

2023-2024 Bump-Sullivan Managed Goose Hunt Rules

OPENS: November 18, 2023

CLOSES: February 18, 2024

WGF Commission Regulation - Chapter 14, Section 6

Dark Goose Hunting: There shall be a Bump-Sullivan managed goose hunt during the November 18, 2023 to February 18, 2024 segment of the dark goose hunting season in Goshen County.

- Hunters shall not be required to register or obtain a goose special management permit to participate in the Bump-Sullivan Managed Goose Hunt.
- From November 18, 2023, through February 18, 2024, hunting during dark goose shooting hours shall only be allowed from established pits/blinds, or within fifty (50) yards of the pits/blinds

PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

Each hunter shall possess and present upon request a valid:

1. Game bird license and conservation stamp (unless otherwise exempted by statute)
2. Wyoming HIP permit (applies to licensed hunters)
3. Federal duck stamp (persons 16 and over)
4. Hunter safety certificate (if born on or after January 1, 1966)

Commercial Operations: No person shall conduct a commercially guided or outfitted hunt on the Bump-Sullivan Managed Goose Hunt Area.

Light Goose Hunting: The Bump-Sullivan Managed Goose Hunt Area is open to light goose hunting during the Light Goose Conservation Order (February 19, 2024—April 30, 2024). Only the Bump-Sullivan Managed Goose Hunt Area and that portion of the Springer Wildlife Habitat Management Area south of Goshen County Road 42 are open to light goose hunting. There shall be no registration requirement. 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. Pits/blinds shall not be claimed or reserved by leaving personal belongings, including decoys, unattended at the pit/blind at any time. Participants shall comply with all requirements set forth in Chapter 14, Section 7, Light Goose Conservation Order Regulations.

Water Level: 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.

Consult Regulations: The above information is a condensed summary of the applicable regulations. The entire Chapter 14 regulation is available at Department Regional Offices, Cheyenne Headquarters or website at <https://wgfd.wyo.gov/regulations>

PITS/BLINDS

AVAILABILITY: 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 18, 2023, through February 18, 2024, hunting during dark goose shooting hours shall only be allowed from pits/blinds or within fifty (50) yards of the pits/blinds.

MAPS: 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.

SELECTION: Hunters and hunting parties shall occupy pits/blinds by parking one (1) vehicle directly in front of the numbered post that is marked with the corresponding number of the pit/blind. Vehicles shall not be parked overnight to reserve a pit/blind. Vehicles shall not be parked in front of the numbered post of a pit/blind other than the one (1) the hunting party is occupying.

ACCESS: 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 only use non-motorized methods 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.

ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE: 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 when arranging decoys, retrieving downed birds or returning to the parking lot.

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. Hunters shall remove all trash or litter, including spent shell casings.***