-17, 19-21
3	32, 35-44, 46
4	3-7, 10, 25
5	22-24, 26-31, 34
6	8, 9, 14, 18, 33, 45

2013 FIVE-YEAR LICENSE SALES TREND FOR SMALL AND UPLAND GAME

SMALL AND UPLAND GAME LICENSE CATEGORIES	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	5-YEAR TOTAL	ANNUAL AVERAGE
Annual Game Bird							
Resident	7,822	7,727	7,430	7,596	6,945	37,520	7,504
Annual Small Game							
Resident	1,713	1,600	1,533	1,393	1,653	7,892	1,578
Annual Game Bird/Small Game							
Resident	8,880	8,198	7,953	8,603	8,891	42,525	8,505
Nonresident	1,779	1,777	1,738	1,893	1,898	9,085	1,817
Total	10,659	9,975	9,691	10,496	10,789	51,610	10,322
Daily Game Bird/Small Game							
Resident	994	938	927	884	1,073	4,816	963
Nonresident	4,800	4,937	4,977	4,925	4,186	23,825	4,765
Total	5,794	5,875	5,904	5,809	5,259	28,641	5,728
Resident Lifetime Licenses - Cumulative Sales¹							
Game Bird/Small Game/Cons Stamp ²	41	44	52	63	69		
Game Bird/Small Game ²	114	123	140	172	209		
Game Bird/Small Game/Fishing ³	1,088	1,171	1,250	1,332	1,425		
Game Bird/Small Game/Fish/Cons Stamp ⁴	5,948	6,203	6,541	6,915	7,351		
Pioneer Game Bird/Small Game/Fishing ⁵	16,064	17,616	19,057	20,806	22,473		
Veteran Pioneer Game Bird/Small Game/Fishing ⁶	908	1,056	1,209	1,456	1,702		

2013

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

SPECIES	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	5-YEAR TOTAL	ANNUAL AVERAGE
Geese	25,981	41,024	21,732	31,993	30,861	151,591	30,318
Crane	195	182	161	134	74	746	149
Duck	51,418	44,451	47,387	50,233	53,296	246,785	49,357
Pheasant	41,361	40,480	29,463	29,405	31,752	172,461	34,492
Chukar	7,130	6,744	4,658	5,429	3,199	27,160	5,432
Gray Partridge	2,858	5,245	6,019	5,779	1,741	21,642	4,328
Blue Grouse	7,844	7,818	7,669	10,837	8,741	42,909	8,582
Ruffed Grouse	4,222	3,540	3,140	7,259	4,472	22,633	4,527
Sage-Grouse	11,162	11,057	10,120	9,869	5,726	47,934	9,587
Sharp-tailed Grouse	1,715	2,428	3,315	2,192	1,182	10,832	2,166
Mourning Dove	22,278	28,906	23,607	28,402	23,485	126,678	25,336
Wild Turkey	4,537	4,512	6,406 ⁷	3035	2,778	14,862	2,972
Cottontail Rabbit	26,983	16,600	11,802	13,025	16,416	84,826	16,965
Snowshoe Hare	287	123	205	193	282	1,090	218
Squirrel	1,420	1,585	1,186	1,532	1,011	6,734	1,347

¹Lifetime license combination holders who have small and upland game privileges 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 reports.

²First sold in 2004

³First sold in 1996

⁴First sold in 1997

⁵First available in 1943

⁶First sold in 1997

⁷Beginning with the 2011 report, wild turkey is now reported by biological year (June through May). The 2011 turkey harvest number includes spring 2011 harvest (2,831), fall 2011 (1,108), and spring 2012 (2,467).

FURBEARER/TRAPPER
License Data Summary
2013-2014

	Licenses Sold	Number Surveyed	Number Usable (hunters and nonhunters)	Response Rate (# Usable/# Surveyed)
Resident	2,495	2,412	743	30.8%
Nonresident	46	42	28	66.7%
Total	2,541	2,454	771	31.4%

SMALL GAME & GAME BIRD
License Data Summary
2013-2014

	Licenses Sold	Number Surveyed	Number Usable (hunters and nonhunters)	Response Rate (# Usable/# Surveyed)
Resident	20,207	10,869	3,602	33.1%
Nonresident	6,091	4,496	1,839	40.9%
Total	26,298	15,365	5,441	35.4%

FALL WILD TURKEY
License Data Summary
2013

	Licenses Sold	Number Surveyed	Number Usable (hunters and nonhunters)	Response Rate (# Usable/# Surveyed)
Resident	1,688	1,544	625	40.5%
Nonresident	219	198	98	49.5%
Total	1,907	1,742	723	41.5%

SPRING WILD TURKEY
License Data Summary
2014

	Licenses Sold	Number Surveyed	Number Usable (hunters and nonhunters)	Response Rate (# Usable/# Surveyed)
Resident	3,830	3,459	1,244	36.0%
Nonresident	1,094	933	501	53.7%
Total	4,924	4,392	1,745	39.7%



2013-2014 Wyoming Small Game, Upland Game Bird & Waterfowl Hunter Survey

We encourage you to respond online as this method significantly reduces survey costs and data processing errors that can result with paper copy surveys. Please log on to wgfd.wyo.gov, select "Harvest Surveys" located on the Hunting Resources bar and use the following password:

Dear Wyoming Small Game, Upland Game Bird or Waterfowl License Holder,

Each year the Wyoming Game and Fish Department (WGFD) conducts a Small Game, Upland Game Bird & Waterfowl Hunter Survey to estimate harvest, hunter success, and hunter effort to help plan next year's hunting season. Even if you did not hunt or harvest this year, we need to hear from you.

If you are unable to complete the survey online, please complete this form and return it in the postage-paid envelope enclosed. If you have questions about the survey or prefer to complete it over the phone, please contact Gail Sheridan, WGFD's Harvest Survey Coordinator at Gail.Sheridan@wyo.gov or (307) 777-4567.

Q1 Did you hunt Small Game, Upland Game Birds, or Migratory Game Birds during the 2013-2014 season that spanned September 1, 2013, to March 1, 2014?

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

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

YES NO

PRIVATE LANDS PUBLIC WILDLIFE ACCESS PROGRAM

Q3 During the 2013-2014 hunting season, did you use any of the Private Lands 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 satisfaction with your PLPW walk-in area experience using the scale below:

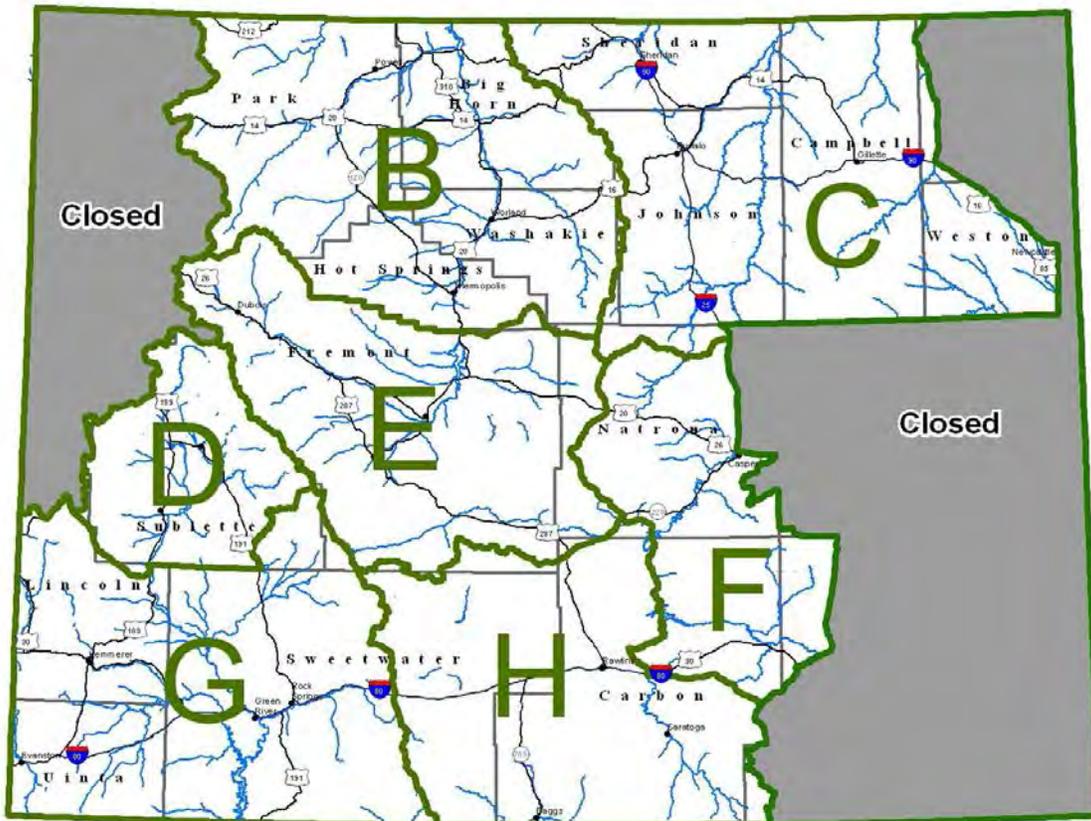
1=Very Dissatisfied 2=Dissatisfied 3=Neutral 4=Satisfied 5=Very Satisfied

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SAGE-GROUSE HUNTING

LWG Sage-grouse Management Areas



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NOTE: 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 harvest of most other species. Areas closed to sage-grouse hunting by regulation are also indicated on the map above.

Q7 Did you hunt SAGE-GROUSE during the 2013-2014 season?

YES NO (If NO, skip to Q9.)

Q8 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.

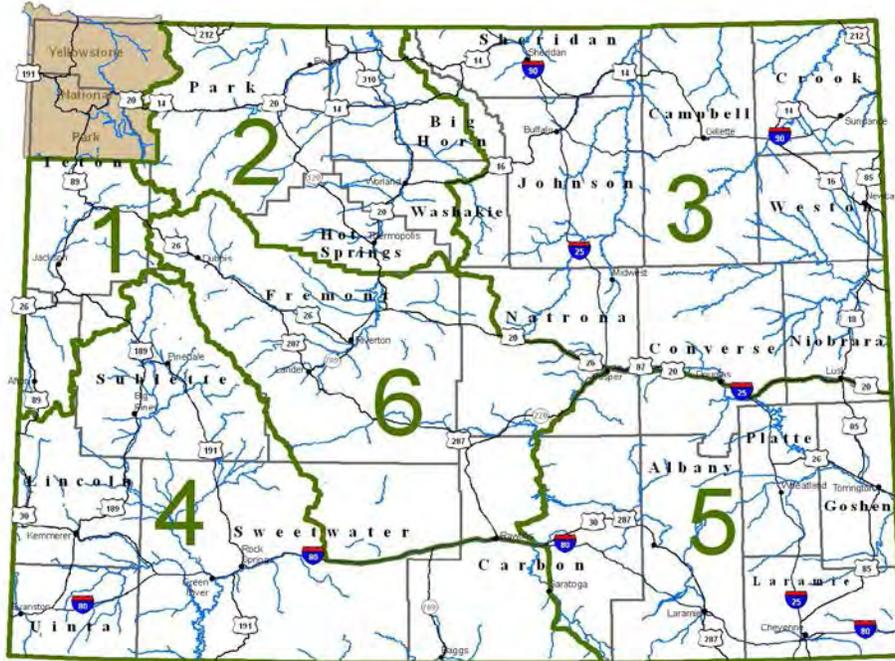
	1st Area Letter	# Bagged	# of Days Hunted	2nd Area Letter	# Bagged	# of Days Hunted	3rd Area Letter	# Bagged	# of Days Hunted
Sage-grouse									

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SMALL GAME, UPLAND GAME BIRD & MOURNING DOVE HUNTING

Small Game, Upland Game Bird & Mourning Dove Management Areas



Q9 Did you hunt SMALL GAME, UPLAND GAME BIRDS, or MOURNING DOVES during the 2013-2014 season?

YES NO (If NO, skip to Q11.)

