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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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ABSTRACT:

This report summarizes harvests from the 2015-2016 hunting seasons for small game, upland game birds, migratory game birds, wild turkeys, and furbearers and harvest taken by falconers. Harvest 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 harvests.
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 and until 2010-11, 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. However, the data did provide a useful index to population trends based on harvest effort. 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 endangered spotted cats. CITES requires that bobcats must be individually 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 those that did not respond to the survey and those that were not sampled. 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 (census), 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 were 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 were asked regarding effort. The 2010-2011 survey reinstated effort questions with the goal of estimating statewide trap nights, snare nights and hunter days for those holding a furbearer license.

The harvest survey for the 2015-16 season was conducted as follows: Emails containing the link to the online survey were sent to license holders who offered their email addresses during the license purchase process and hard copies were mailed to a random sample of daily, annual, pioneer and lifetime small game and game bird license holders who did not provide email contacts. All holders of fall and spring turkey licenses and furbearer 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

Beginning in 2014, pheasant and wild turkey harvest is reported by hunt area as described in the regulations (Pheasant Hunt Areas 1, 2, 5, 7, 8, 9 & 11 and Wild Turkey Hunt Areas 1-5).

Beginning in 2015, Pheasant hunters were asked to report effort and harvest and effort in Area 8 (Springer/Bump Sullivan) for the period after the Springer Permit Pheasant Season only. Effort and harvest during the Springer Permit Pheasant Season is collected during a mandatory check-in and check-out process. Check station data were added to harvest survey estimates for the period after the permit hunt in order to estimate total harvest and effort for Area 8. Also beginning in 2015, wild turkey hunters had the opportunity to report effort and harvest for up to three licenses now allowed by regulation (Chapter 20, Section 2.b.). Finally, in an effort to develop an estimate of the number of days those who trap and/or snare were physically in the field, a question was added to the furbearer survey asking how many days were spent in the field checking traps or snares.

2015 FIVE-YEAR LICENSE SALES TREND FOR SMALL AND UPLAND GAME

SMALL AND UPLAND GAME LICENSE CATEGORIES	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	5-YEAR TOTAL	ANNUAL AVERAGE
Annual Game Bird							
Resident	7,430	7,596	6,945	6,792	10,573	39,336	7,867
Annual Small Game							
Resident	1,533	1,393	1,653	1,734	2,459	8,772	1,754
Annual Game Bird/Small Game							
Resident	7,953	8,603	8,891	9,617	10,573	45,637	9,127
Nonresident	1,738	1,893	1,898	2,111	2314	9,954	1,991
Total	9,691	10,496	10,789	11,728	12,887	55,591	11,118
Daily Game Bird/Small Game							
Resident	927	884	1,073	932	979	4,795	959
Nonresident	4,977	4,925	4,186	4,687	5516	24,291	4,858
Total	5,904	5,809	5,259	5,619	6,495	29,086	5,817
Resident Lifetime Licenses - Cumulative Sales¹							
Game Bird/Small Game/Cons Stamp ²	52	63	69	78	90		
Game Bird/Small Game ²	140	172	209	219	231		
Game Bird/Small Game/Fishing ³	1,250	1,332	1,425	1,478	1,555		
Game Bird/Small Game/Fish/Cons Stamp ⁴	6,541	6,915	7,351	7,723	8,170		
Pioneer Game Bird/Small Game/Fishing ⁵	19,057	20,806	22,473	24,066	25,775		
Veteran Pioneer Game Bird/Small Game/Fishing ⁶	1,209	1,456	1,702	1,976	2,264		

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

SPECIES	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	5-YEAR TOTAL	ANNUAL AVERAGE
Geese	21,732	31,993	30,861	29,147	20,822	134,555	26,911
Crane	161	134	74	74	104	443	89
Duck	47,387	50,233	53,296	30,456	49,744	231,116	46,223
Pheasant	29,463	29,405	31,752	38,322	38,347	167,289	33,458
Chukar	4,658	5,429	3,199	6,223	12,534	32,043	6,409
Gray Partridge	6,019	5,779	1,741	2,461	6,174	22,174	4,435
Dusky (Blue) Grouse	7,669	10,837	8,741	9,419	8,451	45,117	9,023
Ruffed Grouse	3,140	7,259	4,472	6,623	9,420	30,914	6,183
Sage-Grouse	10,120	9,869	5,726	7,094	10,498	43,307	8,661
Sharp-tailed Grouse	3,315	2,192	1,182	1,535	3,929	12,153	2,431
Mourning Dove	23,607	28,402	23,485	27,791	24,873	128,158	25,632
Wild Turkey	6,406 ⁷	3035	2,778	2,958	3,531	8,771	1,754
Cottontail Rabbit	11,802	13,025	16,416	35,910	70,521	147,674	29,535
Snowshoe Hare	205	193	282	416	1,248	2,344	469
Squirrel	1,186	1,532	1,011	1,069	1,462	6,260	1,252

¹Lifetime license combination holders who have small and upland game privileges were included in this survey 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 and first included in this survey in 2014

⁶First sold in 1997 and first included in this survey in 2014

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).



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- Even if you did not hunt or were unsuccessful, we need to hear from you. Our biologists use the results of this survey to monitor populations and recommend hunting seasons.
- 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 below 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 contact Gail Sheridan, Harvest Survey Coordinator, at 307-777-4567 or email: gail.sheridan@wyo.gov.

Your **ONLINE Password** is:

Please respond online or by mail before April 1, 2016

Q1. Did you hunt Small Game, Upland Game Birds or Migratory Game Birds during the 2015 season that spanned from September 1, 2015 to March 1, 2016? (*Check one box*)

Yes

No (*If "No," your survey is complete. Thank you.*)

PRIVATE LANDS PUBLIC WILDLIFE ACCESS PROGRAM

Q2. During the 2015-2016 hunting season, did you use any of the Private Lands Public Wildlife (PLPW) walk-in areas? (*Check one box*)

Yes

No (*If "No," skip to Q6.*)

Q3. If "Yes," how many days did you spend hunting PLPW walk-in areas? (*Enter number here*)

Q4. How many PLPW walk-in areas did you hunt? (*Enter number here*)

Q5. Please rate your satisfaction with your PLPW walk-in area experience using the scale below:

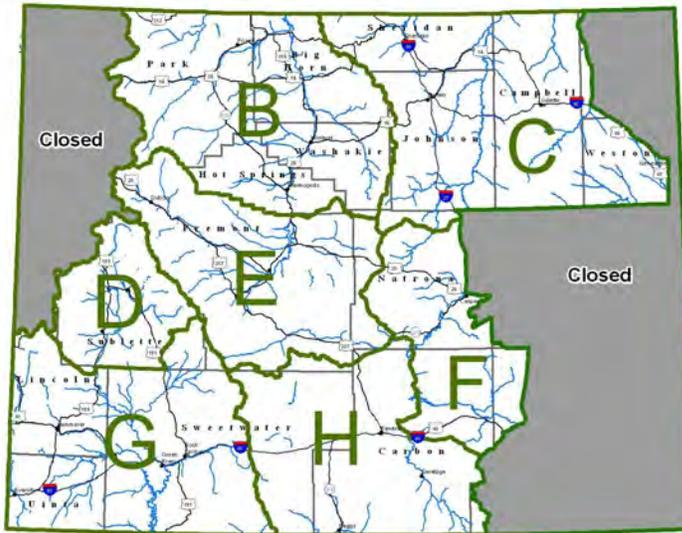
1=Very Dissatisfied 2=Dissatisfied 3=Neutral 4=Satisfied 5=Very Satisfied

(*Enter number here*)

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SAGE-GROUSE HUNTING

Sage-Grouse Management Areas



Q6 Did you hunt SAGE-GROUSE during the 2015 season? Yes No (If "No," skip to Q8.)

Q7 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.

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

PHEASANT HUNTING

Q8 Did you hunt PHEASANT during the 2015 season?

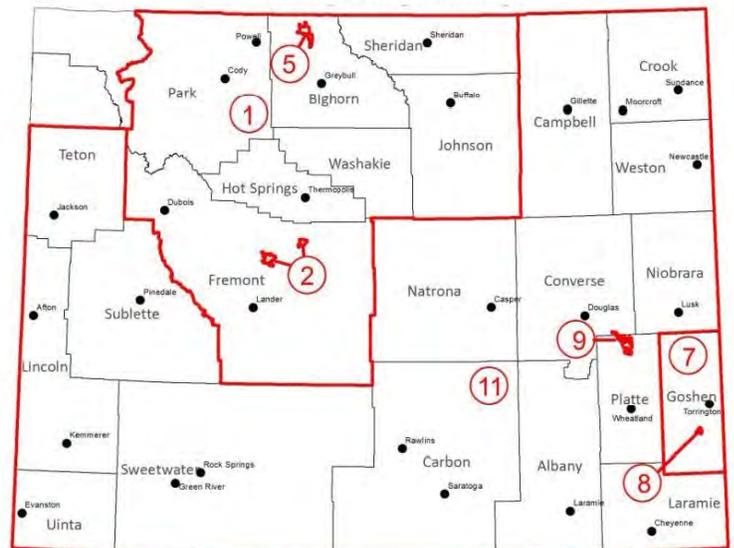
Yes No (If "No," skip to Q11.)

Q9 Did you hunt pheasant in Area 8 (Springer/Bump Sullivan) between November 7 and November 20?

Yes No (If "No," skip to Q10.)

Pheasant Area 8 between Nov 7 & Nov 20	# Bagged	# of Days Hunted

PHEASANT HUNT AREAS



Q10 Referring to the pheasant map above, please enter the hunt areas you hunted most (1, 2, 5, 7, 9, or 11), number bagged, and number of days hunted for up to 3 areas.

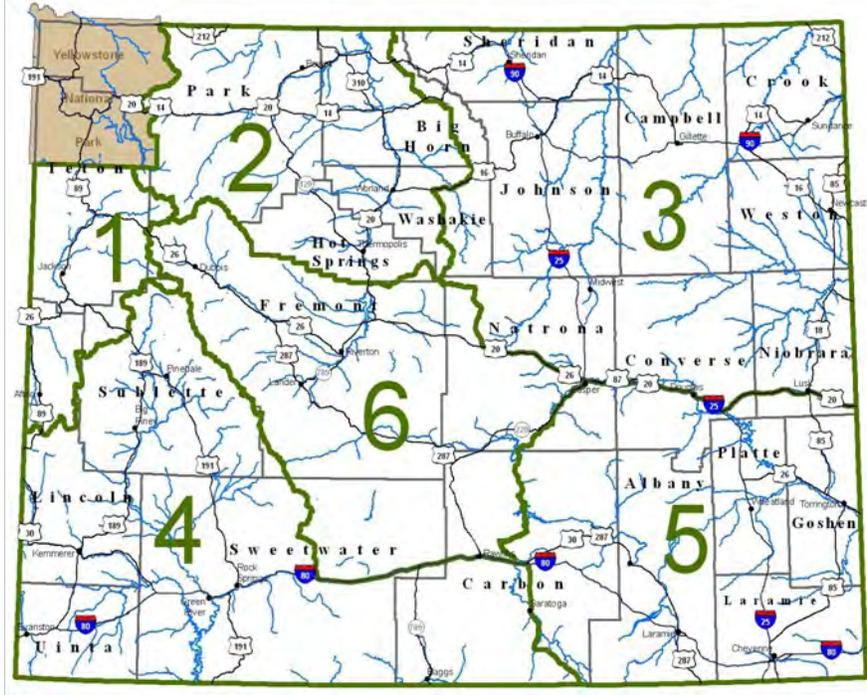
PLEASE DO NOT REPORT BIRDS HARVESTED AT PRIVATE BIRD FARMS

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

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SMALL GAME, UPLAND GAME BIRDS & MOURNING DOVE HUNTING

Small Game, Upland Game Bird & Mourning Dove Management Areas



Q11 Did you hunt SMALL GAME, UPLAND GAME BIRDS, or MOURNING DOVES during the 2015 season?

Yes No (If "No," skip to Q12.)

Q12 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.

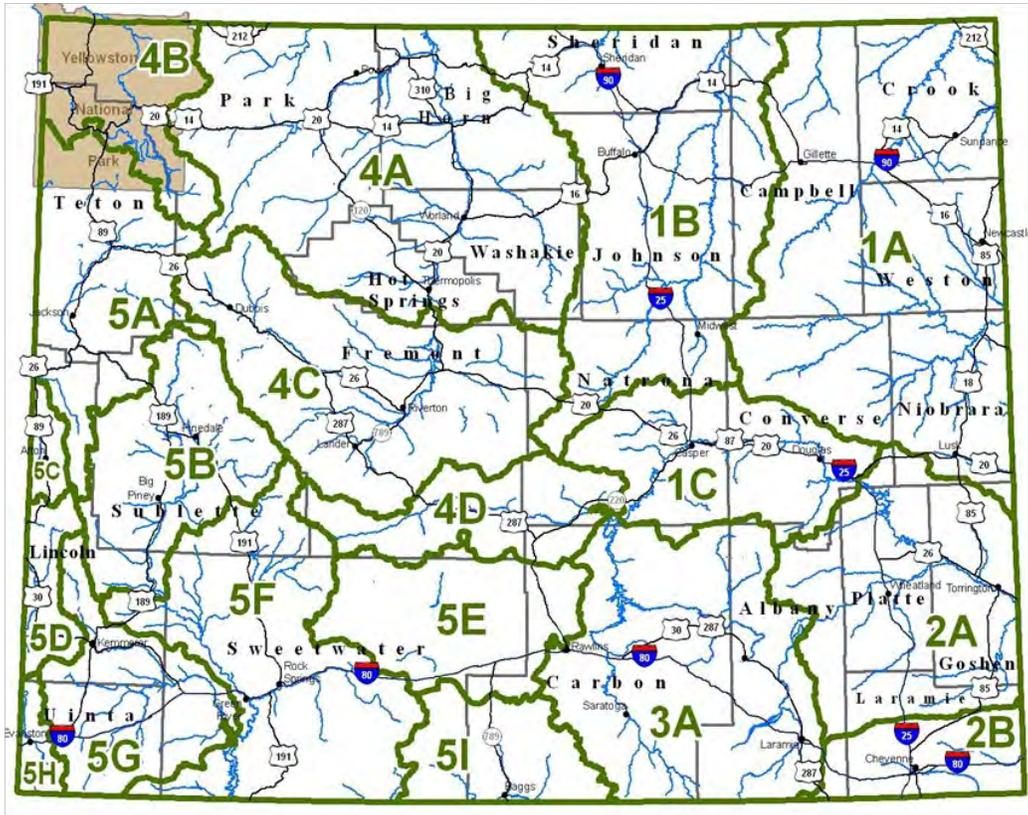
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	1st Area Number	# Bagged	# of Days Hunted	2nd Area Number	# Bagged	# of Days Hunted	3rd Area Number	# Bagged	# of Days Hunted
Cottontail Rabbit									
Snowshoe Hare									
Squirrel									
Blue Grouse									
Ruffed Grouse									
Sharp-tailed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

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DUCK & GOOSE HUNTING

Waterfowl Management Areas



Q13 Did you hunt DUCKS or GEESE during the 2015 season? Yes No (If "No," your survey is complete.)

