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JOB COMPLETION REPORT INVESTIGATIONS PROJECT

STATE OF WYOMING

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

PROJECT NUMBER W-27-R-45

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Period Covered: June 1, 2011 to May 31, 2012

ABSTRACT:

This report summarizes harvests from the 2011-2012 hunting seasons for small game, upland game birds, migratory game birds, wild turkeys, and furbearers and harvest taken by falcons. Season length varied according to species. Some seasons closed by the end of 2011 while others extended through April 30, 2012. Harvest, hunting and trapping estimates were obtained by surveying licensed hunters and trappers via the internet, with mailed questionnaires or through mandatory reporting. Significant changes were made to the number of management areas and species surveyed as detailed below.

OBJECTIVES:

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

PROCEDURES:

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

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

1. The 46 management areas were consolidated to match the six bobcat area boundaries for all species except migratory game birds, wild turkeys and sage-grouse (see table below).
2. Since the 2004 biological year (6/1/04 – 5/31/05) a sage-grouse annual report has been written for each Local Working Group (LWG) area. The boundaries of the LWGs were established in Wyoming's July 2003 sage-grouse conservation plan. In order to align harvest data collection with the way the harvest is reported in annual reports, sage-grouse harvest areas were modified to match LWG boundaries. For purposes of the harvest survey these areas are indicated with letters rather than numbers to avoid confusion with the six areas used to report most other harvest. Areas closed to sage-grouse hunting by regulation are indicated on the survey instrument.
3. Migratory game birds management areas remain unchanged.

4. Coots, rail and snipe were removed from the migratory game bird survey. The department will use data collected by the USF&WS Harvest Information Program (HIP) at the state and flyway level for these species.
5. For wildlife defined by Wyoming Statute as a “Predatory Animal” (coyote, raccoon, red fox, skunk and others), the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission has no statutory authority to set season dates (harvest legal 365 days/year), bag limits (unlimited take allowed), require a license, or limit the manner in which predatory animals may be taken. Previous surveys only reported take of predatory animals by those holding a trapping license. Consequently, the reported harvest was only a subset of actual harvest with no method of estimating legal take by unlicensed hunters.
6. Bobcats were also removed from the harvest survey. Bobcats are listed in Appendix II of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species Treaty (CITES) due to their similarity of appearance to other endangered spotted cats. CITES requires that bobcats must be tagged to identify legal harvest for purposes of commerce. Under this provision all bobcat trappers have been required to present their pelts for mandatory tagging in Wyoming since July 1, 1990. The department has used CITES and harvest survey data to fulfill our CITES reporting requirement. From the 1977-1978 through the 1991-1992 season only harvest survey data were used. During those years, raw harvest survey data were not extrapolated to nonrespondents because early in this time period survey response rates were high. Beginning with the 1992-1993 season and through the 2002-2003 season the department reported data from both the harvest survey and the CITES tagging records. Through this period these two survey methods produced different estimates of bobcat harvest, trapping/hunting effort and trapper numbers. The CITES tagging data were obtained from all successful bobcat trappers whereas the furbearer harvest survey provided data from a sample of trappers who respond to the mail survey and included both successful and unsuccessful trappers/hunters. Because of declining response rates (only 26% of license holders surveyed responded to the 2010-2011 survey), the discrepancy in reported harvest between the two methods increased, i.e. the harvest reported through the harvest survey was less and less of the known harvest shown through mandatory CITES reporting. Since the 2003-2004 season, only the number of pelts tagged with CITES tags have been reported in the CITES report. Because the CITES report provides better harvest data, bobcats were dropped from the furbearer harvest survey.
7. Efforts to estimate trapper effort have been problematic because a trapping license allows the take of all wildlife defined by Wyoming Statute as a furbearing animal (badger, beaver, bobcat, marten, mink and muskrat). In addition, trap and snare sets are not species specific so it was impossible to allocate days of effort to individual species. Over the years various survey questions have been devised to estimate species-specific effort, but the more complex surveys produced questionable results and likely contributed to the decline in response rates. In some years no questions regarding effort were asked. The 2010-2011 survey reinstated effort questions with the goal of estimating statewide trap, snare and rifle effort for those holding a furbearer license.

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

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

2011 FIVE-YEAR LICENSE SALES TREND FOR SMALL AND UPLAND GAME

SMALL AND UPLAND GAME LICENSE CATEGORIES	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	5-YEAR TOTAL	ANNUAL AVERAGE
ANNUAL GAME BIRD							
RESIDENT	7,375	7,553	7,822	7,727	7,430	37,907	7,581
NONRESIDENT	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
TOTAL	7,375	7,553	7,822	7,727	7,430	37,907	7,581
ANNUAL SMALL GAME							
RESIDENT	2,031	1,831	1,713	1,600	1,533	8,708	1,742
NONRESIDENT	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
TOTAL	2,031	1,831	1,713	1,600	1,533	8,708	1,742
ANNUAL GAME BIRD/SMALL GAME							
RESIDENT	10,002	8,689	8,880	8,198	7,953	43,722	8,744
NONRESIDENT	2,151	1,889	1,779	1,777	1,738	9,334	1,867
TOTAL	12,153	10,578	10,659	9,975	9,691	53,056	10,611
DAILY GAME BIRD/SMALL GAME							
RESIDENT	1,026	957	994	938	927	4,842	968
NONRESIDENT	6,233	5,192	4,800	4,937	4,977	26,139	5,228
TOTAL	7,259	6,149	5,794	5,875	5,904	30,981	6,196
RESIDENT ONLY							
LIFETIME LICENSES - CUMULATIVE SOLD¹							
GAME BIRD/SMALL GAME/CONS STAMP ²	28	39	40	43	51		
GAME BIRD/SMALL GAME/FISHING ³	1,210	1,307	1,372	1,455	1,534		
GAME BIRD/SMALL GAME ²	105	115	127	140	157		

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

SPECIES	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	5-YEAR TOTAL	ANNUAL AVERAGE
GEESE	19,511	33,460	25,981	41,024	21,732	141,708	28,342
CRANE	138	162	195	182	161	838	168
DUCK	68,478	53,158	51,418	44,451	47,387	264,892	52,978
COOT	660	182	107	N/A	N/A	949	190
SNIPE	334	403	320	N/A	N/A	1,057	211
RAIL	12	36	8	N/A	N/A	56	11
PHEASANT	42,333	42,359	41,361	40,480	29,463	195,996	39,199
CHUKAR	7,609	7,900	7,130	6,744	4,658	34,041	6,808
GRAY PARTRIDGE	919	1,381	2,858	5,245	6,019	16,422	3,284
BLUE GROUSE	10,384	8,611	7,844	7,818	7,669	42,326	8,465
RUFFED GROUSE	6,223	3,321	4,222	3,540	3,140	20,446	4,089
SAGE-GROUSE	10,378	10,303	11,162	11,057	10,120	53,020	10,604
SHARP-TAILED GROUSE	1,569	1,900	1,715	2,428	3,315	10,927	2,185
MOURNING DOVE	36,670	29,994	22,278	28,906	23,607	141,455	28,291
WILD TURKEY	4,674	5,125	4,537	4,512	6,406 ⁴	25,254 ⁴	5,041 ⁴
COTTONTAIL RABBIT	60,511	31,343	26,983	16,600	11,802	147,239	29,448
SNOWSHOE HARE	328	390	287	123	205	1,333	267
SQUIRREL	1,066	1,584	1,420	1,585	1,186	6,841	1,368

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

²First sold in 2004

³First sold in 1996

⁴Beginning with this 2011 report, wild turkey is now reported by biological year (June through May). This 2011 turkey harvest number includes spring 2011 harvest (2,831), fall 2011 (1,108), and spring 2012 (2,467).

SURVEYS & MAPS



**2011-2012 SMALL GAME,
UPLAND GAME BIRD AND
MIGRATORY GAME BIRD
HARVEST SURVEY**

Hunter Key:

We encourage you to fill out the survey on the Internet
gf.state.wy.us/web2011/hunting-1000298.aspx.
Please use the **HUNTER KEY** as it appears above your name to the left.

Dear Hunter,

We are asking you to participate in our 2011-2012 Small Game, Upland Game Bird and Migratory Game Bird Harvest Survey. Our biologists use the results of this survey to monitor populations of these species and to recommend hunting seasons. Your response is very important even if you did not hunt or were unsuccessful. Please report your hunting results for the period September 1, 2011 to March 1, 2012, and return the survey in the enclosed prepaid envelope or **complete it on the Internet as shown above by May 1, 2012.**

Q1 Did you hunt Small Game, Upland Game Birds, or Migratory Game Birds during the 2011-2012 season that spanned September 1, 2011, to March 1, 2012?

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

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

YES NO

PRIVATE LANDS PUBLIC WILDLIFE ACCESS PROGRAM

Q3 During the 2011-2012 hunting season, did you use any of the Private Lands Public Wildlife (PLPW) walk-in areas?

YES NO (If NO, skip to Q7)

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

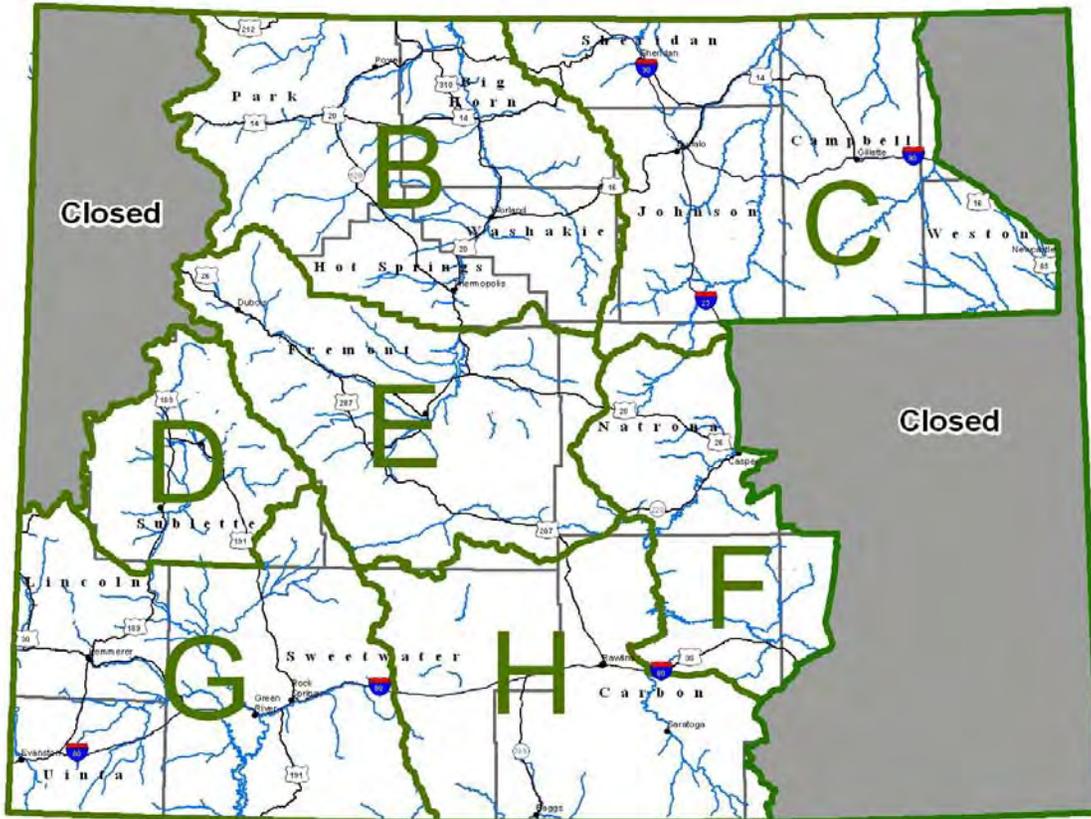
Q5 How many PLPW walk-in areas did you hunt? # of areas

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

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

SAGE-GROUSE HUNTING

LWG Sage-grouse Management Areas



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NOTE: Since the 2004 biological year (6/1/04 – 5/31/05) a sage-grouse annual report has been written for each Local Working Group (LWG) area. The boundaries of the LWGs were established in Wyoming's July 2003 sage-grouse conservation plan. In order to align harvest data collection with the way the harvest is reported in annual reports, sage-grouse harvest areas were modified to match LWG boundaries. For purposes of the harvest survey these areas are indicated with letters rather than numbers to avoid confusion with the six areas used to report harvest of most other species. Areas closed to sage-grouse hunting by regulation are also indicated on the map above.

Q7 Did you hunt SAGE-GROUSE during the 2011-2012 season?

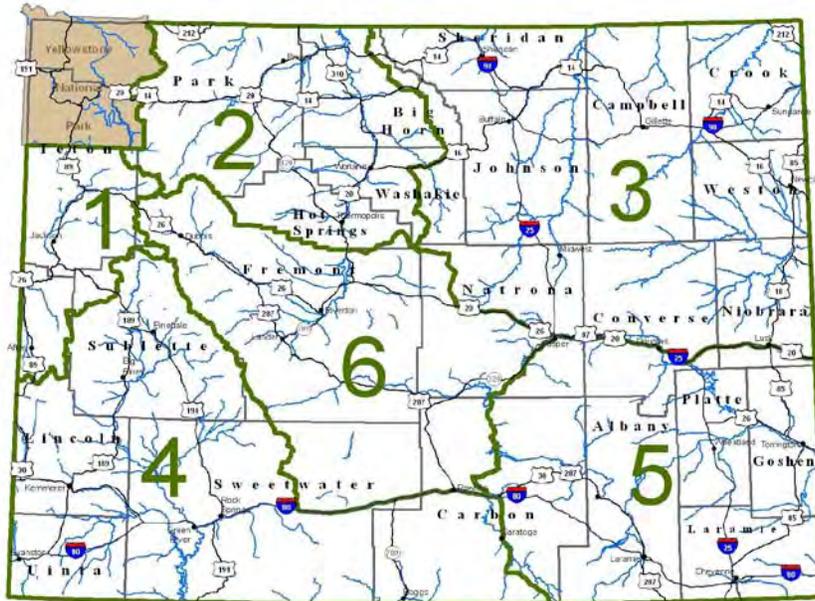
YES NO (If NO, skip to Q9.)

Q8 Referring to the sage-grouse map above, please enter the management areas you hunted most (B-H), number bagged, and number of days hunted for up to 3 areas.

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

SMALL GAME, UPLAND GAME BIRD & MOURNING DOVE HUNTING

Small Game, Upland Game Bird & Mourning Dove Management Areas



Q9 Did you hunt SMALL GAME, UPLAND GAME BIRDS, or MOURNING DOVES during the 2011-2012 season?

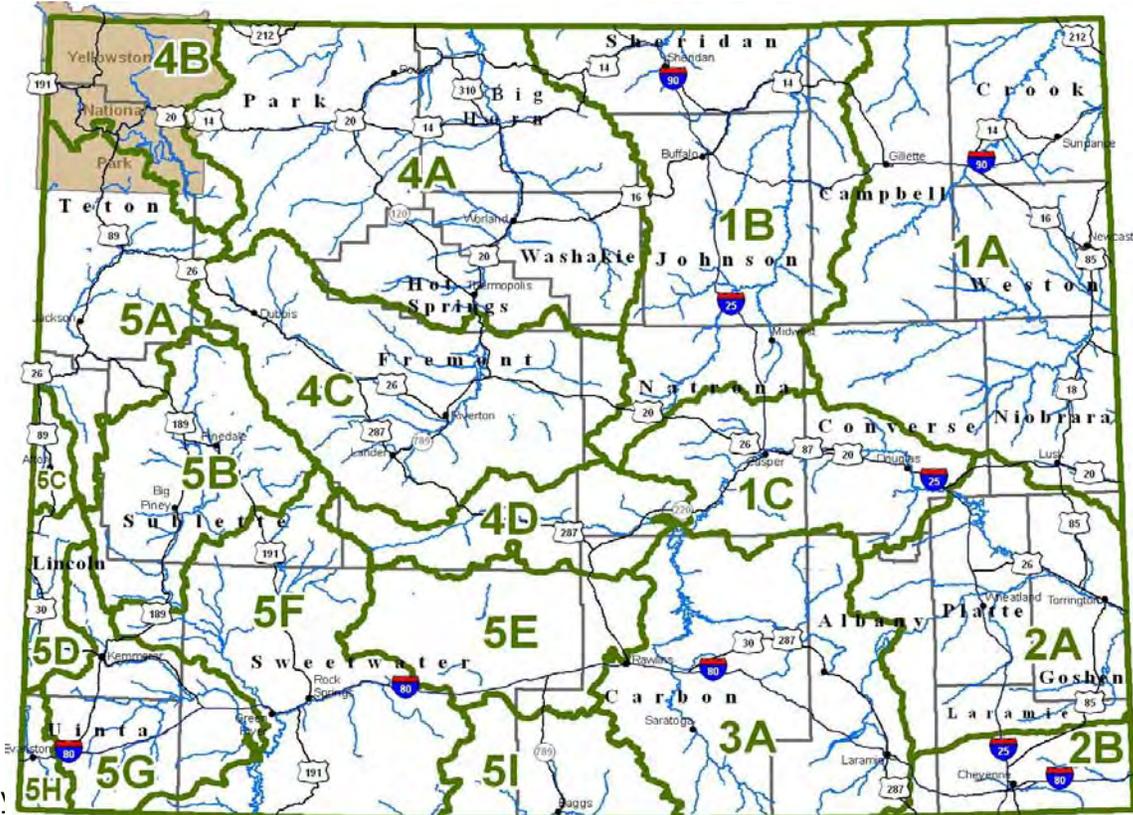
YES NO (If NO, skip to Q11.)