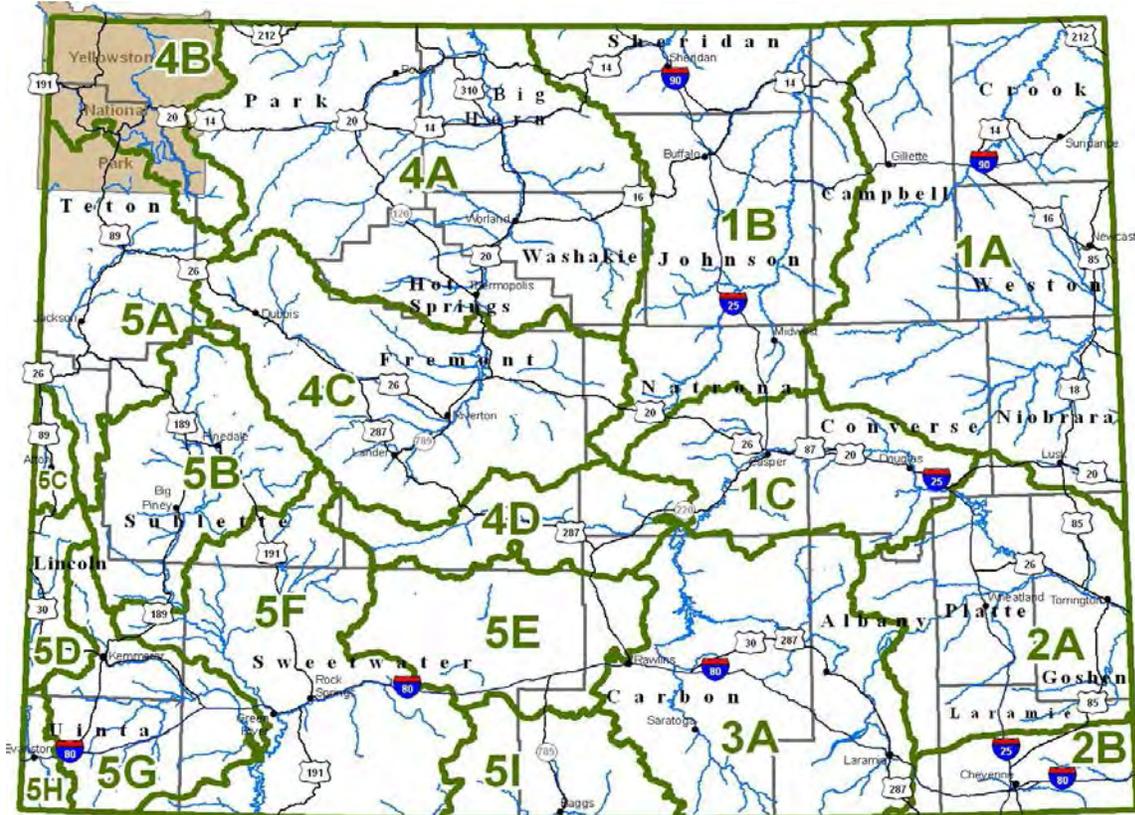
Q10 Referring to the management areas map above, please enter the management areas you hunted most (1-6), number bagged, and number of days hunted for up to 3 areas.

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



Q11 Did you hunt DUCKS or GEESE during the 2013-2014 season?

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

Q12 Referring to the Waterfowl Management Areas 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.

Q12a

	1st Area Number	# Bagged	# of Days Hunted	2nd Area Number	# Bagged	# of Days Hunted	3rd Area Number	# Bagged	# of Days Hunted
Ducks									

Q12b Answer Q12b **only** if you hunted geese **between September 1 and September 8.**

	1st Area Number	# Bagged	# of Days Hunted	2nd Area Number	# Bagged	# of Days Hunted	3rd Area Number	# Bagged	# of Days Hunted
Sept 1 to Sept 8									

Q12c Answer Q12c **only** if you hunted geese **after September 8.**

	1st Area Number	# Bagged	# of Days Hunted	2nd Area Number	# Bagged	# of Days Hunted	3rd Area Number	# Bagged	# of Days Hunted
After Sept 8									

THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THIS SURVEY



WYOMING GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT FURBEARER/TRAPPER HARVEST SURVEY

WGFD
Biological Services
5400 Bishop Blvd
Cheyenne, WY 82006

Please respond online or via mail by **May 20, 2014**

Your **ONLINE Password** is:

- Please complete the survey **ONLINE**, as that saves us considerable expense for postage and data entry. Go to wgfd.wyo.gov/harvestsurvey/ and use the **ONLINE Password** provided above to access your survey.
- If you are unable to complete your survey online, use the enclosed envelope to return this completed form.
- If you have questions or prefer to complete it over the phone, contact Gail Sheridan, Harvest Survey Coordinator, at 307-777-4567 or email: gail.sheridan@wyo.gov

Q1. Did you trap or hunt badgers, beavers, martens, minks, muskrats, or weasels during the 2013-2014 season? (Check one box)

Yes (If "Yes," use the map below to answer the questions that follow.)

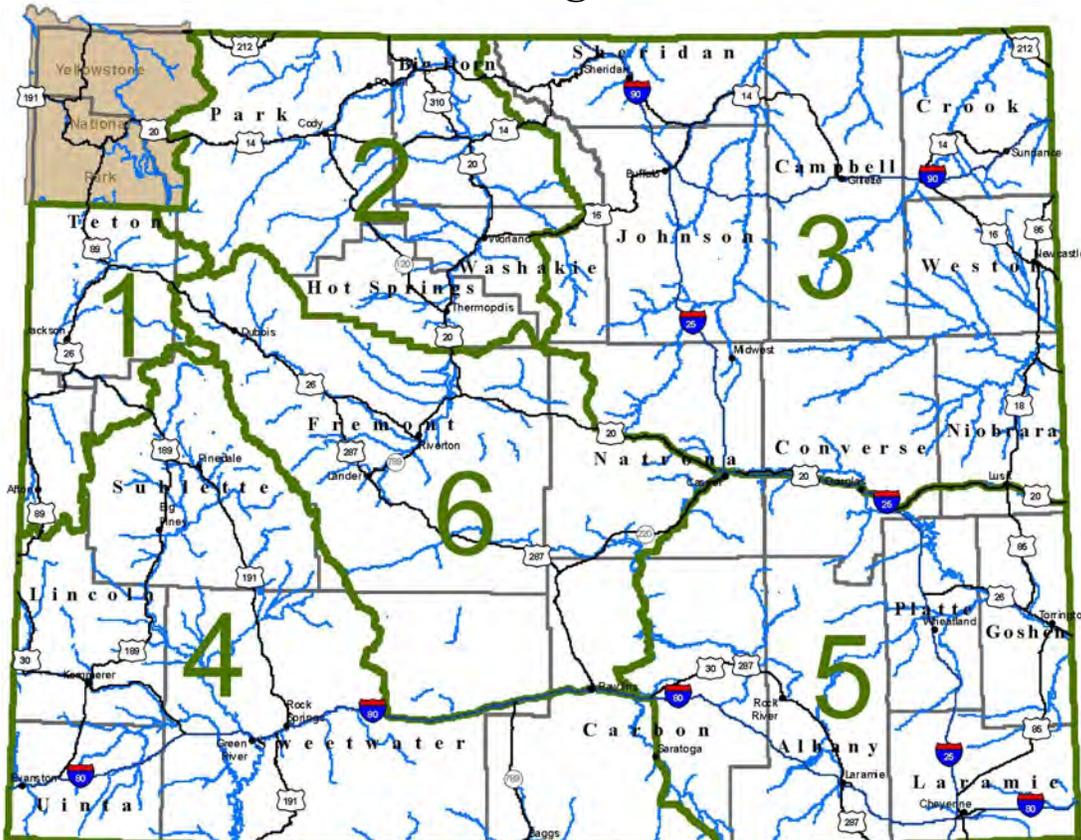
No (If "No," your survey is complete.)

Q2. How many trap sets were put out? (Enter number here)

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? (Enter number here)

Furbearer Management Areas



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Q4. How many snare sets were put out? (Enter number here)

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? (Enter number here)

Q6. Please tell us which of the following Furbearer Species you TRAPPED or SNARED during the 2013-2014 season. Referring to the Furbearer Management Areas 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									

Q7. Please tell us which of the following Furbearer Species you HUNTED WITH A FIREARM during the 2013-2014 season. Referring to the Furbearer Management Areas map on the front, enter the areas (1-6), number SHOT, and number days hunted for the 3 areas you hunted most.

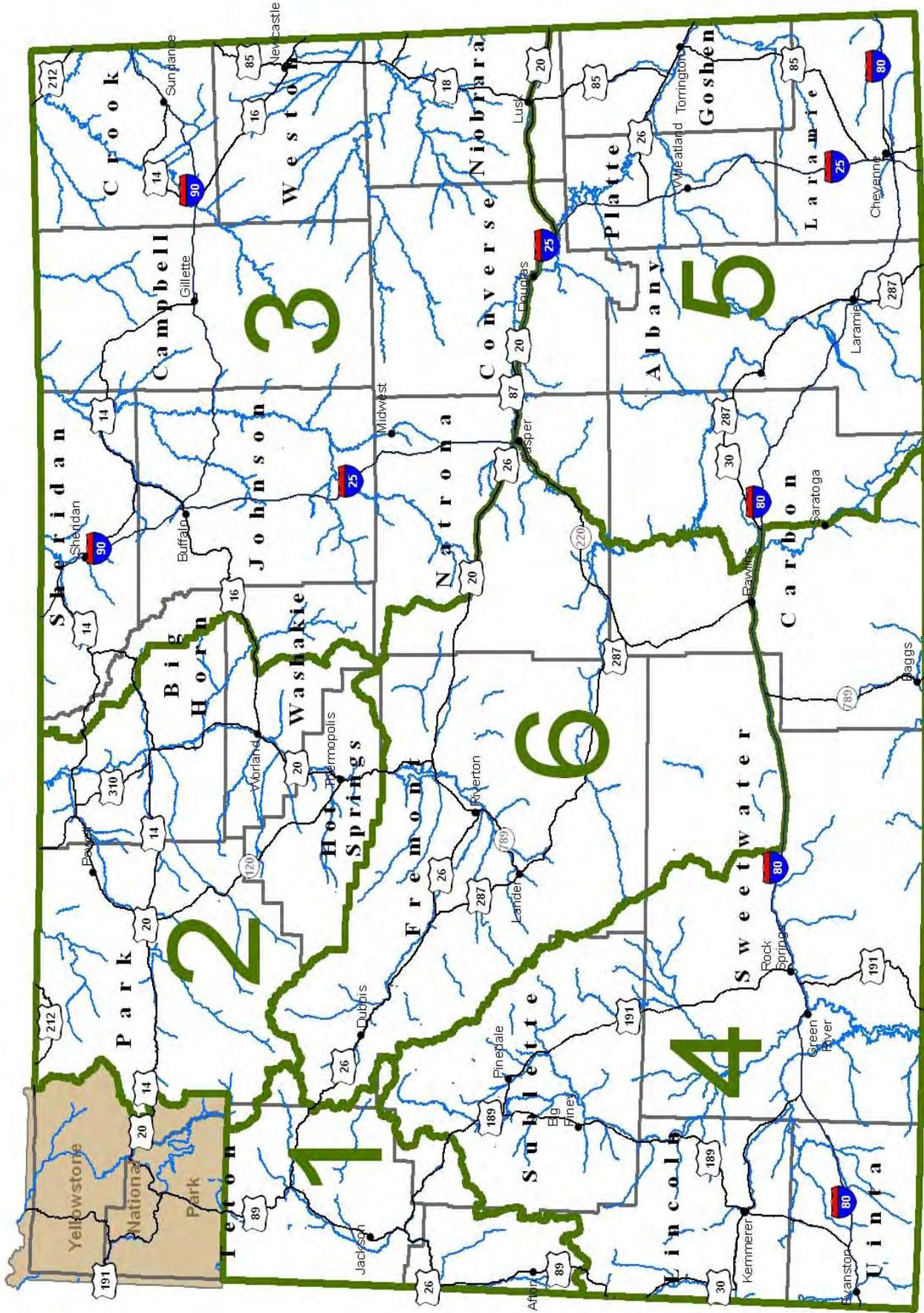
	1st Area Number	# Shot	# Days Hunted	2nd Area Number	# Shot	# Days Hunted	3rd Area Number	# Shot	# Days Hunted
Badger									
Beaver									
Marten									
Mink									
Muskrat									
Weasel									

Thank you for your help with this important survey!