Q14 Referring to the waterfowl management areas map above, please enter the management areas you hunted most (1A-5I), number bagged, and number of days hunted for up to 3 areas.

Q14a

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

Answer Q13b **only** if you hunted geese **between September 1 and September 8.**

Q14b

Early Goose Season (Sept 1 - Sept 8)	1st Area Number	# Bagged	# of Days Hunted	2nd Area Number	# Bagged	# of Days Hunted	3rd Area Number	# Bagged	# of Days Hunted

Answer Q13c **only** if you hunted geese during the regular season **beginning September 26 or October 3.**

Q14c

Regular Goose Season (beginning Sept 26 or Oct 3)	1st Area Number	# Bagged	# of Days Hunted	2nd Area Number	# Bagged	# of Days Hunted	3rd Area Number	# Bagged	# of Days Hunted

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.

TABLE I
2015-2016 COTTONTAIL RABBIT
HARVEST ESTIMATES

MANAGEMENT AREA	HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
1	126	1129	428
2	1017	8936	3365
3	1139	11256	4354
4	2625	33903	10750
5	1117	7343	5493
6	901	7954	3080
SPECIES TOTAL	6,925	70,521	27,470

TABLE II
2015-2016 SNOWSHOE HARE
HARVEST ESTIMATES

MANAGEMENT AREA	HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
1	43	484	299
2	30	49	98
3	76	138	224
4	149	339	796
5	90	224	620
6	19	14	40
SPECIES TOTAL	407	1,248	2,077

TABLE III
2015-2016 SQUIRREL
HARVEST ESTIMATES

MANAGEMENT AREA	HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
1	43	38	84
2	51	265	389
3	87	343	339
4	83	183	220
5	154	396	1418
6	41	237	199
SPECIES TOTAL	459	1,462	2,649

TABLE IV
2015 PHEASANT
HARVEST ESTIMATES

HUNT AREA	HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
1	3,104	13,212	13,395
2	712	2,996	2,981
5	1,236	4,863	4,134
7	1,518	5,838	4,195
8 (Nov 7 - Nov 20)	1,740	870	800
8 (Springer Special Permitted Oct 22 - Nov 6)	989	2,147	989
8 (Springer Walk On Oct 22 - Nov 6)	701	1,148	701
9	904	3,560	2,222
11	775	3,713	2,121
SPECIES TOTAL	11,679	38,347	31,538

TABLE V
2015-2016 CHUKAR PARTRIDGE
HARVEST ESTIMATES

MANAGEMENT AREA	HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
2	1,396	7,400	5,338
3	237	754	909
4	45	53	66
5	39	38	108
6	422	4,289	2,906
SPECIES TOTAL	2,139	12,534	9,327

TABLE VI
2015-2016 GRAY PARTRIDGE
HARVEST ESTIMATES

MANAGEMENT AREA	HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
1	56	192	167
2	694	2,647	3,111
3	582	1,992	2,671
4	12	196	51
5	91	240	246
6	173	907	809
SPECIES TOTAL	1,608	6,174	7,055

TABLE VII
2015 RUFFED GROUSE
HARVEST ESTIMATES

MANAGEMENT AREA	HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
1	886	4,517	4,662
2	135	498	863
3	266	288	884
4	869	2,412	4,647
6	281	736	1,669
SPECIES TOTAL	2,437	8,451	12,725

TABLE VIII
2015 DUSKY (BLUE) GROUSE
HARVEST ESTIMATES

MANAGEMENT AREA	HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
1	378	684	1,934
2	541	1,486	2,125
3	642	2,345	2,280
4	884	1,734	3,883
5	908	2,221	3,851
6	343	950	1,856
SPECIES TOTAL	3,696	9,420	15,929

TABLE IX
2015 SAGE-GROUSE
HARVEST ESTIMATES

MANAGEMENT AREA	HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
B	411	729	947
C	228	314	400
D	500	1,205	1,129
E	737	2,158	1,846
F	380	837	889
G	1,586	4,479	4,057
H	457	776	963
SPECIES TOTAL	4,299	10,498	10,231

TABLE X
2015 SHARP-TAILED GROUSE
HARVEST ESTIMATES

MANAGEMENT AREA	HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
3	840	3,360	3,049
5	256	556	852
6	28	13	308
SPECIES TOTAL	1,124	3,929	4,209

TABLE XI
2015 MOURNING DOVE
HARVEST ESTIMATES

MANAGEMENT AREA	HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
1	44	380	156
2	255	2,691	863
3	251	3,561	1,064
4	233	1,576	750
5	950	10,460	3,087
6	362	6,205	1,011
SPECIES TOTAL	2,095	24,873	6,931

TABLE XII
2015 DUCK
HARVEST ESTIMATES

MANAGEMENT AREA		HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
1A	Missouri - Little Powder River	332	3,265	1,671
1B	Tongue - Little Bighorn - Powder River	337	1,597	894
1C	Central North Platte River	823	7,019	4,514
2A	Lower Platte River	981	7,654	4,417
2B	South Platte River	84	733	281
3A	Upper North Platte River	347	3,087	1,764
4A	Big Horn River Basin	1,048	8,797	5,039
4B	Yellowstone River - YNP	26	80	39
4C	Wind River Basin	579	4,989	2,561
4D	Sweetwater River	18	50	106
5A	Snake River	260	2,542	1,243
5B	Upper Green River Basin	271	2,297	1,362
5C	Salt River	243	2,435	1,582
5D	Lower Bear River	50	320	140
5E	Great Divide Basin	21	101	156
5F	Lower Green River Basin	344	2,326	1,150
5G	Ham's Fork - Black Fork	235	1,524	968
5H	Upper Bear River	123	818	334
5I	Little Snake	24	110	72
SPECIES TOTALS		6,146	49,744	28,293

TABLE XIII
2015 EARLY GEESE
HARVEST ESTIMATES

MANAGEMENT AREA		HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
5A	Snake River	83	284	163
5B	Upper Green River Basin	37	24	106
5C	Salt River	45	88	105
5D	Lower Bear River	15	36	39
5E	Great Divide Basin	0	0	0
5F	Lower Green River Basin	101	231	219
5G	Ham's Fork - Black Fork	82	132	200
5H	Upper Bear River	11	63	51
5I	Little Snake	0	0	0
SPECIES TOTALS		374	858	883

TABLE XIV
2015 REGULAR GEESE
HARVEST ESTIMATES

MANAGEMENT AREA		HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
1A	Missouri - Little Powder River	199	712	996
1B	Tongue - Little Bighorn - Powder River	135	322	385
1C	Central North Platte River	418	1,380	1,975
2A	Lower Platte River	1,619	11,041	7,186
2B	South Platte River	101	561	393
3A	Upper North Platte River	77	256	699
4A	Big Horn River Basin	717	4,433	3,196
4B	Yellowstone River - YNP	16	22	30
4C	Wind River Basin	376	2,126	1,466
4D	Sweetwater River	9	39	95
5A	Snake River	126	378	665
5B	Upper Green River Basin	111	136	491
5C	Salt River	86	257	504
5D	Lower Bear River	22	78	54
5E	Great Divide Basin	13	7	139
5F	Lower Green River Basin	200	593	937
5G	Ham's Fork - Black Fork	102	243	597
5H	Upper Bear River	29	123	127
5I	Little Snake	2	0	4
SPECIES TOTALS		4,358	22,707	19,939

TABLE XV
2015 ANNUAL COMBINED GEESE
HARVEST ESTIMATES

MANAGEMENT AREA		HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
1A	Missouri - Little Powder River	199	712	996
1B	Tongue - Little Bighorn - Powder River	135	322	385
1C	Central North Platte River	418	1,380	1,975
2A	Lower Platte River	1,619	11,041	7,186
2B	South Platte River	101	561	393
3A	Upper North Platte River	77	256	699
4A	Big Horn River Basin	717	4,433	3,196
4B	Yellowstone River - YNP	16	22	30
4C	Wind River Basin	376	2,126	1,466
4D	Sweetwater River	9	39	95
5A	Snake River	209	662	828
5B	Upper Green River Basin	148	160	597
5C	Salt River	131	345	609
5D	Lower Bear River	37	114	93
5E	Great Divide Basin	13	7	139
5F	Lower Green River Basin	301	824	1,156
5G	Ham's Fork - Black Fork	184	375	797
5H	Upper Bear River	40	186	178
5I	Little Snake	2	0	4
SPECIES TOTALS		4,732	23,565	20,822

TABLE XVI
 SMALL GAME, UPLAND GAME BIRD, MIGRATORY GAME BIRD
 TEN-YEAR HUNTERS/HARVEST/DAYS COMPARISON
 2006-2015

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
COTTONTAIL RABBIT										
Hunters	8,957	7,540	5,639	5,610	3,807	3,485	3,561	4,149	5,118	6,925
Harvest	86,769	60,511	31,343	26,983	16,712	11,802	13,025	16,416	35,910	70,521
Days	30,603	24,868	18,963	18,262	13,805	13,318	11,750	13,831	16,657	27,470
SNOWSHOE HARE										
Hunters	698	257	230	247	263	361	314	296	343	407
Harvest	1,320	328	390	287	123	205	193	282	416	1,248
Days	1,998	1,633	1,885	999	965	1,476	811	1,962	1,502	2,077
SQUIRREL										
Hunters	367	239	351	334	352	368	437	451	445	459
Harvest	1,212	1,066	1,584	1,420	1,595	1,186	1,532	1,011	1,069	1,462
Days	1,463	1,052	2,182	1,915	2,311	1,615	1,685	1,560	1,644	2,649
PHEASANT										
Hunters	11,017	10,186	9,888	10,264	8,885	8,244	7,876	7,281	10,271	13,219
Harvest	46,164	42,333	42,359	41,361	40,480	29,463	29,405	31,752	38,322	45,203
Days	40,322	39,245	37,938	38,667	39,939	33,793	29,625	28,713	33,542	36,828
CHUKAR PARTRIDGE										
Hunters	1,963	1,795	2,156	2,047	2,074	1,736	1,824	1,337	1,682	2,139
Harvest	8,315	7,609	7,900	7,130	6,744	4,658	5,429	3,199	6,223	12,534
Days	6,558	6,121	7,292	6,676	7,804	7,451	6,781	5,100	6,161	9,327
GRAY PARTRIDGE										
Hunters	925	609	890	1,280	1,513	1,474	1,484	982	943	1,608
Harvest	1,582	919	1,381	2,858	5,245	6,019	5,779	1,741	2,461	6,174
Days	3,190	2,579	2,882	4,998	7,465	8,148	7,459	4,546	3,107	7,055
RUFFED GROUSE										
Hunters	2,165	2,274	1,482	1,579	1,741	1,574	2,001	1,770	1,977	2,437
Harvest	5,545	6,223	3,321	4,222	3,540	3,140	7,259	4,472	6,623	8,451
Days	9,888	10,012	7,106	7,552	8,885	7,579	11,412	8,272	10,674	12,725
BLUE (DUSKY) GROUSE										
Hunters	4,051	4,523	3,581	3,566	3,844	3,309	4,080	3,456	3,694	3,696
Harvest	9,324	10,304	8,611	7,844	7,818	7,669	10,837	8,741	9,419	9,420
Days	17,134	16,620	14,396	13,220	15,836	14,277	17,268	13,417	15,502	15,929
SAGE-GROUSE										
Hunters	5,412	5,180	4,747	4,732	4,732	4,474	4,700	3,383	3,526	4,299
Harvest	12,920	10,378	10,303	11,162	11,057	10,120	9,869	5,726	7,094	10,498
Days	11,981	10,699	10,065	10,812	11,434	10,829	11,342	7,672	8,642	10,231
SHARP-TAILED GROUSE										
Hunters	1,124	800	940	1,058	1,071	1,323	884	652	844	1,124
Harvest	2,337	1,569	1,900	1,715	2,428	3,315	2,192	1,182	1,535	3,929
Days	3,502	2,936	3,374	3,543	4,511	5,251	4,768	2,450	2,852	4,209
MOURNING DOVE										
Hunters	2,461	2,351	2,315	1,949	2,528	2,291	2,263	2,310	2,235	2,095
Harvest	32,807	36,670	29,994	22,278	28,906	23,607	28,402	23,485	27,791	24,873
Days	7,141	8,256	7,482	5,598	8,096	6,735	7,260	6,730	6,857	6,931
DUCK										
Hunters	6,910	7,550	6,081	6,104	5,583	6,069	6,064	6,483	6,275	6,146
Harvest	55,545	68,478	53,158	51,418	44,451	47,387	50,233	53,296	46,989	49,744
Days	33,834	39,057	33,331	32,110	30,125	31,155	31,131	30,386	30,456	28,293
GOOSE										
Hunters	6,344	6,019	6,079	5,915	6,350	5,202	5,419	5,744	5,691	4,732
Harvest	22,748	19,511	33,460	25,981	41,024	21,732	31,993	30,897	29,181	23,565
Days	29,522	29,036	32,039	29,322	33,766	26,787	29,875	26,161	25,929	20,822

TABLE XVII
**SMALL GAME & UPLAND GAME BIRD &
 MIGRATORY GAME BIRD**
 License Data Summary
 2015-2016

	Valid Licenses*	Number Surveyed	Number Usable (hunters and nonhunters)	Response Rate (# Usable/# Surveyed)
Resident	37,105	18,064	6,914	38.3%
Nonresident	7,989	5,850	2,800	47.9%
Total	45,094	23,914	9,714	40.6%

*Includes lifetime, veteran and pioneer licenses

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

CHAPTER 11

2015 UPLAND GAME BIRD AND SMALL GAME 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 Regulations.

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

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

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

Section 3. Upland Game Bird Hunting Seasons.

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

Hunt Area	Season Dates		Bag Limit		Limitations
	Opens	Closes	Daily	Possession	
1	Sep. 19	Sep. 30	2	4	Any sage grouse
2, 3					CLOSED
4	Sep. 19	Sep. 21	2	4	Any sage grouse

(i) Sage Grouse Hunt Area Descriptions.

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

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

Hunt Area	Season Dates		Bag Limit		Limitations
	Opens	Closes	Daily	Possession	
1	Sep. 1	Nov. 30	3	9	Any blue grouse

(i) Blue Grouse Hunt Area Description.

Area 1. The entire state of Wyoming.

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

Hunt Area	Season Dates		Bag Limit		Limitations
	Opens	Closes	Daily	Possession	
1	Sep. 1	Nov. 30	3	9	Any ruffed grouse

(i) Ruffed Grouse Hunt Area Description.