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

PLEASE DO NOT REPORT BIRDS HARVESTED AT PRIVATE BIRD FARMS

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

Waterfowl Management Areas



Q11 Did I

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

Q12 Referring to the Waterfowl Management Areas map above, please enter the management areas you hunted most (1A-5I), number bagged, and the number of days hunted for up to 3 areas.

Q12a

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

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

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

Q12c Answer Q12c **only** if you hunted geese during the regular season **beginning September 24 or October 1.**

Regular Goose Season (beginning Sept 24 or Oct 1)	1st Area Number	# Bagged	# of Days Hunted	2nd Area Number	# Bagged	# of Days Hunted	3rd Area Number	# Bagged	# of Days Hunted

THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THIS SURVEY

2011-2012 FURBEARER/TRAPPER HARVEST SURVEY

HUNTER KEY:

We encourage you to fill out the survey on the Internet wgfd.wyo.gov. (From the home page, select the "Hunting" page then "Harvest Surveys.") Please use the **HUNTER KEY** as it appears in red above your name to the left.

Dear Hunters & Trappers,

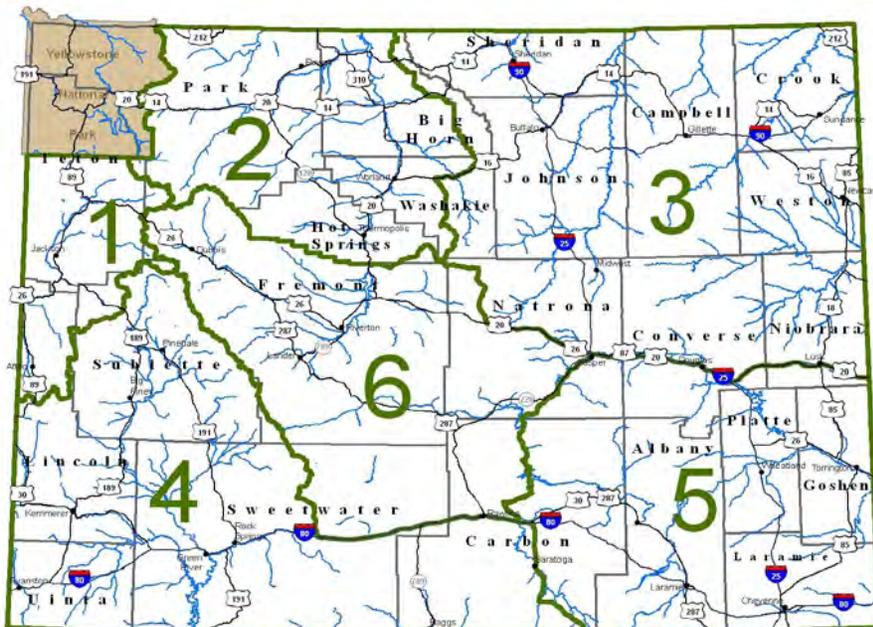
We are asking you to participate in our 2011-2012 FURBEARER harvest survey. Our biologists use the results of this survey to monitor populations of these species and recommend hunting seasons. Your response is very important even if you did not hunt or were unsuccessful. Please report your trapping and hunting results for the period 10/1/11 to 4/30/12 and return it to us in the enclosed prepaid envelope or complete it on the Internet as shown above **by MAY 30, 2012**.

You will notice the survey format has been revised from years past. The previous 46 management areas have been condensed to only 6. Bobcats and predator species are no longer included in this harvest survey to improve data integrity and ease of responding. Bobcat data is monitored through the mandatory CITES tagging. Predator species are not managed by WGFD and can be hunted year-round without a license.

Q1 Did you trap or hunt badgers, beavers, martens, minks, muskrats, or weasels during the 2011-2012 season?

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

Furbearer Management Areas



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

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

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

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

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

Q7 Please tell us which of the following Furbearer Species you TRAPPED or SNARED during the 2011-2012 season. Referring to the Furbearer map on the front, enter the areas (1-6), number TRAPPED, and number SNARED for the 3 areas you trapped most.

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

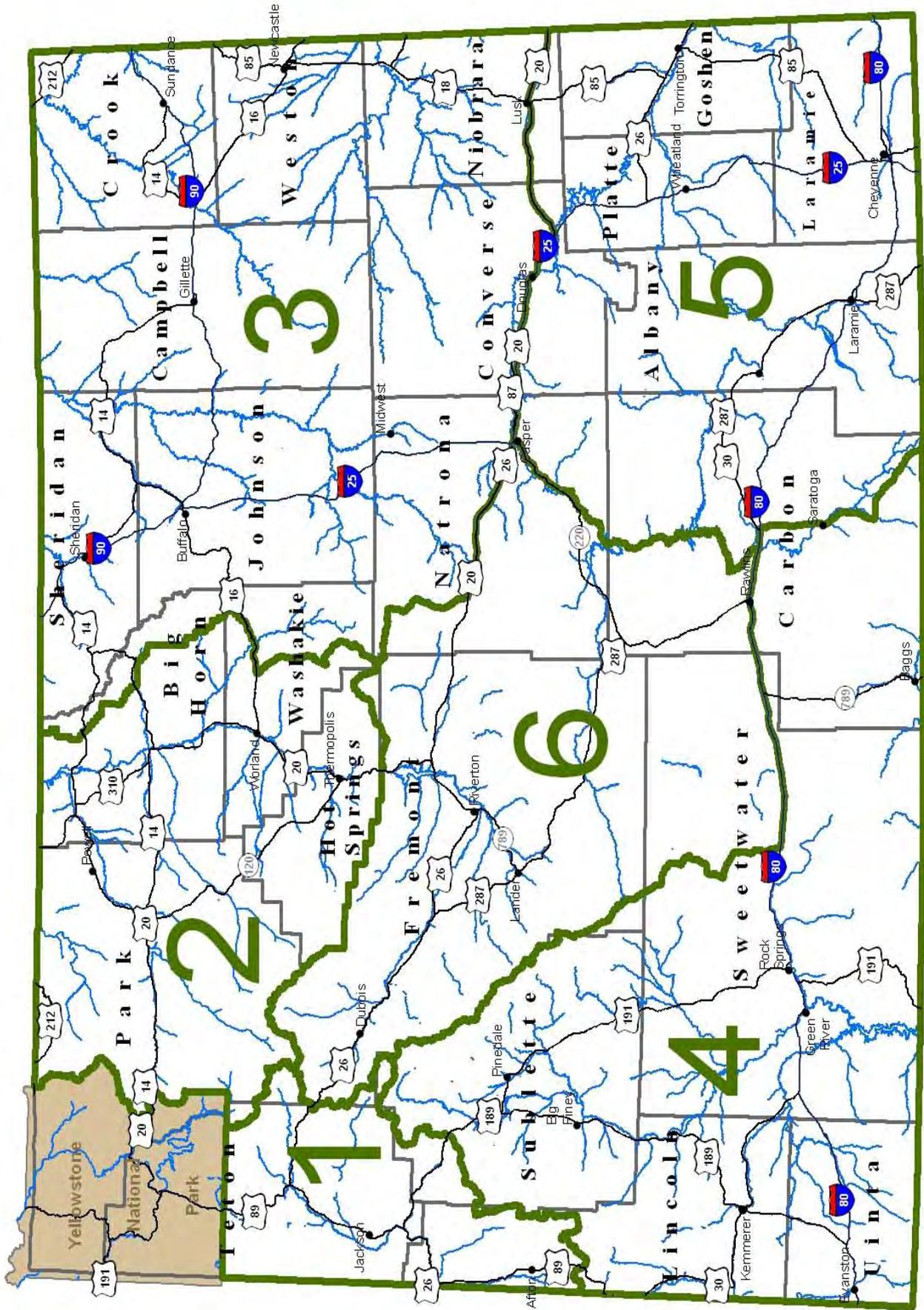
Q8 Please tell us which of the following Furbearer Species you HUNTED WITH A FIREARM during the 2011-2012 season. Referring to the Furbearer Management Area map on the front, enter the areas (1-6) and number SHOT for the 3 areas you hunted most.

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

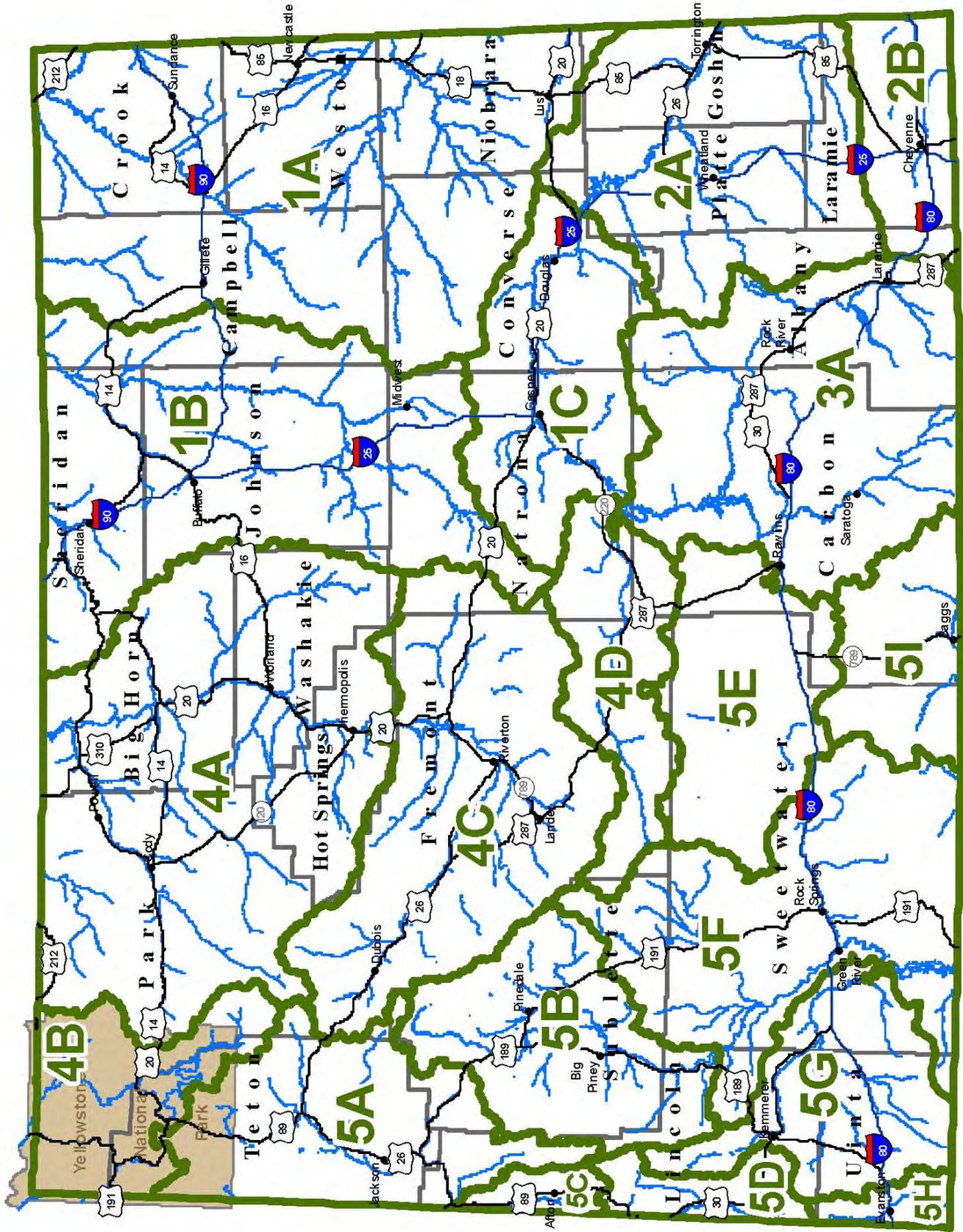
COMMENTS:

THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THIS SURVEY

MANAGEMENT AREA MAP
FURBEARERS, SMALL GAME AND UPLAND GAME BIRDS



WATERFOWL MANAGEMENT AREAS



2012 LIGHT GOOSE CONSERVATION ORDER HARVEST SURVEY CARD

Conservation Order Special Management Permit Number _____
(Stamp Number)

Please list your hunting activities below for the period of February 20 - April 8:*

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

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

2011 EARLY CRANE HARVEST SURVEY

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

Dear Sportsman,

Each year the Wyoming Game & Fish Department conducts harvest surveys to help set hunting seasons. Your participation provides key data we need to manage game populations. Your response is important even if you were unable to hunt this year. Please fill out the following questionnaire as completely as possible concerning your participation in the 2011 early Sandhill Crane season. Then return the completed survey in the enclosed prepaid envelope. **Thank you for your help with this important information!**

Name: _____ Age: _____ Sex: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

License Number: _____

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

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

_____ 1. Bear/Ham's Fork River _____ 3. Salt River (Afton) _____ 5. Farson/Eden
_____ 2. Riverton Area _____ 4. Unita _____ 6. Big Horn Basin

3. Number of days hunted: _____

4. Did you Harvest a crane? _____ Yes _____ No

5. If you hunted and harvested a crane during the season, was it: (Check One)

_____ Adult (Bright Red Crown On Top Of Head)
_____ Juvenile (Top Of Head Gray Or Reddish Brown)

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

7. Comments



WYOMING GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT 2011 FALL WILD TURKEY HARVEST SURVEY

Due January 31, 2012

Hunter Key:



Dear Hunter,

We are asking you to participate in the WYOMING GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT'S FALL WILD TURKEY HARVEST SURVEY for the 2011 season (Sept. 15 thru Dec. 31). Our biologists use the results of this survey to monitor populations and recommend hunting seasons. Your responses are confidential and very important even if you did not hunt wild turkeys or were unsuccessful. We appreciate your assistance with this survey and thank you for your help. By **January 31, 2012**, please complete this survey in one of two ways: via the Internet go to gf.state.wy.us/web2011/hunting-1000298.aspx and use the electronic survey form by selecting "Fall Turkey" and entering the **Hunter Key** as it appears in the address header above your name, OR complete the survey on the back of this page and return it in the enclosed prepaid envelope.

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

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

WILD TURKEY HUNT AREAS FALL 2011 - SPRING 2012



THIS MAP IS FOR GENERAL REFERENCE ONLY. Please use the written boundary descriptions in this regulation for detailed boundary information.

OVER →

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

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

Did you hunt on: (check all that apply)

- Private Land National Forest Other

GENERAL LICENSE	WRITE the hunt area(s) you hunted with your GENERAL LICENSE	number of days you hunted in this hunt area	Did you harvest a turkey in this area?	sex harvested	weapon used to harvest this turkey	date of harvest		
	main area # _____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> tom <input type="checkbox"/> hen	<input type="checkbox"/> firearm <input type="checkbox"/> archery	_____ month	_____ day	_____ year
	2nd area # _____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> tom <input type="checkbox"/> hen	<input type="checkbox"/> firearm <input type="checkbox"/> archery	_____ month	_____ day	_____ year
	3rd area # _____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> tom <input type="checkbox"/> hen	<input type="checkbox"/> firearm <input type="checkbox"/> archery	_____ month	_____ day	_____ year

LIMITED QUOTA LICENSE(S)	CHECK hunt area where you hunted with your LIMITED QUOTA LICENSE(S)	number of days you hunted in this hunt area	Did you harvest a turkey in this area?	sex harvested	weapon used to harvest this turkey	date of harvest		
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COMMENTS:

Thank you for your help with this important survey!

Wyoming Game and Fish Department

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**2012 SPRING WILD TURKEY
 HARVEST SURVEY**
 Please Respond by June 15, 2012



HUNTER KEY

We encourage you to fill out the survey on the Internet at wgfd.wyo.gov. (From the home page, select the "Hunting" page then "Harvest Surveys.") Please use the **HUNTER KEY** as it appears in red above your name to the left.