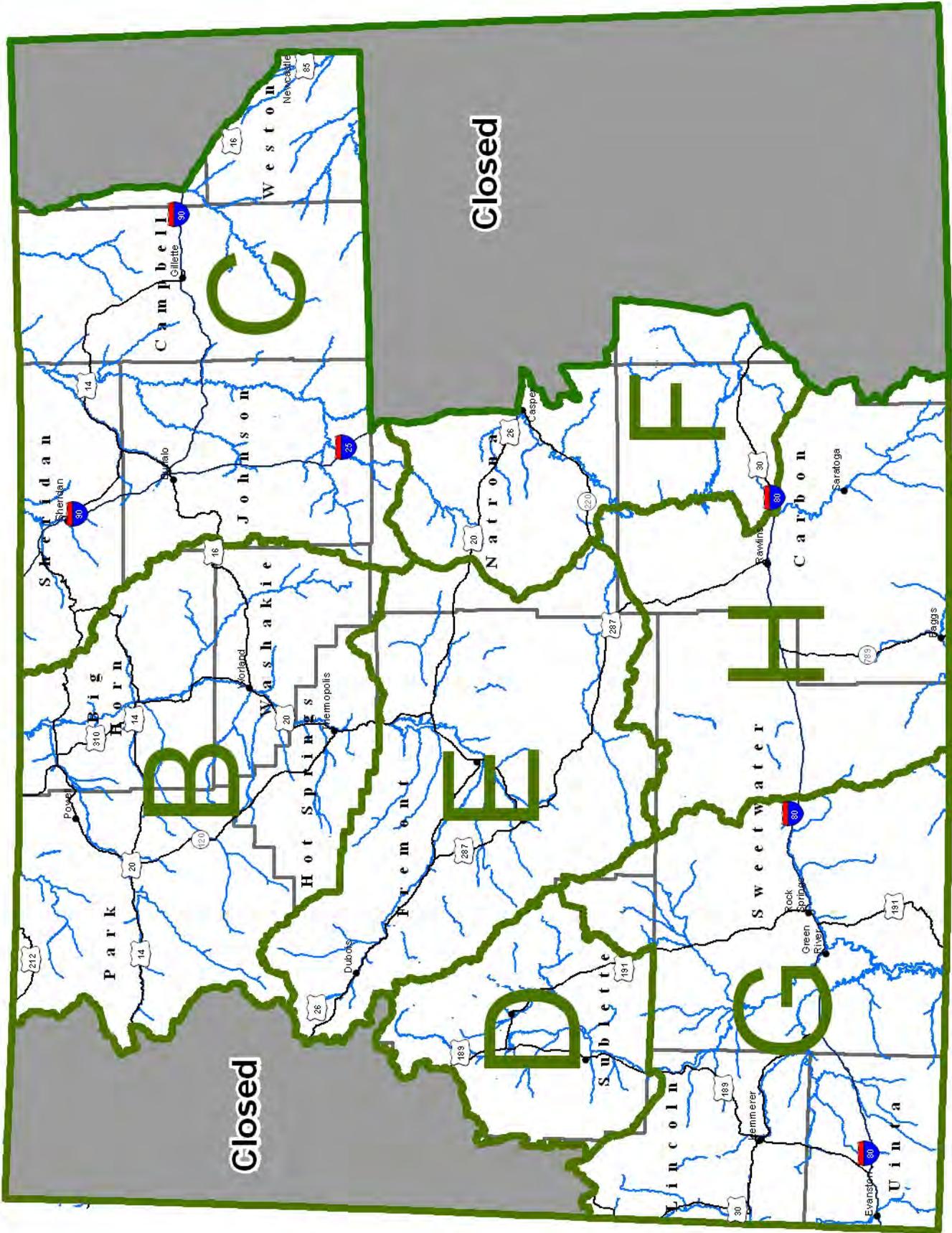
Note: Individual responses to survey questions are confidential and are only used for WGFD harvest reports.

Comments: Feel free to attach a sheet of paper with any comments you would like to share with the Wyoming Game & Fish Dept. (WGFD). Please include the hunt area as well as the species hunted with your comments.

MANAGEMENT AREA MAP
BOBCATS, FURBEARERS, SMALL GAME AND UPLAND GAME BIRDS



Sage-Grouse Management Areas



2013 SANDHILL CRANE HARVEST SURVEY

Please complete and return by
November 1.

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 following questionnaire as completely as possible concerning your participation in the 2013 Sandhill Crane season. Then return the completed survey in the enclosed prepaid envelope. **Thank you for your help with this important information!**

Name: _____ Age: _____ Sex: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

License Number: _____

1. Did you hunt the early crane season? _____ Yes _____ No

2. What area did you hunt? (Check One)

_____ 1. Bear/Ham's Fork River _____ 2. Salt River (Afton) _____ 3. Farson/Eden
_____ 4. Riverton Area _____ 5. Unita _____ 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 (Bright Red Crown On Top Of Head)
_____ Juvenile (Top Of Head Gray Or Reddish Brown)

6. Indicate the number of cranes knocked down, but not retrieved: _____

7. Comments

April 7, 2014

Dear Hunter:

Our records indicate you purchased a Light Goose Conservation Order Special Management Permit in 2014. Chapter 48, Section 4(c) of the Wyoming Game and Fish Regulation requires that you accurately complete the survey **by April 19, 2014**. You are required to complete this survey even if you did not hunt or harvest any light geese.

Please go to wgfd.wyo.gov/harvestsurvey/ to complete your survey online. The online method is the most efficient and cost effective. You will need your *SPID number* and *2014 Conservation Order License number* to access the online survey.

Your SPID Number is:

Your 2014 Conservation Order License Number is:

If you are unable to complete this survey online, complete the questions on the back of this letter and return it in the postage-paid envelope provided.

The survey is required by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in order to closely monitor hunter participation and the number of light geese taken during the Conservation Order. The biological information we collect through this survey is essential to measure progress toward population goals for light geese.

Your participation is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Gail Sheridan
Harvest Survey Coordinator
(307) 777-4567

1. Did you hunt Light Geese with your Conservation Order Special Management Permit?

_____Yes _____No (if "No", your survey is complete)

2. Number of days you hunted: _____

3. Number of Light Geese you harvested: _____

4. Number of Light Geese knocked down but not retrieved: _____

5. Did you use an electronic caller?

_____Yes _____No (if "No", skip to question 7)

6. If yes, how many Light Geese were harvested while using a caller? _____

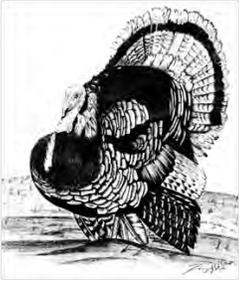
7. Did you hunt after sunset?

_____Yes _____No (If "No", skip to question 9)

8. If yes, how many Light Geese were harvested after sunset? _____

9. What is the name of the primary county you hunted? _____

Thank you for your help with this important study.



2013 Wyoming Fall Turkey Hunter Survey

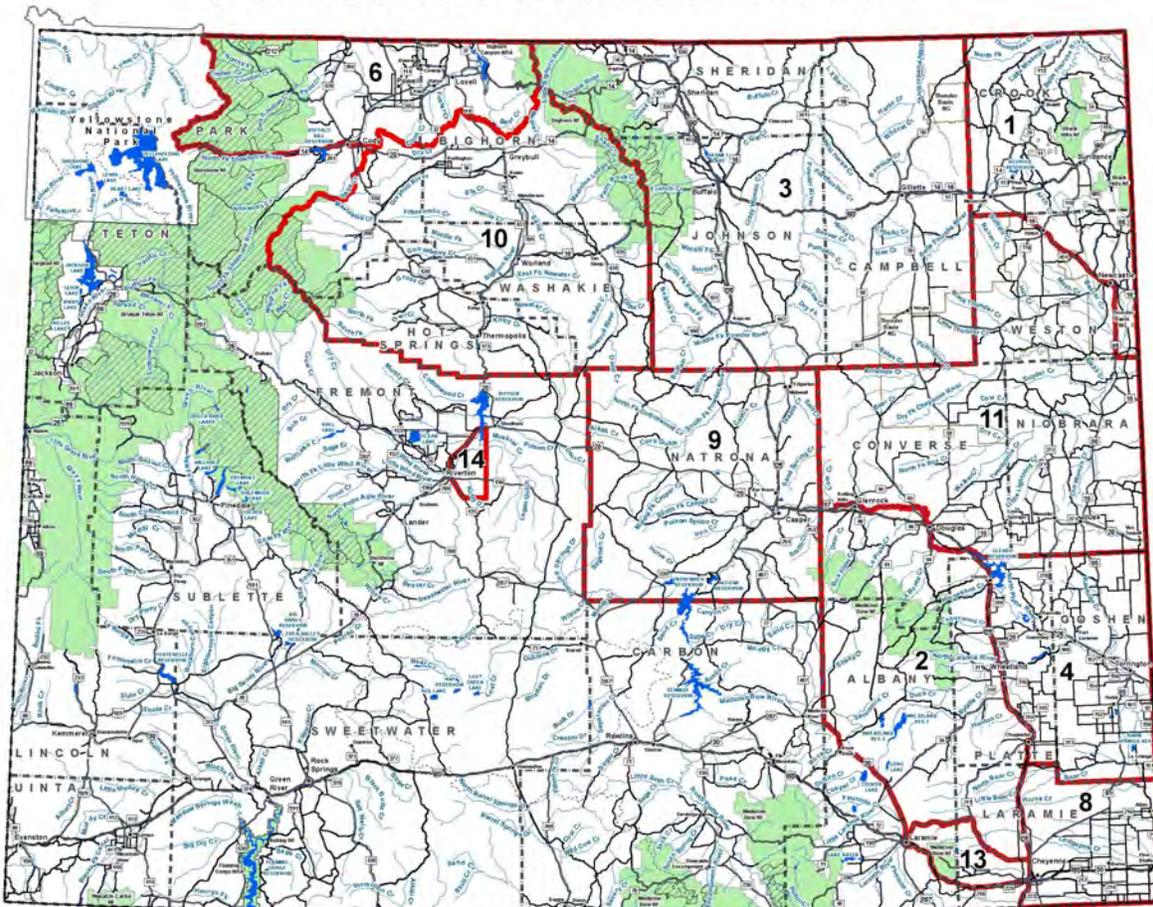
We encourage you to respond online as this method significantly reduces survey costs and data processing errors that can result with paper copy surveys. Please log on to wgfd.wyo.gov, select "Harvest Surveys" located on the Hunting Resources bar and use the following password:

Dear Wyoming Fall Wild Turkey License Holder,

Each year the Wyoming Game and Fish Department (WGFD) conducts a Fall Wild Turkey Hunter Survey to estimate harvest, hunter success, and hunter effort to help plan next year's hunting season. Even if you did not hunt or harvest this year, we need to hear from you.

If you are unable to complete the survey online, please complete this form and return it in the postage-paid envelope enclosed. If you have questions about the survey or prefer to complete it over the phone, please contact Gail Sheridan, WGFD's Harvest Survey Coordinator at Gail.Sheridan@wyo.gov or (307) 777-4567.

WILD TURKEY HUNT AREAS FALL 2013 - SPRING 2014



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Over 

Q1. Did you hunt wild turkey? Yes No If "NO" your survey is complete.

Q2. Did you have more than one license? Yes No

Q3. Did you hunt on Private Land National Forest Other

Q4. Please tell us about your first (or only) license:

Check which type of license: GENERAL or LIMITED QUOTA

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Q5. If you had a 2nd license, please use the set of questions below:

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WYOMING GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT SPRING WILD TURKEY HARVEST SURVEY

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Please respond online or via mail by June 1, 2014.