Area 1. The entire state of Wyoming.

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

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

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

(i) Partridge Hunt Area Description.

Area 1. The entire state of Wyoming.

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

Hunt Area	Season Dates		Bag Limit		Limitations
	Opens	Closes	Daily	Possession	
1	Sep. 1	Dec. 31	3	9	Any sharp-tailed grouse

(i) Sharp-Tailed Grouse Hunt Area Description.

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

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

Hunt Area	Season Dates		Bag Limit		Limitations	Shooting Hours	
	Opens	Closes	Daily	Possession		Start	End
1	Nov. 7	Dec. 31	3	9	Male pheasant only	½ hour before Sunrise	Sunset
2	Nov. 7	Dec. 6	2	6	Any pheasant (Youth Hunt-Refer to Section 7)	Week Days 8:00 a.m.	2:00 p.m.
						Weekend Days 8:00 a.m.	Sunset
2	Dec. 7	Dec. 31	2	6	Male pheasant only	½ hour before Sunrise	Sunset
5	Nov. 7	Dec. 31	3	9	Male pheasant only except that portion of Area 5 north of the Shoshone River and west of the Yellowtail Reservoir shall be open for any pheasant (Youth Hunt-Refer to Section 7)	Veterans Day (State Observed Holiday), Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and Weekend Days ½ hour before Sunrise	Sunset
						Week Days 11:00 a.m.	Sunset
7	Nov. 7	Dec. 31	3	9	Male pheasant only	½ hour before Sunrise	Sunset
						Table Mountain WHMA ½ hour before Sunrise	4:00 p.m.
8	Oct. 22	Nov. 6	3	Season Limit 3	Any pheasant (Springer permits) Refer to Section 5	8:00 a.m.	4:00 p.m.
8	Nov. 7	Nov. 20	3	9	Any pheasant	8:00 a.m.	4:00 p.m.
9	Nov. 7	Dec. 31	3	9	Any pheasant (Glendo permits) Refer to Section 6	8:00 a.m.	4:00 p.m.
11	Nov. 7	Dec. 31	3	9	Any pheasant	½ hour before Sunrise	Sunset

(i) Pheasant Hunt Area Descriptions.

Area 1. All of Fremont County, excluding the Ocean Lake Wildlife Habitat Management Area, the Mile High Ranch Access Area, and the Sand Mesa Wildlife Habitat Management Area east of the Bass Lake Road. All of Sheridan, Johnson, Park, Washakie and Hot Springs counties, and

all of Big Horn County excluding lands in the Yellowtail Wildlife Habitat Management Area north of U.S. Highway 14A.

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

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

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

Area 8. All of the lands included in the Springer/Bump-Sullivan Wildlife Habitat Management Area.

Area 9. All Bureau of Reclamation Withdrawal lands bordering and including Glendo State Park and the adjoining Department 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.

(ii) Closed Areas.

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

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

(C) Pond Number 1 and adjacent lands on the Table Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Area in Goshen County, as marked by colored signs and posts, shall be closed to pheasant hunting after November 20.

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

Section 4. Pheasant Special Management Permit. A pheasant special management permit shall be required of any person, except those exempted in this section, who participates in the hunting of pheasants in those areas listed in subsection (a) of this section. Owners of lands enrolled in the 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) Pheasant Special Management Permit Areas. A pheasant special management permit shall be required to hunt pheasants in the areas listed in this subsection:

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

(ii) Glendo State Park; including all Bureau of Reclamation Withdrawal lands bordering the Park and the adjoining Department Private Lands/Public Wildlife Walk-In Area in Platte County.

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

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

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

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

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

(viii) All lands 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.

(x) Welch Ranch Management Area in Sheridan County.

Section 5. Springer Permit Pheasant Season. There shall be a Springer permit pheasant season in Hunt Area 8 beginning October 22 through November 6. In order to participate in this season, a person shall possess and present upon request a valid Springer permit, a valid bird license and conservation stamp (unless otherwise exempted by state statute) and a pheasant special management permit. Persons born on or after January 1, 1966, shall possess and present upon request a hunter safety certificate. The Springer permit shall only be valid for the day printed on the permit by the Department.

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

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

(c) Youth Only Hunt Days. Only youths shall be allowed to take pheasants on the youth hunt days. Youths under the age of fourteen (14) shall be accompanied by an adult. No adult shall take any pheasant during the youth only hunt days. The youth only hunt days are October 24 and November 1.

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

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

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

(a) Youth Only Hunt Days. Youth only hunt days shall be November 8, 15, 22 and 29. Only youths shall be allowed to take pheasants on youth hunt days. Youths under the age of fourteen (14) shall be accompanied by an adult. No adult shall take any pheasant during the youth only hunt days. No Glendo permit is required for youths to hunt on youth only hunt days.

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

(c) Issuance of Glendo Permits. A maximum of sixty (60) permits shall be issued in the drawing for each day a permit is required. The Glendo permit shall only be valid for the day printed on the permit by the Department.

Section 7. Sand Mesa and Yellowtail Wildlife Habitat Management Areas Youth Pheasant Hunt. The youth only hunt day is November 21. Only youths shall be allowed to take pheasants on this date. Youths under the age of fourteen (14) shall be accompanied by an adult. No adults shall take any pheasant during the youth only hunt day. The youth hunt shall take place on all lands included in the Sand Mesa Wildlife Habitat Management Area east of the Bass Lake Road, and all lands included in the Yellowtail Wildlife Habitat Management Area north of the Shoshone River.

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

Species	Season Dates		Bag Limit		Limitations
	Opens	Closes	Daily	Possession	
Cottontail Rabbit	Sep. 1	Mar. 1	10	20	Any cottontail rabbit
Snowshoe Hare	Sep. 1	Mar. 1	4	8	Any snowshoe hare
Red, Gray and Fox Squirrel	Sep. 1	Mar. 1	10	20	Any red, gray or fox squirrel

(i) Small Game Hunt Area Description.

Area 1. The entire state of Wyoming.

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

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

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

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

(c) Closed Areas.

Pheasant Hunt Area	Limitations
8, 9	Closed to falconry hunting

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

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

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

Species	Falconry Season Dates		Bag Limit		Limitations
	Opens	Closes	Daily	Possession	
Cottontail Rabbit	Sep. 1	Mar. 1	10	20	Any cottontail rabbit
	Mar. 2	Aug. 31	1	2	Any cottontail rabbit
Snowshoe Hare	Sep. 1	Mar. 1	10	20	Any snowshoe hare
	Mar. 2	Aug. 31	1	2	Any snowshoe hare
Red, Gray and Fox Squirrel	Sep. 1	Mar. 1	10	20	Any red, gray or fox squirrel
	Mar. 2	Aug. 31	1	2	Any red, gray or fox squirrel

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CHAPTER 14

LATE MIGRATORY GAME BIRD HUNTING SEASONS

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(d) Species and Hunt Areas, Season Dates, 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

Species and Hunt Areas	Season Dates		Closed Areas Section 3 Subsections	Bag Limit	
	Opens	Closes		Daily	Possession
<u>PACIFIC FLYWAY</u>					
DUCKS and MERGANSERS*	Sep. 26	Jan. 8	d, e	7**	21**
COOTS	Sep. 26	Jan. 8	d, e	15	45
DARK GEESE	Sep. 26	Dec. 31	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 26 through December 20 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:

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- no more than two (2) pintails;
- no more than two (2) canvasbacks;
- 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 2015-2016 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

Species and Hunt Areas	Season Dates		Closed Areas Section 3 Subsections	Bag Limit	
	Opens	Closes		Daily	Possession
LIGHT GEESE	Oct. 3	Dec. 31	b a after Nov. 20 c after Nov. 14	10	30
	Jan. 31	Feb. 14	a, b, c	10	30
<u>ZONE C1</u>					
DUCKS	Oct. 3	Oct. 21	b	6**	18**
	Oct. 31	Jan. 16	b a after Nov. 20 c after Nov. 14	6**	18**
MERGANSERS	Oct. 3	Oct. 21	b	5***	15***
	Oct. 31	Jan. 16	b a after Nov. 20 c after Nov. 14	5***	15***
COOTS	Oct. 3	Oct. 21	b	15	45
	Oct. 31	Jan. 16	b a after Nov. 20 c after Nov. 14	15	45
DARK GEESE All counties in Zone C1 except Goshen and Platte counties	Oct. 3	Oct. 21		5	15
	Oct. 31	Nov. 29	c after Nov. 14	5	15
	Dec. 5	Jan. 29	c	5	15
DARK GEESE Goshen and Platte counties*	Oct. 3	Oct. 21	b	2	6
	Nov. 21	Feb. 14	a, b	4	12

*For Bump-Sullivan Managed Goose Hunt information, see Section 6.

Species and Hunt Areas	Season Dates		Closed Areas Section 3 Subsections	Bag Limit	
	Opens	Closes		Daily	Possession
<u>ZONE C2</u>					
DUCKS	Sep. 26	Dec. 6		6**	18**
	Dec. 12	Jan. 5		6**	18**
MERGANSERS	Sep. 26	Dec. 6		5***	15***
	Dec. 12	Jan. 5		5***	15***
COOTS	Sep. 26	Dec. 6		15	45
	Dec. 12	Jan. 5		15	45
DARK GEESE	Sep. 26	Dec. 6		5	15
	Dec. 12	Jan. 13		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) pintails;
- no more than three (3) wood ducks;
- no more than two (2) canvasbacks;
- no more than two (2) redheads; and,
- no more than three (3) scaup.
- two (2) blue-winged teal may be taken in addition to the regular limit of six (6) ducks during the following dates:
 - Zone C1: October 3 – October 18
 - Zone C2: September 26 – October 11

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

(e) Special Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days. In the Pacific Flyway and in Zone C2 of the Central Flyway, the special youth waterfowl hunting days are September 19-20, 2015. In Zone C1 of the Central Flyway, the special youth waterfowl hunting days are September 26-27, 2015. 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 waterfowl hunting days. Exceptions: The additional blue-winged teal limit does not apply on the youth waterfowl hunting days. In Goshen and Platte counties, the daily bag limit for dark geese shall be four (4) on the youth waterfowl hunting days.

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

Section 3. Description of Closed Areas. The areas described in this Section shall be closed for the species and dates specified in the tables in Section 2 and Section 5.

(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 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 6 regarding portions of the Springer WHMA that are outside the area described above.

(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 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 4. Shooting Hours. Except as provided in Section 4(a), shooting hours for all migratory game birds shall be as determined from the shooting hours table in Section 4(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 4(b) – Area D.

(i) October 3 through October 21.

(ii) All Saturdays and Wednesdays from November 21 through December 31.

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

(b) 2015-2016 Shooting Hours Table. This table (including adjustments for daylight savings time) lists the official shooting hours adopted by the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission for migratory game bird hunting. (Do not use tables from other sources.)

ST = Starting Time QT = Quitting Time

	AREA A		AREA B		AREA C		AREA D	
	ST	QT	ST	QT	ST	QT	ST	QT
<u>September</u>								
1-7	6:17	7:49	6:11	7:43	6:03	7:35	5:57	7:29
8-14	6:24	7:37	6:18	7:31	6:10	7:23	6:04	7:17
15-21	6:32	7:24	6:26	7:18	6:18	7:10	6:12	7:04
22-30	6:41	7:09	6:35	7:03	6:27	6:55	6:21	6:49
<u>October</u>								
1-7	6:50	6:56	6:44	6:50	6:36	6:42	6:30	6:36
8-14	6:58	6:44	6:52	6:38	6:44	6:30	6:38	6:24
15-21	7:06	6:32	7:00	6:26	6:52	6:18	6:46	6:12
22-31	7:17	6:19	7:11	6:13	7:03	6:05	6:57	5:59
<u>November</u>								
*1-7	6:27	5:08	6:21	5:02	6:13	4:54	6:07	4:48
8-14	6:36	5:00	6:30	4:54	6:22	4:46	6:16	4:40
15-21	6:44	4:54	6:38	4:48	6:30	4:40	6:24	4:34
22-30	6:54	4:48	6:48	4:42	6:40	4:34	6:34	4:28
<u>December</u>								
1-7	7:03	4:45	6:57	4:39	6:49	4:31	6:43	4:25
8-14	7:10	4:45	7:04	4:39	6:56	4:31	6:50	4:25
15-21	7:15	4:47	7:09	4:41	7:01	4:33	6:55	4:27
22-31	7:19	4:52	7:13	4:46	7:05	4:38	6:59	4:32
<u>January</u>								
1-7	7:20	4:58	7:14	4:52	7:06	4:44	7:00	4:38
8-14	7:19	5:06	7:13	5:00	7:05	4:52	6:59	4:46
15-21	7:16	5:13	7:10	5:07	7:02	4:59	6:56	4:53
22-31	7:09	5:25	7:03	5:19	6:55	5:11	6:49	5:05
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*Start Mountain Standard Time

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

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

Section 5. Falconry Seasons. Migratory game birds may be taken by the use of trained raptors in the possession of properly licensed falconers during the regular hunting season set forth in Section 2 and special extended falconry seasons in accordance with the limitations in this Section, Section 4, Section 3 and Section 2(a) and (b) and the closures identified in Section 2(d).

(a) Falconry Bag and Possession Limits. The daily bag limit shall not exceed three (3) migratory game birds in the aggregate nor shall the possession limit exceed nine (9) migratory game birds in the aggregate for falconry during the regular hunting season or special extended falconry seasons. The

falconry bag and possession limits are not in addition to the bag and possession limits listed in Section 2(d) and (e).

Species and Hunt Areas	Season Dates		Closed Areas	AGGREGATE Bag Limit	
	Opens	Closes		Daily	Possession
<u>ZONE C1</u> Central Flyway, Ducks, Mergansers and Coots	Sep. 26	Sep. 27	Limitations in Sections 2 and 3 shall apply	3**	9**
	Oct. 22	Oct. 29			
<u>ZONE C2</u> Central Flyway, Ducks, Mergansers and Coots	Sep. 19	Sep. 25			
	Dec. 7	Dec. 9			
Pacific Flyway, Ducks, Mergansers and Coots	Sep. 19	Sep. 20			

**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 6. 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 21, 2015, through February 14, 2016, 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 2015-2016 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.

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

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(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 including the portion of the Springer Wildlife Habitat Management Area south of Goshen County Road 42 is 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.