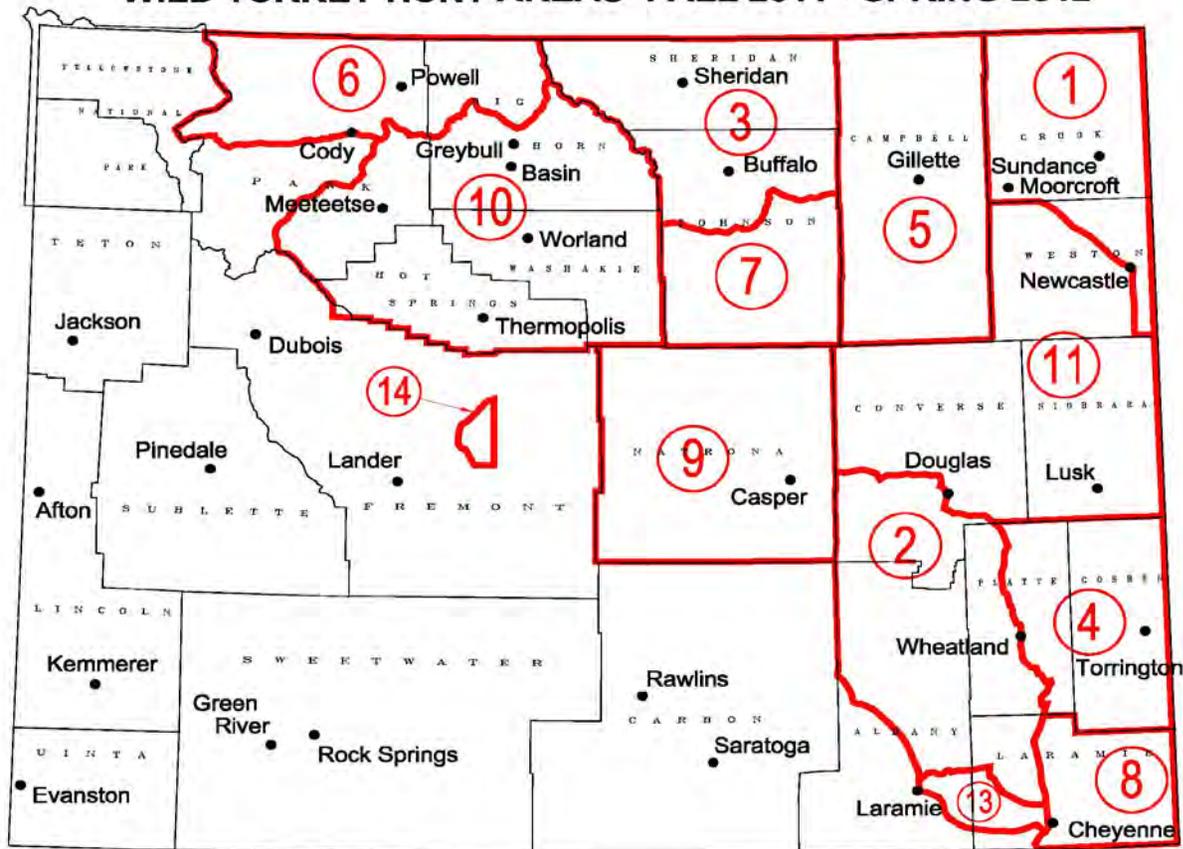
Dear Hunter,

We are asking you to participate in the WYOMING GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT SPRING WILD TURKEY SURVEY for the 2012 season (April 1, 2012 to May 20, 2012). Our biologists use the results of this survey to monitor populations and recommend hunting seasons. Your responses are confidential and are very important even if you did not hunt wild turkey or were unsuccessful. We appreciate your assistance with this survey and thank you for your help. Please report your hunting results and return it to us in the enclosed prepaid envelope or complete it on the Internet as shown above **by June 15, 2012**.

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

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

WILD TURKEY HUNT AREAS FALL 2011 - SPRING 2012



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OVER →

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

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

Did you hunt on: (check all that apply)

- Private Land National Forest Other

GENERAL LICENSE	WRITE the hunt area(s) you hunted with your GENERAL LICENSE	number of days you hunted in this hunt area	Did you harvest a turkey in this area?	sex harvested	weapon used to harvest this turkey	date of harvest		
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	3rd area # _____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> tom <input type="checkbox"/> hen	<input type="checkbox"/> firearm <input type="checkbox"/> archery	_____ month	_____ day	<u>2012</u> year

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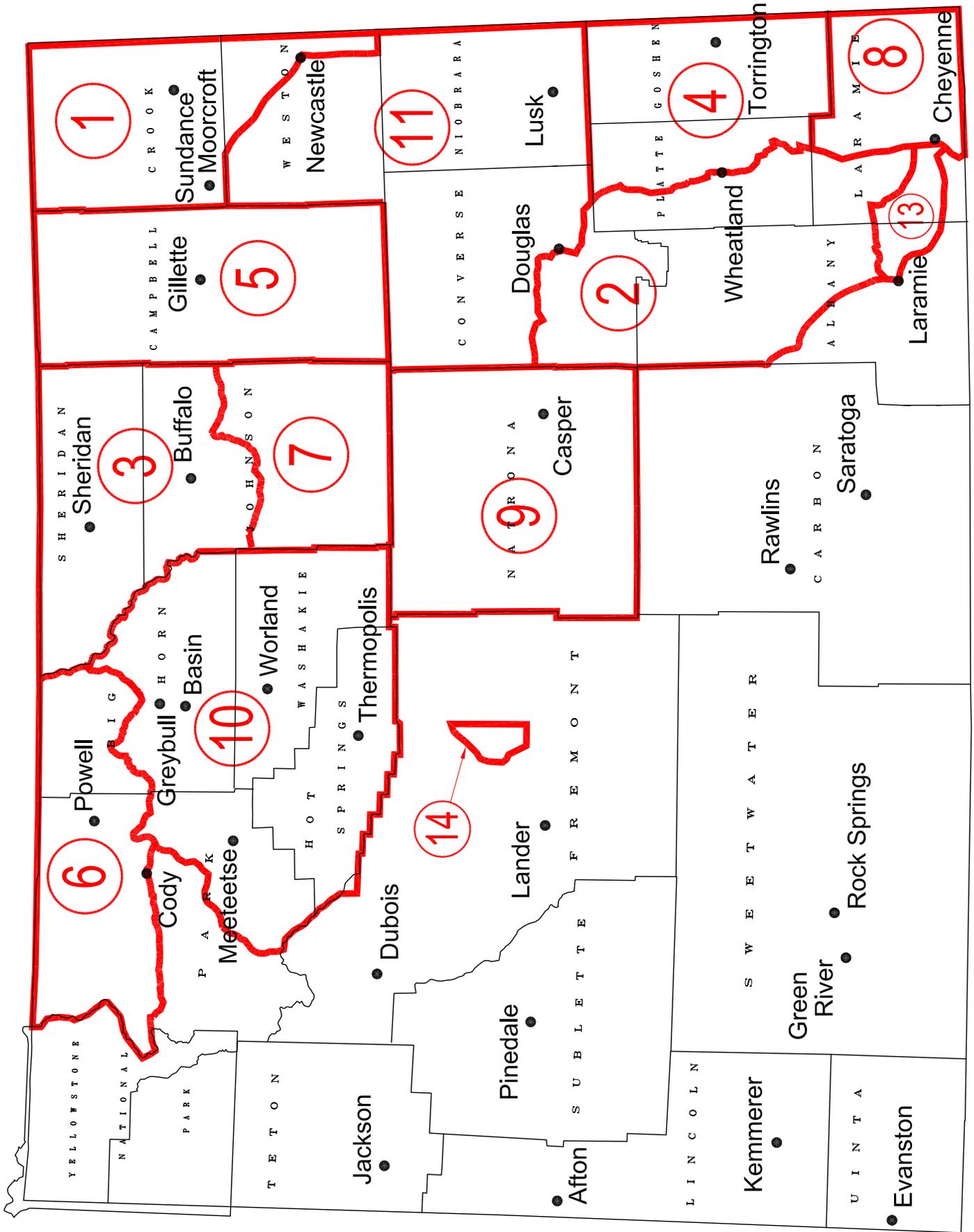
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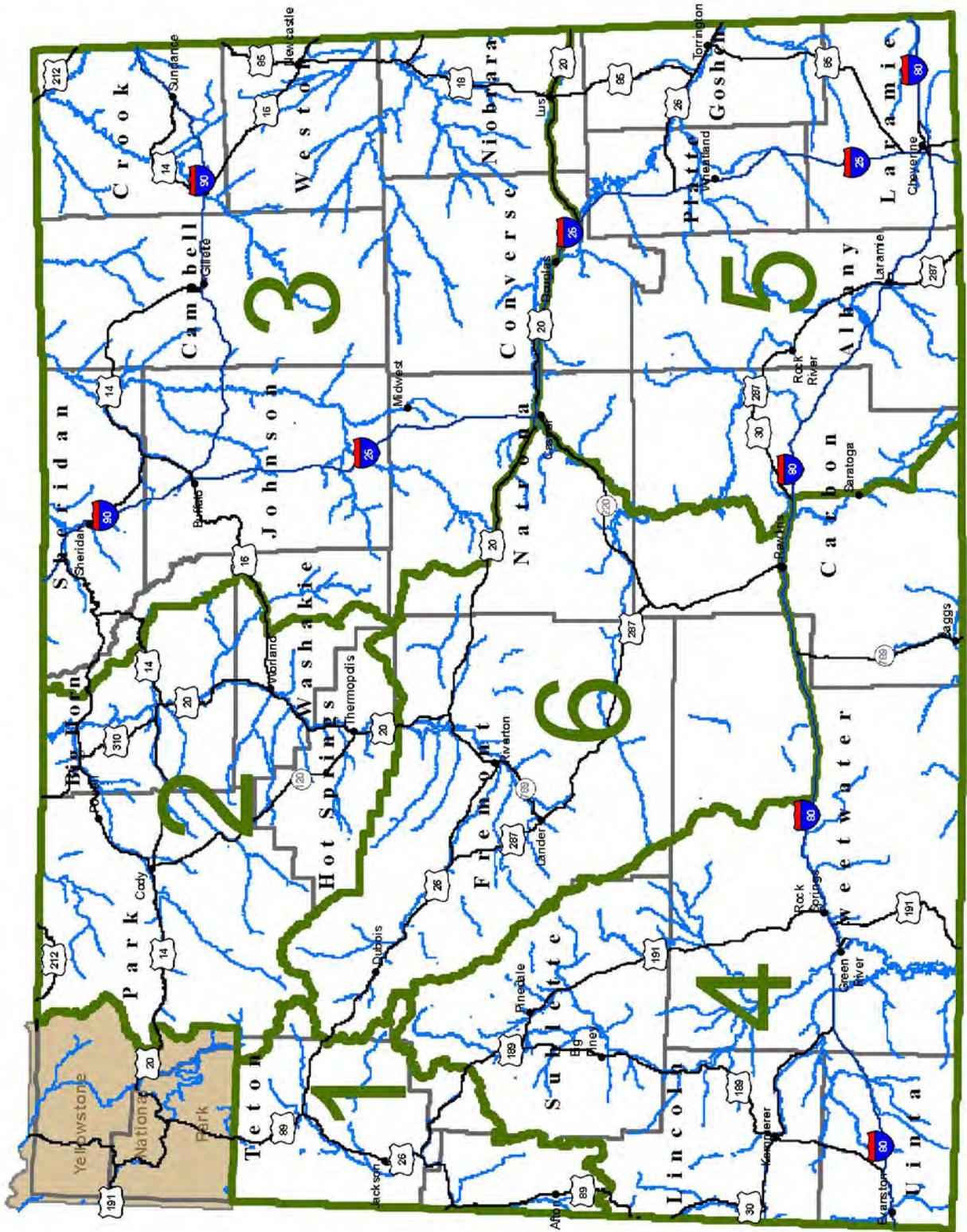
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WILD TURKEY HUNT AREAS FALL 2011 - SPRING 2012



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BOBCAT MANAGEMENT AREAS



MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS & WATERFOWL



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

2011 MOURNING DOVE HARVEST ESTIMATES			
MANAGEMENT AREA	HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
1	15	100	15
2	422	3843	1066
3	361	3820	1394
4	227	464	457
5	984	12965	2977
6	282	2415	826
SPECIES TOTAL	2291	23607	6735

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN POPULATIONS OF GREATER SANDHILL CRANES
HARVEST AND HUNTER ACTIVITY DURING THE
LIMITED QUOTA AND EARLY SEASON IN WYOMING 2011**
Projected estimates from harvest questionnaires.

	AREA						TOTALS
	1 BEAR RIVER	2 SALT RIVER	3 FARSON	4 RIVERTON	5 UINTA	6 BIG HORNS	
PERMITS	25	25	95	90	11	106	352
NUMBER HUNTING	22	25	86	71	11	82	297
DID NOT HUNT	3	0	9	19	0	25	56
DAYS HUNTED	46	61	171	166	37	228	709
AVG DAYS/HUNTER	2.10	2.40	1.98	2.33	3.36	2.79	2.39
ADULT CRANE HARVEST	8	8	38	33	7	30	124
JUVENILE CRANE HARVEST	1	5	10	9	0	12	37
TOTAL CRANE HARVEST	9	13	48	42	7	42	161
HUNTER SUCCESS %	41%	52%	56%	59%	64%	51%	54%
PERMIT SUCCESS %	36%	52%	51%	47%	64%	40%	46%
CRANES KNOCKED DOWN BUT NOT RETRIEVED	2	0	3	0	0	0	5

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

2011 DUCK
HARVEST ESTIMATES

MANAGEMENT AREA		HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
1A	Missouri - Little Powder River	282	1864	1050
1B	Tongue - Little Bighorn - Powder River	315	2505	1556
1C	Central North Platte River	873	7839	4774
2A	Lower Platte River	1088	5951	5356
2B	South Platte River	101	821	712
3A	Upper North Platte River	296	2079	1221
4A	Big Horn River Basin	1145	9785	6720
4B	Yellowstone River - YNP	8	8	8
4C	Wind River Basin	545	6444	3371
4D	Sweetwater River	59	252	347
5A	Snake River	86	834	478
5B	Upper Green River Basin	147	550	439
5C	Salt River	146	1419	929
5D	Lower Bear River	116	1031	533
5E	Great Divide Basin	13	25	41
5F	Lower Green River Basin	365	2771	1826
5G	Ham's Fork - Black Fork	276	1656	1042
5H	Upper Bear River	184	1451	697
5I	Little Snake	24	102	55
SPECIES TOTALS		6069	47387	31155

2011 EARLY GEESE
HARVEST ESTIMATES

MANAGEMENT AREA		HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
1A	Missouri - Little Powder River	8	8	24
1B	Tongue - Little Bighorn - Powder River	15	0	104
1C	Central North Platte River	34	19	95
2A	Lower Platte River	63	116	162
3A	Upper North Platte River	6	0	12
4A	Big Horn River Basin	58	37	162
4C	Wind River Basin	26	35	34
4D	Sweetwater River	9	0	26
5A	Snake River	67	144	125
5B	Upper Green River Basin	29	9	66
5C	Salt River	67	164	126
5D	Lower Bear River	67	92	108
5F	Lower Green River Basin	160	241	318
5G	Ham's Fork - Black Fork	79	142	138
5H	Upper Bear River	9	12	42
SPECIES TOTALS		697	1019	1542

2011 REGULAR GEESE
HARVEST ESTIMATES

MANAGEMENT AREA		HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
1A	Missouri - Little Powder River	171	628	564
1B	Tongue - Little Bighorn - Powder River	164	202	879
1C	Central North Platte River	555	2419	3583
2A	Lower Platte River	1798	10602	10665
2B	South Platte River	77	261	295
3A	Upper North Platte River	97	1018	881
4A	Big Horn River Basin	638	3012	3580
4B	Yellowstone River - YNP	8	8	8
4C	Wind River Basin	306	1724	1898
4D	Sweetwater River	25	22	302
5A	Snake River	30	48	262
5B	Upper Green River Basin	56	45	125
5C	Salt River	44	22	225
5D	Lower Bear River	62	69	292
5E	Great Divide Basin	7	0	15
5F	Lower Green River Basin	235	313	872
5G	Ham's Fork - Black Fork	134	222	478
5H	Upper Bear River	89	89	312
5I	Little Snake	9	9	9
SPECIES TOTALS		4505	20713	25245

2011 ANNUAL COMBINED GEESE
HARVEST ESTIMATES

MANAGEMENT AREA		HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
1A	Missouri - Little Powder River	179	636	588
1B	Tongue - Little Bighorn - Powder River	179	202	983
1C	Central North Platte River	589	2438	3678
2A	Lower Platte River	1861	10718	10827
2B	South Platte River	77	261	295
3A	Upper North Platte River	103	1018	893
4A	Big Horn River Basin	696	3049	3742
4B	Yellowstone River - YNP	8	8	8
4C	Wind River Basin	332	1759	1932
4D	Sweetwater River	34	22	328
5A	Snake River	97	192	387
5B	Upper Green River Basin	85	54	191
5C	Salt River	111	186	351
5D	Lower Bear River	129	161	400
5E	Great Divide Basin	7	0	15
5F	Lower Green River Basin	395	554	1190
5G	Ham's Fork - Black Fork	213	364	616
5H	Upper Bear River	98	101	354
5I	Little Snake	9	9	9
SPECIES TOTALS		5202	21732	26787

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

CHAPTER 39

EARLY MIGRATORY GAME BIRD HUNTING SEASONS

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

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

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

(a) “Central Flyway” means that portion of Wyoming east of the Continental Divide, excluding the Great Divide Basin.