Your **ONLINE Password** is:

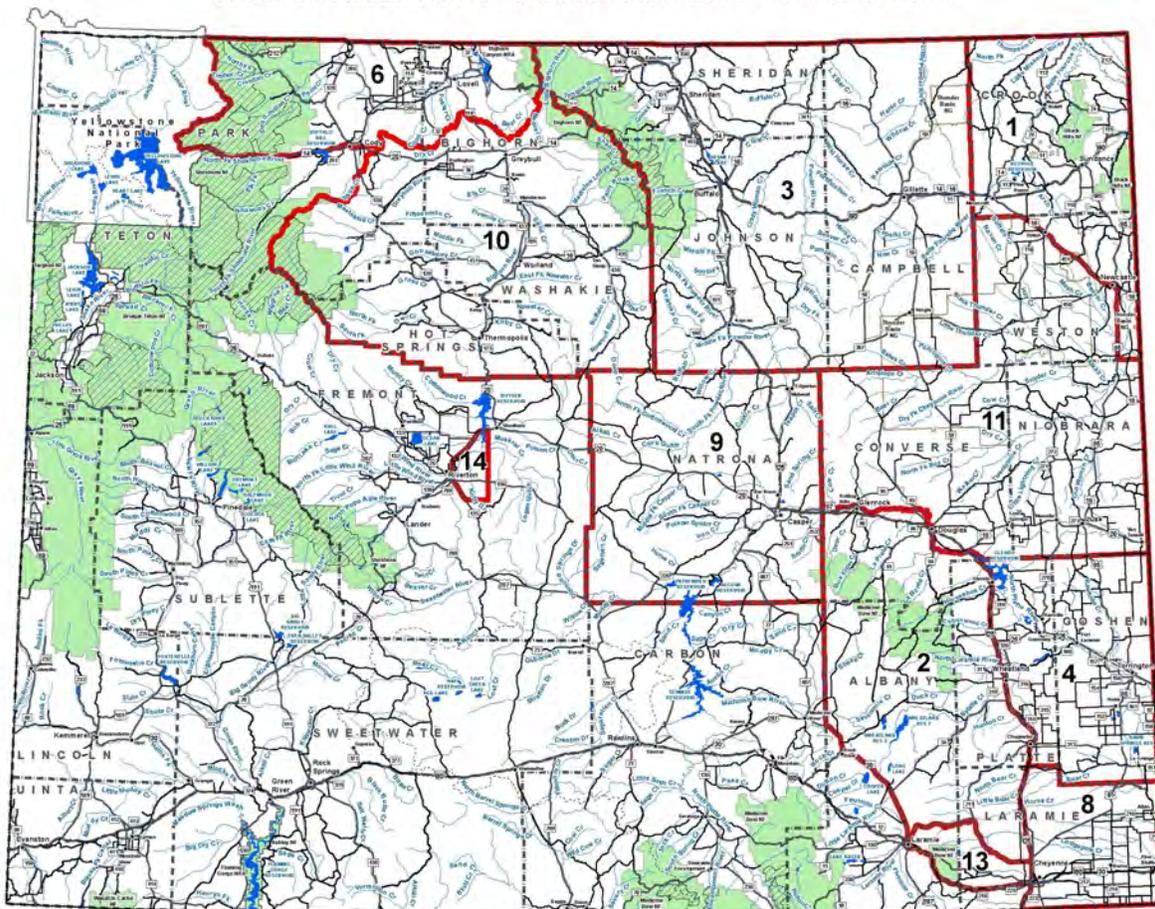
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- If you are unable to complete your survey online, use the enclosed envelope to return this completed form.
- If you have questions or prefer to complete it over the phone, contact Gail Sheridan, Harvest Survey Coordinator, at 307-777-4567 or email: gail.sheridan@wyo.gov

Dear Wyoming Spring Wild Turkey License Holder,

Each year the Wyoming Game and Fish Department (WGFD) conducts a Spring Wild Turkey Hunter Survey to estimate harvest, hunter success, and hunter effort to help plan next year's hunting season. Even if you did not hunt or harvest this year, we need to hear from you.

Using the map below, answer the questions online or on the back of this page.

WILD TURKEY HUNT AREAS FALL 2013 - SPRING 2014



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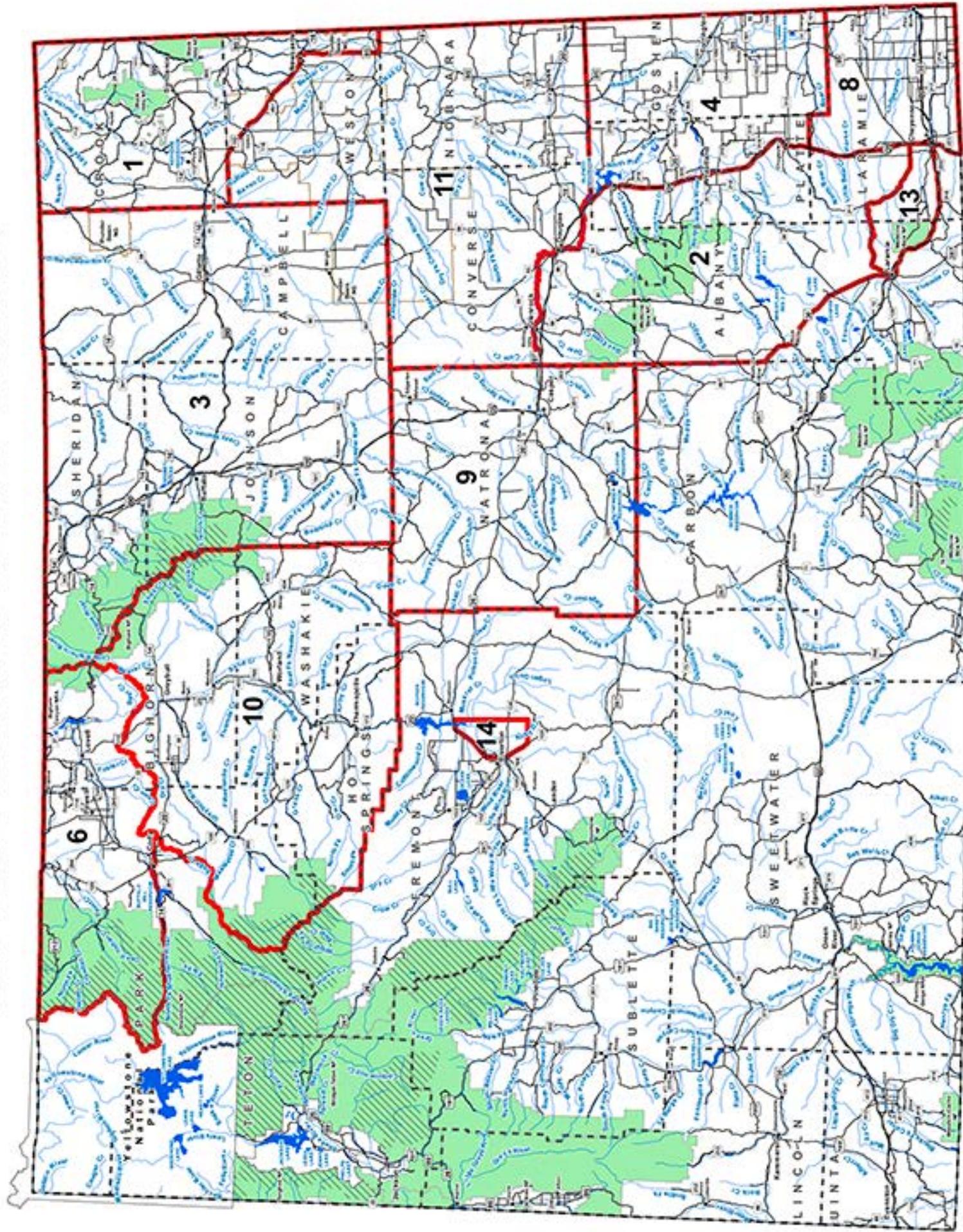
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**ROCKY MOUNTAIN POPULATIONS OF GREATER SANDHILL CRANES HARVESTED
AND HUNTER ACTIVITY DURING THE LIMITED QUOTA SEASON
IN WYOMING 2013**

Projected estimates from harvest questionnaires.

	AREA						AVERAGES/ TOTALS
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
	BEAR RIVER	SALT RIVER	FARSON	RIVERTON	UINTA	BIG HORN	
LICENSES AVAILABLE	15	10	40	55	5	55	180
LICENSES ISSUED	15	10	40	55	6	55	181
NUMBER HUNTING	12	7	38	41	3	46	147
DID NOT HUNT	3	3	2	14	3	9	34
DAYS HUNTED	30	21	64	98	9	119	342
AVG DAYS/HUNTER	2.5	3.0	1.7	2.4	3.0	2.6	2.3
ADULT CRANE HARVEST	3	3	18	12	0	17	53
JUVENILE CRANE HARVEST	2	0	2	4	0	8	15
CRANES KNOCKED DOWN BUT NOT RETRIEVED	0	0	0	0	0	6	6
TOTAL CRANE HARVEST	5	3	20	16	0	31	74
HUNTER SUCCESS %	38%	40%	52%	38%	0%	68%	50%
PERMIT SUCCESS %	30%	29%	50%	29%	0%	56%	41%

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

**2013 MOURNING DOVE
HARVEST ESTIMATES**

MANAGEMENT AREA	HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
1	24	11	63
2	453	5,061	1,794
3	289	2,966	916
4	217	1,056	483
5	1,013	11,658	2,745
6	314	2,733	729
SPECIES TOTAL	2,310	23,485	6,730

2013 DUCK
HARVEST ESTIMATES

MANAGEMENT AREA		HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
1A	Missouri - Little Powder River	188	2017	1739
1B	Tongue - Little Bighorn - Powder River	306	1735	763
1C	Central North Platte River	939	8765	4742
2A	Lower Platte River	1222	6438	4768
2B	South Platte River	78	348	180
3A	Upper North Platte River	401	2536	1901
4A	Big Horn River Basin	1174	13202	6661
4B	Yellowstone River - YNP	no data	no data	no data
4C	Wind River Basin	552	3962	2051
4D	Sweetwater River	7	17	9
5A	Snake River	215	1539	985
5B	Upper Green River Basin	162	1375	537
5C	Salt River	221	2558	1378
5D	Lower Bear River	148	1085	718
5E	Great Divide Basin	34	266	180
5F	Lower Green River Basin	446	4494	2337
5G	Ham's Fork - Black Fork	250	2176	1041
5H	Upper Bear River	109	717	335
5I	Little Snake	31	66	61
SPECIES TOTALS		6,483	53,296	30,386

2013 EARLY GEESE
HARVEST ESTIMATES

MANAGEMENT AREA		HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
1A	Missouri - Little Powder River	11	0	77
1B	Tongue - Little Bighorn - Powder River	16	22	16
1C	Central North Platte River	25	38	41
2A	Lower Platte River	70	162	182
2B	South Platte River	no data	no data	no data
3A	Upper North Platte River	35	33	103
4A	Big Horn River Basin	3	8	3
4B	Yellowstone River - YNP	no data	no data	no data
4C	Wind River Basin	14	29	23
4D	Sweetwater River	no data	no data	no data
5A	Snake River	90	257	205
5B	Upper Green River Basin	47	36	81
5C	Salt River	19	69	99
5D	Lower Bear River	80	180	191
5E	Great Divide Basin	no data	no data	no data
5F	Lower Green River Basin	169	306	348
5G	Ham's Fork - Black Fork	93	120	164
5H	Upper Bear River	11	22	20
5I	Little Snake	16	9	27
SPECIES TOTALS		699	1,291	1,580

2013 REGULAR GEESE
HARVEST ESTIMATES

MANAGEMENT AREA		HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
1A	Missouri - Little Powder River	166	472	549
1B	Tongue - Little Bighorn - Powder River	221	666	399
1C	Central North Platte River	541	2033	2706
2A	Lower Platte River	1877	15700	9678
2B	South Platte River	47	168	101
3A	Upper North Platte River	119	344	842
4A	Big Horn River Basin	877	7346	4819
4B	Yellowstone River - YNP	no data	no data	no data
4C	Wind River Basin	416	1390	1546
4D	Sweetwater River	2	11	4
5A	Snake River	74	160	304
5B	Upper Green River Basin	72	58	181
5C	Salt River	99	203	864
5D	Lower Bear River	72	243	338
5E	Great Divide Basin	no data	no data	no data
5F	Lower Green River Basin	281	576	1613
5G	Ham's Fork - Black Fork	100	117	460
5H	Upper Bear River	72	92	168
5I	Little Snake	9	27	9
SPECIES TOTALS		5,045	29,606	24,581

2013 ANNUAL COMBINED GEESE
HARVEST ESTIMATES

MANAGEMENT AREA		HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
1A	Missouri - Little Powder River	177	472	626
1B	Tongue - Little Bighorn - Powder River	237	688	415
1C	Central North Platte River	566	2,071	2,747
2A	Lower Platte River	1,947	15,862	9,860
2B	South Platte River	47	168	101
3A	Upper North Platte River	154	377	945
4A	Big Horn River Basin	880	7,354	4,822
4B	Yellowstone River - YNP	no data	no data	no data
4C	Wind River Basin	430	1,419	1,569
4D	Sweetwater River	2	11	4
5A	Snake River	164	417	509
5B	Upper Green River Basin	119	94	262
5C	Salt River	118	272	963
5D	Lower Bear River	152	423	529
5E	Great Divide Basin	no data	no data	no data
5F	Lower Green River Basin	450	882	1,961
5G	Ham's Fork - Black Fork	193	237	624
5H	Upper Bear River	83	114	188
5I	Little Snake	25	36	36
SPECIES TOTALS		5,744	30,861	26,125

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 flyway or zone, the person's total possession limit shall not exceed the largest possession limit prescribed for any one of the states, flyways or zones in which the hunting takes place.
- (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.