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

By: _____
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Dated: November 5, 2015

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

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EMERGENCY RULE

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(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

Species and Hunt Areas	Season Dates		Closed Areas Section 3 Subsections	Bag Limit	
	Opens	Closes		Daily	Possession
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	Jan. 31	Feb. 14	a, b, c	10	30
<u>ZONE C1</u>					
DUCKS	Oct. 3	Oct. 21	b	6**	18**
	Oct. 31	Jan. 16	b a after Nov. 20 c after Nov. 14	6**	18**
MERGANSERS	Oct. 3	Oct. 21	b	5***	15***
	Oct. 31	Jan. 16	b a after Nov. 20 c after Nov. 14	5***	15***
COOTS	Oct. 3	Oct. 21	b	15	45
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DARK GEESE All counties in Zone C1 except Goshen and Platte counties	Oct. 3	Oct. 21		5	15
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	Dec. 5	Jan. 29	c	5	15
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	Nov. 21	Feb. 14	a, b	4	12

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Species and Hunt Areas	Season Dates		Closed Areas Section 3 Subsections	Bag Limit	
	Opens	Closes		Daily	Possession
<u>ZONE C2</u>					
DUCKS	Sep. 26	Dec. 6		6**	18**
	Dec. 12	Jan. 5		6**	18**
MERGANSERS	Sep. 26	Dec. 6		5***	15***
	Dec. 12	Jan. 5		5***	15***
COOTS	Sep. 26	Dec. 6		15	45
	Dec. 12	Jan. 5		15	45
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- two (2) blue-winged teal may be taken in addition to the regular limit of six (6) ducks during the following dates:
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(ii) No more than four (4) youths shall be supervised by any one (1) adult.

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

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

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

Section 3. Description of Closed Areas. The areas described in this Section shall be closed for the species and dates specified in the tables in Section 2 and Section 5.

(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 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 6 regarding portions of the Springer WHMA that are outside the area described above.

(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 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 4. Shooting Hours. Except as provided in Section 4(a), shooting hours for all migratory game birds shall be as determined from the shooting hours table in Section 4(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 4(b) – Area D.

(i) October 3 through October 21.

(ii) All Saturdays and Wednesdays from November 21 through December 31.

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

(b) 2015-2016 Shooting Hours Table. This table (including adjustments for daylight savings time) lists the official shooting hours adopted by the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission for migratory game bird hunting. (Do not use tables from other sources.)

ST = Starting Time QT = Quitting Time

	AREA A		AREA B		AREA C		AREA D	
	ST	QT	ST	QT	ST	QT	ST	QT
<u>September</u>								
1-7	6:17	7:49	6:11	7:43	6:03	7:35	5:57	7:29
8-14	6:24	7:37	6:18	7:31	6:10	7:23	6:04	7:17
15-21	6:32	7:24	6:26	7:18	6:18	7:10	6:12	7:04
22-30	6:41	7:09	6:35	7:03	6:27	6:55	6:21	6:49
<u>October</u>								
1-7	6:50	6:56	6:44	6:50	6:36	6:42	6:30	6:36
8-14	6:58	6:44	6:52	6:38	6:44	6:30	6:38	6:24
15-21	7:06	6:32	7:00	6:26	6:52	6:18	6:46	6:12
22-31	7:17	6:19	7:11	6:13	7:03	6:05	6:57	5:59
<u>November</u>								
*1-7	6:27	5:08	6:21	5:02	6:13	4:54	6:07	4:48
8-14	6:36	5:00	6:30	4:54	6:22	4:46	6:16	4:40
15-21	6:44	4:54	6:38	4:48	6:30	4:40	6:24	4:34
22-30	6:54	4:48	6:48	4:42	6:40	4:34	6:34	4:28
<u>December</u>								
1-7	7:03	4:45	6:57	4:39	6:49	4:31	6:43	4:25
8-14	7:10	4:45	7:04	4:39	6:56	4:31	6:50	4:25
15-21	7:15	4:47	7:09	4:41	7:01	4:33	6:55	4:27
22-31	7:19	4:52	7:13	4:46	7:05	4:38	6:59	4:32
<u>January</u>								
1-7	7:20	4:58	7:14	4:52	7:06	4:44	7:00	4:38
8-14	7:19	5:06	7:13	5:00	7:05	4:52	6:59	4:46
15-21	7:16	5:13	7:10	5:07	7:02	4:59	6:56	4:53
22-31	7:09	5:25	7:03	5:19	6:55	5:11	6:49	5:05
<u>February</u>								
1-7	7:01	5:36	6:55	5:30	6:47	5:22	6:41	5:16
8-14	6:52	5:45	6:46	5:39	6:38	5:31	6:32	5:25

*Start Mountain Standard Time

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

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

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

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

Section 5. Falconry Seasons. Migratory game birds may be taken by the use of trained raptors in the possession of properly licensed falconers during the regular hunting season set forth in Section 2 and special extended falconry seasons in accordance with the limitations in this Section, Section 4, Section 3 and Section 2(a) and (b) and the closures identified in Section 2(d).

(a) Falconry Bag and Possession Limits. The daily bag limit shall not exceed three (3) migratory game birds in the aggregate nor shall the possession limit exceed nine (9) migratory game birds in the aggregate for falconry during the regular hunting season or special extended falconry seasons. The

falconry bag and possession limits are not in addition to the bag and possession limits listed in Section 2(d) and (e).

Species and Hunt Areas	Season Dates		Closed Areas	AGGREGATE Bag Limit	
	Opens	Closes		Daily	Possession
<u>ZONE C1</u> Central Flyway, Ducks, Mergansers and Coots	Sep. 26	Sep. 27	Limitations in Sections 2 and 3 shall apply	3**	9**
	Oct. 22	Oct. 29			
<u>ZONE C2</u> Central Flyway, Ducks, Mergansers and Coots	Sep. 19	Sep. 25			
	Dec. 7	Dec. 9			
Pacific Flyway, Ducks, Mergansers and Coots	Sep. 19	Sep. 20			

**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 6. 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 21, 2015, through February 14, 2016, 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 2015-2016 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 including the portion of the Springer Wildlife Habitat Management Area south of Goshen County Road 42 is 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.

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

By: _____
Charles C. Price, President

Dated: August 5, 2015

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 Regulations.

(a) Federal Regulations. 16 USC 703-711 and 718a; 50 CFR 10, 50 CFR 20 revised as of October 1, 2014, 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 and shall immediately produce said permit upon request from any authorized Department representative. 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. Wyoming HIP permits shall be available only on the Department's website at <http://wgfd.wyo.gov>.

(b) 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.

(c) Nontoxic Shot Restrictions.

(i) No person shall hunt, ducks, geese, mergansers or coots while possessing shot shells loaded with shot other than nontoxic shot.

(d) Limited Quota Sandhill Crane Permits. Persons may apply for limited quota sandhill crane permits on the Department's website at <http://wgfd.wyo.gov> between 8:00 a.m. July 1 and 12:00 midnight July 31, 2015. Party applications shall be accepted. Maximum party size shall be two (2). Party applications shall specify the same hunt area preference.

(e) General Sandhill Crane Permits. Permits to hunt in the general sandhill crane season (Hunt Area 7) shall be available only on the Department’s website at <http://wgfd.wyo.gov> after August 1.

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

(i) Mourning Dove, Rail and Snipe – Statewide

MOURNING DOVE, RAIL AND SNIPE						
Species, Hunt Areas and Limitations	Season Dates		Shooting Hours	Closed Areas Section 3 Subsections	Bag Limit	
	Opens	Closes			Daily	Possession
MOURNING DOVE - STATEWIDE	Sep. 1	Nov. 9	See Sec. 4	b, d, e	15	45
SORA AND VIRGINIA RAIL - STATEWIDE	Sep. 1	Nov. 9	See Sec. 4	b, d, e	25	75
SNIPE – STATEWIDE	Sep. 1	Dec. 16	See Sec. 4	b, d, e a - after Nov. 20 c - after Nov. 14	8	24

(ii) Sandhill Crane – Central and Pacific Flyways (see Section 6 for hunt area descriptions)

LIMITED QUOTA SANDHILL CRANE SEASONS						
Hunt Areas and Limitations	Permit Quota	Season Dates		Shooting Hours	Closed Areas Section 3 Subsections	Season Bag Limit
		Opens	Closes			
Hunt Area 1 – Limited quota permits	20	Sep. 1	Sep. 8	See Sec. 4		1
Hunt Area 2 – Limited quota permits	20	Sep. 1	Sep. 8	See Sec. 4	e	1
Hunt Area 3 – Limited quota permits	45	Sep. 1	Sep. 8	See Sec. 4	d	1
Hunt Area 4 – Limited quota permits	60	Sep. 19	Oct. 11	See Sec. 4		1
Hunt Area 5 – Limited quota permits	10	Sep. 1	Sep. 8	See Sec. 4		1
Hunt Area 6 – Limited quota permits	60	Sep. 19	Oct. 11	See Sec. 4		1

GENERAL SANDHILL CRANE SEASON						
Hunt Areas and Limitations	Season Dates		Shooting Hours	Closed Areas Section 3 Subsections	Bag Limits	
	Opens	Closes			Daily	Possession
Hunt Area 7 – Permit required	Sep. 19	Nov. 15	See Sec. 4	b	3	9

(iii) Early Canada Goose – Pacific Flyway

EARLY CANADA GOOSE – ANY CANADA GOOSE OR CACKLING GOOSE						
Hunt Areas and Limitations	Season Dates		Shooting Hours	Closed Areas Section 3 Subsections	Bag Limit	
	Opens	Closes			Daily	Possession
Pacific Flyway – All counties except Teton County	Sep. 1	Sep. 8	See Sec. 4	d, e	2	6
Teton County	Sep. 1	Sep. 8	See Sec. 4		3	9

(g) 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 permit valid for the general sandhill crane season in Hunt Area 7.

(h) 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 3. Description of Closed Areas. The areas described in this Section shall be closed for the species and dates specified in the tables in Section 2 and Section 5.

(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 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 Fulmer 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. 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 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 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) Seedskadee National Wildlife Refuge. All lands within Seedskadee 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 4. Shooting Hours. Shooting hours for the hunting of all migratory game birds shall be as determined from the shooting hours table in this section.

(a) 2015 Shooting Hours Table. This table (including adjustments for daylight savings time) lists the official shooting hours adopted by the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission for the taking of migratory game birds. (Do not use tables from other sources.)

ST = Starting Time QT = Quitting Time

	AREA A		AREA B		AREA C		AREA D	
	ST	QT	ST	QT	ST	QT	ST	QT
September								
1-7	6:17	7:49	6:11	7:43	6:03	7:35	5:57	7:29
8-14	6:24	7:37	6:18	7:31	6:10	7:23	6:04	7:17
15-21	6:32	7:24	6:26	7:18	6:18	7:10	6:12	7:04
22-30	6:41	7:09	6:35	7:03	6:27	6:55	6:21	6:49
October								
1-7	6:50	6:56	6:44	6:50	6:36	6:42	6:30	6:36
8-14	6:58	6:44	6:52	6:38	6:44	6:30	6:38	6:24
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22-30	6:54	4:48	6:48	4:42	6:40	4:34	6:34	4:28
December								
1-7	7:03	4:45	6:57	4:39	6:49	4:31	6:43	4:25
8-16	7:11	4:45	7:03	4:39	6:57	4:31	6:51	4:25

*Start Mountain Standard Time

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

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

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

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

Section 5. Falconry Seasons. Migratory game birds may be taken by the use of falcons during the regular hunting season and special extended seasons in accordance with the limitations in this Section, Section 4, Section 3, Section 2 (a), (b) and (g) and the closures identified in Section 2 (f). 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 nine (9) 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 2, Hunting Regulations.

FALCONRY						
Species and Hunt Areas	Season Dates		Open Hours	Closed Areas	AGGREGATE Bag Limit	
	Opens	Closes			Daily	Possession
Mourning Doves - Statewide	Sep. 1	Nov. 9	See Sec. 4	Limitations in Sections 2 and 3 shall apply	3**	9**
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 6. Hunt Area Descriptions.

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.

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

By: _____
Charles C. Price, President

Dated: April 22, 2015



WYOMING GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT LIMITED QUOTA SANDHILL CRANE HARVEST SURVEY

Please respond online or via mail by October 15, 2015.

Your **ONLINE Password** is:

WGFD
Statewide Wildlife &
Habitat Management
Program
5400 Bishop Blvd
Cheyenne, WY 82006

- Please complete the survey **ONLINE**, as that saves us considerable expense for postage and data entry. Go to wgfd.wyo.gov/Hunting/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

Note: These questions pertain to your limited quota license only. If you also had an Area 7 crane permit, you will receive a separate survey for that permit.

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.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

License Number: _____

Q1 Did you hunt the early crane season? _____ Yes _____ No

Q2 What area did you hunt? (Check One)

_____ 1. Bear/Ham's Fork River

_____ 2. Salt River (Afton)

_____ 3. Farson/Eden

_____ 4. Riverton Area

_____ 5. Uinta

_____ 6. Big Horn Basin

Q3. Number of days hunted: _____

Q4. Did you harvest a crane? _____ Yes _____ No

Q5. 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)

Q6. Indicate the number of cranes knocked down but not retrieved: _____

Comments:

TABLE I
**WYOMING ROCKY MOUNTAIN POPULATION OF SANDHILL CRANE
 HARVEST/HUNTER ACTIVITY
 2015**

Projected estimates from harvest questionnaires

	Hunt Area						Averages/Total
	1 Bear River	2 Salt River	3 Farson	4 Riverton	5 Uinta	6 Bighorn	
Permits Available	20	20	45	60	10	60	215
Permits Issued	20	20	45	60	11	60	216
Total Applicants	47	67	127	163	44	176	624
Total Responses	14	14	23	30	6	23	110
Response Rate	0.70	0.70	0.51	0.50	0.55	0.38	0.51
Active Hunters	16	16	33	36	6	57	164
# Days Hunted	36	37	51	104	22	125	375
Days/Hunter	2.3	2.4	1.5	2.9	4.0	2.2	2.3
Adult Harvest	7	7	20	14	2	29	78
Juvenile Harvest	3	4	10	6	0	3	26
Unretrieved Harvest	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
Total Retrieved Harvest	10	11	29	20	2	31	104
Hunter Success	64%	73%	88%	56%	33%	55%	64%
Permit Success	50%	57%	65%	33%	17%	52%	48%

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

TABLE II

ROCKY MOUNTAIN POPULATIONS OF GREATER SANDHILL
CRANES HARVESTED AND HUNTER ACTIVITY DURING THE
LIMITED QUOTA SEASON
TEN - YEAR COMPARISON
2006-2015

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Permits Available	294	265	no data	180	160	215				
Permits Issued	277	266	330	387	395	352	270	181	163	216
Number Hunting	204	213	281	303	328	297	216	147	144	164
Did Not Hunt	no data	no data	49	84	67	56	54	34	19	52
Days Hunted	687	418	562	624	695	709	521	342	276	375
Avg Days/Hunter	2.3	2	2	2.06	2.12	2.39	16.3	2.3	1.9	2.3
Adult Crane Harvest	no data	no data	126	138	141	124	103	53	74	78
Juvenile Crane Harvest	no data	no data	36	57	41	37	31	15	21	26
Cranes Knocked Down But Not Retrieved		4	11	5	10	5	0	6	7	3
Total Crane Harvest	137	138	162	195	182	161	134	74	101	104
Hunter Success %	67%	65%	58%	64%	55%	54%	62%	50%	70%	64%
Permit Success %	48%	52.10%	49%	50%	46%	46%	50%	41%	62%	48%

To reference regulations pertaining to sandhill cranes, see “Chapter 39 – Early Migratory Game Bird Hunting Seasons” on page 43.