(b) “Daily bag limit” means the maximum number of migratory game birds or waterfowl that may be legally taken in a single day.

(c) “Federal Duck Stamp” means Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp.

(d) “Migratory game bird” means all migratory game birds defined under federal law.

(e) “Nontoxic shot” means steel or any other federally-approved nontoxic shot.

(f) “Pacific Flyway” means that portion of Wyoming west of the Continental Divide, including the Great Divide Basin.

(g) “Possession limit” means the maximum number of migratory game birds or waterfowl that may be legally in possession. Migratory game birds in transit or storage shall be considered in possession. When a person hunts in more than one (1) state or flyway, the person’s total possession limit shall not exceed the largest possession limit prescribed for any one of the states or flyways in which the hunting takes place.

(h) “Season limit” means the maximum number of migratory game birds or waterfowl that may be legally taken during the entire season.

(i) “Waterfowl” means ducks, geese, coots and mergansers.

Section 4. Hunting Regulations.

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

(b) Federal Regulations. 16 USC 703-711 and 718a; 50 CFR 10, 50 CFR 20 revised as of October 1, 2010, which do not include any later amendments or editions of the incorporated matter, governing the hunting, taking and possession of migratory birds and migratory game birds, the requirement for a valid migratory bird hunting and conservation stamp and the requirement for state participation in the National Harvest Information Program are adopted as regulations of the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission. Violations of these federal statutes and regulations shall be violations of the Commission regulations. A copy of Title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations can be viewed at Department Regional Offices.

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

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

(iii) National Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program. Each licensed hunter who hunts migratory game birds shall complete a current Wyoming validation for the National Harvest Information Program (HIP) and shall obtain a Wyoming HIP permit. This requirement also applies to holders of pioneer and lifetime hunting licenses. Each licensed hunter engaged in the act of hunting doves, ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, rails, cranes or snipe shall be in possession of a Wyoming HIP permit. Each person obtaining a HIP permit for the purpose set forth in this section shall validate the permit by signing the person's name in ink across the face of the permit. Hunters who acquire a HIP permit through the Electronic Licensing System shall not be required to meet the signature provision of this Section. HIP permits expire on June 30 each year. HIP permits are not transferrable to other states. A separate validation is required from each state in which you hunt.

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

(d) Nontoxic Shot Restrictions.

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

(e) Limited Quota Sandhill Crane Permits. Applications for limited quota sandhill crane permits shall be available at Wyoming Game and Fish Department Regional Offices and selected license selling agents in Bighorn, Fremont, Hot Springs, Lincoln, Park, Sublette, Sweetwater, and Washakie Counties. Application forms may also be downloaded from the Department's website at <http://gf.state.wy.us>. Party applications shall be accepted. Maximum party size shall be two (2). Party applications shall be in the same envelope and shall specify the same hunt area preference. Permit applications shall be submitted to: Wyoming Game and Fish Department, License Draw, 5400 Bishop Boulevard, Cheyenne, WY 82006, between 8:00 a.m. July 1 and 5:00 p.m. July 31, 2011.

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

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

(i) Mourning Doves, Rails and Snipe – Statewide

MOURNING DOVES, RAILS AND SNIPE						
Species, Hunt Areas and Limitations	Dates of Season		Shooting Hours	Closed Areas Section 5 Subsections	Bag Limit	
	Opens	Closes			Daily	Possession
MOURNING DOVE - STATEWIDE	Sept. 1	Nov. 9	See Sec. 6	b, d, e	15	30
SORA AND VIRGINIA RAIL - STATEWIDE	Sept. 1	Nov. 9	See Sec. 6	b, d, e	25	25
SNIPE – STATEWIDE	Sept. 1	Dec. 16	See Sec. 6	b, d, e a after Nov. 18 c after Nov. 14	8	16

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

LIMITED QUOTA SANDHILL CRANE SEASONS						
Species, Hunt Areas and Limitations	Dates of Season		Shooting Hours	Closed Areas Section 5 Subsections	Season Bag Limit	
	Opens	Closes			Daily	Possession
Hunt Area 1 – Limited quota; 25 permits any sandhill crane	Sept. 1	Sept. 8	See Sec. 6		1 (one)	
Hunt Area 2 – Limited quota; 25 permits any sandhill crane	Sept. 1	Sept. 8	See Sec. 6	e	1 (one)	
Hunt Area 3 – Limited quota; 95 permits any sandhill crane	Sept. 1	Sept. 8	See Sec. 6	d	1 (one)	
Hunt Area 4 – Limited quota; 90 permits any sandhill crane	Sept. 17	Oct. 9	See Sec. 6		1 (one)	
Hunt Area 5 – Limited quota; 10 permits any sandhill crane	Sept. 1	Sept. 8	See Sec. 6		1 (one)	
Hunt Area 6 – Limited quota; 105 permits any sandhill crane	Sept. 17	Oct. 2	See Sec. 6		1 (one)	

GENERAL SANDHILL CRANE SEASON						
Species, Hunt Areas and Limitations	Dates of Season		Shooting Hours	Closed Areas Section 5 Subsections	Bag Limit	
	Opens	Closes			Daily	Possession
Hunt Area 7 – Permit required, any sandhill crane	Sept. 17	Nov. 13	See Sec. 6	b	3	6

(iii) Early Canada Goose – Pacific Flyway

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

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

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

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

(a) Goshen County

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

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

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

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

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

(vi) Bump-Sullivan Managed Goose Hunt. From November 19, 2011 through February 15, 2012 no access shall be allowed to Bump-Sullivan Reservoir and lands within the Bump-Sullivan Managed Goose Hunt during dark goose shooting hours without a Bump-Sullivan Managed Goose Hunt Registration (see Chapter 14, Sections 8 and 9).

(b) Platte County

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

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

(c) Fremont County

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

(d) Sweetwater County

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

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

(e) Lincoln County

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

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

(a) 2011 Shooting Hours Table. This table (including adjustments for daylight savings time) lists the official shooting hours (one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to sunset) adopted by the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission for 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	6:40	7:09	6:34	7:03	6:26	6:55	6:20	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
15-21	7:06	6:32	7:00	6:26	6:52	6:18	6:46	6:12
22-31	7:16	6:19	7:10	6:13	7:02	6:05	6:56	5:59
November								
1-5	7:26	6:09	7:20	6:03	7:12	5:55	7:06	5:49
*6-14	6:35	5:01	6:29	4:55	6:21	4:47	6:15	4:41
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
December								

1-7	7:03	4:45	6:57	4:39	6:49	4:31	6:43	4:25
8-16	7:11	4:45	7:03	4:39	6:57	4:31	6:51	4:25

*Start Mountain Standard Time

- AREA A - Lincoln, Sublette, Sweetwater, Teton, Uinta Counties
- AREA B - Big Horn, Fremont, Hot Springs, Park, Washakie Counties
- AREA C - Albany, Campbell, Carbon, Converse, Johnson, Natrona, Sheridan Counties
- AREA D - Crook, Goshen, Laramie, Niobrara, Platte, Weston Counties

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

(a) Falconry Bag and Possession Limits. The daily bag limit shall not exceed three (3) migratory game birds in the aggregate nor shall the possession limit exceed six (6) migratory game birds in the aggregate for falconry during the open hunting season or special extended falconry season. The falconry bag and possession limits are not in addition to the bag and possession limits listed in Section 4, Hunting Regulations.

FALCONRY						
Species and Hunt Areas	Dates of Season		Open Hours	Closed Areas Section 5 Subsections	AGGREGATE Bag Limit	
	Opens	Closes			Daily	Possession
Mourning Doves - Statewide	Sept. 1	Nov. 9	See Sec. 6	Limitations in effect in Sections 4 and 5 shall apply	3**	6**
Sora Rail, Virginia Rail and Snipe - Statewide	Sept. 1	Dec. 16				
Dark Geese - Pacific Flyway	Sept. 1	Sept. 8				

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

Section 8. Hunt Area Descriptions.

(a) General and Limited Quota Sandhill Crane Areas.

- (i) Area 1. All of the Bear River and Ham's Fork River drainages in Lincoln County.
- (ii) Area 2. All of the Salt River drainage in Lincoln County south of the McCoy Creek Road.
- (iii) Area 3. All lands within the Bureau of Reclamation's Eden Project in Sweetwater County.

(iv) Area 4. All lands within the Bureau of Reclamation's Riverton and Boysen Unit boundaries; those lands within Boysen State Park south of Cottonwood Creek, west of Boysen Reservoir, and south of U.S. Highway 20-26; and all non-Indian owned fee title lands within the exterior boundaries of the Wind River Reservation, excluding those lands within Hot Springs County.

(v) Area 5. All of Uinta County.

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

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

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

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

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WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

CHAPTER 14

LATE MIGRATORY GAME BIRD HUNTING SEASONS

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

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

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

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

Section 4. Hunting Regulations.

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

(b) Federal Regulations. 16 USC 703-711 and 718a; 50 CFR 10 and 50 CFR 20, revised as of October 1, 2010, which do not include any later amendments or editions of the incorporated matter, governing the hunting, taking and possession of migratory birds and migratory game birds, the requirement for a valid federal migratory bird hunting and conservation stamp and the requirement for state participation in the National Harvest Information Program, are adopted as regulations of the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission. Violations of these federal statutes and regulations

shall be violations of the Commission regulations. A copy of Title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations can be viewed at Department Regional Offices.

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

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

(iii) National Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program. Each licensed hunter who hunts migratory game birds shall complete a current Wyoming validation for the National Harvest Information Program (HIP) and shall obtain a Wyoming HIP permit. This requirement also applies to holders of pioneer and lifetime hunting licenses. Each licensed hunter engaged in the act of hunting doves, ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, rails, cranes or snipe shall be in possession of a Wyoming HIP permit. Each person obtaining a HIP permit for the purpose set forth in this section shall validate the permit by signing the person's name in ink across the face of the permit. Hunters who obtain a HIP permit through the Electronic License Service shall not be required to meet the signature provision of this Section. HIP permits expire on June 30 each year. HIP permits are not transferrable to other states. A separate validation is required from each state in which you hunt.

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

(d) Nontoxic Shot Restrictions.

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

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

(i) For information regarding rail, snipe, sandhill crane and early Canada goose seasons, refer to Chapter 39, Early Migratory Game Bird Hunting Seasons.

(ii) Pacific Flyway

WATERFOWL - PACIFIC FLYWAY						
Species and Hunt Areas	Dates of Season		Shooting Hours	Closed Areas Section 5 Subsections	Bag Limit	
	Opens	Closes			Daily	Possession
<u>PACIFIC FLYWAY</u>						
DUCKS and MERGANSERS	Sept. 24	Jan. 6	See Sec. 6	d, e	7**	14**
COOTS	Sept. 24	Jan. 6	See Sec. 6	d, e	25	25
DARK GEESE	Sept. 24	Dec. 29	See Sec. 6	d, e	3	6

In the Pacific Flyway, the scaup season shall be closed except on the Special Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days and during the period September 24 through December 18 when the daily bag limit for scaup ducks shall be three (3) and shall be counted as part of the aggregate bag limit for ducks.

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

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

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

(iii) Central Flyway Zones. The Central Flyway is divided into two (2) zones for the 2011-2012 season. Refer to the season dates for the zone in which you are hunting.

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

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

(iv) Central Flyway

WATERFOWL - CENTRAL FLYWAY						
Species and Hunt Areas	Dates of Season		Shooting Hours	Closed Areas Section 5 Subsections	Bag Limit	
	Opens	Closes			Daily	Possession
LIGHT GEESE	Oct. 1	Dec. 25	See Sec. 6	b a after Nov. 18 c after Nov. 14	10	40
	Jan. 28	Feb. 15	See Sec. 6	a, b, c	10	40

WATERFOWL - CENTRAL FLYWAY						
Species and Hunt Areas	Dates of Season		Shooting Hours	Closed Areas Section 5 Subsections	Bag Limit	
	Opens	Closes			Daily	Possession
ZONE C1						
DUCKS	Oct. 1	Oct. 16	See Sec. 6	b	6**	12**
	Oct. 29	Jan. 17	See Sec. 6	b a after Nov. 18	6**	12**
MERGANSERS	Oct. 1	Oct. 16	See Sec. 6	b	5**	10**

WATERFOWL - CENTRAL FLYWAY						
Species and Hunt Areas	Dates of Season		Shooting Hours	Closed Areas Section 5 Subsections	Bag Limit	
	Opens	Closes			Daily	Possession
	Oct. 29	Jan. 17	See Sec. 6	b a after Nov. 18	5**	10**
COOTS	Oct. 1	Oct. 16	See Sec. 6	b	15	30
	Oct. 29	Jan. 17	See Sec. 6	b a after Nov. 18	15	30
DARK GEESE All counties except Goshen and Platte Counties	Oct. 1	Oct. 16	See Sec. 6		5	10
	Nov. 5	Dec. 4	See Sec. 6		5	10
	Dec. 10	Feb. 6	See Sec. 6		5	10
DARK GEESE Goshen and Platte Counties*	Oct. 1	Oct. 16	See Sec. 6	b	2	4
	Nov. 19	Feb. 12	See Sec. 6	a, b	4	8

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

WATERFOWL - CENTRAL FLYWAY						
Species and Hunt Areas	Dates of Season		Shooting Hours	Closed Areas Section 5 Subsections	Bag Limit	
	Opens	Closes			Daily	Possession
ZONE C2						
DUCKS	Sept. 24	Nov. 27	See Sec. 6	c after Nov. 14	6**	12**
	Dec. 10	Jan. 10	See Sec. 6	c	6**	12**
MERGANSERS	Sept. 24	Nov. 27	See Sec. 6	c after Nov. 14	5**	10**
	Dec. 10	Jan. 10	See Sec. 6	c	5**	10**
COOTS	Sept. 24	Nov. 27	See Sec. 6	c after Nov. 14	15	30
	Dec. 10	Jan. 10	See Sec. 6	c	15	30
DARK GEESE Big Horn and Fremont Counties	Sept. 24	Oct. 18	See Sec. 6		5	10
	Nov. 5	Dec. 4	See Sec. 6	c after Nov. 14	5	10
	Dec. 10	Jan. 28	See Sec. 6	c	5	10
DARK GEESE All counties except Big Horn and Fremont Counties	Sept. 24	Nov. 27	See Sec. 6		5	10
	Dec. 10	Jan. 18	See Sec. 6		5	10

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

- no more than five (5) mallards of which not more than one (1) shall be a hen;
- no more than one (1) canvasback;

- no more than two (2) pintails;
- no more than three (3) wood ducks;
- no more than two (2) redheads;
- no more than two (2) scaup;

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

(f) **Special Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days.** In the Pacific Flyway, the special youth waterfowl hunting days are September 17-18, 2011. In Zone C1 of the Central Flyway, the special youth waterfowl hunting days are September 24-25, 2011. In Zone C2 of the Central Flyway, the special youth waterfowl hunting days are September 17-18, 2011. Only persons fifteen (15) years of age and younger may take ducks, mergansers, coots and geese (light geese cannot be taken in the Pacific Flyway) on the special youth waterfowl hunting days, subject to the following conditions:

(i) All youth hunters shall be accompanied in the field by an adult at least eighteen (18) years of age.

(ii) No more than four (4) youths shall be supervised by any one (1) adult.

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

(iv) All license and stamp requirements, daily bag limits, species and sex restrictions, shooting hours and other regulations that apply to the regular duck and goose seasons, as defined for each flyway, shall apply during the special youth hunting days. In Goshen and Platte Counties, the daily bag limit for dark geese shall be four (4) on the youth hunting days.

(v) The areas described in Section 5 (b), (d), and (e) shall be closed to hunting during youth days.

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

(a) Goshen County

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

(ii) Springer Reservoir. Beginning on U.S. Highway 85 at the George Marlatt farmhouse; westerly along the fence between the farm land and the pasture land to the west end of the west pump lake; southerly to the northwest corner of the Wyoming Game and Fish Department's Springer Wildlife Habitat Management Area (WHMA); southerly along the Springer WHMA boundary south of the Game and Fish Department buildings; due south across the Whispering Wings LLC property to the Craig and Roberta Fulmer pasture fence; southerly and westerly along said fence to the Yoder-Bump-Sullivan Road (Goshen County Road 37); southerly along said road to the county road (Goshen County Road 42) on the south boundary of the Springer WHMA; easterly along said road to U.S. Highway 85; northerly along said highway to the George Marlatt farmhouse. See Section 8 regarding the portion of the Springer WHMA south of Goshen County Road 42.