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, 2012, 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. Beginning July 1, 2013, Wyoming HIP permits shall be available only on the Department's website at <http://wgfd.wyo.gov>.

(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://wgfd.wyo.gov>. 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, Wyoming 82006, between 8:00 a.m. July 1 and 5:00 p.m. July 31, 2013.

(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://wgfd.wyo.gov>.

(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	Sep. 1	Nov. 9	See Sec. 6	b, d, e	15	30
SORA AND VIRGINIA RAIL - STATEWIDE	Sep. 1	Nov. 9	See Sec. 6	b, d, e	25	25
SNIPE – STATEWIDE	Sep. 1	Dec. 16	See Sec. 6	b, d, e a - after Nov. 21 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	Permit Quota	Dates of Season		Shooting Hours	Closed Areas Section 5 Subsections	Season Bag Limit
		Opens	Closes			
Hunt Area 1 – Limited quota permits; any sandhill crane	15	Sep. 1	Sep. 8	See Sec. 6		1
Hunt Area 2 – Limited quota permits; any sandhill crane	10	Sep. 1	Sep. 8	See Sec. 6	e	1
Hunt Area 3 – Limited quota permits; any sandhill crane	40	Sep. 1	Sep. 8	See Sec. 6	d	1
Hunt Area 4 – Limited quota permits; any sandhill crane	55	Sep. 14	Oct. 6	See Sec. 6		1
Hunt Area 5 – Limited quota permits; any sandhill crane	5	Sep. 1	Sep. 8	See Sec. 6		1
Hunt Area 6 – Limited quota permits; any sandhill crane	55	Sep. 14	Oct. 6	See Sec. 6		1

GENERAL SANDHILL CRANE SEASON						
Species, Hunt Areas and Limitations	Dates of Season		Shooting Hours	Closed Areas Section 5 Subsections	Bag Limits	
	Opens	Closes			Daily	Possession
Hunt Area 7 – Permit required, any sandhill crane	Sep. 14	Nov. 10	See Sec. 6	b	3	6

(iii) Early Canada Goose – Pacific Flyway

EARLY CANADA GOOSE – ANY CANADA GOOSE OR CACKLING GOOSE						
Hunt Areas	Dates of Season		Shooting Hours	Closed Areas Section 5 Subsections	Bag Limit	
	Opens	Closes			Daily	Possession
Pacific Flyway – All counties except Teton County	Sep. 1	Sep. 8	See Sec. 6	d, e	2	4
Teton County	Sep. 1	Sep. 8	See Sec. 6		3	6

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

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

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

(a) Goshen County

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

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

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

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

(v) North Platte River. That portion of the North Platte River and all lands within three hundred (300) yards of each bank of said river located between the two river crossings of Wyoming Highway 157.

(b) Platte County

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

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

(c) Fremont County

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

(d) Sweetwater County

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

(ii) Seedskaadee National Wildlife Refuge. All lands within Seedskaadee 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) 2013 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								
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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) 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	Sep. 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	Sep. 1	Dec. 16				
Dark Geese - Pacific Flyway	Sep. 1	Sep. 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 Reservation, excluding those lands within Hot Springs County.

(v) Area 5. All of Uinta County.

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

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

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

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

By: _____
Mike Healy, President

Dated: April 25, 2013

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

CHAPTER 14

LATE MIGRATORY GAME BIRD HUNTING SEASONS

EMERGENCY RULE

(Emergency rules are no longer in effect 120 days after filing with the Secretary of State.)

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, flyway, or zone, the person's total possession limit shall not exceed the largest possession limit prescribed for any one of the states, flyways, or zones in which the hunting takes place.
- (k) "Waterfowl" means ducks, geese, coots and mergansers.

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, 2012, 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. Beginning July 1, 2013, Wyoming HIP permits shall be available only on the Department's website at <http://wgfd.wyo.gov>.

(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*	Sep. 21	Jan. 3	See Sec. 6	d, e	7**	21**
COOTS	Sep. 21	Jan. 3	See Sec. 6	d, e	15	45
DARK GEESE	Sep. 21	Dec. 26	See Sec. 6	d, e	3	9

* In the Pacific Flyway, the scaup season shall be closed except on the Special Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days and during the period September 21 through December 15 when the daily bag 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 two (2) canvasbacks;
- no more than two (2) pintails;
- no more than two (2) hen mallards;
- no more than two (2) redheads; and,
- no more than three (3) scaup during the dates scaup may be taken.

(iii) Central Flyway Zones. The Central Flyway is divided into two (2) zones for the 2013-2014 season. Refer to the season dates for the zone in which you are hunting.

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

(B) ZONE C2 shall include Albany, Campbell, Crook, Johnson, Laramie, Niobrara, Sheridan and Weston counties; and that portion of Carbon County east of the Continental Divide.

(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. 5	Dec. 30	See Sec. 6	b a after Nov. 21 c after Nov. 14	10	30
	Jan. 30	Feb. 16	See Sec. 6	a, b, c	10	30
<u>ZONE C1</u>						
DUCKS	Oct. 5	Oct. 22	See Sec. 6	b	6**	18**
	Nov. 2	Jan. 19	See Sec. 6	b a after Nov. 21 c after Nov. 14	6**	18**
MERGANSERS	Oct. 5	Oct. 22	See Sec. 6	b	5**	15**
	Nov. 2	Jan. 19	See Sec. 6	b a after Nov. 21 c after Nov. 14	5**	15**
COOTS	Oct. 5	Oct. 22	See Sec. 6	b	15	45
	Nov. 2	Jan. 19	See Sec. 6	b a after Nov. 21 c after Nov. 14	15	45
DARK GEESE All counties in Zone C1 except Goshen and Platte Counties	Oct. 5	Oct. 22	See Sec. 6		5	15
	Nov. 2	Dec. 1	See Sec. 6	c after Nov. 14	5	15
	Dec. 7	Feb. 1	See Sec. 6		5	15
DARK GEESE Goshen and Platte Counties*	Oct. 5	Oct. 22	See Sec. 6	b	2	6
	Nov. 22	Feb. 16	See Sec. 6	a, b	4	12

*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
<u>ZONE C2</u>						
DUCKS	Sep. 21	Dec. 1	See Sec. 6		6**	18**
	Dec. 14	Jan. 7	See Sec. 6		6**	18**
MERGANSERS	Sep. 21	Dec. 1	See Sec. 6		5**	15**
	Dec. 14	Jan. 7	See Sec. 6		5**	15**
COOTS	Sep. 21	Dec. 1	See Sec. 6		15	45
	Dec. 14	Jan. 7	See Sec. 6		15	45
DARK GEESE	Sep. 21	Dec. 1	See Sec. 6		5	15
	Dec. 14	Jan. 15	See Sec. 6		5	15

**The daily bag limit of six (6) ducks may include any combination of species with the following restrictions:

- no more than five (5) mallards of which not more than two (2) shall be hens;
- no more than two (2) canvasbacks;
- no more than two (2) pintails;
- no more than three (3) wood ducks;
- no more than two (2) redheads; and,
- no more than three (3) scaup.

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

(f) Special Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days. In the Pacific Flyway, the special youth waterfowl hunting days are September 14-15, 2013. In Zone C1 of the Central Flyway, the special youth waterfowl hunting days are September 28-29, 2013. In Zone C2 of the Central Flyway, the special youth waterfowl hunting days are September 14-15, 2013. 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; southwestwardly 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 and Bump-Sullivan Ditch; southerly along said ditch to the Wyoming Game and Fish Department's Springer Wildlife Habitat Management Area (WHMA); westerly then southerly along the Springer WHMA boundary to Parking Area 3; southeasterly along the reservoir access road to the Game and Fish Department buildings; due south from said buildings across the Whispering Wings LLC property to the Fullmer Family Trust pasture fence; westerly along said fence to Goshen County Road 37; southerly along said road to Goshen County Road 42; 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 one and six-tenths (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) Within the following areas: Goshen County north of Wyoming Highway 313 and County Road 28; that portion of Platte County west of Interstate Highway 25; and that portion of Platte County south of Wyoming Highway 160 (Gray Rocks Road) and Riverview Road (Platte County Road 271). Shooting hours for 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 5 through October 22.

(ii) All Saturdays and Wednesdays from November 22 through December 31.

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

(b) 2013-2014 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	
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<u>January</u>								
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8-14	7:19	5:06	7:13	5:00	7:05	4:52	6:59	4:46
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1-7	7:01	5:36	6:55	5:30	6:47	5:22	6:41	5:16
8-14	6:52	5:46	6:46	5:40	6:38	5:32	6:32	5:26
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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 (including youth hunt days) set forth in Section 4(e) and (f) 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).

(a) Falconry Bag and Possession Limits. The daily bag limit shall not exceed three (3) migratory game birds in the aggregate nor shall the possession limit exceed nine (9) migratory game birds in the aggregate for falconry during the regular hunting season (including youth hunt days) or special extended falconry seasons. The falconry bag and possession limits are not in addition to the bag and possession limits listed in Section 4(e) and (f), Hunting Regulations.

SPECIAL EXTENDED FALCONRY SEASONS						
Species and Hunt Areas	Dates of Season		Open Hours	Closed Areas Section 5 Subsections	AGGREGATE Bag Limit	
	Opens	Closes			Daily	Possession
<u>ZONE C1</u> Central Flyway, Ducks, Mergansers and Coots	Oct. 23	Oct. 30	See Sec. 6	Limitations in effect in Sections 4 and 5 shall apply	3**	9**
	<u>ZONE C2</u> Central Flyway, Ducks, Mergansers and Coots	Sep. 16				
	Dec. 2	Dec. 4				

**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. Nineteen (19) numbered pits/blinds shall be available each day during the dark goose hunting season and shall be occupied on a first-come, first-served basis within the Bump-Sullivan Managed Goose Hunt area in Goshen County. From November 22, 2013, through February 16, 2014, hunting during dark goose shooting hours shall only be allowed from pits/blinds except as noted below. Maps of pits/blinds shall be posted at the Springer Check Station one and one-quarter (1-1/4) miles west of Highway 85 on Goshen County Road 42, and at the established parking areas. The check station shall not be operated during the 2013-2014 goose hunting season. Hunters shall not be required to register or obtain a goose special management permit to participate in the Bump-Sullivan Managed Goose Hunt. If the Department determines the water level in Bump-Sullivan Reservoir has receded beyond ethical shooting distances from blinds 1-12, hunters shall be allowed to hunt from any location between the blind they have occupied and the water's edge. In such an event, the Department shall post signs at the parking spot for each pit/blind.

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

(b) Access to pits/blinds. Hunters shall only park in the established parking areas. No more than two (2) vehicles per pit/blind shall be allowed in the parking lots. No person shall drive a vehicle beyond the established parking areas during the goose and duck hunting seasons, except for Department administrative access. Hunters may use a non-motorized cart, watercraft or toboggan to transport decoys and other gear to and from the pit/blind. Hunters shall not change pits/blinds except by returning to the parking area and moving their vehicle to the numbered post corresponding to the new pit/blind.