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Dear Hunter:

Our records indicate you purchased a 2016 Light Goose Conservation Order Special Management Permit. Printed on that permit are the instructions to complete your harvest survey online as soon as you are done hunting. So far, we have not received your online survey responses. Chapter 48, Section 3(c) of the Wyoming Game and Fish Regulation requires that you accurately complete the survey **by April 22, 2016**. You are required to complete this survey even if you did not hunt or harvest any light geese. *Please complete this as soon as possible.*

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 *2016 Conservation Order License number* to access the online survey.

Your SPID Number is: «SPORTSMAN_ID»

Your 2016 Conservation Order License Number is: «PERMIT»

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: _____

Thank you for your help with this important study.

TABLE I
2016 LIGHT GOOSE CONSERVATION ORDER
 Harvest and hunter activity during the 2016 Light Goose Conservation
 Order in Wyoming

	Season
	February 22 - April 10
Permits Sold (excludes known collector purchases)	156
Resident	117
Non-resident	43
Unknown residency	0
Responses	82
% Response	0.53
No Response ^a	74
% No Response	0.47

PROJECTED TOTAL

Active Hunters	123
Did Not Hunt	37
Total Days Hunted	514
Days/Hunter	4.18
Geese Harvested	671
Geese Knocked Down, but not retrieved	21
Total Harvest	692
Harvest/Hunter	5.62

^a Includes non-respondents, incomplete survey responses, and responses received after due date.

TABLE II
LIGHT GOOSE CONSERVATION ORDER
TEN-YEAR COMPARISON
2007 - 2016

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Permits Sold (excludes known collector purchases)	198	216	200	124	204	177	133	153	139	156
Resident	--	--	163	96	152	141	100	130	101	117
Non-Resident	--	--	37	28	52	36	30	23	38	43
Unknown Residency	--	--	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
Initial Responses	--	--	98	64	110	92	78	91	81	0
% Initial Responses	--	--	49	51.6	53.9	52	58.6	59.5	58.3	0
Second Responses	--	--	47	31	53	52	25	11	14	82
% Second Responses	--	--	23.5	25	26	29.4	18.8	7.2	10.1	53
No Response*	--	--	55	29	41	33	30	51	44	74
% No Response	--	--	27.5	23.4	20.1	18.6	22.6	33.3	31.6	47.0
Total Survey Responses (completed surveys)	161	168	145	95	163	144	103	102	95	82
Percent Responded	81	79	72.5	76.6	79.9	81.4	77.4	66.7	68.4	53
Projected Total**										
Active Hunters	165	186	177	86	159	163	103	112	90	123
Did Not Hunt	--	--	23	38	45	14	30	41	49	37
Total Days Hunted	572	675	609	285	520	575	346	337	352	514
Days/Hunter	3.5	3.6	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.5	3.4	3	3.9	4.2
Geese Harvested	928	1019	845	221	873	611	436	449	534	671
Geese Knocked Down But Not Retrieved	--	--	--	9	82	49	20	43	27	21
Total Harvest	--	--	--	230	965	660	455	492	561	692
Harvest/Hunter	5.6	5.5	4.8	2.7	6.1	4	4.4	4.4	6.2	5.6
Hunters Using Electronic Callers	113	107	107	59	109	118	68	56	58	--
Harvest by Hunters Using Electronic Callers	884	789	682	200	755	427	318	164	362	--
Avg Harvest of Hunters Using Electronic Callers	7.9	7.3	6.4	3.4	7	3.6	4.7	209	6.2	--
Total Day Hunting by Hunters Using Electronic Callers	417	377	380	197	--	--	--	--	--	--
Total Days Hunting with Electronic Callers	406	353	357	184	--	--	--	--	--	--
Avg Days Electronic Callers Were Used	3.6	3.3	3.3	3.1	--	--	--	--	--	--
% Days Caller Hunters Used Electronic Callers	97.3	93.7	93.9	93.1	--	--	--	--	--	--
Hunters Hunting After Sunset	65	57	50	35	55	68	37	43	21	--
Harvest by Hunters Hunting After Sunset	611	498	437	15	89	73	68	77	22	--
Avg Harvest of After Sunset Hunters	9.4	8.7	8.7	0.4	1.6	1.1	1.8	1.8	1	--
Total Days Hunting by Hunters Hunting After Sunset	309	249	257	127	--	--	--	--	--	--
Total Days Hunting After Sunset	251	174	208	100	--	--	--	--	--	--
Avg Days Huntign After Sunset	3.8	3	4.2	2.9	--	--	--	--	--	--
% Days After Sunset Hunters Hunted After Sunset	81	69.8	81.2	78.9	--	--	--	--	--	--
Hunters Using Callers and Hunting After Sunset	44	39	39	36	41	55	27	27	21	--
% of Hunters Hunting in Goshen County	99	100	99	99	100%	97%	99%	97%	96%	--

*Includes non-respondents, incomplete survey responses and responses received after due date.

**Projected totals are the initial responses plus the nonresponse bias estimators. Non-bias estimation as applied here is the projection of second responses on to nonrespondents. For example, Active Hunters = (second respondents that hunted/second respondents) (permits analyzed - initial responses)

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

CHAPTER 48

LIGHT GOOSE CONSERVATION ORDER

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

Section 2. 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) "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, 2014, 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.

(b) "Dark geese" means Canada goose, cackling goose, white-fronted goose and brant.

(c) "Light geese" means snow goose, blue goose and Ross' goose.

Section 3. Licensing, Permitting and Reporting Requirements.

(a) Wyoming Game Bird License and Conservation Stamp Requirement. 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>.

(c) Reporting Requirements. Any person who obtains a Conservation Order Special Management Permit is requested to accurately complete the online survey at the web address provided on the permit no later than April 22, 2016.

(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 4. Conservation Order Regulations.

(a) 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, 2014, 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, 2014, 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.

(b) 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.

(c) Nontoxic Shot Restrictions.

(i) No person shall take light geese while possessing shot shells loaded with shot other than nontoxic shot.

(d) 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 5, 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 5 Subsections	Bag Limit	
	Opens	Closes			Daily	Possession
LIGHT GEESE Central Flyway	Feb. 22	Apr. 10	See Sec. 6	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 5. 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 4.

(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 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

Fulmer 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.

(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 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 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 6. Conservation Order Shooting Hours. Shooting hours for taking light geese during the light goose conservation order shall be as determined from the shooting hours table in this section.

2016 Conservation Order Shooting Hours Table. This table (including adjustments for daylight savings time) lists the official shooting hours adopted by the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission for taking light geese during the light goose conservation order. (Do not use tables from other sources.)

ST = Starting Time QT = Quitting Time

	AREA B		AREA C		AREA D	
	ST	QT	ST	QT	ST	QT
February						
22-29	6:25	6:28	6:17	6:20	6:11	6:14
March						
1-7	6:13	6:37	6:05	6:29	5:59	6:23
8-12	6:03	6:44	5:55	6:36	5:49	6:30
*13-21	6:51	7:53	6:43	7:45	6:37	7:39
22-31	6:34	8:04	6:26	7:56	6:20	7:50
April						
1- 7	6:19	8:14	6:11	8:06	6:05	8:00
8-10	6:11	8:19	6:03	8:11	5:57	8:05

*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

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

By: _____
Charles C. Price, President

Dated: April 22, 2015



WYOMING FURBEARER/TRAPPER HUNTER SURVEY

We encourage you to respond online as it significantly reduces postage costs.

Please logon to wgfd.wyo.gov/hunting/harvest-surveys/
and use the following password:

- Please complete the survey **ONLINE**, as that significantly reduces postage and data entry costs. Go to wgfd.wyo.gov/hunting/harvest-surveys/ 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

**Note: All questions pertain only to trapping/snaring/hunting
Badger, Beaver, Marten, Mink, Muskrat and Weasel.**

(If you trapped/snared/hunted Bobcats, your information will be recorded when your pelts are tagged.)

Q1. Did you trap, snare or hunt badger, beaver, marten, mink, muskrat, or weasel during the 2015-2016 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. Please indicate which species you intended to harvest with any method (trap, snare, or firearm). (Check all that apply):

- | | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Badger | <input type="checkbox"/> Marten | <input type="checkbox"/> Muskrat |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beaver | <input type="checkbox"/> Mink | <input type="checkbox"/> Weasel |

Q3. How many days were you in the field to set or check traps or snares? (Enter number here)

Q4. How many **trap** sets were put out? Note: 2 or more traps in a single set are considered as 1 trap set. (Enter number here)

Q5. How many nights were the above number of **trap** sets out? (Enter number here)

Q6. How many **snare** sets were put out? Note: 2 or more snares in a single set are considered as 1 snare set. (Enter number here)

Q7. How many nights were the above number of **snare** sets out? (Enter number here)

Q8. How many days did you hunt badger, beaver, marten, mink, muskrat or weasel with a **firearm**? (Enter number here)

OVER

Q9. Please tell us which of the following Furbearer Species you **TRAPPED or SNARED or SHOT** during the 2015-2016 season. Referring to the Furbearer Management Areas map below, enter the areas (1-6), number TRAPPED, number SNARED, number SHOT for the 3 areas you hunted most.

	Ist Area Number	# Trapped	# Snared	# Shot	2nd Area Number	# Trapped	# Snared	# Shot	3rd Area Number	# Trapped	# Snared	# Shot
Badger												
Beaver												
Marten												
Mink												
Muskrat												
Weasel												

Furbearer Management Areas



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.

TAGGING RECORD

CIRCLE THE APPROPRIATE CHOICES

	TAG NUMBER							KILL DATE			SEX		AGE		METHOD OF TAKE		
	7 DIGITS							MM/DD/YY			MALE	FEM	ADULT	JUV	TRAP	FIREARM	MISC
1								/	/	M	F	A	J	T	F	M	
2								/	/	M	F	A	J	T	F	M	
3								/	/	M	F	A	J	T	F	M	
4								/	/	M	F	A	J	T	F	M	
5								/	/	M	F	A	J	T	F	M	
6								/	/	M	F	A	J	T	F	M	
7								/	/	M	F	A	J	T	F	M	
8								/	/	M	F	A	J	T	F	M	
9								/	/	M	F	A	J	T	F	M	
10								/	/	M	F	A	J	T	F	M	
11								/	/	M	F	A	J	T	F	M	
12								/	/	M	F	A	J	T	F	M	
13								/	/	M	F	A	J	T	F	M	
14								/	/	M	F	A	J	T	F	M	
15								/	/	M	F	A	J	T	F	M	
16								/	/	M	F	A	J	T	F	M	
17								/	/	M	F	A	J	T	F	M	
18								/	/	M	F	A	J	T	F	M	
19								/	/	M	F	A	J	T	F	M	
20								/	/	M	F	A	J	T	F	M	
21								/	/	M	F	A	J	T	F	M	
22								/	/	M	F	A	J	T	F	M	
23								/	/	M	F	A	J	T	F	M	
24								/	/	M	F	A	J	T	F	M	
25								/	/	M	F	A	J	T	F	M	
26								/	/	M	F	A	J	T	F	M	
27								/	/	M	F	A	J	T	F	M	
28								/	/	M	F	A	J	T	F	M	
29								/	/	M	F	A	J	T	F	M	
30								/	/	M	F	A	J	T	F	M	

TABLE I
FURBEARER TEN-YEAR LICENSE SALES SUMMARY
2006-2015

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016 (through April 30)
Final Audited License Sales Figures ¹	1,623	1,844	1,850	1,902	1,880	1,948	2,340	2,560	2,404	2,274	1,128

¹License sales figures reported for the current calendar year reflect sales through April 30 that year. Since furbearer season spans two license years, i.e. 2015 and 2016, licenses sold through April 30 are used to estimate harvest for the 2016 portion of the season.

TABLE II
FURBEARER TEN-YEAR SURVEY RESPONSE RATE AND EFFORT DATA SUMMARY
2006-2015

	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16 ²
# of Unique Individuals Holding a Trapping License ¹	1,623	1,844	1,850	1,901	1,878	1,920	1,625	2,454	2,397	2,257
# Surveyed	1,600	1,844	1,840	1,879	1,417	1,411	1,625	2,454	2,397	2,257
Percent Useable Responses Rate	--	--	--	44.5%	24.6%	29.6%	27.0%	31.4%	32.0%	37.7%
Days Afield Checking Traps/Snares	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	4,102
Traps Set	--	--	--	--	14,440	7,420	15,440	13,878	12,102	5,844
Trap Nights	--	--	--	--	21,790	14,085	30,305	25,662	25,773	9,128
Snares Set	--	--	--	--	6,510	2,120	7,150	3,546	4,950	1,496
Snare Nights	--	--	--	--	11,925	6,365	14,640	11,142	11,283	3,072
Firearm Days	--	--	--	--	5,395	4,405	2,015	2,691	1,809	1,696
Recreation Days ⁴	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	5,798
License Holder Effort ³	--	--	--	--	39,110	24,855	46,960	39,495	38,865	13,896

¹Number of unique trappers/hunters. Furbearer season spans two license years, i.e. 2015 and 2016. Many trappers/hunters buy a license in both years. The number of unique trappers/hunters represented in this column only reflects an individual once. For example, if an individual purchases a license in 2015 and 2016, the individual is only counted once.

²The harvest survey was revised for 2015/16 survey. See "Surveys & Maps" section.

³Effort = trap nights + snare nights + firearm days

⁴Days Afield Checking Traps/Snares + Firearm Days

TABLE III
FURBEARER TEN-YEAR TRAPPER/HUNTER AND HARVEST SUMMARY
2006-2015

	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
BADGER										
Total Trapper/Hunters	437	383	575	684	700	454	611	499	408	440
Total Harvest	1,638	1,633	1,414	1,603	1,003	795	896	563	721	611
BEAVER										
Total Trapper/Hunters	296	296	377	437	416	503	479	622	532	363
Total Harvest	3,712	3,093	2,910	3,329	2,814	3,306	2,709	3,184	4,626	2,019
MARTEN										
Total Trapper/Hunters	109	74	179	248	184	100	120	294	158	145
Total Harvest	2,072	2,059	1,287	996	1,268	1,170	1,237	2,988	1,596	966
MINK										
Total Trapper/Hunters	106	124	157	282	254	180	274	312	206	180
Total Harvest	480	530	253	288	244	615	728	563	485	235
MUSKRAT										
Total Trapper/Hunters	238	188	271	398	326	297	383	392	374	347
Total Harvest	4,844	2,920	2,595	4,034	3,825	4,987	4,837	5,242	7,354	3,367
WEASEL										
Total Trapper/Hunters	72	91	87	209	151	76	123	161	93	40
Total Harvest	252	233	19	155	41	56	98	288	168	38

TABLE IV
FURBEARER TEN-YEAR LICENSE SALES SUMMARY - BOBCAT ONLY
2006-2015

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016 (through March 1, 2016)
Final Audited License Sales Figures ¹	1,623	1,844	1,850	1,902	1,880	1,948	2,340	2,560	2,404	2,274	1,002

¹ License sales figures reported for the current calendar year reflect sales through March 1 that year which is the date the bobcat season closes.