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

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

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

(b) Platte County

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

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

(c) Fremont County

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

(d) Sweetwater County

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

(e) Lincoln County

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

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

(a) Within the following areas: Goshen County north of Wyoming Highway 313 and County Road 28; and those portions of Platte County west of Interstate Highway 25 or south of Wyoming Highway 160 (Gray Rocks Road) and Riverview Road (Platte County Road 271). Shooting hours for dark geese shall be from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to 1:00 p.m., except on the dates listed in subsections (i), (ii) and (iii), when shooting hours shall be from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to sunset as determined from the shooting hours table in subsection 6(b) – Area D.

(i) October 1 through October 16.

(ii) All Saturdays and Wednesdays from November 19 through December 31.

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

(b) 2011-2012 Shooting Hours Table. This table (including adjustments for daylight savings time) lists the official shooting hours (one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to sunset) adopted by the Wyoming Game and Fish

Commission for migratory game bird hunting. (Do not use tables from other sources.) ST=Starting Time, QT=Quitting Time.

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

*Start Mountain Standard Time

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

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

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

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

Section 7. Falconry Seasons. Migratory game birds may be taken by the use of falcons in the possession of properly licensed falconers during the regular hunting season and special extended seasons in accordance with the limitations in this Section, Section 6, Section 5 and Section 4 (a), (b) and (c) and the closures identified in Section 4 (e).

(a) Falconry Bag and Possession Limits. The daily bag limit shall not exceed three (3) migratory game birds in the aggregate nor shall the possession limit exceed six (6) migratory game birds in the aggregate for falconry during the open hunting season or special extended falconry season. The falconry bag and possession limits are not in addition to the bag and possession limits listed in Section 4, Hunting Regulations.

FALCONRY						
Species and Hunt Areas	Dates of Season		Open Hours	Closed Areas Section 5 Subsections	AGGREGATE Bag Limit	
	Opens	Closes			Daily	Possession
ZONE C1 – Central Flyway, Ducks, Mergansers and Coots	Sept. 24	Sept. 25	See Sec. 6	Limitations in effect in Sections 4 and 5 shall apply	3**	6**
	Oct. 1	Oct. 24				
	Oct. 29	Jan. 17				
ZONE C2 – Central Flyway, Ducks, Mergansers and Coots	Sept. 17	Sept. 18				
	Sept. 24	Dec. 5				
	Dec. 10	Jan. 10				
Dark Geese - Central Flyway, Goshen and Platte Counties	Oct. 1	Oct. 16				
	Nov. 19	Feb. 12				
Dark Geese – Central Flyway, all counties in Zone C1 except Goshen and Platte Counties	Oct. 1	Oct. 16				
	Nov. 5	Dec. 4				
	Dec. 10	Feb. 6				
Dark Geese – Central Flyway, Big Horn and Fremont Counties	Sept. 24	Oct. 18				
	Nov. 5	Dec. 4				
	Dec. 10	Jan. 28				
Dark Geese – Central Flyway, all Counties in Zone C2 except Big Horn and Fremont Counties	Sept. 24	Nov. 27				
	Dec. 10	Jan. 18				
Light Geese - Central Flyway	Oct. 1	Dec. 25				
	Jan. 28	Feb. 15				
Ducks, Mergansers and Coots – Pacific Flyway	Sept. 17	Sept. 18				
	Sept. 24	Jan. 6				
Dark Geese - Pacific Flyway	Sept. 1	Sept. 8				
	Sept. 24	Dec. 29				

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

Section 8. Bump-Sullivan Managed Goose Hunt. Nineteen (19) numbered pits, blinds or hunting locations 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 19, 2011 through February 12, 2012, hunting shall only be allowed from pits, blinds and hunting locations during dark goose shooting hours. Maps of pits, blinds and hunting locations shall be posted at the Springer Check Station 1 ¼ 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 2011-2012 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.

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

(b) Access to pits, blinds or hunting locations. Hunters shall only park in the established parking areas. No more than two (2) vehicles per pit, blind or hunting location shall be allowed in the parking lots. No person shall

drive a vehicle beyond the established parking areas during the goose and duck hunting seasons, except for Department administrative access. Hunters may use a non-motorized cart, watercraft or toboggan to transport decoys and other gear to and from the pit, blind or hunting location. Hunters shall not change pits, blinds or hunting locations except by returning to the parking area and moving their vehicle to the numbered post corresponding to the new pit, blind or hunting location.

(c) Springer Field Hunting Locations. Three (3) field hunting locations identified by stakes numbered 17 through 19 shall be established in the portion of the Springer Wildlife Habitat Management Area south of Goshen County Road 42 and shall be available for each day of the Bump-Sullivan Managed Goose Hunt.

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

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

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

(e) Condition of Pits, Blinds and Hunting Locations. Hunters shall not damage or modify pits, blinds or hunting locations 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.

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

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

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

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

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

By:

Fred Lindzey, President

Dated: November 17, 2011

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

CHAPTER 14

LATE MIGRATORY GAME BIRD HUNTING SEASONS

EMERGENCY RULE

(For the 120 days the emergency rules are in effect, the following rules shall apply.)

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

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

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

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

Section 4. Hunting Regulations.

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

(b) **Federal Regulations.** 16 USC 703-711 and 718a; 50 CFR 10 and 50 CFR 20, revised as of October 1, 2010, which do not include any later amendments or editions of the incorporated matter, governing the hunting, taking and possession of migratory birds and migratory game birds, the requirement for a valid federal migratory bird hunting and conservation stamp and the requirement for state participation in the National Harvest Information Program, are adopted as regulations of the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission. Violations of these federal statutes and regulations shall be violations of the Commission regulations. A copy of Title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations can be viewed at Department Regional Offices.

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

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

(iii) **National Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program.** Each licensed hunter who hunts migratory game birds shall complete a current Wyoming validation for the National Harvest Information Program (HIP) and shall obtain a Wyoming HIP permit. This requirement also applies to holders of pioneer and lifetime hunting licenses. Each licensed hunter engaged in the act of hunting doves, ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, rails, cranes or snipe shall be in possession of a Wyoming HIP permit. Each person obtaining a HIP permit for the purpose set forth in this section shall validate the permit by signing the person's name in ink across the face of the permit. Hunters who obtain a HIP permit through the Electronic License Service shall not be required to meet the signature provision of this Section. HIP permits expire on June 30 each year. HIP permits are not transferrable to other states. A separate validation is required from each state in which you hunt.

(c) **Evidence of Species.** One fully-feathered wing or the feathered head shall remain naturally attached to the carcass as a means of identification of migratory game birds, except mourning doves, in the field and while the birds are being transported.

(d) **Nontoxic Shot Restrictions.**

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

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

(i) For information regarding rail, snipe, sandhill crane and early Canada goose seasons, refer to Chapter 39, Early Migratory Game Bird Hunting Seasons.

(ii) Pacific Flyway

WATERFOWL - PACIFIC FLYWAY					
Species and Hunt Areas	Dates of Season		Shooting Hours	Closed Areas Section 5 Subsections	Bag Limit Daily Possession
	Opens	Closes			
<u>PACIFIC FLYWAY</u>					

WATERFOWL - PACIFIC FLYWAY						
Species and Hunt Areas	Dates of Season		Shooting Hours	Closed Areas Section 5 Subsections	Bag Limit	
	Opens	Closes			Daily	Possession
DUCKS and MERGANSERS	Sept. 24	Jan. 6	See Sec. 6	d, e	7**	14**
COOTS	Sept. 24	Jan. 6	See Sec. 6	d, e	25	25
DARK GEESE	Sept. 24	Dec. 29	See Sec. 6	d, e	3	6

In the Pacific Flyway, the scaup season shall be closed except on the Special Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days and during the period September 24 through December 18 when the daily bag limit for scaup ducks shall be three (3) and shall be counted as part of the aggregate bag limit for ducks.

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

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

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

(iii) Central Flyway Zones. The Central Flyway is divided into two (2) zones for the 2011-2012 season. Refer to the season dates for the zone in which you are hunting.

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

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

(iv) Central Flyway

WATERFOWL - CENTRAL FLYWAY						
Species and Hunt Areas	Dates of Season		Shooting Hours	Closed Areas Section 5 Subsections	Bag Limit	
	Opens	Closes			Daily	Possession
LIGHT GEESE	Oct. 1	Dec. 25	See Sec. 6	b a after Nov. 18 c after Nov. 14	10	40
	Jan. 28	Feb. 15	See Sec. 6	a, b, c	10	40

WATERFOWL - CENTRAL FLYWAY						
Species and Hunt Areas	Dates of Season		Shooting Hours	Closed Areas Section 5 Subsections	Bag Limit	
	Opens	Closes			Daily	Possession
ZONE C1						
DUCKS	Oct. 1	Oct. 16	See Sec. 6	b	6**	12**
	Oct. 29	Jan. 17	See Sec. 6	b a after Nov. 18	6**	12**
MERGANSERS	Oct. 1	Oct. 16	See Sec. 6	b	5**	10**
	Oct. 29	Jan. 17	See Sec. 6	b a after Nov. 18	5**	10**
COOTS	Oct. 1	Oct. 16	See Sec. 6	b	15	30
	Oct. 29	Jan. 17	See Sec. 6	b a after Nov. 18	15	30
DARK GEESE All counties except Goshen and Platte Counties	Oct. 1	Oct. 16	See Sec. 6		5	10
	Nov. 5	Dec. 4	See Sec. 6		5	10
	Dec. 10	Feb. 6	See Sec. 6		5	10
DARK GEESE Goshen and Platte Counties*	Oct. 1	Oct. 16	See Sec. 6	b	2	4
	Nov. 19	Feb. 15	See Sec. 6	a, b	4	8

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

WATERFOWL - CENTRAL FLYWAY						
Species and Hunt Areas	Dates of Season		Shooting Hours	Closed Areas Section 5 Subsections	Bag Limit	
	Opens	Closes			Daily	Possession
ZONE C2						
DUCKS	Sept. 24	Nov. 27	See Sec. 6	c after Nov. 14	6**	12**
	Dec. 10	Jan. 10	See Sec. 6	c	6**	12**
MERGANSERS	Sept. 24	Nov. 27	See Sec. 6	c after Nov. 14	5**	10**
	Dec. 10	Jan. 10	See Sec. 6	c	5**	10**
COOTS	Sept. 24	Nov. 27	See Sec. 6	c after Nov. 14	15	30
	Dec. 10	Jan. 10	See Sec. 6	c	15	30
DARK GEESE Big Horn and Fremont Counties	Sept. 24	Oct. 18	See Sec. 6		5	10
	Nov. 5	Dec. 4	See Sec. 6	c after Nov. 14	5	10
	Dec. 10	Jan. 28	See Sec. 6	c	5	10
DARK GEESE All counties except Big Horn and Fremont Counties	Sept. 24	Nov. 27	See Sec. 6		5	10
	Dec. 10	Jan. 18	See Sec. 6		5	10

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

- no more than five (5) mallards of which not more than one (1) shall be a hen;
- no more than one (1) canvasback;
- no more than two (2) pintails;
- no more than three (3) wood ducks;
- no more than two (2) redheads;
- no more than two (2) scaup;

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

(f) Special Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days. In the Pacific Flyway, the special youth waterfowl hunting days are September 17-18, 2011. In Zone C1 of the Central Flyway, the special youth waterfowl hunting days are September 24-25, 2011. In Zone C2 of the Central Flyway, the special youth waterfowl hunting days are September 17-18, 2011. Only persons fifteen (15) years of age and younger may take ducks, mergansers, coots and geese (light geese cannot be taken in the Pacific Flyway) on the special youth waterfowl hunting days, subject to the following conditions:

- (i) All youth hunters shall be accompanied in the field by an adult at least eighteen (18) years of age.
- (ii) No more than four (4) youths shall be supervised by any one (1) adult.
- (iii) The adult shall not take ducks, coots, mergansers or geese, but may participate in other open seasons.

(iv) All license and stamp requirements, daily bag limits, species and sex restrictions, shooting hours and other regulations that apply to the regular duck and goose seasons, as defined for each flyway, shall apply during the special youth hunting days. In Goshen and Platte Counties, the daily bag limit for dark geese shall be four (4) on the youth hunting days.

(v) The areas described in Section 5 (b), (d), and (e) shall be closed to hunting during youth days.

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

(a) Goshen County

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

(ii) Springer Reservoir. Beginning on U.S. Highway 85 at the George Marlatt farmhouse; westerly along the fence between the farm land and the pasture land to the west end of the west pump lake; southerly to the northwest corner of the Wyoming Game and Fish Department's Springer Wildlife Habitat Management Area (WHMA); southerly along the Springer WHMA boundary south of the Game and Fish Department buildings; due south across the Whispering Wings LLC property to the Craig and Roberta Fulmer pasture fence; southerly and westerly along said fence to the Yoder-Bump-Sullivan Road (Goshen County Road 37); southerly along said road to the county road (Goshen County Road 42) on the south boundary of the Springer WHMA; easterly along said road to U.S. Highway 85; northerly along said highway to the George Marlatt farmhouse. See Section 8 regarding the portion of the Springer WHMA south of Goshen County Road 42.

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

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

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

(b) Platte County

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

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

(c) Fremont County

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

(d) Sweetwater County

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

(e) Lincoln County

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

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

(a) Within the following areas: Goshen County north of Wyoming Highway 313 and County Road 28; and those portions of Platte County west of Interstate Highway 25 or south of Wyoming Highway 160 (Gray Rocks Road) and Riverview Road (Platte County Road 271). Shooting hours for dark geese shall be from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to 1:00 p.m., except on the dates listed in subsections (i), (ii) and (iii), when shooting hours shall be from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to sunset as determined from the shooting hours table in subsection 6(b) – Area D.

(i) October 1 through October 16.

(ii) All Saturdays and Wednesdays from November 19 through December 31.

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

(b) 2011-2012 Shooting Hours Table. This table (including adjustments for daylight savings time) lists the official shooting hours (one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to sunset) adopted by the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission for migratory game bird hunting. (Do not use tables from other sources.) ST=Starting Time, QT=Quitting Time.

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

*Start Mountain Standard Time

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

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

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

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

Section 7. Falconry Seasons. Migratory game birds may be taken by the use of falcons in the possession of properly licensed falconers during the regular hunting season and special extended seasons in accordance with the limitations in this Section, Section 6, Section 5 and Section 4 (a), (b) and (c) and the closures identified in Section 4(e).

(a) Falconry Bag and Possession Limits. The daily bag limit shall not exceed three (3) migratory game birds in the aggregate nor shall the possession limit exceed six (6) migratory game birds in the aggregate for falconry during the open hunting season or special extended falconry season. The falconry bag and possession limits are not in addition to the bag and possession limits listed in Section 4, Hunting Regulations.

FALCONRY						
Species and Hunt Areas	Dates of Season		Open Hours	Closed Areas Section 5 Subsections	AGGREGATE Bag Limit	
	Opens	Closes			Daily	Possession
ZONE C1 – Central Flyway, Ducks, Mergansers and Coots	Sept. 24	Sept. 25	See Sec. 6	Limitations in effect in Sections 4 and 5 shall apply	3**	6**
	Oct. 1	Oct. 24				
	Oct. 29	Jan. 17				
ZONE C2 – Central Flyway, Ducks, Mergansers and Coots	Sept. 17	Sept. 18				
	Sept. 24	Dec. 5				
	Dec. 10	Jan. 10				
Dark Geese - Central Flyway, Goshen and Platte Counties	Oct. 1	Oct. 16				
	Nov. 19	Feb. 15				
Dark Geese – Central Flyway, all counties in Zone C1 except Goshen and Platte Counties	Oct. 1	Oct. 16				
	Nov. 5	Dec. 4				
	Dec. 10	Feb. 6				
Dark Geese – Central Flyway, Big Horn and Fremont Counties	Sept. 24	Oct. 18				
	Nov. 5	Dec. 4				
	Dec. 10	Jan. 28				
Dark Geese – Central Flyway, all Counties in Zone C2 except Big Horn and Fremont Counties	Sept. 24	Nov. 27				
	Dec. 10	Jan. 18				
Light Geese - Central Flyway	Oct. 1	Dec. 25				
	Jan. 28	Feb. 15				
Ducks, Mergansers and Coots – Pacific Flyway	Sept. 17	Sept. 18				
	Sept. 24	Jan. 6				
Dark Geese - Pacific Flyway	Sept. 1	Sept. 8				
	Sept. 24	Dec. 29				

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

Section 8. Bump-Sullivan Managed Goose Hunt. Nineteen (19) numbered pits, blinds or hunting locations 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 19, 2011 through February 15, 2012, hunting shall only be allowed from pits, blinds and hunting locations during dark goose shooting hours. Maps of pits, blinds and hunting locations shall be posted at the Springer Check Station 1 ¼ miles west of Highway 85 on County Road 42, and at the established parking areas. The check station shall not be operated during the 2011-2012 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.