(c) Leaving pits/blinds. Hunters may arrive at and depart from pits/blinds at any time, but while hunting, hunters shall remain at the pit/blind at all times except hunters may leave to arrange decoys, retrieve downed birds or to return to the parking lot.

(d) Condition of pits/blinds. Hunters shall not damage or modify pits/blinds or use staples or nails to attach objects. It is permissible to move natural cover such as driftwood around or against the outside of a blind or pit. At the end of the hunt, all doors and lids shall be closed.

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

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

(g) 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 shall be occupied on a first-come, first-served basis, however participants are not required to hunt from the established pits or blinds. 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: _____
Mike Healy, President

Dated: November 12, 2013

2014 LIGHT GOOSE CONSERVATION ORDER

Harvest and hunter activity during the 2014 Light Goose Conservation Order in Wyoming.

	Season February 24 - April 6
Permits Sold (excludes known collector purchases)	153
Resident	130
Non-resident	23
Unknown residency	0
Initial Responses	91
% Initial Response	59.5
Second Responses	11
% Second Response	7.2
No Response ^a	51
% No Response	33.3
Total Survey Responses (completed surveys)	102
Percent Responded	66.7

PROJECTED TOTAL	
Active Hunters	112
Did Not Hunt	41
Total Days Hunted	337
Days/Hunter	3.0
Geese Harvested	449
Geese Knocked Down, but not retrieved	43
Total Harvest	492
Harvest/Hunter	4.4

Hunters using Electronic Callers	56
Harvest by Hunters using Electronic Callers	164
Average Harvest of Hunters using Callers	2.9

Hunters Hunting After Sunset	43
Harvest by Hunters Hunting After Sunset	77
Average Harvest of After Sunset Hunters	1.8

Hunters Using Callers and Hunting After Sunset	27
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% of Hunters Hunting in Goshen County	97%
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^a Includes non-respondents, incomplete survey responses, and responses received after due date.

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, 2012, 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, flyway or zone, the person's total possession limit shall not exceed the largest possession limit prescribed for any one of the states, flyways or zones in which the hunting takes place.
- (l) "Waterfowl" means ducks, geese, coots and mergansers.

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 may be purchased online from the Department's website at <http://wgfd.wyo.gov>. Conservation Order Permits shall also be available from the Laramie and Casper Regional Offices, the Department's Headquarters Office in Cheyenne and at designated license selling agents.

Persons without Internet access can request an application to purchase a Conservation Order Permit by mail by calling 1-800-842-1934 from in-state, 1-307-777-4600 from out-of-state.

(c) Reporting Requirements. Any person who obtains a Conservation Order Special Management Permit shall accurately complete the online survey at the web address provided on the permit no later than April 18, 2014. The survey shall be completed whether the person participated in the conservation order or not. Persons without Internet access shall be sent a postage-paid survey card by mail to the address the person provides at the time the Conservation Order Permit is purchased. The card shall be completed and returned to the Cheyenne Headquarters Office in Cheyenne no later than April 18, 2014.

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

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, 2011, 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, 2011, 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. 24	Apr. 6	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 Managed Goose Hunt, including Bump-Sullivan Reservoir, shall be open to the taking of light geese during the light goose conservation order. Pits/blinds shall be occupied on a first-come, first-served basis and shall not be claimed or reserved by leaving personal belongings, including decoys, unattended at the pit/blind at any time. Conservation order participants are not required to possess a Bump-Sullivan managed goose hunt permit or a goose special management registration nor are they required to hunt from a pit/blind during the light goose conservation order.

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

(a) Goshen County

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

(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.

2013 Conservation Order Shooting Hours Table. This table (including adjustments for daylight savings time) lists the official shooting hours (one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to one-half (1/2) hour after sunset) 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						
24-28	6:24	6:29	6:16	6:21	6:10	6:15
March						
1-8	6:13	6:37	6:05	6:29	5:59	6:23
*9-14	7:01	7:46	6:53	7:38	6:47	7:32
15-21	6:50	7:53	6:42	7:45	6:36	7:39
22-31	6:35	8:03	6:27	7:55	6:21	7:49
April						
1- 6	6:21	8:13	6:13	8:05	6:07	7:59

*Start Daylight Savings 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: _____
Mike Healy, President

Dated: April 25, 2013

2013 PHEASANT HARVEST ESTIMATES			
MANAGEMENT AREA	HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
2	2177	9343	11058
3	1409	5972	6248
4	93	179	120
5	2630	12371	7637
6	972	3887	3650
SPECIES TOTAL	7,281	31,752	28,713

2013 RUFFED GROUSE HARVEST ESTIMATES			
MANAGEMENT AREA	HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
1	710	2579	4451
2	174	330	513
3	156	126	636
4	476	878	1767
6	254	559	905
SPECIES TOTAL	1,770	4,472	8,272

2013-2014 CHUKAR PARTRIDGE HARVEST ESTIMATES			
MANAGEMENT AREA	HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
2	903	2001	3666
3	153	373	368
4	52	71	135
5	63	171	108
6	166	583	823
SPECIES TOTAL	1,337	3,199	5,100

2013 BLUE GROUSE HARVEST ESTIMATES			
MANAGEMENT AREA	HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
1	428	1672	2001
2	514	1178	1565
3	579	1753	2220
4	910	2118	3812
5	717	1547	2791
6	308	473	1028
SPECIES TOTAL	3,456	8,741	13,417

2013-2014 GRAY PARTRIDGE HARVEST ESTIMATES			
MANAGEMENT AREA	HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
1	5	5	5
2	469	771	2268
3	296	379	1330
4	20	27	20
5	78	257	280
6	114	302	643
SPECIES TOTAL	982	1,741	4,546

2013 SAGE-GROUSE HARVEST ESTIMATES			
MANAGEMENT AREA	HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
B	206	206	513
C	82	27	249
D	387	628	848
E	565	1240	1325
F	399	488	670
G	1307	2513	3139
H	437	624	928
SPECIES TOTAL	3,383	5,726	7,672

2013 SHARP-TAILED GROUSE HARVEST ESTIMATES			
MANAGEMENT AREA	HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
3	437	988	1788
5	215	194	662
6	no data	no data	no data
SPECIES TOTAL	652	1,182	2,450

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	Dates of Seasons		Bag Limit		Limitations
	Opens	Closes	Daily	Possession	
1	Sep. 21	Sep. 30	2	4	Any sage grouse
2, 3					CLOSED
4	Sep. 21	Sep. 23	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 Description.

(a) Area and number.

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

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

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

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

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: _____
Mike Healy, President

Dated: April 25, 2013

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	Sep. 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: _____
Mike Healy, President

Dated: April 25, 2013

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: _____
Mike Healy, President

Dated: April 25, 2013

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	Dates of Seasons		Bag Limit		Limitations	Shooting Hours	
	Opens	Closes	Daily	Possession		Start	End
1	Nov. 2	Dec. 31	3	9	Male pheasant only	½ hour before Sunrise	Sunset
2	Nov. 2	Dec. 1	2	6	Any pheasant (Youth Hunt-Refer to Section 8)	8:00 a.m.	4:00 p.m.
	Dec. 2	Dec. 31	2	6	Male pheasant only	8:00 a.m.	4:00 p.m.
5	Nov. 2	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. 2	Dec. 31	3	9	Male pheasant only except that portion of Area 7 in Platte and Laramie Counties shall be open for any pheasant	½ hour before Sunrise Table Mountain WHMA ½ hour before Sunrise	Sunset 4:00 p.m.
8	Oct. 17	Nov. 1	3	Season Limit 3	Any pheasant (Springer permits) Refer to Section 6	8:00 a.m.	4:00 p.m.
	Nov. 2	Nov. 21	3	9	Any pheasant	8:00 a.m.	4:00 p.m.
9	Nov. 2	Dec. 31	3	9	Any pheasant (Glendo permits) Refer to Section 7	8:00 a.m.	4:00 p.m.
11	Nov. 2	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 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 22.

(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. Hunters who acquire a pheasant special management permit through the Electronic Licensing Service (ELS) shall not be required to meet the signature provision of this section. The permit shall be available at Headquarters, Department Regional Offices and designated license selling agents.

(a) 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 Habitat Management Area, in Bighorn County.

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

(viii) All lands 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 17 through November 1.

(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 19 and October 27.

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

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

Section 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. 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 3, 10, 17 and 24. Only youths shall be allowed to take pheasants on youth hunt days. Youths under the age of fourteen (14) shall

be accompanied by an adult. No adult shall take any pheasant during the youth only hunt days. No Glendo permit is required for youths to hunt on youth only hunt days.

(b) Application for Glendo Permits. 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 16. Only youths shall be allowed to take pheasants on this date. Youths under the age of fourteen (14) shall be accompanied by an adult. No adults shall take any pheasant during the youth only hunt day, 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. All of Sheridan, Johnson, Park, Washakie and Hot Springs Counties, and all of Big Horn County excluding lands in the Yellowtail Wildlife Habitat Management Area north of U.S. Highway 14A.

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

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: _____
Mike Healy, President

Dated: April 25, 2013

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	Dates of Seasons		Bag Limit		Limitations
	Opens	Closes	Daily	Possession	
1	Sep. 1	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: _____
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Dated: April 25, 2013

**FALL 2013 & SPRING 2014 WILD TURKEY
ANNUAL HARVEST ESTIMATES**

(June 1, 2013 through May 31, 2014)

	NUMBER SOLD	NUMBER HUNTERS	TOMS	HENS	TOTAL HARVEST	SUCCESS RATE	HUNTER DAYS	DAYS/ HARVEST
2013 FALL								
RESIDENT	1,688	1,390	394	302	696	50.1%	4,602	6.6
NONRESIDENT	219	175	71	48	119	68.0%	414	3.5
TOTAL	1,907	1,565	465	350	815	52.1%	5,016	6.2
2014 SPRING								
RESIDENT	3,830	3,119	1,317	3	1,320	42.3%	10,277	7.8
NONRESIDENT	1,094	1,019	643	0	643	63.1%	2,762	4.3
TOTAL	4,924	4,138	1,960	3	1,963	47.4%	13,039	6.6
ANNUAL TOTALS								
RESIDENT	5,518	4,509	1,711	305	2,016	44.7%	14,879	7.4
NONRESIDENT	1,313	1,194	714	48	762	63.8%	3,176	4.2
TOTAL	6,831	5,703	2,425	353	2,778	48.7%	18,055	6.5

2013 FALL WILD TURKEY HARVEST ESTIMATES

AREA	TYPE	FEETYPE	SOLD	HUNTERS	TOTAL			SUCCESS	DAYS/	
					TOM	HEN	HARVEST		DAYS	HARVEST
1 BLACK HILLS	G	RES	1,442	362	65	79	144	39.8%	1,287	8.94
	G	NONRES	196	71	29	25	54	76.1%	174	3.22
	TOTAL		1,638	433	94	104	198	45.7%	1,461	7.38
2 LARAMIE PEAK	G	RES	1,442	139	30	52	82	59.0%	345	4.21
	G	NONRES	196	7	4	0	4	57.1%	13	3.25
	TOTAL		1,638	146	34	52	86	58.9%	358	4.16
3 SHERIDAN-JOHNSON	3	RES	121	118	65	28	93	78.8%	374	4.02
	3	NONRES	18	15	5	3	8	53.3%	41	5.13
	G	RES	1,442	294	101	68	169	57.5%	936	5.54
	G	NONRES	196	47	27	16	43	91.5%	103	2.4
TOTAL		1,777	474	198	115	313	66.0%	1,454	4.65	
4 GOSHEN	G	RES	1,442	125	41	16	57	45.6%	419	7.35
	G	NONRES	196	16	2	2	4	25.0%	31	7.75
	TOTAL		1,638	141	43	18	61	43.3%	450	7.4
6 SHOSHONE	1	RES	46	39	10	3	13	33.3%	168	12.92
	1	NONRES	4	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0
	TOTAL		50	39	10	3	13	33.3%	168	12.92
8 LARAMIE COUNTY	G	RES	1,442	22	5	5	10	45.5%	33	3.3
	G	NONRES	196	2	0	0	0	0.0%	2	0
	TOTAL		1,638	24	5	5	10	41.7%	35	3.5
9 NATRONA COUNTY	3	RES	30	21	6	3	9	42.9%	84	9.33
	3	NONRES	1	1	0	0	0	0.0%	1	0
	G	RES	1,442	90	24	19	43	47.8%	326	7.58
	G	NONRES	196	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0
TOTAL		1,669	112	30	22	52	46.4%	411	7.9	
10 BIGHORN	1	RES	49	42	12	7	19	45.2%	184	9.68
	TOTAL		49	42	12	7	19	45.2%	184	9.68
11 CHEYENNE RIVER	G	RES	1,442	84	24	14	38	45.2%	253	6.66
	G	NONRES	196	16	4	2	6	37.5%	49	8.17
	TOTAL		1,638	100	28	16	44	44.0%	302	6.86
13 POLE MOUNTAIN	G	RES	1,442	54	11	8	19	35.2%	193	10.16
	G	NONRES	196	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0
	TOTAL		1,638	54	11	8	19	35.2%	193	10.16
14 WIND RIVER	G	RES	1,442	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0
	G	NONRES	196	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0
	TOTAL		1,638	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0

