

MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS
PUBLIC COMMENT ON TURKEY, UPLAND GAME BIRD, & MIGRATORY
BIRD PROPOSALS
COMMENTS RECEIVED AS OF JANUARY 27, 2020

1. ***Upland Game Bird Comment:*** I believe that within the Canyon Ferry WMA that the daily bag limit for pheasants should be 1 per day. This area is inundated with hunters from a wide area and a reduced bag limit would allow for more hunters to be successful.

Mark Natale Townsend, MT

2. ***Migratory Bird Comment:*** Would love to start the season later so we could shoot birds later in January. Also would like to have a spring snow goose conservation season.

Chris McCabe Missoula, MT

3. ***Migratory Bird Comment:*** The season should start later and go until February, possibly with a longer split. Our biggest failure is the lack of a spring snow goose season. They are destroying the arctic, and their wintering grounds. Every state around us has a spring season. We are missing out on tourism dollars, license sales and opportunities to get outside. It could exclude WMAs.

Ben Hart Missoula, MT

4. ***Turkey Comment:*** I am in favor of the increase in spring turkey licenses in both proposed hunting areas.

Upland Game Bird Comment: I would like to see an extension to the sage grouse hunting season and also allow one hen pheasant in the daily bag limit and 3 hen pheasants in the possession limit.

Dale Martin Billings, MT

5. ***Turkey Comment:*** I support increasing the number of 400-20 spring turkey permits.

Noel Geiger Cut Bank, MT

6. ***Migratory Bird Comment:*** Would be nice if you did away with the 5 day break in the season. Start the season later and end the season end of January. Spring snow goose season would be cool to there is no reason why we don't have one. When you do the 5 day break that just gives me more time to scout and rally a troop and to ensure that way more birds are killed when it opens back up but hey when I get five days for birds to build up and get a 10-15 guy crew to just shoot more birds just feel that it's dumb management

Winston ewinger Missoula, MT

7. ***Migratory Bird Comment:*** Spring snow goose season

Luke Williams Thompson falls, MT

8. ***Turkey Comment:*** Start the season a week earlier and end it a week earlier.

Upland Game Bird Comment: Reduce the daily bag limit on Hungarian Partridge to 5.

Migratory Bird Comment: Institute a spring snow goose season.

Anthony VonRuden Missoula, MT

9. **Migratory Bird Comment:** I commented already but forgot to add that We need to impliment a spring snow goose season!

Tom Gagnon Plains, MT

10. **Turkey:** Dates are fine however allow us to harvest more birds, especially fall hens/poults. Too few people hunting them with too limited access to curb population growth

Migratory Bird Comment: Waterfowl needs to go later in the season. Whether that means a later opening or early 1/2 week closures near the start of the season is fine. Dove needs to open around 8/15 to give hunters opportunities. Most years they've migrated before the season starts.

Tom Gagnon Plains, MT