(a) Selection of pits, blinds or hunting locations. Hunters and hunting parties shall occupy pits, blinds or hunting locations by parking one vehicle directly in front of the post that is marked with the corresponding number of the pit, blind or hunting location. Vehicles shall not be parked overnight to reserve a pit, blind or hunting

location. Vehicles shall also not be parked in front of the numbered post of a pit, blind or hunting location other than the one the hunting party is occupying.

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

(c) Springer Field Hunting Locations. Three (3) field hunting locations identified by stakes numbered 17 through 19 shall be established in the portion of the Springer Wildlife Habitat Management Area south of County Road 42 and shall be available for each day of the Bump-Sullivan Managed Goose Hunt.

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

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

(d) Leaving Pits, Blinds or Hunting Locations. Hunters may arrive at and depart from pits, blinds or hunting locations at any time. Hunters shall remain at the pit, blind or hunting location at all times except hunters may leave to arrange decoys, retrieve downed birds or to return to the parking lot.

(e) Condition of Pits, Blinds and Hunting Locations. Hunters shall not damage or modify pits, blinds or hunting locations 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.

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

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

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

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WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

By:

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Dated: August 8, 2011

2012 LIGHT GOOSE CONSERVATION ORDER

Harvest and hunter activity during the 2012 Light Goose Conservation Order in Wyoming.

	Season February 22 - April 11
Permits Sold (excludes known collector purchases)	177
Resident	141
Non-resident	36
Unknown residency	0
Initial Responses	92
% Initial Response	52.0
Second Responses	52
% Second Response	29.4
No Response ^a	33
% No Response	18.6
Total Survey Responses (completed surveys)	144
Percent Responded	81.4

PROJECTED TOTAL^b	
Active Hunters	163
Did Not Hunt	14
Total Days Hunted	575
Days/Hunter	3.5
Geese Harvested	611
Geese Knocked Down, but not retrieved	49
Total Harvest	660
Harvest/Hunter	4.0

Hunters using Electronic Callers	118
Harvest by Hunters using Electronic Callers	427
Average Harvest of Hunters using Callers	3.6

Hunters Hunting After Sunset	68
Harvest by Hunters Hunting After Sunset	73
Average Harvest of After Sunset Hunters	1.1

Hunters Using Callers and Hunting After Sunset	55
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% of Hunters Hunting in Goshen County	97%
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^a Includes non-respondents, incomplete survey responses, and responses received after due date.

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

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

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

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

CHAPTER 48

LIGHT GOOSE CONSERVATION ORDER

- Section 1. Authority. This regulation is promulgated by authority of W.S. §23-1-302(xxii).
- Section 2. Hunting Seasons Established. There shall be an open season for the take of light geese as set forth in this Chapter, and in accordance with Chapter 2, General Hunting Regulation. This regulation shall remain in effect until modified or repealed by the Commission.
- Section 3. Definitions. For the purpose of this regulation, definitions shall be as set forth in Title 23, Wyoming Statutes, and the Commission also adopts the following definitions:
- (a) “Adult” means a person eighteen (18) years of age or older.
 - (b) “Central Flyway” means that portion of Wyoming east of the Continental Divide, excluding the Great Divide Basin.
 - (c) “Conservation Order” means an action to reduce the mid-continent population of light geese, which is promulgated in accordance with 50 CFR 20.21 and 50 CFR 21.60, revised as of October 1, 2010, which does not include any later amendments or editions of the incorporated matter. A copy of Title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations can be viewed at Department Regional Offices.
 - (d) “Daily bag limit” means the maximum number of migratory game birds or waterfowl that may be legally taken in a single day.
 - (e) “Dark geese” means Canada goose, cackling goose, white-fronted goose and brant.
 - (f) “Federal Duck Stamp” means Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp.
 - (g) “Light geese” means snow goose, blue goose and Ross' goose.
 - (h) “Migratory game bird” means all migratory game birds defined under federal law.
 - (i) “Nontoxic shot” means steel or any other federally-approved nontoxic shot.
 - (j) “Pacific Flyway” means that portion of Wyoming west of the Continental Divide, including the Great Divide Basin.
 - (k) “Possession limit” means the maximum number of migratory game birds or waterfowl that may be legally in possession. Migratory birds in transit or storage shall be considered in possession. When a person hunts in more than one (1) state or flyway, the person’s total possession limit shall not exceed the largest possession limit prescribed for any one of the states or flyways in which the hunting takes place.
 - (l) “Waterfowl” means ducks, geese, coots and mergansers.

Section 4. Licensing, Permitting and Reporting Requirements.

(a) Wyoming Game Bird License and Conservation Stamp Requirements. Each person who takes or attempts to take any light geese under the authority of this regulation shall have in possession a valid Wyoming game bird license and a valid Wyoming conservation stamp (except as otherwise exempted by State statute).

(b) Conservation Order Special Management Permit. A conservation order special management permit shall be in possession of any person participating in the light goose conservation order and shall be immediately produced for inspection upon request of any authorized Department representative. The conservation order special management permit shall be validated by signing the person's name in ink across the face of the permit. Conservation order special management permits shall be available from the Laramie and Casper Regional Offices, the Department's Headquarters Office in Cheyenne and at designated license selling agents, or they may be obtained by submitting a completed application form to:

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

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

(c) Reporting Requirements. Any person who obtains a conservation order special management permit shall accurately complete the survey card provided with the permit and return the survey card to the Headquarters Office in Cheyenne no later than April 20, 2012. The survey card shall be completed and returned whether the person participated in the conservation order or not.

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

Section 5. Conservation Order Regulations.

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

(b) Federal Regulations. 16 U.S.C. 703-712; 16 U.C. 742 a-j; Pub. L. 106-108; Pub. L. 95-616; 92 Stat. 3112 (16 U.S.C. 712(2)); and 50 CFR 20 and 21, revised as of October 1, 2010, 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, 2010, which allow the use of unplugged shotguns during the conservation order are not adopted as regulations of the Commission. Violations of these federal statutes and regulations shall be violations of the Commission regulations. A copy of Title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations can be viewed at Department Regional Offices.

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

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

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

(d) Nontoxic Shot Restrictions.

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

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

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

LIGHT GOOSE CONSERVATION ORDER, CENTRAL FLYWAY						
Species and Hunt Areas	Dates of Conservation Order		Shooting Hours	Closed Areas Section 6 Subsections	Bag Limit	
	Opens	Closes			Daily	Possession
LIGHT GEESE Central Flyway	Feb. 20	April 8	See Sec. 7	a(i), a(ii), b, c, d a(iii) after March 20	20	Unrestricted

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

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

(a) GOSHEN COUNTY

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

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

(iii) Table Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Area. All of Table Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Area shall be closed to the taking of light geese after March 20.

(b) PLATTE COUNTY

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

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

(c) FREMONT COUNTY

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

(d) PACIFIC FLYWAY

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

Section 7. Conservation Order Shooting Hours. Shooting hours for taking light geese during the light goose conservation order shall be from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to one-half (1/2) hour after sunset as determined from the shooting hours table in this section.

2012 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						
20-29	6:27	6:27	6:19	6:19	6:13	6:13
March						
1-7	6:13	6:37	6:05	6:29	5:59	6:23
8- 10	6:05	6:43	5:57	6:35	5:51	6:29
* 11-21	6:53	7:52	6:45	7:44	6:39	7:38
22-31	6:34	8:04	6:26	7:56	6:20	7:50
April						
1- 8	6:19	8:14	6:11	8:06	6:05	8:00

*Start Daylight Saving Time

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

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

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

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

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

By:
Fred Lindzey, President

Dated: April 27, 2011

UPLAND GAME BIRDS



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

2011 PHEASANT HARVEST ESTIMATES			
MANAGEMENT AREA	HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
2	2406	10018	12510
3	1876	5959	7355
5	2980	9970	9344
6	850	3089	4277
SPECIES TOTAL	8244	29463	33793

2011 RUFFED GROUSE HARVEST ESTIMATES			
MANAGEMENT AREA	HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
1	393	1286	1786
2	151	259	945
3	257	370	1251
4	527	628	2468
6	180	479	921
SPECIES TOTAL	1574	3140	7579

2011-2012 CHUKAR PARTRIDGE HARVEST ESTIMATES			
MANAGEMENT AREA	HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
2	1085	2667	4710
3	262	1073	1238
4	122	154	326
5	48	86	148
6	210	678	1020
SPECIES TOTAL	1736	4658	7451

2011 BLUE GROUSE HARVEST ESTIMATES			
MANAGEMENT AREA	HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
1	313	621	1763
2	468	1610	1664
3	729	2225	2661
4	768	1315	3798
5	807	1594	3588
6	313	422	1116
SPECIES TOTAL	3309	7669	14277

2011-2012 GRAY PARTRIDGE HARVEST ESTIMATES			
MANAGEMENT AREA	HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
1	16	0	16
2	550	2306	2913
3	653	3078	4364
4	9	18	9
5	96	272	234
6	159	345	621
SPECIES TOTAL	1474	6019	8148

2011 SAGE-GROUSE HARVEST ESTIMATES			
MANAGEMENT AREA	HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
B	294	354	867
C	124	158	173
D	565	1720	1605
E	771	1779	1801
F	514	1117	981
G	1709	3901	4276
H	591	1261	1483
SPECIES TOTAL	4474	10120	10829

2011 SHARP-TAILED GROUSE HARVEST ESTIMATES			
MANAGEMENT AREA	HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
3	846	2647	3771
5	360	498	1018
6	22	7	121
SPECIES TOTAL	1323	3315	5251

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

CHAPTER 11

SAGE GROUSE HUNTING SEASONS

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

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

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

- (a) "Daily bag limit" means the maximum number of sage grouse that may be legally taken in a single day.
- (b) "Nontoxic shot" means steel or any other federally-approved nontoxic shot.
- (c) "Possession limit" means the maximum number of sage grouse that may be legally in possession. Sage grouse in transit or storage shall be considered in possession.

Section 4. Hunting Regulations.

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

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

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

Hunt Area	Date of Seasons		Bag Limit		Limitations
	Opens	Closes	Daily	Possession	
1	Sept. 17	Sept. 30	2	4	Any sage grouse
2, 3					CLOSED
4	Sept. 17	Sept. 19	2	4	Any sage grouse

Section 5. Archery Regulations.

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

Section 6. Falconry Seasons.

- (a) Sage grouse may be taken with falcons in accordance with Section 4 of this Chapter.
- (b) The falconry season shall open September 1 and close March 1 in those hunt areas listed in Section 4 of this Chapter.
- (c) The daily bag limit shall be one (1) sage grouse and the possession limit shall be two (2) sage grouse.
- (d) Persons taking sage grouse with falcons shall respond to Wyoming Game and Fish Department surveys requesting harvest information.

Section 7. Hunt Area Descriptions.

- (a) Area and Number.

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

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

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

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

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

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

By:
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Dated: April 27, 2011

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CHAPTER 12

BLUE AND RUFFED GROUSE HUNTING SEASONS

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

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

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

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

(b) "Nontoxic shot" means steel or any other federally-approved nontoxic shot.

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

Section 4. Hunting Regulations.

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

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

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

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

Section 5. Archery Regulations.

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

Section 6. Falconry Seasons.

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

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

Section 7. Hunt Area Descriptions.

(a) Area and Number.

Area 1. The entire State of Wyoming.

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

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CHAPTER 13

PARTRIDGE HUNTING SEASONS

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

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

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

- (a) "Daily bag limit" means the maximum number of partridge that may be legally taken in a single day.
- (b) "Nontoxic shot" means steel or any other federally-approved nontoxic shot.
- (c) "Partridge" means chukar partridge and gray partridge.
- (d) "Possession limit" means the maximum number of partridge that may be legally in possession. Chukar and gray partridge in transit or storage shall be considered in possession.

Section 4. Hunting Regulations.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section 5. Archery Regulations.

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

Section 6. Falconry Seasons.

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

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

Section 7. Hunt Area Descriptions.

(a) Area and Number.

Area 1. The entire State of Wyoming.

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

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CHAPTER 18

PHEASANT HUNTING SEASONS

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

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

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

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

Section 4. Hunting Regulations.

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

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

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

(d) Required Clothing. Any person hunting pheasants within the boundaries of any Wyoming Game and Fish Commission Wildlife Habitat Management Area, or on Bureau of Reclamation Withdrawal lands bordering and including Glendo State Park, shall wear in a visible manner at least one (1) outer garment of fluorescent orange color which shall include a hat, shirt, jacket, coat, vest, or sweater.

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

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

(f) Closed Areas.

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

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

(iii) Pond Number 1 and adjacent lands on the Table Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Area in Goshen County, as marked by colored signs and posts, shall be closed to pheasant hunting beginning November 12.

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

Section 5. Pheasant Special Management Permit. A pheasant special management permit shall be required of any person, except those exempted in this section, who participates in the hunting of pheasants in those areas listed in subsection (a) of this section. Owners of lands enrolled in the Private Lands/Public Wildlife Walk-In Access program, and members of their immediate families (landowner's spouse, parents, grandparents, or lineal descendants and their spouses) are exempt from the requirement to obtain a pheasant special management permit when they are hunting pheasants on the deeded land of the landowner. The pheasant special management permit shall be in possession of any person while hunting pheasants, and shall be immediately produced for inspection upon request from any authorized Department representative. Any person purchasing a pheasant special management permit for the purpose set forth in this section shall validate the permit by signing that person's name in ink across the face of the permit. Hunters who acquire a pheasant special management permit through the ELS shall not be required to meet the signature provision of this section. The permit shall be available at Headquarters, Department Regional Offices and designated license selling agents.

(a) Special Management Permit Areas. A pheasant special management permit shall be required to hunt pheasants in the areas listed in this subsection:

- (i) Bud Love Wildlife Habitat Management Area in Johnson County.
- (ii) Glendo State Park, including all Bureau of Reclamation Withdrawal lands bordering the Park and the adjoining Department Private Lands/Public Wildlife Walk-in Area in Platte County.
- (iii) Ocean Lake Wildlife Habitat Management Area in Fremont County.
- (iv) Springer Wildlife Habitat Management Area, including all the lands administered by the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission surrounding Bump-Sullivan and Springer reservoirs in Goshen County.
- (v) Table Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Area in Goshen County.
- (vi) Yellowtail Wildlife Habitat Management Area, excluding any private lands included within the Yellowtail Wildlife Habitat Management Area, in Bighorn County.
- (vii) All lands in the Sand Mesa Wildlife Habitat Management Area east of the Bass Lake Road in Fremont County.
- (viii) All lands opened to the hunting of pheasants that are enrolled in the Department's Private Lands/Public Wildlife Walk-in Access Program, excluding Walk-In Access Areas in Big Horn, Fremont, Hot Springs, Park and Washakie Counties on which pheasants are not released by the Department.
- (ix) All State lands in Johnson and Sheridan Counties.

Section 6. Springer Permit Pheasant Season. In order to participate in this season, a person shall possess and present upon request a valid Springer permit, a valid bird license and conservation stamp (unless otherwise exempted by state statute) and a pheasant special management permit. Persons born on or after January 1, 1966, shall possess and present upon request a hunter safety certificate. The Springer permit shall only be valid for the day printed on the permit by the Department. There shall be a Springer permit pheasant season in Hunt Area 8 beginning October 20 through November 4.

(a) Application for Springer permits. Completed applications shall be submitted to the Cheyenne Office of the Department on proper application forms beginning August 15. Applications shall

be accepted until 5:00 p.m. September 15. A drawing shall be utilized to determine successful applicants. Only youths may apply for Springer permits for youth only hunt days as set forth in Section 6 (c) of this Chapter. A drawing shall be utilized to determine successful applicants. A person shall only submit a single application. Successful applicants shall be notified by mail of their hunting date and furnished a set of special instructions.

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

(c) Youth Only Hunt Days. Only youths shall be allowed to take pheasants on the youth hunt days. Youths under the age of fourteen (14) shall be accompanied by an adult. No adult shall take any pheasant during the youth only hunt days. The youth only hunt days are October 22 and October 30.

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

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

Section 7. Glendo Permit Pheasant Season. Glendo permits shall be required to hunt pheasants in Hunt Area 9 on each Friday, Saturday, and Monday during the open season in November and on December 2, December 3, December 4 and December 5. Glendo permits are not required to hunt pheasants in Hunt Area 9 on other days during the open season. A person shall possess and present upon request a valid Glendo permit (on those days required), a valid bird license and conservation stamp (unless otherwise exempted by state statute), a pheasant special management permit and for hunters born on or after January 1, 1966, a hunter safety certificate.

(a) Youth only hunt days. Youth only hunt days shall be November 6, 13, 20, and 27. Only youths shall be allowed to take pheasants on youth hunt days. Youths under the age of fourteen (14) shall be accompanied by an adult. No adult shall take any pheasant during the youth only hunt days. No Glendo permit is required for youths to hunt on youth only hunt days.