2014 SPRING WILD TURKEY HARVEST ESTIMATES

AREA	TYPE	FEETYPE	SOLD	HUNTERS	TOM	HEN	TOTAL		DAYS	DAYS/ HARVEST
							HARVEST	SUCCESS		
1 BLACK HILLS	G	RES	3,201	963	400	3	403	41.8%	3,019	7.5
	G	NONRES	966	625	388	0	388	62.1%	1,681	4.3
	TOTAL			4,167	1,588	788	3	791	49.8%	4,700
2 LARAMIE PEAK	G	RES	3,201	375	141	0	141	37.6%	1,093	7.8
	G	NONRES	966	47	19	0	19	40.4%	178	9.4
	TOTAL			4,167	422	160	0	160	37.9%	1,271
3 SHERIDAN-JOHNSON	3	RES	219	201	123	0	123	61.2%	598	4.9
	3	NONRES	78	73	55	0	55	75.3%	146	2.7
	G	RES	3,201	373	168	0	168	45.0%	1,049	6.2
	G	NONRES	966	112	78	0	78	69.6%	295	3.8
TOTAL			4,464	759	424	0	424	55.9%	2,088	4.9
4 GOSHEN	G	RES	3,201	458	221	0	221	48.3%	1,388	6.3
	G	NONRES	966	59	36	0	36	61.0%	155	4.3
	TOTAL			4,167	517	257	0	257	49.7%	1,543
6 SHOSHONE	1	RES	177	133	57	0	57	42.9%	789	13.8
	1	NONRES	22	22	9	0	9	40.9%	84	9.3
	TOTAL			199	155	66	0	66	42.6%	873
8 LARAMIE COUNTY	G	RES	3,201	25	8	0	8	32.0%	80	10.0
	G	NONRES	966	4	4	0	4	100.0%	13	3.3
	TOTAL			4,167	29	12	0	12	41.4%	93
9 NATRONA COUNTY	3	RES	56	50	32	0	32	64.0%	180	5.6
	3	NONRES	7	7	5	0	5	71.4%	20	4.0
	G	RES	3,201	116	36	0	36	31.0%	431	12.0
	G	NONRES	966	2	2	0	2	100.0%	6	3.0
TOTAL			4,230	175	75	0	75	42.9%	637	8.5
10 BIGHORN	1	RES	177	141	68	0	68	48.2%	772	11.4
	1	NONRES	21	19	13	0	13	68.4%	65	5.0
	TOTAL			198	160	81	0	81	50.6%	837
11 CHEYENNE RIVER	G	RES	3,201	146	41	0	41	28.1%	428	10.4
	G	NONRES	966	47	34	0	34	72.3%	108	3.2
	TOTAL			4,167	193	75	0	75	38.9%	536
13 POLE MOUNTAIN	G	RES	3,201	130	22	0	22	16.9%	422	19.2
	G	NONRES	966	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0
	TOTAL			4,167	130	22	0	22	16.9%	422
14 WIND RIVER	G	RES	3,201	6	0	0	0	0.0%	28	0.0
	G	NONRES	966	2	0	0	0	0.0%	11	0.0
	TOTAL			4,167	8	0	0	0	0.0%	39

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, 2013 and spring, 2014, 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 three (3) wild turkey licenses valid for each season, provided that at least two (2) of those licenses are Limited Quota Type 3 licenses. However, no person shall apply for and receive more than a total of three (3) wild turkey licenses valid for the fall season and no more than a total of three (3) wild turkey licenses valid for the spring season.

(c) 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) 2013 Fall Season. Hunt Areas, Season Dates and Limitations.

Hunt Area	Type	Dates of Seasons		Limited Quota	Limitations
		Opens	Closes		
1		Nov. 1	Nov. 30		General license; any wild turkey
2		Oct. 1	Dec. 31		General license; any wild turkey
3		Oct. 1	Dec. 31		General license; any wild turkey
	3	Oct. 1	Dec. 31	250	Limited quota licenses; any wild turkey
4		Oct. 1	Dec. 31		General license; any wild turkey
6	1	Oct. 1	Nov. 30	50	Limited quota licenses; any wild turkey
8		Oct. 1	Dec. 31		General license; any wild turkey
9		Oct. 1	Dec. 31		General license; any wild turkey
	3	Oct. 1	Dec. 31	100	Limited quota licenses; any wild turkey
10	1	Oct. 1	Nov. 30	50	Limited quota licenses; any wild turkey
11		Oct. 1	Nov. 30		General license; any wild turkey
13		Oct. 1	Dec. 31		General license; any wild turkey
14		Oct. 1	Oct. 31		General license; any wild turkey

(g) 2014 Spring Season. Hunt Areas, Season Dates and Limitations.

Hunt Area	Type	Dates of Seasons		Limited Quota	Limitations
		Opens	Closes		
1		Apr. 12	May 20		General license; any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
2		Apr. 1	May 20		General license; any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
3		Apr. 1	May 20		General license; any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
	3	Apr. 1	May 20	300	Limited quota licenses; any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
4		Apr. 1	May 20		General license; any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
6	1	Apr. 12	May 20	200	Limited quota licenses; any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
8		Apr. 1	May 20		General license; any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
9		Apr. 1	May 20		General license; any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
	3	Apr. 1	May 20	100	Limited quota licenses; any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
10	1	Apr. 12	May 20	200	Limited quota licenses; any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
11		Apr. 1	May 20		General license; any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
13		Apr. 1	May 20		General license; any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
14		Apr. 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. Powder River. All of Campbell, Johnson and Sheridan Counties.

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

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 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 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 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: _____
Mike Healy, President

Dated: April 25, 2013

2013-2014 COTTONTAIL RABBIT HARVEST ESTIMATES			
MANAGEMENT AREA	HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
1	46	37	93
2	616	2303	2424
3	538	1586	1509
4	1278	7598	4978
5	955	2777	2676
6	716	2115	2151
SPECIES TOTAL	4,149	16,416	13,831

2013-2014 SNOWSHOE HARE HARVEST ESTIMATES			
MANAGEMENT AREA	HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
1	7	0	22
2	48	60	191
3	56	77	262
4	91	105	1225
5	72	5	174
6	22	35	88
SPECIES TOTAL	296	282	1,962

2013-2014 SQUIRREL HARVEST ESTIMATES			
MANAGEMENT AREA	HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
1	32	109	45
2	72	107	239
3	80	235	410
4	39	148	136
5	168	289	461
6	60	123	269
SPECIES TOTAL	451	1,011	1,560

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.

Species	Hunt Area	Dates of Seasons		Bag Limit		Limitations
		Opens	Closes	Daily	Possession	
Cottontail Rabbit	1	Sep. 1	Mar. 1	10	20	Any cottontail rabbit
Showshoe Hare	1	Sep. 1	Mar. 1	4	8	Any snowshoe hare
Red, Gray and Fox Squirrel	1	Sep. 1	Mar. 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.

Species	Hunt Area	Dates of Seasons		Bag Limit		Limitations
		Opens	Closes	Daily	Possession	
Cottontail Rabbit	1	Sep. 1	Mar. 1	10	20	Any cottontail rabbit
		Mar. 2	Aug.31	1	2	Any cottontail rabbit
Showshoe Hare	1	Sep. 1	Mar. 1	10	20	Any snowshoe hare
		Mar. 2	Aug. 31	1	2	Any snowshoe hare
Red, Gray and Fox Squirrel	1	Sep. 1	Mar. 1	10	20	Any red, gray or fox squirrel
		Mar. 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: _____
Mike Healy, President

Dated: April 25, 2013

**2013-2014 CITES TAGGING/BOBCAT
HARVEST STATISTICS**

OVERVIEW	RESIDENT	NONRESIDENT	TOTAL
LICENSES SOLD	2,514	46	2,560
SUCCESSFUL LICENSE HOLDERS	504	18	522
PERCENT WHO REPORTED BOBCATS	20.0%	39.1%	20.4%
TOTAL BOBCATS TAGGED	1,507	64	1,571

TRAPPING ACTIVITY	RESIDENT	NONRESIDENT	TOTAL
BOBCAT TRAPPERS	504	18	522
TRAP HARVEST	1,363	60	1,423
AVERAGE HARVEST PER TRAPPER	2.7	3.3	2.7
TRAP NIGHTS (# traps * nights traps active)	487,248	18,448	505,696
AVERAGE TRAP DAYS PER TRAPPER	966.8	1,024.9	968.8
AVERAGE TRAP DAYS PER HARVEST	357.5	307.5	355.4

HUNTING ACTIVITY	RESIDENT	NONRESIDENT	TOTAL
BOBCAT HUNTERS	84	3	87
FIREARM HARVEST	126	2	128
AVERAGE HARVEST PER HUNTER	1.5	0.667	1.5
HUNT DAYS	671	16	687
AVERAGE HUNT DAYS PER HUNTER	8.0	5	7.9
AVERAGE HUNT DAYS PER HARVEST	5.3	8	5.4
MISCELLANEOUS BOBCATS TAGGED	15	1	16

**2013-2014 BOBCAT HARVEST BY
AREA AND METHOD OF TAKE**

AREA	TRAP	FIREARM	MISC	TOTAL
1	11	1	0	12
2	190	9	0	199
3	571	73	8	652
4	286	9	6	301
5	272	28	2	302
6	97	8	0	105
TOTAL	1,427	128	16	1,571

**2013-2014 BOBCAT
HARVEST BY AGE AND GENDER**

AGE CLASS	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
JUVENILE	93	107	200
ADULT	831	540	1,371
TOTAL	924	647	1,571

Table I
BADGER
Harvest Estimates
2013-2014

AREA	FEETYPE	TRAPPERS	TRAP HARVEST	SNARERS	SNARE HARVEST	HUNTERS	FIREARM		TOTAL TRAPPERS, SNARERS & HUNTERS	TOTAL HARVEST
							HARVEST	DAYS		
1	RES	14	7	10	0	3	0	70	27	7
	AREA TOTALS	14	7	10	0	3	0	70	27	7
2	RES	24	56	17	0	7	0	7	48	56
	AREA TOTALS	24	56	17	0	7	0	7	48	56
3	RES	59	77	38	0	45	28	377	142	105
	AREA TOTALS	59	77	38	0	45	28	377	142	105
4	RES	56	108	20	10	45	38	171	121	156
	NONRES	2	8	0	0	0	0	0	2	8
	AREA TOTALS	58	116	20	10	45	38	171	123	164
5	RES	38	59	17	7	56	70	520	111	136
	NONRES	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	2	6
	AREA TOTALS	40	65	17	7	56	70	520	113	142
6	RES	17	84	10	0	17	3	178	44	87
	NONRES	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
	AREA TOTALS	19	86	10	0	17	3	178	46	89
SPECIES TOTALS		214	407	112	17	173	139	1,323	499	563

