

2002 ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PHEASANT HUNTERS
HUNTER DAYS AND HARVEST BY AREA

AREA	NUMBER HUNTERS	NUMBER HUNTER DAYS	HARVEST
7 Eden	26	20	53
8 Beaver Rim	82	388	346
11 Clark	165	932	912
12 Cody	258	925	595
15 Lovell	734	4,329	4,692
16 Greybull River	271	1,038	1,077
17 Grass Creek	298	767	707
18 Copper Mountain	636	2,935	2,685
19 Shell	59	271	337
20 Hyattville	112	350	383
21 Kirby Creek	132	582	463
30 Southeast	2,088	7,977	9,828
33 Rattlesnake	6	6	18
35 Pine Ridge	66	258	258
36 Lance Creek	7	33	99
37 Southern Big Horns	145	615	892
38 Savageton	231	958	747
40 Big Horn Mountains	370	1,963	2,227
41 Spotted Horse	621	2,815	3,463
UNKNOWN	535	1,857	2,102
TOTAL	6,816	28,999	31,831

*Areas not listed indicate no hunting reported

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION
CHAPTER 18
PHEASANT HUNTING SEASONS

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

Section 2. 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, bismuth-tin, tungsten-iron, tungsten-matrix, tungsten-nickel-iron and tungsten-polymer shot 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 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 3. Hunting Seasons Established. There shall be open seasons for the hunting of pheasants as set forth in the Hunting Regulations (Section 4), Pheasant Special Management Permits (Section 5), Springer Permit Pheasant Season (Section 6), Glendo Permit Pheasant Season (Section 7), Sand Mesa Youth Hunt (Section 8), Archery Regulations (Section 9), Falconry Seasons (Section 10) and Hunt Area Descriptions (Section 11) of this Chapter.

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 of the specified hunt areas in which the hunting and possession occurs.
- (b) Shooting Hours. Shooting hours for the hunting of pheasants shall be one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to one-half (1/2) hour after sunset, except as otherwise provided in this subsection. The shooting hours for the hunting of pheasants at the Springer Wildlife Habitat Management Area during the Springer Permit portion of the season, and on all lands included in the Ocean Lake Wildlife Habitat Area surrounding Ocean Lake and all lands included in the Sand Mesa Wildlife Habitat Area east of the Bass Lake Road shall be from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The shooting hours for Rawhide, Springer (after the Springer Permit portion of the season) and Table Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Areas and Pheasant Hunt Area 9 shall be one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to 4:00 p.m.
- (c) 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.
- (d) 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. No person shall possess shot shells loaded with shot other than nontoxic shot while hunting pheasant on all lands in the Springer and Table Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Areas, and on all national wildlife refuges open for hunting.

(e) 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.

(f) Open Areas, Season Dates, Bag Limits and Limitations.

Hunt Area	Date of Seasons		Bag Limits		Limitations
	Opens	Closes	Daily	Possession	
1	Nov. 2	Dec. 31	2	6	Male pheasant only
2	Nov. 2	Dec. 8	2	6	Any pheasant (Youth Hunt-Refer to Section 8)
	Dec. 9	Dec. 31	2	6	Male pheasant only
3,4	Nov. 2	Dec. 31	3	9	Male pheasant only
5	Nov. 2	Dec. 31	3	9	Male pheasant only except that portion of Area 5 north of the Shoshone River and west of the Yellowtail Reservoir shall be open for any pheasant
7	Nov. 9	Dec. 31	3	9	Male pheasant only
8	Oct. 24	Nov. 8		Season limit	Any pheasant (Springer permits). Refer to Section 6
			3	3	
	Nov. 9	Nov. 15	3	9	Any pheasant
9	Nov. 9	Dec. 31	3	9	Any pheasant (Glendo permits). Refer to Section 7
10	Oct. 1	Dec. 31	3	9	Any pheasant

(g) 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 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 posted 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 17.

(iv) The Sheridan Bird Farm in Sheridan County shall be closed to pheasant hunting.

Section 5. Pheasant Special Management Permit (Fee \$10.00). 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. Landowners 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 when such lands are enrolled for the hunting of pheasants in the Private Lands/Public Wildlife Walk-in-Access Program. The pheasant special management permit shall be in possession of any person engaged in the act of 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. The cost

of this permit shall be ten dollars (\$10.00) and the permit shall be available at Headquarters, Department Regional Offices and at 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) Rawhide Wildlife Habitat Management Area in Goshen County.

(v) 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.

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

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

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

(ix) 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 where bird farm pheasants are not planted.

Section 6. Springer Permit Pheasant Season. There shall be a Springer permit pheasant season in Hunt Area 8 during the period October 24 through November 8. 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 (fee \$10.00). Persons born on or after January 1, 1966, shall possess and present upon request a hunter safety certificate. The Springer permit shall only be valid for the day printed on the permit by the Department.

(a) Application for Springer permits. 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 the dates of Sunday, October 27 and Saturday, November 2. 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 ten (110) permits shall be issued to successful applicants in the drawing for each day of the Springer permit pheasant season. A maximum of one hundred ten (110) 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 ten (110) 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 ten (110) permitted hunters. Permitted hunters may begin hunting at 8 a.m.

(c) Youth Only Hunt Day. The youth only hunt days are Sunday, October 27 and Saturday, November 2. 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 day.

(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 which the hunter registered and shall accurately report all harvested pheasants and return all special hunt materials to the check station.

(e) Parking assignment. Each hunting party shall select one (1) of the following assigned parking areas: (1) Springer Check Station; (2) U.S. Highway 85; (3) headquarters; (4) bird farm; (5) one-half (1/2) mile west of the Springer Check Station; or, (6) Bump Sullivan. Parking lot assignments and tags shall be issued by the Department to 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 November. In December, Glendo permits shall be required to hunt pheasants in Hunt Area 9 on Friday (December 6), Saturday (December 7), Sunday (December 1 and 8), and Monday (December 2 and 9). 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 (fee \$10.00) and for hunters born on or after January 1, 1966, a hunter safety certificate.

(a) Youth only hunt days. Youth only hunt days are Sunday, November 10, 17, and 24. Only youths shall be allowed to take pheasants on youth hunt days. Youths under the age of fourteen (14) shall be accompanied by an adult. No adult shall take any pheasant during the youth only hunt days. No Glendo permit is required for youths to hunt on these 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 Wildlife Habitat Area Youth Hunt. The youth only hunt day is Saturday, November 16. Only youths shall be allowed to take pheasants on this date. Youths under the age of fourteen (14) shall be accompanied by an adult. No adults shall take any pheasant during the youth only hunt day. This hunt shall occur on all lands included in the Sand Mesa Wildlife Habitat Area east of the Bass Lake Road.

Section 9. Archery Regulations.

(a) General Seasons. There shall be an open season for the hunting of pheasants with archery equipment in all areas as set forth in Section 4 of this Chapter.

Section 10. Falconry Seasons.

(a) There shall be an open season for the hunting of pheasants with falcons in accordance with limitations set forth in Section 4 of this Chapter, except as otherwise provided in subsection 4(g) and subsection 10(c) of this Chapter. Persons hunting with falcons may take any pheasant.

(b) Hunt areas listed in Section 4 of this Chapter as open shall open September 1 and close February 28.

(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 Big Horn, Park, Washakie and Hot Springs counties.

Area 5. All of the lands included in the Yellowtail Wildlife Habitat Management Area, excluding private lands.

Area 7. All of Goshen County, excluding the Springer Wildlife Habitat Management Area, and that portion of Laramie County east of U.S. Highway 85.

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

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.

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