(b) Application for Glendo permits. Completed applications shall be submitted to the Cheyenne Office of the Department on proper application forms beginning August 15. Applications shall be accepted until 5:00 p.m. September 15. A drawing shall be utilized to determine successful applicants. A person shall only submit a single application. No person shall apply for and receive more than one (1) Glendo permit in a calendar year. Successful applicants shall be notified by mail of their hunting date and furnished a set of special instructions.

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

Section 8. Sand Mesa and Yellowtail Wildlife Habitat Areas Youth Hunt. The youth only hunt day is November 19. Only youths shall be allowed to take pheasants on this date. Youths under the age of fourteen (14) shall be accompanied by an adult. No adults shall take any pheasant during the youth only hunt day, except as provided in this section. The youth hunt shall take place on all lands included in the Sand Mesa Wildlife Habitat Area east of the Bass Lake Road, and all lands included in the Yellowtail Wildlife Habitat Area north of the Shoshone River.

Section 9. Archery Regulations.

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

Section 10. Falconry Seasons.

(a) Pheasants may be taken with falcons in accordance with Section 4 of this Chapter. Persons hunting with falcons may take any pheasant.

(b) The falconry season shall open September 1 and close March 1 in those hunt areas listed in Section 4 of this Chapter, except as otherwise provided in subsection 4(f) and subsection 10(c) of this Chapter.

(c) Closed Areas.

Hunt Area	Limitations
8, 9	Closed to falconry hunting

Section 11. Hunt Area Descriptions.

(a) Area and Number.

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

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

Area 3. All of Sheridan and Johnson Counties.

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

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

Area 7. All of Goshen and Platte Counties and that portion of Laramie County east of U.S. Highway 85, excluding Hunt Areas 8 and 9.

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

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

Area 10. All of Campbell County.

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

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

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

By:
Fred Lindzey, President

Dated: April 27, 2011

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

CHAPTER 19

SHARP-TAILED GROUSE HUNTING SEASONS

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

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

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

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

(b) "Nontoxic shot" means steel or any other federally-approved nontoxic shot.

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

Section 4. Hunting Regulations.

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

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

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

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

Hunt Area	Date of Seasons		Bag Limit		Limitations
	Opens	Closes	Daily	Possession	
1	Sept. 17	Dec. 31	3	9	Any sharp-tailed grouse

Section 5. Archery Regulations.

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

Section 6. Falconry Seasons.

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

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

Section 7. Hunt Area Descriptions.

(a) Area and Number.

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

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

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

By:
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WILD TURKEY



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

FALL 2011 & SPRING 2012 WILD TURKEY

ANNUAL HARVEST ESTIMATES

(June 1, 2011 through May 31, 2012)

2011 FALL	NUMBER SOLD	NUMBER HUNTERS	TOMS	HENS	TOTAL HARVEST	SUCCESS RATE	HUNTER DAYS	DAYS/HARVEST
RESIDENT	2043	1723	508	442	950	55.14%	5558	5.85
NONRESIDENT	276	234	108	50	158	67.52%	577	3.65
TOTAL	2319	1957	616	492	1108	56.62%	6135	5.54

2012 SPRING

RESIDENT	3885	3491	1554	7	1561	44.71%	11143	7.14
NONRESIDENT	1281	1223	906	0	906	74.08%	3139	3.46
TOTAL	5166	4714	2460	7	2467	52.33%	14282	5.79

ANNUAL TOTALS

RESIDENT	5928	5214	2062	449	2511	48.16%	16701	6.65
NONRESIDENT	1557	1457	1014	50	1064	73.03%	3716	3.49
TOTAL	7485	6671	3076	499	3575	53.59%	20417	5.71

2011 FALL WILD TURKEY HARVEST ESTIMATES

AREA	TYPE	FEETYPE	SOLD	HUNTERS	TOM	HEN	TOTAL	SUCCESS	DAYS	DAYS/ HARVEST
1 BLACK HILLS	G	RES	1800	496	82	122	204	41.13%	1788	8.76
	G	NONRES	258	79	27	19	46	58.23%	218	4.74
	TOTAL			2058	575	109	141	250	43.48%	2006
2 LARAMIE PEAK	G	RES	1800	131	22	35	57	43.51%	357	6.26
	G	NONRES	258	17	7	2	9	52.94%	37	4.11
	TOTAL			2058	148	29	37	66	44.59%	394
3 SHERIDAN-JOHNSON	3	RES	89	89	36	41	77	86.49%	221	2.88
	3	NONRES	8	8	2	6	8	100%	14	1.75
	G	RES	1800	389	146	124	270	69.41%	1044	3.87
	G	NONRES	258	57	30	14	44	77.19%	118	2.68
TOTAL			2155	551	217	189	406	73.68%	1417	3.49
4 GOSHEN	G	RES	1800	151	57	25	82	54.30%	399	4.87
	G	NONRES	258	12	8	0	8	66.67%	30	3.75
	TOTAL			2058	163	65	25	90	55.21%	429
5 CAMPBELL	G	RES	1800	47	10	15	25	53.19%	84	3.36
	G	NONRES	258	7	8	0	8	114.29%	17	2.13
	TOTAL			2058	54	18	15	33	61.11%	101
6 SHOSHONE	1	RES	48	45	15	10	25	55.56%	312	12.48
	1	NONRES	2	2	0	2	2	100%	10	5
	TOTAL			50	47	15	12	27	57.45%	322
7 KAYCEE	G	RES	1800	35	17	15	32	91.43%	79	2.47
	G	NONRES	258	5	2	2	4	80%	14	3.5
	TOTAL			2058	40	19	17	36	90%	93
8 LARAMIE COUNTY	1	RES	12	4	1	1	2	50%	7	3.5
	1	NONRES	1	0	0	0	0	0%	0	0
	TOTAL			13	4	1	1	2	50%	7
9 NATRONA COUNTY	3	RES	44	31	13	5	18	58.06%	199	11.06
	3	NONRES	6	6	3	0	3	50%	12	4
	G	RES	1800	169	57	27	84	49.70%	645	7.68
	G	NONRES	258	15	10	2	12	80%	32	2.67
TOTAL			2108	221	83	34	117	52.94%	888	7.59
10 BIGHORN	1	RES	50	37	10	5	15	40.54%	217	14.47
	1	NONRES	1	1	1	0	1	100%	2	2
	TOTAL			51	38	11	5	16	42.11%	219
11 CHEYENNE RIVER	G	RES	1800	99	42	17	59	59.60%	206	3.49
	G	NONRES	258	25	10	3	13	52%	73	5.62
	TOTAL			2058	124	52	20	72	58.06%	279
13 POLE MOUNTAIN	CLOSED									
14 WIND RIVER	G	RES	1800	0	0	0	0	0%	0	0
	G	NONRES	258	0	0	0	0	0%	0	0
	TOTAL			2058	0	0	0	0	0%	0

2012 SPRING WILD TURKEY HARVEST ESTIMATES

AREA	TYPE	FEETYPE	SOLD	HUNTERS	TOM	HEN	TOTAL	SUCCESS	DAYS/	
									DAYS	HARVEST
1 BLACK HILLS	G	RES	3024	1125	407	7	414	36.8%	3671	8.9
	G	NONRES	1127	827	595	0	595	71.9%	2163	3.6
		TOTAL	4151	1952	1002	7	1009	51.7%	5834	5.8
2 LARAMIE PEAK	G	RES	3024	456	146	0	146	32.0%	1260	8.6
	G	NONRES	1127	45	30	0	30	66.7%	113	3.8
		TOTAL	4151	501	176	0	176	35.1%	1373	7.8
3 SHERIDAN-JOHNSON	3	RES	177	172	108	0	108	62.8%	468	4.3
	3	NONRES	73	65	49	0	49	75.4%	138	2.8
	G	RES	3024	572	318	0	318	55.6%	1802	5.7
	G	NONRES	1127	88	83	0	83	94.3%	245	3.0
		TOTAL	4401	897	558	0	558	62.2%	2692	4.8
4 GOSHEN	1	RES	126	105	74	0	74	70.5%	281	3.8
	1	NONRES	23	23	20	0	20	87.5%	55	2.7
	2	RES	132	111	55	0	55	50.0%	280	5.0
	2	NONRES	18	8	5	0	5	62.5%	26	5.2
	G	RES	3024	11	0	0	0	0.0%	56	0.0
	G	NONRES	1127	13	8	0	8	61.5%	30	3.8
		TOTAL	4450	271	162	0	162	59.8%	728	4.5
5 CAMPBELL	G	RES	3024	86	19	0	19	22.1%	221	11.6
	G	NONRES	1127	23	13	0	13	56.5%	53	4.1
		TOTAL	4151	109	32	0	32	29.4%	274	8.6
6 SHOSHONE	1	RES	60	56	29	0	29	51.8%	224	7.7
	1	NONRES	15	13	10	0	10	76.9%	43	4.3
	2	RES	74	61	42	0	42	68.9%	238	5.7
	2	NONRES	1	1	1	0	1	100.0%	5	5.0
		TOTAL	150	131	82	0	82	62.6%	521	6.4
7 KAYCEE	G	RES	3024	22	11	0	11	50.0%	67	6.1
	G	NONRES	1127	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0
		TOTAL	4151	22	11	0	11	50.0%	67	6.1
8 LARAMIE COUNTY	1	RES	22	12	12	0	12	100.0%	12	1.0
	1	NONRES	3	2	2	0	2	100.0%	2	1.0
		TOTAL	25	14	14	0	14	100.0%	14	1.0
9 NATRONA COUNTY	3	RES	76	76	38	0	38	50.0%	334	8.8
	3	NONRES	5	5	5	0	5	100.0%	15	3.0
	G	RES	3024	179	52	0	52	29.0%	725	13.9
	G	NONRES	1127	10	5	0	5	50.0%	25	5.0
		TOTAL	4232	270	100	0	100	37.0%	1104	11.0
10 BIGHORN	1	RES	186	172	88	0	88	51.0%	785	8.9
	1	NONRES	14	14	9	0	9	64.3%	47	5.2
		TOTAL	200	186	97	0	97	52.2%	831	8.6

2012 Spring Turkey Harvest Estimates (Continued)

AREA	TYPE	FEETYPE	SOLD	HUNTERS	TOM	HEN	TOTAL	SUCCESS	DAYS	DAYS/ HARVEST
11 CHEYENNE RIVER	G	RES	3024	254	153	0	153	60.2%	669	4.4
	G	NONRES	1127	78	71	0	71	91.0%	149	2.1
		TOTAL	4151	332	224	0	224	67.5%	818	3.7
13 POLE MOUNTAIN	1	RES	8	6	2	0	2	33.3%	20	10.0
	1	NONRES	2	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0
		TOTAL	10	6	2	0	2	33.3%	20	10.0
14 WIND RIVER	G	RES	3024	15	0	0	0	0.0%	30	0.0
	G	NONRES	1127	8	0	0	0	0.0%	30	0.0
		TOTAL	4151	23	0	0	0	0.0%	60	0.0

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

CHAPTER 20

WILD TURKEY FALL AND SPRING HUNTING SEASONS

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

Section 2. Hunting Seasons Established. There shall be open seasons for the hunting of wild turkey for fall, 2011 and spring, 2012, as set forth in this Chapter, and in accordance with Chapter 2, General Hunting Regulation. This regulation shall remain in effect until modified or repealed by the Commission.

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

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

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

(c) "Nontoxic shot" means steel or any other federally-approved nontoxic shot.

Section 4. Hunting Regulations.

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

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

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

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

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

(f) 2011 Fall Season. Hunt Areas, Season Dates and Limitations.

Hunt Area	Type	Date of Seasons		Limitations
		Opens	Closes	
1		Nov. 1	Nov. 30	General license; any wild turkey
2		Oct. 1	Nov. 30	General license; any wild turkey
3		Oct. 1	Dec. 31	General license; any wild turkey
	3	Oct. 1	Dec. 31	Limited quota; 250 licenses any wild turkey
4		Sept.15	Nov. 30	General license; any wild turkey
5		Oct. 1	Dec. 31	General license; any wild turkey
6	1	Oct. 1	Nov. 30	Limited quota; 50 licenses any wild turkey
7		Oct. 1	Dec. 31	General license; any wild turkey
8	1	Oct. 1	Nov. 30	Limited quota; 20 licenses any wild turkey
9		Oct. 1	Dec. 31	General license; any wild turkey
	3	Oct. 1	Dec. 31	Limited quota; 100 licenses any wild turkey
10	1	Oct. 1	Nov. 30	Limited quota; 50 licenses any wild turkey
11		Oct. 1	Nov. 30	General license; any wild turkey
13				CLOSED
14		Oct. 1	Oct. 31	General license; any wild turkey

(g) 2012 Spring Season. Hunt Areas, Season Dates and Limitations.

Hunt Area	Type	Date of Seasons		Limitations
		Opens	Closes	
1		April 14	May 20	General license; any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
2		April 14	May 20	General license; any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
3		April 1	May 20	General license; any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
	3	April 1	May 20	Limited quota; 250 licenses any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
4	1	April 1	April 30	Limited quota; 150 licenses any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
	2	April 16	May 20	Limited quota; 150 licenses any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
5		April 1	May 20	General license; any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
6	1	April 14	May 20	Limited quota; 75 licenses any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
	2	April 14	May 20	Limited quota; 75 licenses any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard, except the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission's Yellowtail Wildlife Habitat Management Area shall be closed
7		April 1	May 20	General license; any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
8	1	April 1	May 20	Limited quota; 25 licenses any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
9		April 1	May 20	General license; any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
	3	April 1	May 20	Limited quota; 100 licenses any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
10	1	April 14	May 20	Limited quota; 200 licenses any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
11		April 1	May 20	General license; any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
13	1	April 1	May 20	Limited quota; 10 licenses any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
14		April 1	May 20	General license; any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard

Section 5. Archery Regulations.

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

Section 6. Hunt Area Descriptions.

(a) Area and Number.

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

Area 2. Laramie Peak. That portion of Converse County south of the North Platte River, that portion of Platte County west of Interstate Highway 25, that portion of Laramie County west of Interstate Highway 25, north of Wyoming Highway 211 and north of the Fisher Canyon/Rogers Canyon Road, and that portion of Albany County north of U.S. Highway 30 and the Ninth Street-Rogers Canyon Road.

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

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

Area 5. Campbell. All of Campbell County.

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

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

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

Area 9. Natrona County. All of Natrona County.

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

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

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

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

northeasterly along said highway to the Wind River Reservation Boundary east of Boysen Reservoir.

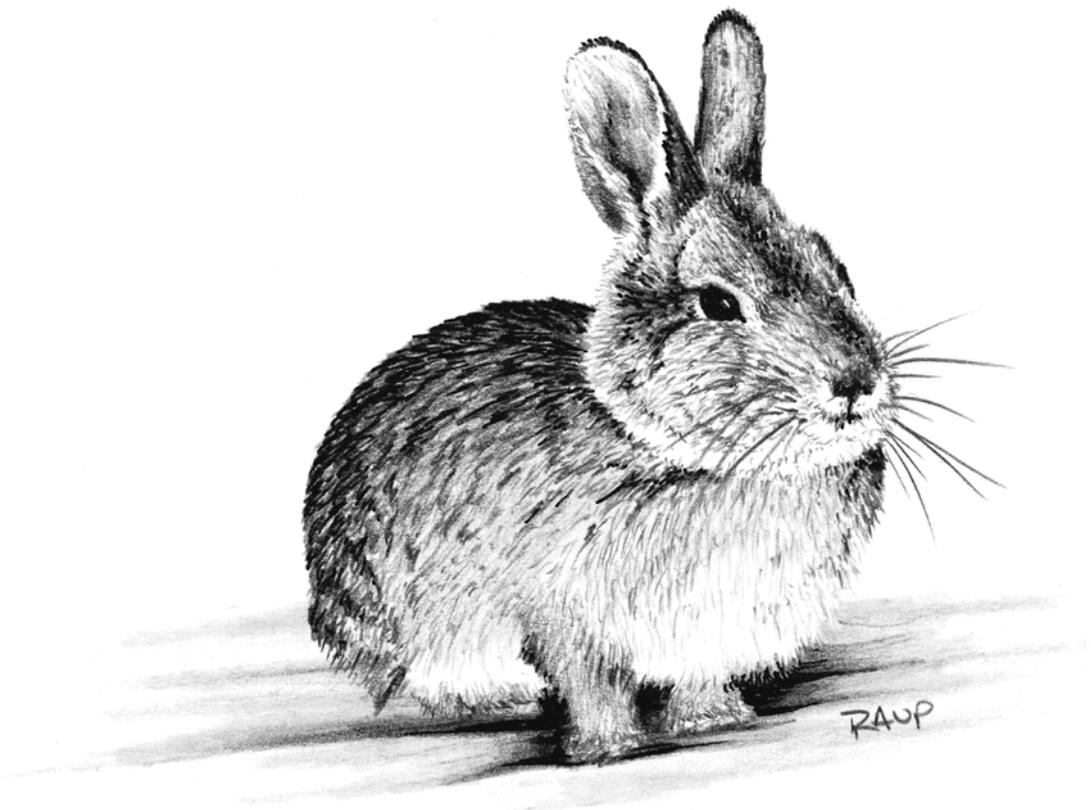
Section 7. Savings Clause. If any provision of this regulation shall be held to be illegal or unconstitutional, such a ruling shall not affect other provisions of this regulation which can be given effect without the illegal or unconstitutional provision; and, to this end, the provisions of this regulation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

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

By:
Fred Lindzey, President

Dated: April 27, 2011

SMALL GAME



Cottontail Rabbit, Artwork by Bob Raup

2011-2012 COTTONTAIL RABBIT HARVEST ESTIMATES			
MANAGEMENT AREA	HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
1	53	208	268
2	618	2782	2156
3	435	1524	1978
4	1098	3237	3942
5	617	2013	2412
6	664	2038	2562
SPECIES TOTAL	3485	11802	13318

2011-2012 SNOWSHOE HARE HARVEST ESTIMATES			
MANAGEMENT AREA	HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
1	61	26	206
2	96	58	448
3	64	98	317
4	83	15	249
5	29	0	172
6	28	8	84
SPECIES TOTAL	361	205	1476

2011-2012 SQUIRREL HARVEST ESTIMATES			
MANAGEMENT AREA	HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
1	12	27	27
2	57	180	202
3	71	397	171
4	48	41	374
5	160	518	713
6	20	23	128
SPECIES TOTAL	368	1186	1615

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

CHAPTER 17

SMALL GAME HUNTING SEASONS

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

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

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

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

(b) “Nontoxic shot” means steel or any other federally-approved nontoxic shot.