TABLE V
BOBCAT TEN-YEAR HARVEST SUMMARY
2006-2015

	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
Trapper Harvest	3,373	2,751	2,691	1,428	1,411	1,673	1,651	1,423	1,060	1,050
Trap Nights	772,971	673,170	771,279	463,860	515,114	598,298	620,935	505,696	400,404	388,343
Trapper Effort (Nights/Harvest)	229.1	244.7	286.6	324.8	365.1	357.6	376.1	355.4	377.7	369.9
Hunter Harvest	229	264	272	165	182	184	209	128	70	105
Hunter Days	835	1107	1087	862	770	641	1171	687	315	381
Hunter Effort (Days/Harvest)	3.7	4.2	4.0	5.2	4.2	3.5	8.1	7.9	5.8	3.6
Total Trapper/Hunter Harvest	3,602	3,015	2,963	1,593	1,593	1,857	1,860	1,555	1,130	1,164
Total Trapper/Hunter Days Afield	773,806	674,277	772,366	464,722	515,884	598,939	622,106	506,383	400,719	388,724
Overall Effort (Nights + Days)/Total Harvest	214.8	223.6	260.6	291.7	323.8	322.5	332.3	322.3	354.6	334.0
Miscellaneous Bobcats Tagged	15	21	15	16	13	18	12	16	10	8
Total Bobcats Tagged	3,617	3,036	2,978	1,609	1,606	1,875	1,872	1,571	1,140	1,164

TABLE VI
BADGER
 Harvest Estimates
 2015-2016

AREA	FEETYPE	TRAPPERS	TRAP HARVEST	SNARERS	SNARE HARVEST	HUNTERS	FIREARM HARVEST	TOTAL TRAPPERS, SNARERS & HUNTERS	TOTAL HARVEST
1	RESIDENT	6	3	3	3	6	3	15	9
	RESIDENT YOUTH	0	0	0	0	3	3	3	3
	NONRESIDENT	2	0	2	0	2	0	6	0
	AREA TOTALS	8	3	5	3	11	6	24	12
2	RESIDENT	11	29	9	0	11	6	31	35
	AREA TOTALS	11	29	9	0	11	6	31	35
3	RESIDENT	54	151	23	0	31	6	108	157
	RESIDENT YOUTH	0	0	0	0	3	3	3	3
	AREA TOTALS	54	151	23	0	34	9	111	160
4	RESIDENT	48	128	29	48	46	26	123	202
	RESIDENT YOUTH	3	0	3	0	3	3	9	3
	NONRESIDENT	10	70	5	5	5	10	20	85
	AREA TOTALS	61	198	37	53	54	39	152	290
5	RESIDENT	34	68	23	0	40	34	97	102
	NONRESIDENT	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
	AREA TOTALS	36	68	23	0	40	34	99	102
6	RESIDENT	9	3	3	0	11	9	23	12
	AREA TOTALS	9	3	3	0	11	9	23	12
SPECIES TOTALS		179	452	100	56	161	103	440	611

TABLE VII
BEAVER
 Harvest Estimates
 2015-2016

AREA	FEETYPE	TRAPPERS	TRAP HARVEST	SNARERS	SNARE HARVEST	HUNTERS	FIREARM HARVEST	TOTAL TRAPPERS, SNARERS & HUNTERS	TOTAL HARVEST
1	RESIDENT	14	125	6	0	6	0	26	125
	AREA TOTALS	14	125	6	0	6	0	26	125
2	RESIDENT	20	46	9	3	6	0	35	49
	RESIDENT YOUTH	0	0	0	0	3	6	3	6
	AREA TOTALS	20	46	9	3	9	6	38	55
3	RESIDENT	31	194	17	9	17	9	65	212
	AREA TOTALS	31	194	17	9	17	9	65	212
4	RESIDENT	40	721	26	43	26	29	92	793
	RESIDENT YOUTH	3	68	3	0	3	3	9	71
	NONRESIDENT	3	80	2	32	2	0	7	112
	AREA TOTALS	46	869	31	75	31	32	108	976
5	RESIDENT	40	439	20	14	26	34	86	487
	NONRESIDENT	2	87	0	0	0	0	2	87
	AREA TOTALS	42	526	20	14	26	34	88	574
6	RESIDENT	23	71	6	3	6	0	35	74
	RESIDENT YOUTH	3	3	0	0	0	0	3	3
	AREA TOTALS	26	74	6	3	6	0	38	77
SPECIES TOTALS		179	1,834	89	104	95	81	363	2,019

TABLE VIII
MARTEN
 Harvest Estimates
 2015-2016

AREA	FEETYPE	TRAPPERS	TRAP HARVEST	SNARERS	SNARE HARVEST	HUNTERS	FIREARM HARVEST	TOTAL TRAPPERS, SNARERS & HUNTERS	TOTAL HARVEST
1	RESIDENT	14	254	0	0	0	0	14	254
	NONRESIDENT	5	37	3	0	3	0	11	37
	AREA TOTALS	19	291	3	0	3	0	25	291
2	RESIDENT	20	316	11	29	9	0	40	345
	AREA TOTALS	20	316	11	29	9	0	40	345
3	RESIDENT	9	34	0	0	0	0	9	34
	AREA TOTALS	9	34	0	0	0	0	9	34
4	RESIDENT	17	40	9	0	9	0	35	40
	NONRESIDENT	8	48	3	0	3	0	14	48
	AREA TOTALS	25	88	12	0	12	0	49	88
5	RESIDENT	11	91	0	0	0	0	11	91
	RESIDENT YOUTH	0	0	0	0	3	3	3	3
	NONRESIDENT	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
	AREA TOTALS	13	91	0	0	3	3	16	94
6	RESIDENT	6	114	0	0	0	0	6	114
	AREA TOTALS	6	114	0	0	0	0	6	114
SPECIES TOTALS		92	934	26	29	27	3	145	966

TABLE IX
MINK
 Harvest Estimates
 2015-2016

AREA	FEETYPE	TRAPPERS	TRAP HARVEST	SNARERS	SNARE HARVEST	HUNTERS	FIREARM HARVEST	TOTAL TRAPPERS, SNARERS & HUNTERS	TOTAL HARVEST
1	RESIDENT	6	9	3	0	3	0	12	9
	RESIDENT YOUTH	3	3	0	0	0	0	3	3
	AREA TOTALS	9	12	3	0	3	0	15	12
2	RESIDENT	14	40	0	0	0	0	14	40
	AREA TOTALS	14	40	0	0	0	0	14	40
3	RESIDENT	29	51	14	0	14	0	57	51
	AREA TOTALS	29	51	14	0	14	0	57	51
4	RESIDENT	23	74	9	0	14	6	46	80
	NONRESIDENT	2	3	0	0	0	0	2	3
	AREA TOTALS	25	77	9	0	14	6	48	83
5	RESIDENT	14	29	9	0	9	0	32	29
	NONRESIDENT	2	5	0	0	0	0	2	5
	AREA TOTALS	16	34	9	0	9	0	34	34
6	RESIDENT	9	9	0	0	0	0	9	9
	RESIDENT YOUTH	3	6	0	0	0	0	3	6
	AREA TOTALS	12	15	0	0	0	0	12	15
SPECIES TOTALS		105	229	35	0	40	6	180	235

TABLE X
MUSKRAT
 Harvest Estimates
 2015-2016

AREA	FEETYPE	TRAPPERS	TRAP HARVEST	SNARERS	SNARE HARVEST	HUNTERS	FIREARM HARVEST	TOTAL TRAPPERS, SNARERS & HUNTERS	TOTAL HARVEST
1	RESIDENT	14	288	9	0	9	0	32	288
	RESIDENT YOUTH	6	20	0	0	0	0	6	20
	AREA TOTALS	20	308	9	0	9	0	38	308
2	RESIDENT	34	770	11	0	17	40	62	810
	AREA TOTALS	34	770	11	0	17	40	62	810
3	RESIDENT	26	402	9	0	11	6	46	408
	RESIDENT YOUTH	3	11	0	0	0	0	3	11
	AREA TOTALS	29	413	9	0	11	6	49	419
4	RESIDENT	40	456	14	0	14	23	68	479
	RESIDENT YOUTH	6	17	6	0	9	14	21	31
	NONRESIDENT	5	154	3	0	3	16	11	170
	AREA TOTALS	51	627	23	0	26	53	100	680
5	RESIDENT	26	430	9	0	17	57	52	487
	NONRESIDENT	2	207	0	0	0	0	2	207
	AREA TOTALS	28	637	9	0	17	57	54	694
6	RESIDENT	26	442	3	0	3	0	32	442
	RESIDENT YOUTH	6	14	3	0	3	0	12	14
	AREA TOTALS	32	456	6	0	6	0	44	456
SPECIES TOTALS		194	3,211	67	0	86	156	347	3,367

TABLE XI
WEASEL
 Harvest Estimates
 2015-2016

AREA	FEETYPE	TRAPPERS	TRAP HARVEST	SNARERS	SNARE HARVEST	HUNTERS	FIREARM HARVEST	TOTAL TRAPPERS, SNARERS & HUNTERS	TOTAL HARVEST
1	RESIDENT	3	9	0	0	0	0	3	9
	AREA TOTALS	3	9	0	0	0	0	3	9
2	RESIDENT	3	9	0	0	0	0	3	9
	AREA TOTALS	3	9	0	0	0	0	3	9
3	RESIDENT	6	0	0	0	0	0	6	0
	AREA TOTALS	6	0	0	0	0	0	6	0
4	RESIDENT	3	0	3	0	6	0	12	0
	NONRESIDENT	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
	AREA TOTALS	5	0	3	0	6	0	14	0
5	RESIDENT	9	20	0	0	3	0	12	20
	NONRESIDENT	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
	AREA TOTALS	11	20	0	0	3	0	14	20
6	RESIDENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	RESIDENT YOUTH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	NONRESIDENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	AREA TOTALS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SPECIES TOTALS		28	38	3	0	9	0	40	38

TABLE XII
Furbearer
License Data Summary
2015-2016

	2015 Licenses Sold	2016 Licenses Sold Through April 30, 2016 ¹	Licenses Sold ²	# of Unique Trapper/ Hunters ³	Number Surveyed ⁴	Number Usable (hunters and nonhunters)	Response Rate (# Usable/ # Surveyed)
Resident	2051	1038	3,089	2,048	2,048	783	38.2%
Resident Youth	177	76	253	163	163	39	23.9%
Nonresident	46	14	60	46	46	29	63.0%
Total	2274	1128	3,402	2,257	2,257	851	37.7%

¹The furbearer harvest survey process begins on this date.

²Cumulative licenses sold

³Number of unique trappers/hunters. Furbearer season spans two license years, i.e. 2015 and 2016. Many trappers/hunters buy a license in both years. The number of unique trappers/hunters represented in this column only reflects an individual once. For example, if an individual purchases a license in 2015 and 2016, the individual is only counted once.

⁴Furbearer Harvest Survey does not ask questions related to bobcat or predator species (coyote, raccoon, red fox, striped skunk)

TABLE XIII
Bobcat
License Data Summary
2015-2016

	2015 Licenses Sold	2016 Licenses Sold Through March 1, 2016 ¹	Licenses Sold ²	# of Trapper/ Hunters That Reported Harvest
Resident	2051	934	2,985	265
Resident Youth	177	56	233	7
Nonresident	46	12	58	12
Total	2274	1002	3,276	284

¹Bobcat season closes on March 1

²Cumulative licenses sold

TABLE XIV
**2015-2016 CITES TAGGING/BOBCAT
 HARVEST STATISTICS**

OVERVIEW	RESIDENT	NONRESIDENT	TOTAL
LICENSES SOLD*	3,218	58	3,276
SUCCESSFUL LICENSE HOLDERS	272	12	284
PERCENT WHO REPORTED BOBCATS	8.5%	20.7%	8.7%
TOTAL BOBCATS TAGGED	1,124	40	1,164

*Furbearer licenses sold in 2015 plus furbearer licenses sold through March 1, 2016, which is the end of bobcat season

TRAPPING ACTIVITY	RESIDENT	NONRESIDENT	TOTAL
BOBCAT TRAPPERS	285	10	295
TRAP HARVEST	1,013	37	1,050
AVERAGE HARVEST PER TRAPPER	3.6	3.7	3.6
TRAP NIGHTS (# traps * nights traps active)	370,435	17,908	388,343
AVERAGE TRAP NIGHTS PER TRAPPER	1,299.8	1,790.8	1,316.4
AVERAGE TRAP NIGHTS PER HARVEST	365.7	484.0	369.9

HUNTING ACTIVITY	RESIDENT	NONRESIDENT	TOTAL
BOBCAT HUNTERS	69	2	71
FIREARM HARVEST	103	2	105
AVERAGE HARVEST PER HUNTER	1.5	1.0	1.5
HUNT DAYS	372	9	381
AVERAGE HUNT DAYS PER HUNTER	5.4	5	5.4
AVERAGE HUNT DAYS PER HARVEST	3.6	5	3.6
MISCELLANEOUS BOBCATS TAGGED	8	0	8

TABLE XV
**2015-2016 BOBCAT HARVEST BY
 AREA AND METHOD OF TAKE**

AREA	TRAP	FIREARM	MISC	TOTAL
1	0	0	0	0
2	212	21	0	233
3	498	42	2	542
4	124	20	2	146
5	121	9	3	133
6	96	13	1	110
TOTAL	1,051	105	8	1,164

TABLE XVI
**2015-2016 BOBCAT
 HARVEST BY AGE AND GENDER**

AGE CLASS	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
JUVENILE	83	96	179
ADULT	659	326	985
TOTAL	742	422	1,164

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. Definitions shall be as set forth in Title 23, Wyoming Statutes, Commission regulations, 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.

(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 (7) day period starting on Monday through the following Sunday.

Section 3. Hunting or Trapping Seasons.

Species, hunting or trapping areas, season dates and limitations.

