

2002 ESTIMATED NUMBER OF SHARP-TAILED GROUSE HUNTERS
HUNTER DAYS AND HARVEST BY AREA

AREA	NUMBER HUNTERS	NUMBER HUNTER DAYS	HARVEST
4 Seedskadee	7	13	13
7 Eden	7	7	0
27 Laramie Peak	13	26	13
28 Iron Mountain	13	13	0
30 Southeast	172	732	483
33 Rattlesnake	7	13	7
35 Pine Ridge			
36 Lance Creek	20	66	33
37 Southern Big Horns	20	152	7
38 Savageton	46	178	20
40 Big Horn Mountains	106	654	291
41 Spotted Horse	251	1,163	357
44 Black Hills	86	258	46
UNKNOWN	73	383	106
TOTAL	821	3,658	1,376

*Areas not listed indicate no hunting reported

**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. 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-matrix, tungsten-nickel-iron, 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 3. Hunting Seasons Established. There shall be open seasons for the hunting of sharp-tailed grouse as set forth in the Hunting Regulations (Section 4), Archery Regulations (Section 5), Falconry Seasons (Section 6) and Hunt Area Descriptions (Section 7) of this Chapter.

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 one-half (1/2) hour after 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 all national wildlife refuges open for hunting.

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

Hunt Area	Date of Seasons		Bag Limits		Limitations
	Opens	Closes	Daily	Possession	
1	Sept. 14	Dec. 31	3	9	Any sharp-tailed grouse

Section 5. Archery Regulations.

(a) There shall be an open season for the hunting of sharp-tailed grouse with archery equipment in all areas as set forth in Section 4 of this Chapter.

Section 6. Falconry Seasons.

(a) There shall be an open season for the hunting of sharp-tailed grouse with falcons in accordance with limitations set forth in Section 4 of this Chapter.

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

Section 7. Hunt Area Descriptions.

(a) Area and Number.

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

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