

**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 This regulation shall remain in effect until modified or repealed by the Commission.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, bismuth-tin, tungsten-iron, tungsten-bronze, tungsten-tin-bismuth, tungsten-iron-copper-nickel, tungsten-tin-iron, tungsten-matrix, tungsten-nickel-iron, tungsten-iron-nickel-tin and tungsten-polymer shot 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. 19	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.

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