Species	Trapping Area	Season Dates		Limitations
		Opens	Closes	
Mink	1	Oct. 1	Apr. 30	Any mink
Bobcat	1	Nov. 15	Mar. 1	Any bobcat
Muskrat	1	Oct. 1	Apr. 30	Any muskrat
Weasel	1	Oct. 1	Mar. 31	Any weasel
Badger	1	Jan. 1	Dec. 31	Any badger

Species	Trapping Area	Season Dates		Limitations
		Opens	Closes	
Marten	1	Oct. 1	Mar. 1	Any marten
	2	Dec. 1	Mar. 1	Any 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
	503	CLOSED		
	504	CLOSED		
505	CLOSED			
606	CLOSED			

Section 4. 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 4(b).

(ii) Marten.

Area 1. The entire State of Wyoming, excluding Area 2 as listed in this subsection and those areas closed in Section 4(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.

(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 4(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 503. Woods Landing. All public lands within Boswell Creek, Eagle Creek, Shellrock Creek, Bear Creek, Jelm Creek and Porter Creek drainages in Albany County.

Area 504. Lake Owen. All public lands south and east of U.S.F.S Roads 552 and 540 within Fox Creek, Squirrel Creek, Squaw Creek, Lake Owen Creek and Strain Creek drainages in Albany County.

Area 505. Sheep Mountain. All public lands within Fence Creek, Hecht Creek and Buckeye Creek drainages in Albany 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 (U.S.F.S. 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 5. 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 6. 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 7. 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 4(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 8. Trap and 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.

(e) A quick-kill body-grip trap having a jaw measurement of ten (10) inches or greater when measured vertically at its widest part of the jaw shall not be set, other than on private land, unless the bottom of the quick-kill body-grip trap is partially submerged in water when set.

Section 9. 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 10. Mandatory Bobcat Registration. All bobcats harvested in Wyoming shall be registered with the Department by the person taking the bobcat, regardless of the final disposition of the

pelt or unskinned carcass. Bobcat pelts may be registered throughout the bobcat season, but registration of pelts shall end at 5:00 p.m. on March 11 of each year. 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.

(a) 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).

(b) 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.

(c) Any person who makes a false statement on the registration form shall be in violation of this regulation and shall be punishable as provided by Title 23, Wyoming Statutes for violation of Commission regulations.

Section 11. Trapping of Non-target Wildlife; Disposition of Furbearing Animals at the Trap Site.

(a) All big or trophy game animals, game birds, protected animals or protected birds that are trapped shall be released unharmed.

(b) If a big or trophy game animal, game bird, protected animal or raptor is trapped and has been injured in such a way that the injury may result in death of the animal or if the animal has been killed, the trapper shall notify a Department law enforcement officer as soon as is reasonably possible.

(c) Furbearing animals that are trapped during a closed season shall be released unharmed. If a furbearing animal is caught during a closed season and injured in such a way that may result in death of the animal or if the furbearing animal has been killed, the trapper shall notify a Department law enforcement officer as soon as is reasonably possible.

(d) Furbearing animals legally taken shall be either killed at the trap site or immediately released to the wild. If the trapper holds both a furbearing animal trapping license and a license to capture furbearing animals for domestication, the furbearing animals do not have to be killed at the trap site.

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

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

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

(b) Trap identification numbers shall consist of the prefix WY, followed by the last two (2) digits of the calendar year in which the number is issued, followed by a number generated by the Department. A hyphen shall separate the three (3) portions of the number. For example, the first trap identification number

issued in calendar year 2001 shall be WY-01-001. Numbers shall be legible, at least one-eighth (1/8) inch in height and affixed to traps in such a manner as to read left to right. The trap identification number shall be stamped on the trap or on a metal tag that is affixed to the trap.

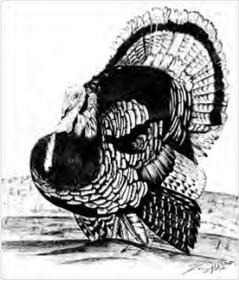
(c) Application for a trap identification number shall include the full name and complete home address of the applicant and shall be submitted on a form provided by the Department. Applications shall be submitted to the Wildlife Division, at the Headquarters Office of the Wyoming Game and Fish Department.

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

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

By: _____
Charles C. Price, President

Dated: July 10, 2015



2015 Wyoming Fall Wild Turkey Hunter Survey

We encourage you to respond online as this method significantly reduces survey costs. Please log on to wgfd.wyo.gov/Hunting/Harvest-Surveys and use the following password:

Please respond by
January 15, 2016

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, as hunter effort is an important part of our reports.

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WILD TURKEY HUNT AREAS



Over

WGFD regulations allow you to purchase up to three licenses; one GENERAL and two LIMITED QUOTA **OR** three LIMITED QUOTA wild turkey licenses.

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

Q2. How many licenses did you hold? One Two Three

Q3. Please tell us about your general license, or your first limited quota license if you did not hold a general license:

Check which type of license: GENERAL **OR** LIMITED QUOTA

In which Hunt Area(s) did you hunt on your GENERAL or <u>first</u> LIMITED QUOTA license?	# of days hunted in this area	Did you harvest in this area?	Harvested Tom or Hen	Method of Harvest
Main Area <input style="width: 80px; height: 30px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80px; height: 30px;" type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Tom <input type="checkbox"/> Hen	<input type="checkbox"/> Archery <input type="checkbox"/> Muzzleloader <input type="checkbox"/> Shotgun <input type="checkbox"/> Rifle or Pistol
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LIMITED QUOTA INFORMATION ONLY

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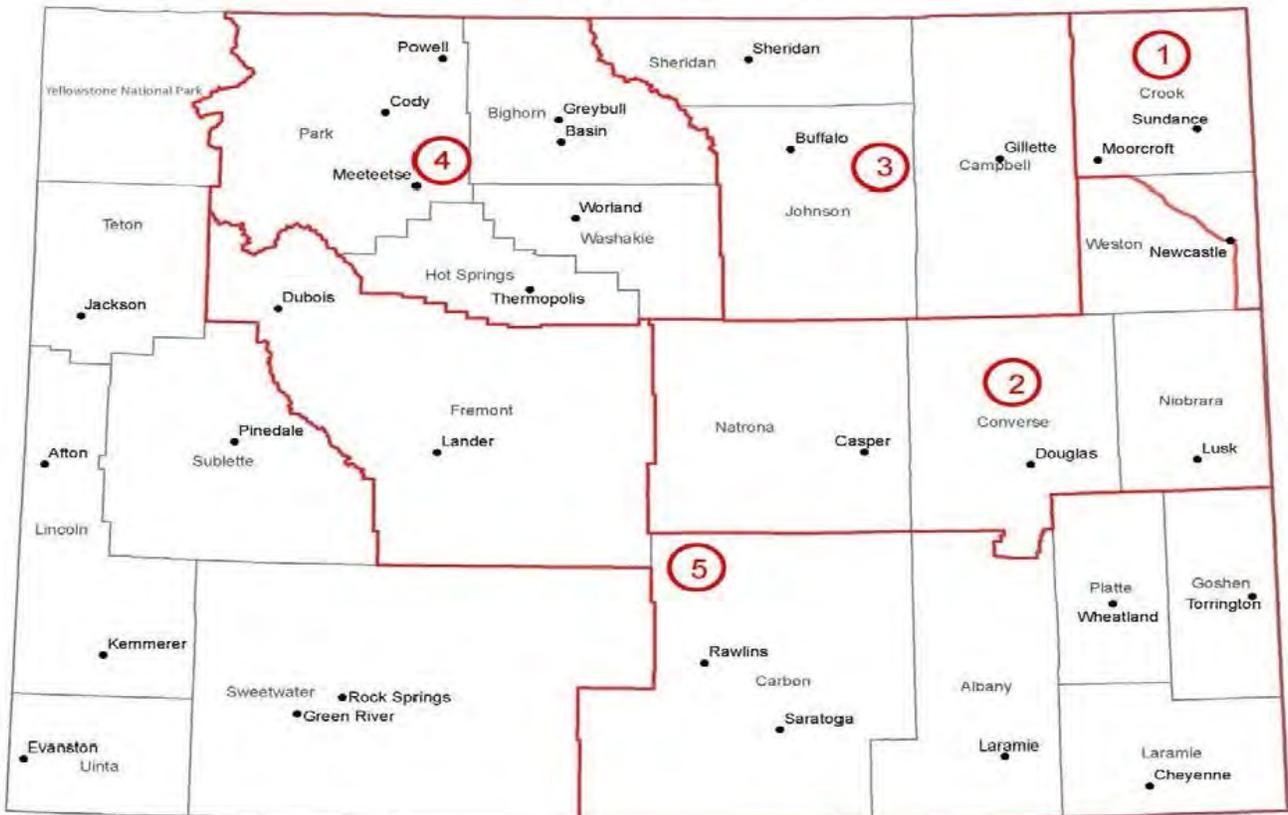
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TABLE I
WILD TURKEY
HARVEST STATEWIDE
(June 1, 2015 through May 31, 2016)

	LICENSES SOLD	NUMBER ACTIVE HUNTERS	HARVEST			TOTAL HUNTER DAYS	HUNTER SUCCESS	DAYS/HARVEST
			TOM	HENS	TOTAL			
2015 FALL								
RESIDENT	2246	1738	481	438	919	6131	52.9%	6.7
NONRESIDENT	246	215	97	54	151	557	70.2%	3.7
TOTAL	2492	1953	578	492	1070	6688	54.8%	6.3
2016 SPRING								
RESIDENT	4401	3734	1802	20	1822	12965	48.8%	7.1
NONRESIDENT	1126	946	639	0	639	2678	67.5%	4.2
TOTAL	5527	4680	2441	20	2461	15643	52.6%	6.4
ANNUAL TOTALS								
RESIDENT	6647	5472	2283	458	2741	19096	50.1%	7.0
NONRESIDENT	1372	1161	736	54	790	3235	68.0%	4.1
TOTAL	8019	6633	3019	512	3531	22331	53.2%	6.3

TABLE II
WILD TURKEY
TEN-YEAR COMPARISON OF STATEWIDE HARVEST
2006 - 2015

BIOLOGICAL YEAR	2006/7	2007/8	2008/9	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
VALID LICENSES										
FALL TOTAL	2,427	2,934	3,226	3,132	2,403	2,319	2,209	1,907	1,969	2,492
RESIDENT	1,937	2,427	2,718	2,538	2,123	2,043	1,969	1,688	1,787	2,246
NONRESIDENT	490	507	508	594	280	276	240	219	182	246
SPRING TOTAL	5,799	5,732	5,891	6,826	6,345	5,166	4,947	4,924	5,410	5,527
RESIDENT	1,497	4,343	4,442	4,957	4,503	3,885	3,854	3,830	4,330	4,401
NONRESIDENT	4,302	1,389	1,449	1,869	1,842	1,281	1,093	1,094	1,080	1,126
STATEWIDE TOTAL	8,226	8,666	9,117	9,958	93,608	7,485	7,156	6,831	7,379	8,019
RESIDENT	3,434	6,770	7,160	7,495	7,159	5,928	5,823	5,518	6,117	6,647
NONRESIDENT	4,792	1,896	1,957	2,463	2,149	1,557	1,333	1,313	1,262	1,372
NUMBER ACTIVE HUNTERS										
FALL TOTAL	1,982	2,594	2,816	2,457	2,075	1,957	1,849	1,565	1,619	1,953
RESIDENT	1,577	2,128	2,344	2,273	1,826	1,723	1,636	1,390	1,466	1,738
NONRESIDENT	405	466	472	184	249	234	213	175	153	215
SPRING TOTAL	5,351	4,765	5,224	5,256	5,783	4,714	4,600	4,138	4,460	4,680
RESIDENT	3,923	3,636	3,878	3,439	3,996	3,491	3,389	3,119	3,471	3,734
NONRESIDENT	1,428	1,129	1,346	1,817	1,787	1,223	1,211	1,019	989	946
TOTAL	7,333	7,359	8,040	7,713	7,331	6,671	6,449	5,703	6,079	6,633
RESIDENT	5,500	5,764	6,222	5,712	5,265	5,214	5,025	4,509	4,937	5,472
NONRESIDENT	1,833	1,595	1,818	2,001	2,066	1,457	1,424	1,194	1,142	1,161
TOTAL HARVEST										
FALL TOTAL	1,193	1,741	1,962	1,392	1,298	1,108	987	815	950	1,070
RESIDENT	980	1,379	1,588	1,276	1,106	950	843	696	838	919
NONRESIDENT	213	362	374	116	192	158	144	119	112	151
SPRING TOTAL	2,933	3,163	3,145	3,214	2,831	2,467	2,048	1,963	2,008	2,461
RESIDENT	1,851	2,169	2,014	1,908	1,696	1,561	1,290	1,320	1,400	1,822
NONRESIDENT	1,082	994	1,131	1,306	1,135	906	758	643	608	639
TOTAL	4,126	4,904	5,107	4,606	4,512	3,575	3,035	2,778	2,958	3,531
RESIDENT	2,831	3,548	3,602	3,184	3,014	2,511	2,133	2,016	2,238	2,741
NONRESIDENT	1,295	1,356	1,505	1,422	1,498	1,064	902	762	720	790
TOTAL HUNTER DAYS										
FALL TOTAL	5,517	6,522	6,755	7,912	5,428	6,135	5,289	5,016	4,993	6,688
RESIDENT	4,424	5,270	5,622	7,147	4,806	5,558	4,698	4,602	4,672	6,131
NONRESIDENT	1,093	1,252	1,133	765	622	577	591	414	321	557
SPRING TOTAL	14,521	14,175	15,126	18,355	17,943	14,282	14,194	13,039	15,412	15,643
RESIDENT	10,902	11,135	11,765	13,447	12,909	11,143	10,936	10,277	12,545	12,965
NONRESIDENT	3,619	3,040	3,361	4,908	5,034	3,139	3,258	2,762	2,867	2,678
TOTAL	20,038	20,697	21,881	26,267	23,783	20,417	19,483	18,055	20,405	22,331
RESIDENT	15,326	16,405	17,387	20,594	18,253	16,701	15,634	14,879	17,217	19,096
NONRESIDENT	4,712	4,292	4,494	5,673	5,530	3,716	3,849	3,176	3,188	3,235

TABLE II (Continued)

