



25 March 2024

Chapter 11, Upland Game Bird and Small Game Hunting Seasons
C/O Wyoming Game & Fish
Department Headquarters
5400 Bishop Blvd
Cheyenne, WY 82006

Re: Chapter 11, Upland Game Bird and Small Game Hunting Seasons

Dear Commissioners and Director Nesvik:

On behalf of Safari Club International, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Chapter 11, Upland Game Bird and Small Game Hunting Seasons.

The proposed changes to the Chapter 11, Upland Game Bird and Small Game Hunting Seasons generally demonstrates responsible and sustainable management of upland game bird and small game populations while maintaining high levels of opportunity for hunters. However, SCI would encourage the Department to take a light-handed enforcement approach as the transition to the proposed free sage grouse hunting permit occurs, which is essentially for survey purposes.

Further, SCI believes that sound science-based conservation involving hunting as the primary management tool, while maximizing opportunities for all huntable species, is necessary to the long-term health of wildlife. Hunters have long paid the way for conservation, both game and non-game wildlife, and maximizing opportunity for hunting is also key to long-term funding for all conservation. Hunting benefits wildlife conservation.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on the Chapter 11, Upland Game Bird and Small Game Hunting Seasons. SCI is dedicated to protecting the freedom to hunt and we appreciate the continued partnership with the Department and the Commission. SCI is always first for hunters.

Sincerely,

W. Laird Hamberlin
Chief Executive Officer
Safari Club International