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

Section 4. Hunting Regulations.

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

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

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

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

Section 5. Archery Regulations.

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

Section 6. Falconry Regulations.

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

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

Section 7. Hunt Area Descriptions.

(a) Area and Number.

Area 1. The entire state of Wyoming.

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

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

By:

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DATED: April 27, 2011

FURBEARER TRAPPER



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

**2011-2012 CITES TAGGING/BOBCAT
HARVEST STATISTICS**

OVERVIEW	RESIDENT	NONRESIDENT	TOTAL
LICENSES SOLD	1,908	40	1,948
SUCCESSFUL LICENSE HOLDERS	564	21	585
PERCENT WHO REPORTED BOBCATS	29.6%	52.5%	30.0%
TOTAL BOBCATS TAGGED	1,826	49	1,875

TRAPPING ACTIVITY	RESIDENT	NONRESIDENT	TOTAL
BOBCAT TRAPPERS	564	21	585
TRAP HARVEST	1,625	48	1,673
AVERAGE HARVEST PER TRAPPER	2.9	2.3	2.9
TRAP NIGHTS (# traps * nights traps active)	587,582	10,716	598,298
AVERAGE TRAP DAYS PER TRAPPER	1,041.8	510.3	1,022.7
AVERAGE TRAP DAYS PER HARVEST	361.6	223.3	357.6

HUNTING ACTIVITY	RESIDENT	NONRESIDENT	TOTAL
BOBCAT HUNTERS	135	1	136
FIREARM HARVEST	183	1	184
AVERAGE HARVEST PER HUNTER	1.4	1	1.4
HUNT DAYS	640	1	641
AVERAGE HUNT DAYS PER HUNTER	4.7	1	4.7
AVERAGE HUNT DAYS PER HARVEST	3.5	1	3.5
MISCELLANEOUS BOBCATS TAGGED	18	0	18

**2011-2012 BOBCAT HARVEST BY
AREA AND METHOD OF TAKE**

AREA	TRAP	FIREARM	MISC	TOTAL
1	10	2	1	13
2	235	6	1	242
3	629	119	6	754
4	288	27	6	321
5	374	22	1	397
6	137	8	3	148
TOTAL	1,673	184	18	1,875

**2011-2012 BOBCAT
HARVEST BY AGE AND GENDER**

AGE CLASS	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
JUVENILE	94	113	207
ADULT	981	687	1,668
TOTAL	1,075	800	1,875

**2011 - 2012 BADGER
HARVEST ESTIMATES**

AREA	FEETYPE	TRAPPERS	TRAP HARVEST	SNARERS	SNARE HARVEST	HUNTERS	FIREARM		TOTAL TRAPPERS, SNARERS & HUNTERS	TOTAL HARVEST
							HARVEST	DAYS		
1	RES	6	6	6	0	6	6	56	18	12
	AREA TOTALS	6	6	6	0	6	6	56	18	12
2	RES	28	56	6	0	11	17	90	45	73
	AREA TOTALS	28	56	6	0	11	17	90	45	73
3	NONRES	0	0	0	0	3	8	8	3	8
	RES	28	34	17	11	34	17	502	79	62
	AREA TOTALS	28	34	17	11	37	25	510	82	70
4	NONRES	3	8	0	0	0	0	0	3	8
	RES	51	254	17	6	62	152	1382	130	412
	AREA TOTALS	54	262	17	6	62	152	1382	133	420
5	RES	23	40	6	0	68	90	451	97	130
	AREA TOTALS	23	40	6	0	68	90	451	97	130
6	RES	23	62	11	0	45	28	186	79	90
	AREA TOTALS	23	62	11	0	45	28	186	79	90
SPECIES TOTALS		162	460	63	17	229	318	2675	454	795

**2011 - 2012 BEAVER
HARVEST ESTIMATES**

AREA	FEETYPE	TRAPPERS	TRAP HARVEST	SNARERS	SNARE HARVEST	HUNTERS	FIREARM		TOTAL TRAPPERS, SNARERS & HUNTERS	TOTAL HARVEST
							HARVEST	DAYS		
1	NONRES	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
	RES	6	90	0	0	0	0	0	6	90
	AREA TOTALS	9	93	0	0	0	0	0	9	93
2	NONRES	3	19	3	0	0	0	0	6	19
	RES	45	553	17	11	6	34	56	68	598
	AREA TOTALS	48	572	20	11	6	34	56	74	617
3	RES	39	378	23	11	11	6	51	73	395
	AREA TOTALS	39	378	23	11	11	6	51	73	395
4	NONRES	5	35	0	0	0	0	0	5	35
	RES	62	462	34	56	39	180	417	136	699
	AREA TOTALS	67	497	34	56	39	180	417	141	734
5	RES	85	1089	51	68	29	56	282	165	1213
	AREA TOTALS	85	1089	51	68	29	56	282	165	1213
6	RES	28	254	11	0	0	0	0	41	254
	AREA TOTALS	28	254	11	0	0	0	0	41	254
SPECIES TOTALS		276	2883	139	146	85	276	806	503	3306

**2011 - 2012 MARTEN
HARVEST ESTIMATES**

AREA	FEETYPE	TRAPPERS	TRAP HARVEST	SNARERS	SNARE HARVEST	HUNTERS	FIREARM		TOTAL TRAPPERS, SNARERS & HUNTERS	TOTAL HARVEST
							HARVEST	DAYS		
1	NONRES	5	3	3	0	0	0	0	8	3
	RES	17	711	11	0	0	0	0	28	711
	AREA TOTALS	22	714	14	0	0	0	0	36	714
2	RES	17	305	6	0	0	0	0	23	305
	AREA TOTALS	17	305	6	0	0	0	0	23	305
3	RES	11	17	6	0	6	0	28	23	17
	AREA TOTALS	11	17	6	0	6	0	28	23	17
4	RES	6	17	0	0	6	0	39	12	17
	AREA TOTALS	6	17	0	0	6	0	39	12	17
5	NONRES	3	117	3	0	0	0	0	6	117
	AREA TOTALS	3	117	3	0	0	0	0	6	117
SPECIES TOTALS		59	1170	29	0	12	0	67	100	1170

**2011 - 2012 MINK
HARVEST ESTIMATES**

AREA	FEETYPE	TRAPPERS	TRAP HARVEST	SNARERS	SNARE HARVEST	HUNTERS	FIREARM		TOTAL TRAPPERS, SNARERS & HUNTERS	TOTAL HARVEST
							HARVEST	DAYS		
1	RES	6	11	0	0	0	0	0	6	11
	AREA TOTALS	6	11	0	0	0	0	0	6	11
2	RES	23	39	11	0	0	0	0	34	39
	AREA TOTALS	23	39	11	0	0	0	0	34	39
3	RES	11	214	6	6	17	11	56	34	231
	AREA TOTALS	11	214	6	6	17	11	56	34	231
4	NONRES	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
	RES	17	39	6	0	11	11	191	35	50
	AREA TOTALS	20	42	6	0	11	11	191	38	53
5	RES	28	180	6	0	17	11	209	51	191
	AREA TOTALS	28	180	6	0	17	11	209	51	191
6	RES	17	90	0	0	0	0	0	17	90
	AREA TOTALS	17	90	0	0	0	0	0	17	90
SPECIES TOTALS		105	576	29	6	45	33	456	180	615

**2011 - 2012 MUSKRAT
HARVEST ESTIMATES**

AREA	FEETYPE	TRAPPERS	TRAP HARVEST	SNARERS	SNARE HARVEST	HUNTERS	FIREARM		TOTAL TRAPPERS, SNARERS & HUNTERS	TOTAL HARVEST
							HARVEST	DAYS		
1	NONRES	3	55	0	0	0	0	0	3	55
	RES	17	327	0	0	0	0	0	17	327
	AREA TOTALS	20	382	0	0	0	0	0	20	382
2	RES	56	1816	17	0	0	0	0	73	1816
	AREA TOTALS	56	1816	17	0	0	0	0	73	1816
3	RES	28	406	11	0	6	0	28	46	406
	AREA TOTALS	28	406	11	0	6	0	28	46	406
4	NONRES	3	109	0	0	0	0	0	3	109
	RES	34	519	0	0	39	158	507	74	677
	AREA TOTALS	37	628	0	0	39	158	507	77	786
5	NONRES	3	16	3	0	0	0	0	6	16
	RES	39	1376	6	0	6	6	152	52	1383
	AREA TOTALS	42	1392	9	0	6	6	152	58	1399
6	RES	17	175	0	0	6	23	17	23	198
	AREA TOTALS	17	175	0	0	6	23	17	23	198
SPECIES TOTALS		200	4799	37	0	57	187	704	297	4987

**2011 - 2012 WEASEL
HARVEST ESTIMATES**

AREA	FEETYPE	TRAPPERS	TRAP HARVEST	SNARERS	SNARE HARVEST	HUNTERS	FIREARM		TOTAL TRAPPERS, SNARERS & HUNTERS	TOTAL HARVEST
							HARVEST	DAYS		
1	RES	6	11	6	0	0	0	0	12	11
	AREA TOTALS	6	11	6	0	0	0	0	12	11
3	RES	6	6	6	0	6	0	28	18	6
	AREA TOTALS	6	6	6	0	6	0	28	18	6
4	RES	11	11	6	0	11	0	180	29	11
	AREA TOTALS	11	11	6	0	11	0	180	29	11
5	RES	11	17	0	0	0	0	0	11	17
	AREA TOTALS	11	17	0	0	0	0	0	11	17
6	RES	6	11	0	0	0	0	0	6	11
	AREA TOTALS	6	11	0	0	0	0	0	6	11
SPECIES TOTALS		40	56	18	0	17	0	208	76	56

2011-2012 FURBEARER STATEWIDE HARVEST EFFORT ESTIMATES

SURVEY QUESTIONS	STATE TOTALS
Q2. Traps Set Out:	7420
Q3. Traps Nights Out:	14085
Q4. Snares Set Out:	2120
Q5. Snare Nights Out:	6365
Q6. Total Firearm Days:	4405

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

CHAPTER 4

FURBEARING ANIMAL HUNTING OR TRAPPING SEASONS

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

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

- (a) "Drainage" means all lands within the watershed of a named river or stream, including all tributaries and standing waters which drain into that river or stream.
- (b) "Green pelt" means the untanned hide or skin of a furbearing animal.
- (c) "Owner" means the person who physically sets any trap or snare in any fashion that may result in the take of any furbearing or predatory animal.
- (d) "Quick-kill Body-grip Trap" means a device that closes around the body or head of the animal in such a manner as to almost immediately kill the animal caught. Such traps include, but are not necessarily limited to, Conibear type traps.
- (e) "Snare" means a device consisting of a loop with no mechanical trigger for capturing furbearing or predatory animals.
- (f) "Leg-hold Trap" means any device using a mechanical trigger that springs the jaws or loop shut for capturing furbearing or predatory animals.
- (g) "Trapping" or "trap" means the taking of a furbearing or predatory animal by trap, snare or with a firearm or archery equipment.
- (h) "Trap Identification Number" means an identification number assigned to the owner of traps or snares by the Department.

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

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

Section 4. Hunting or Trapping Seasons.

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

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

601	Oct. 1	April 30	1 trapper; 30 beaver
602	Oct. 1	April 30	1 trapper; 30 beaver
603	Oct. 1	April 30	2 trappers; 60 beaver
604	Oct. 1	April 30	1 trapper; 30 beaver
605	Oct. 1	April 30	1 trapper; 5 beaver

Section 5. Furbearing Animal Hunting or Trapping Area Descriptions.

(a) Area and Number.

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

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

(ii) Marten.

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

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

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

(iii) Beaver.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(b) Closed Areas.

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

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

(B) Grand Teton National Park in Teton County;

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

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

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

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

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

(B) Cache Creek drainage in Teton County;

(C) Cliff Creek drainage in Sublette County;

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

(E) Nameless Creek proper in Lincoln County;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section 8. Authorization to Trap.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

By:
Clifford Kirk, President

Dated: August 6, 2009

FALCONRY



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

RESIDENT FALCON HARVEST 2011-2012

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	10	0	5	1										
Sheridan	5	2	10	0	20	0	15	0						
TOTALS	15	2	15	1	20	0	15	0						

Days Hunted	65
Harvest	3
Hunters	3

PHEASANT

County	Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar	
	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest
Goshen					3	0	3	0	1	0	1	0		
Sheridan	8	4	16	6	8	2	21	13						
TOTALS	8	4	16	6	11	2	24	13	1	0	1	0		

Days Hunted	61
Harvest	25
Hunters	3

SAGE-GROUSE

County	Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar	
	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest
Carbon	7	5	1	0										
Hot Springs			20	2	22	2	15	1						
Johnson			17	0	18	3	27	1	12	1	10	2		
Natrona	28	8	8	3	23	3	14	1	2	0				
Sheridan	2	0			3	0			3	0	5	0		
Sublette			25	13	34	7	38	6	17	2	4	0		
Sweetwater	15	5	14	9	12	7								
TOTALS	52	18	85	27	112	22	94	9	34	3	19	2		

Days Hunted	396
Harvest	81
Hunters	12

SHARP-TAILED GROUSE

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	3	0	1	0	1	0		
Sheridan	5	2	31	5	36	4	22	2						
TOTALS	5	2	31	5	39	4	25	2	1	0	1	0		

Days Hunted	102
Harvest	13
Hunters	4

RESIDENT FALCONRY - continued

COTTONTAIL RABBIT

County	Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar	
	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest										
Hot Springs			20	1	22	1	15	1						
Johnson	6	2	6	3	8	2	10	4	6	2	5	1		
Natrona	27	4	21	4										
Park			15	1	13	2	18	3	8	0	18	0	2	1
TOTALS	33	6	62	9	43	5	43	8	14	2	23	1	2	1

Days Hunted	220
Harvest	32
Hunters	4

DUCKS

County	Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar	
	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest
Albany	10	4	30	4										
Goshen	2	0	23	6	10	1	1	0						
Johnson	10	8	27	16	17	5								
Sheridan	5	3	24	10	11	2	5	1						
Teton			6	2	8	2								
TOTALS	27	15	110	38	46	10	6	1						

Days Hunted	189
Harvest	64
Hunters	6

Total Surveys Mailed	72
Total Responded	45
% Response	63%

NONRESIDENT FALCON HARVEST 2011-2012

PHEASANT

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

Days Hunted	0
Harvest	0
Hunters	

SAGE-GROUSE

County	Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar	
	Days	Harvest												
Carbon	3	0	11	1										
Fremont	10	0												
Lincoln	20	8	28	3	22	4	12	0	3	0				
Park					5	0	5	0						
Stillwater			3	0										
Sublette			13	1					1	1				
Sweetwater	17	3	61	18	15	6	5	1			15	2		
Sweetwater/ Sublette	10	6	15	11	10	5	6	1	6	1	4	0		
Unknown	10	1	20	1			3	2						
TOTALS	70	18	151	35	52	15	31	4	10	2	19	2		

Days Hunted	333
Harvest	76
Hunters	19

COTTONTAIL RABBIT

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

Days Hunted	3
Harvest	0
Hunters	1

DUCKS

County	Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar	
	Days	Harvest												
Lincoln	12	1	12	3										
Sublette			10	0										
Sweetwater			32	4										
TOTALS	12	1	54	7	0	0								

Days Hunted	66
Harvest	8
Hunters	4

Total Surveys Mailed	47
Total Responded	21
% Response	45%