Table II
BEAVER
Harvest Estimates
2013-2014

AREA	FEETYPE	TRAPPERS	TRAP HARVEST	SNARERS	SNARE HARVEST	HUNTERS	FIREARM		TOTAL TRAPPERS, SNARERS & HUNTERS	TOTAL HARVEST
							HARVEST	DAYS		
1	RES	63	398	17	7	6	6	77	86	411
	NONRES	2	15	0	0	0	0	0	2	15
	AREA TOTALS	65	413	17	7	6	6	77	88	426
2	RES	42	168	42	10	14	35	14	98	213
	NONRES	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
	AREA TOTALS	44	170	42	10	14	35	14	100	215
3	RES	56	314	38	35	0	0	0	94	349
	AREA TOTALS	56	314	38	35	0	0	0	94	349
4	RES	66	722	17	42	27	38	485	110	802
	NONRES	4	23	0	0	0	0	0	4	23
	AREA TOTALS	70	745	17	42	27	38	485	114	825
5	RES	105	1,015	35	35	3	10	49	143	1,060
	NONRES	8	81	4	6	0	0	0	12	87
	AREA TOTALS	113	1,096	39	41	3	10	49	155	1,147
6	RES	45	168	24	52	0	0	0	69	220
	NONRES	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
	AREA TOTALS	47	170	24	52	0	0	0	71	222
SPECIES TOTALS		395	2,908	177	187	50	89	625	622	3,184

Table III
MARTEN
 Harvest Estimates
 2013-2014

AREA	FEETYPE	TRAPPERS	TRAP HARVEST	SNARERS	SNARE HARVEST	HUNTERS	FIREARM		TOTAL TRAPPERS, SNARERS & HUNTERS	TOTAL HARVEST
							HARVEST	DAYS		
1	RES	63	1,322	20	0	3	0	70	86	1,322
	NONRES	4	96	2	0	0	0	0	6	96
	AREA TOTALS	67	1,418	22	0	3	0	70	92	1,418
2	RES	45	548	35	10	3	0	3	83	558
	AREA TOTALS	45	548	35	10	3	0	3	83	558
3	RES	14	17	10	0	0	0	0	24	17
	AREA TOTALS	14	17	10	0	0	0	0	24	17
4	RES	31	499	7	0	0	0	0	38	499
	NONRES	2	25	0	0	0	0	0	2	25
	AREA TOTALS	33	524	7	0	0	0	0	40	524
5	RES	17	328	10	0	0	0	0	27	328
	AREA TOTALS	17	328	10	0	0	0	0	27	328
6	RES	14	143	14	0	0	0	0	28	143
	AREA TOTALS	14	143	14	0	0	0	0	28	143
SPECIES TOTALS		190	2,978	98	10	6	0	73	294	2,988

Table IV
MINK
 Harvest Estimates
 2013-2014

AREA	FEETYPE	TRAPPERS	TRAP HARVEST	SNARERS	SNARE HARVEST	HUNTERS	FIREARM		TOTAL TRAPPERS, SNARERS & HUNTERS	TOTAL HARVEST
							HARVEST	DAYS		
1	RES	38	94	10	0	6	3	73	54	97
	AREA TOTALS	38	94	10	0	6	3	73	54	97
2	RES	38	28	31	3	3	0	3	72	31
	NONRES	2	10	0	0	0	0	0	2	10
	AREA TOTALS	40	38	31	3	3	0	3	74	41
3	RES	38	55	17	0	0	0	0	55	55
	AREA TOTALS	38	55	17	0	0	0	0	55	55
4	RES	21	98	17	28	6	14	429	44	140
	NONRES	2	15	0	0	0	0	0	2	15
	AREA TOTALS	23	113	17	28	6	14	429	46	155
5	RES	38	147	7	0	3	10	10	48	157
	NONRES	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	4	2
	AREA TOTALS	40	149	9	0	3	10	10	52	159
6	RES	24	56	7	0	0	0	0	31	56
	AREA TOTALS	24	56	7	0	0	0	0	31	56
SPECIES TOTALS		203	505	91	31	18	27	515	312	563

Table V
MUSKRAT
 Harvest Estimates
 2013-2014

AREA	FEETYPE	TRAPPERS	TRAP HARVEST	SNARERS	SNARE HARVEST	HUNTERS	FIREARM		TOTAL TRAPPERS, SNARERS & HUNTERS	TOTAL HARVEST
							HARVEST	DAYS		
1	RES	52	1,588	10	3	3	3	70	65	1,594
	AREA TOTALS	52	1,588	10	3	3	3	70	65	1,594
2	RES	49	1,054	38	0	10	59	14	97	1,113
	AREA TOTALS	49	1,054	38	0	10	59	14	97	1,113
3	RES	45	524	17	0	3	21	3	65	545
	AREA TOTALS	45	524	17	0	3	21	3	65	545
4	RES	56	674	20	0	6	7	429	82	681
	NONRES	4	27	0	0	0	0	0	4	27
	AREA TOTALS	60	701	20	0	6	7	429	86	708
5	RES	34	733	7	0	0	0	0	41	733
	NONRES	4	29	0	0	0	0	0	4	29
	AREA TOTALS	38	762	7	0	0	0	0	45	762
6	RES	24	520	10	0	0	0	0	34	520
	AREA TOTALS	24	520	10	0	0	0	0	34	520
SPECIES TOTALS		268	5,149	102	3	22	90	516	392	5,242

Table VI
WEASEL
 Harvest Estimates
 2013-2014

AREA	FEETYPE	TRAPPERS	TRAP HARVEST	SNARERS	SNARE HARVEST	HUNTERS	FIREARM		TOTAL TRAPPERS, SNARERS & HUNTERS	TOTAL HARVEST
							HARVEST	DAYS		
1	RES	41	175	13	0	3	0	70	57	175
	AREA TOTALS	41	175	13	0	3	0	70	57	175
2	RES	17	31	14	0	3	0	3	34	31
	AREA TOTALS	17	31	14	0	3	0	3	34	31
3	RES	10	3	10	0	0	0	0	20	3
	AREA TOTALS	10	3	10	0	0	0	0	20	3
4	RES	17	28	7	0	3	3	3	27	31
	AREA TOTALS	17	28	7	0	3	3	3	27	31
5	RES	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	6	3
	AREA TOTALS	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	6	3
6	RES	10	45	7	0	0	0	0	17	45
	AREA TOTALS	10	45	7	0	0	0	0	17	45
SPECIES TOTALS		98	285	54	0	9	3	76	161	288

Table VII
FURBEARER STATEWIDE
Harvest Effort Estimates
2013-2014

Survey Questions	State Totals
Q2. Traps Set Out:	13,878
Q3. Traps Nights Out:	25,662
Q4. Snares Set Out:	3,546
Q5. Snares Nights Out:	11,142
Q6. Total Firearm Days:	2,691

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) “Live Trap” means any device designed to capture or trap a live animal inside a cage or structure. Such traps include, but are not limited to box traps and cage traps.

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

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

(j) “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.

Species	Trapping Area	Date of Seasons		Limitations
		Opens	Closes	
Mink	1	Oct. 1	Apr. 30	Any mink
Bobcat	1	Nov. 15	Mar. 1	Any bobcat

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

Section 5. Furbearing Animal Hunting or Trapping Area Descriptions.

(a) Area and number.

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

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

(ii) Marten.

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

Area 2. Snowy Range. Beginning at the junction of Interstate Highway 80 and U.S. Highway 287 in the city of Laramie; southerly along U.S. Highway 287 to the Wyoming-Colorado state line; westerly along said line to

Wyoming Highway 230 in Carbon County; northerly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 130; northerly along said highway to Interstate Highway 80; easterly along said highway to its junction with U.S. Highway 287.

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

(iii) Beaver.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Area 606. East Fork Wind River. All lands within the Spence and Moriarity Wildlife Management Area and the Kirk Inberg/Kevin Roy Wildlife Habitat Management Area 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.

(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.

Section 10. Check Period for Leg-Hold Traps, Live Traps, Snares and Quick-Kill Body-Grip Traps.

(a) All leg-hold traps and live traps shall be checked by the owner a minimum of once during each seventy-two (72) hour period.

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

Section 11. 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. If the registration deadline date occurs on a weekend when the Department Regional Offices are closed, bobcat pelts may be registered on the next business day until 5:00 p.m. Mountain Standard Time. 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 12. 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 13. 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 14. 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 15. 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 16. 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 the regulation shall be severable.

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

By: _____
Aaron Clark, President

Dated: July 10, 2012

RESIDENT FALCON HARVEST 2013-2014

CHUKAR PARTRIDGE

County	Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar	
	Days	Harvest												
Unknown					20	6	15	2						
TOTALS	0	0	0	0	20	6	15	2	0	0	0	0	0	0

Days Hunted	35
Harvest	8
Hunters	1

GRAY PARTRIDGE

County	Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar	
	Days	Harvest												
Natrona			10	0	7	0	5	0						
Unknown					20	0	20	2						
TOTALS	0	0	10	0	27	0	25	2	0	0	0	0	0	0

Days Hunted	62
Harvest	2
Hunters	2

PHEASANT

County	Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar	
	Days	Harvest												
Goshen	4	0					1	0	1	0				
Sheridan	5	2	27	3	6	1	8	5	2	1				
Unknown	20	3	20	4	20	0	10	0	2	0				
TOTALS	29	5	47	7	26	1	19	5	5	1	0	0	0	0

Days Hunted	126
Harvest	19
Hunters	4

SAGE-GROUSE

County	Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar	
	Days	Harvest												
Johnson			8	2	8	2								
Natrona	8	0	10	4	17	3								
Sublette			25	6	16	4	15	2	10	0				
Sweetwater	6	2	20	6	5	0	5	0						
TOTALS	14	2	63	18	46	9	20	2	10	0	0	0		

Days Hunted	153
Harvest	31
Hunters	8

Ruffed Grouse

County	Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar	
	Days	Harvest												
Unknown			2	1	1	1								
TOTALS	0	0	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Days Hunted	3
Harvest	2
Hunters	1

RESIDENT FALCONRY - continued

SHARP-TAILED GROUSE

County	Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar	
	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest								
Unknown	35	1	31	2	33	3	24	1	10	1				
TOTALS	35	1	31	2	33	3	24	1	10	1	0	0	0	0

Days Hunted	133
Harvest	8
Hunters	2

COTTONTAIL RABBIT

County	Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar	
	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest
Fremont					10	4	20	18	10	23	20	29	4	11
Sweetwater	6	4	6	2	5	3	5	0	7	3	5	3		
TOTALS	6	4	6	2	15	7	25	18	17	26	25	32	4	11

Days Hunted	98
Harvest	100
Hunters	2

DUCKS

County	Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar	
	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest
Goshen			15	0	7	1								
Natrona	2	0	7	3	5	2								
Sheridan	15	6	39	18	45	26	16	12	4	1				
Sweetwater	24	9	7	4										
Unknown			15	8	18	10								
TOTALS	41	15	83	33	75	39	16	12	4	1	0	0	0	0

Days Hunted	219
Harvest	100
Hunters	9

Total Surveys Mailed	29
Total Responded	27
% Response	93%

NONRESIDENT FALCON HARVEST 2013-2014

PHEASANT

County	Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar	
	Days	Harvest												
Sheridan			4	1										
TOTALS	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Days Hunted	4
Harvest	1
Hunters	1

SAGE-GROUSE

County	Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar	
	Days	Harvest												
Big Horn			4	0	10	0	6	0						
Fremont			2	0										
Johnson			1	0										
Lincoln	1	0	1	0										
Park			4	0	8	0								
Sublette	7	2	75	17	5	2	6	1	5	1				
Sweetwater	53	20	91	28	29	5	6	1			2	0		
Uinta			5	0	12	0	10	0	11	0	12	0		
Unknown	1	0	3	1										
TOTALS	62	22	186	46	64	7	28	2	16	1	14	0	0	0

Days Hunted	370
Harvest	78
Hunters	29

COTTONTAIL RABBIT

County	Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar	
	Days	Harvest												
Sweetwater			7	5							6	0		
TOTALS	0	0	7	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0

Days Hunted	13
Harvest	5
Hunters	3

DUCKS

County	Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar	
	Days	Harvest												
Carbon			2	2										
Fremont					1	1								
Lincoln			4	4										
Sheridan	1	2	6	4	1	0								
Sublette			21	0										
Sweetwater	8	6	35	8	4	0								
Unknown			3	2										
TOTALS	9	8	71	20	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Days Hunted	86
Harvest	29
Hunters	12

Total Surveys Mailed	43
Total Responded	37
% Response	86%