WILD TURKEY TEN-YEAR COMPARISON OF STATEWIDE HARVEST

BIOLOGICAL YEAR	2006/7	2007/8	2008/9	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
HUNTER SUCCESS										
FALL TOTAL	60.2%	67.1%	69.7%	56.7%	62.6%	56.6%	53.4%	52.1%	58.7%	54.8%
RESIDENT	62.1%	64.8%	67.8%	56.1%	60.6%	55.1%	51.5%	50.1%	57.2%	52.9%
NONRESIDENT	52.6%	77.7%	79.2%	63.0%	77.1%	67.5%	67.6%	68.0%	73.2%	70.2%
SPRING TOTAL	57.1%	66.4%	60.2%	61.2%	49.0%	52.3%	44.5%	47.4%	45.0%	52.6%
RESIDENT	47.2%	59.7%	51.9%	56.0%	42.4%	44.7%	38.1%	42.3%	40.3%	48.8%
NONRESIDENT	75.8%	88.0%	84.0%	71.9%	63.5%	74.1%	62.6%	63.1%	61.5%	67.5%
TOTAL	56.3%	66.6%	63.5%	59.7%	61.6%	53.6%	47.1%	48.7%	48.7%	53.2%
RESIDENT	51.5%	61.6%	57.9%	55.7%	57.3%	48.2%	42.4%	44.7%	45.3%	50.1%
NONRESIDENT	70.6%	85.0%	82.8%	71.1%	72.5%	73.0%	63.3%	63.8%	63.0%	68.0%
DAYS/HARVEST										
FALL TOTAL	4.6	3.8	3.4	5.7	4.2	5.5	5.4	6.2	5.3	6.3
RESIDENT	4.5	3.8	3.5	5.6	4.4	5.9	5.6	6.6	5.6	6.7
NONRESIDENT	5.1	3.5	3.0	6.6	3.2	3.7	4.1	3.5	2.9	3.7
SPRING TOTAL	5.0	4.5	4.8	5.7	6.3	5.8	6.9	6.6	7.7	6.4
RESIDENT	5.9	5.1	5.8	7.1	7.6	7.1	8.5	7.8	9.0	7.1
NONRESIDENT	3.3	3.1	3.0	3.8	4.4	3.5	4.3	4.3	4.7	4.2
TOTAL	4.9	4.2	4.3	5.7	5.3	5.7	6.4	6.5	6.9	6.3
RESIDENT	5.4	4.6	4.8	6.5	6.1	6.7	7.3	7.4	7.7	7.0
NONRESIDENT	3.6	3.2	3.0	4.0	3.7	3.5	4.3	4.2	4.4	4.1

TABLE III
FALL WILD TURKEY
HARVEST, HUNTING PRESSURE, HUNTER SUCCESS
BY HUNT AREA
2015

AREA	TYPE	ACTIVE LICS/HTRS	HARVEST			HUNTER SUCCESS	HUNTER DAYS	DAYS/ HARVEST	SOLD
			TOM	HEN	TOTAL				
1 Black Hills	General								
	Resident	577	89	139	228	39.5%	2444	10.72	1936
	Nonresident	67	26	19	45	67.2%	193	4.29	223
	Area Total	644	115	158	273	42.4%	2637	9.66	2159
2 Central	Type 3								
	Resident	64	13	32	45	70.3%	221	4.91	75
	Nonresident	3	2	2	4	133.3%	6	0.00	6
	General								
	Resident	300	94	64	158	52.7%	910	5.76	1936
	Nonresident	39	11	9	20	51.3%	120	6.00	223
Area Total	406	120	107	227	55.9%	1030	4.54	2240	
3 Powder River	Type 3								
	Resident	123	59	29	88	71.5%	298	3.39	139
	Nonresident	12	8	4	12	100.0%	30	2.50	14
	General								
	Resident	341	125	116	241	70.7%	885	3.67	1936
	Nonresident	69	41	13	54	78.3%	148	2.74	223
Area Total	545	233	162	395	72.5%	1361	3.45	2312	
4 Bighorn Basin	Type 1								
	Resident	64	18	14	32	50.0%	286	8.94	96
	Nonresident	3	2	1	3	100.0%	8	2.67	3
	Area Total	67	20	15	35	52.2%	294	8.40	99
5 South Central	General								
	Resident	269	83	44	127	47.2%	1087	8.56	1936
	Nonresident	22	7	6	13	59.1%	52	4.00	223
	Area Total	291	90	50	140	48.1%	1139	8.14	2159

TABLE IV
SPRING WILD TURKEY
HARVEST, HUNTING PRESSURE, HUNTER SUCCESS
BY HUNT AREA
2016

AREA	TYPE	ACTIVE LICS/HTRS	HARVEST			HUNTER SUCCESS	HUNTER DAYS	DAYS/ HARVEST	SOLD
			TOM	HEN	TOTAL				
1 Black Hills	General								
	Resident	971	435	6	441	45.4%	3385	7.7	4038
	Nonresident	594	396	0	396	66.7%	1756	4.4	1038
	Area Total	1565	831	6	837	53.5%	5141	6.1	5076
2 Central	Type 3								
	Resident	65	14	0	14	21.5%	174	12.4	81
	Nonresident	17	8	0	8	47.1%	42	5.3	18
	General								
	Resident	502	243	0	243	48.4%	1677	6.9	4038
	Nonresident	80	44	0	44	55.0%	198	4.5	1038
Area Total	664	309	0	309	46.5%	1875	6.1	5175	
3 Powder River	Type 3								
	Resident	204	129	2	131	64.2%	918	7.0	241
	Nonresident	39	27	0	27	69.2%	109	4.0	57
	General								
	Resident	544	318	3	321	59.0%	1937	6.0	4038
	Nonresident	86	70	0	70	81.4%	223	3.2	1038
Area Total	873	544	5	549	62.9%	3187	5.8	5374	
4 Bighorn Basin	Type 1								
	Resident	19	10	0	10	52.6%	52	5.2	41
	Nonresident	6	5	0	5	83.3%	24	4.8	13
	General								
	Resident	678	310	3	313	46.2%	2481	7.9	4038
	Nonresident	40	32	0	32	80.0%	109	3.4	1038
Area Total	743	357	3	360	48.5%	2666	7.4	5130	
5 South Central	General								
	Resident	751	343	6	349	46.5%	2341	6.7	4038
	Nonresident	84	57	0	57	67.9%	217	3.8	1038
	Area Total	835	400	6	406	48.6%	2558	6.3	5076

TABLE V
FALL WILD TURKEY
 License Data Summary
 2015

	Valid Licenses*	Number Surveyed	Number Usable (hunters and nonhunters)	Response Rate (# Usable/# Surveyed)
Resident	2,068	2,068	795	38.4%
Nonresident	241	241	130	53.9%
Total	2,309	2,309	925	40.1%

*Includes landowner, pioneer and heritage licenses

TABLE VI
SPRING WILD TURKEY
 License Data Summary
 2015

	Licenses*	Number Surveyed	(hunters and nonhunters)	(# Usable/# Surveyed)
Resident	4,045	4,045	1,547	38.2%
Nonresident	996	996	585	58.7%
Total	5,041	5,041	2,132	42.3%

*Includes landowner, pioneer and heritage licenses

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

CHAPTER 20

2015 FALL AND 2016 SPRING WILD TURKEY HUNTING SEASONS

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

Section 2. Hunting Regulations.

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

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

(c) Nontoxic shot shall be required for hunting wild turkeys with a shotgun on all of the lands in the Springer and Table Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Areas and on all national wildlife refuges open for hunting. 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.

(d) Evidence of Sex. During the spring season in those hunt areas limited to the taking of male wild turkeys or any wild turkey with a visible beard, a visible beard shall remain naturally attached to the carcass as a means of identification in the field and while the wild turkey is being transported.

(e) 2015 Fall Season. Hunt Areas, Season Dates and Limitations.

Hunt Area	Type	Season Dates		Quota	License	Limitations
		Opens	Closes			
1		Nov. 1	Nov. 30		General	Any wild turkey
2		Oct. 1	Dec. 31		General	Any wild turkey
2	3	Oct. 1	Dec. 31	100	Limited quota	Any wild turkey valid in Area 2 within Natrona County
3		Oct. 1	Dec. 31		General	Any wild turkey
3	3	Oct. 1	Dec. 31	250	Limited quota	Any wild turkey
4	1	Oct. 1	Dec. 31	100	Limited quota	Any wild turkey valid in Area 4 within the Shell Creek drainage or south of U.S. Highway 16 within the Nowood River drainage
5		Oct. 1	Dec. 31		General	Any wild turkey

(f) 2016 Spring Season. Hunt Areas, Season Dates and Limitations.

Hunt Area	Type	Season Dates		Quota	License	Limitations
		Opens	Closes			
1		Apr. 9	May 20		General	Any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
2		Apr. 1	May 20		General	Any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
2	3	Apr. 1	May 20	100	Limited quota	Any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard valid in Area 2 within Natrona County
3		Apr. 1	May 20		General	Any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
3	3	Apr. 1	May 20	300	Limited quota	Any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
4		Apr. 9	May 20		General	Any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard, except the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission's Yellowtail Wildlife Habitat Management Area shall be closed
4	1	Apr. 9	May 20	50	Limited quota	Any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
5		Apr. 1	May 20		General	Any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard

Section 3. Archery Regulations.

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

Section 4. Hunt Area Descriptions.

Area and Number.

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

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

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

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

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

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

By: _____

Charles C. Price, President

Dated: April 22, 2015

Name _____
 Address _____

 Date: _____

FALCONRY HUNTING/HARVEST REPORT

As referenced in Wyoming Game and Fish Department Regulation
 Chapter 11, Section 10(e)*

_____ **If you did not hunt with a falcon during these time periods, please check here and return the survey.**

Species	Countries Hunted (e.g. - Goshen)	SEPTEMBER 2015		OCTOBER 2015		NOVEMBER 2015		DECEMBER 2015		JANUARY 2016		FEBRUARY 2016		MARCH 2016	
		# of Days Hunted	Total Harvest												
Sage Grouse*	_____														

	Total														
Blue Grouse	_____														

	Total														
Ruffed Grouse	_____														

	Total														

*Only sage grouse information is required by Commission Regulation.

Species	Counties Hunted (e.g. - Goshen)	SEPTEMBER 2015		OCTOBER 2015		NOVEMBER 2015		DECEMBER 2015		JANUARY 2016		FEBRUARY 2016		MARCH 2016	
		# of Days Hunted	Total Harvest												
Chukar Partridge															
		Total													
Gray Partridge															
		Total													
Pheasant															
		Total													
Sharp-tailed Grouse															
		Total													

Species	Counties Hunted (e.g. - Goshen)	SEPTEMBER 2015		OCTOBER 2015		NOVEMBER 2015		DECEMBER 2015		JANUARY 2016		FEBRUARY 2016		MARCH 2016	
		# of Days Hunted	Total Harvest												
Cottontail Rabbit	_____														

	Total														
Dove	_____														

	Total														
Ducks	_____														

	Total														

Please return by April 15, 2016 to:

Wyoming Game and Fish Department
 Attn: Wildlife Division Permitting Office
 5400 Bishop Blvd.
 Cheyenne, WY 82006
 Fax: 307-777-4650

TABLE I
RESIDENT FALCON HARVEST 2015-2016

SAGE-GROUSE

County	Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar	
	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest
Fremont	3	0	10	0	20	0	10	0						
Hot Springs	10	0	25	1	25	1	25	1	20	0	3	0		
Johnson			4	2	4	3								
Natrona	8	0	8	2	11	1								
Sublette	8	1	18	6	16	5	10	2						
Sweetwater	3	0												
TOTALS	32	1	65	11	76	10	45	3	20	0	3	0	0	0

Days Hunted	241
Harvest	25
Hunters	8

GRAY PARTRIDGE

County	Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar	
	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest
Natrona	4	0	8	1	11	2	4	0						
Sheridan					3	1	4	1	5	2				
TOTALS	4	0	8	1	14	3	8	1	5	2	0	0	0	0

Days Hunted	39
Harvest	7
Hunters	2

PHEASANT

County	Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar	
	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest
Goshen							3	0						
Sheridan	5	1	30	4	24	3	26	5	23	2				
TOTALS	5	1	30	4	24	3	29	5	23	2	0	0	0	0

Days Hunted	111
Harvest	15
Hunters	5

MOURNING DOVE

County	Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar	
	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest
Uinta	20	0												
Carbon	20	6												
TOTALS	40	6	0											

Days Hunted	40
Harvest	6
Hunters	2

RESIDENT FALCONRY - continued

SHARP-TAILED GROUSE

County	Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar	
	Days	Harvest												
Sheridan	12	2	24	1	23	1	23	0	28	2				
TOTALS	12	2	24	1	23	1	23	0	28	2	0	0	0	0

Days Hunted	110
Harvest	6
Hunters	3

COTTONTAIL RABBIT

County	Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar	
	Days	Harvest												
Albany													1	0
Carbon	20	0	15	0	10	0	10	0	5	0	15	1	1	1
Fremont			1	0	2	1	0	0	2	1	2	2		
Johnson			19	12	14	8	5	2						
Laramie											2	0	1	0
Natrona					3	1	18	19	6	4				
Sheridan	4	1												
TOTALS	24	1	35	12	29	10	33	21	13	5	19	3	3	1

Days Hunted	156
Harvest	53
Hunters	5

DUCKS

County	Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar	
	Days	Harvest												
Fremont					3	0								
Goshen	2	1	22	9	13	1	3	0						
Johnson	6	2	30	3	8	2	25	0						
Sheridan	2	1	15	8	13	7	18	10	4	2				
Uinta	30	2												
Natrona	2	0	9	2	2	0								
TOTALS	42	6	76	22	39	10	46	10	4	2	0	0	0	0

Days Hunted	207
Harvest	50
Hunters	8

Total Surveys Mailed	72
Total Responded	51
% Response	71%

TABLE II
NONRESIDENT FALCON HARVEST 2015-2016

PHEASANT

County	Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar	
	Days	Harvest												
Sheridan			3	0										
TOTALS	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Days Hunted	3
Harvest	0
Hunters	1

SAGE-GROUSE

County	Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar	
	Days	Harvest												
Carbon	3	0	2	0										
Fremont	14	3	2	1	1	0								
Johnson			4	2										
Sublette			19	4										
Sweetwater	10	14	100	9	10	4	8	2	8	2				
TOTALS	27	17	127	16	11	4	8	2	8	2	0	0	0	0

Days Hunted	181
Harvest	41
Hunters	16

SHARP-TAILED GROUSE

County	Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar	
	Days	Harvest												
Sheridan			3	0										
TOTALS	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Days Hunted	3
Harvest	0
Hunters	1

COTTONTAIL RABBIT

County	Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar	
	Days	Harvest												
Carbon	3	1												
Fremont	2	0												
Natrona	3	1												
Sweetwater			12	12										
Uinta							10	4	12	6	12	10		
TOTALS	8	2	12	12	0	0	10	4	12	6	12	10	0	0

Days Hunted	54
Harvest	34
Hunters	5

NONRESIDENT FALCONRY - continued

DUCKS

County	Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar	
	Days	Harvest												
Sublette	1	1												
Sweetwater			8	3										
TOTALS	1	1	8	3	0									

Days Hunted	9
Harvest	4
Hunters	2

Total Surveys Mailed	47
Total Responded	24
% Response	51%

SMALL GAME, UPLAND GAME BIRD, FURBEARER & BOBCAT MANAGEMENT AREAS

