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## 2014-15 HUNTING SEASONS, SHOOTING HOURS AND LIMITS

### PHEASANTS, GRAY PARTRIDGE AND MIGRATORY WATERFOWL

#### FLATHEAD INDIAN RESERVATION

##### Hungarian Partridge

Hunting Season: September 1, 2014 through January 1, 2015

Shooting Hours: Sunrise through sunset of each day within the listed hunting season

Limits: 8 partridge daily and 32 partridge in possession after the fourth day of the hunting season

##### Pheasants

Hunting Season: October 11, 2014 through January 1, 2015

Shooting Hours: Sunrise through sunset of each day within the listed hunting season

Limits: 3 cock pheasants daily and 9 cock pheasants in possession after the third day of the hunting season

##### Ducks, Mergansers and Coots

Hunting Season: October 4, 2014 through January 11, 2015 and January 17 through January 21, 2015. A split season closure of all waterfowl hunting on January 12 through January 16, 2015 will be in effect. Hunting Season for scaup is October 11, 2014 through December 28, 2014.

Shooting Hours: One half hour before sunrise through sunset of each day of the open hunting season for migratory birds during the period of October 4, 2014 through January 21, 2015.

Limits: 7 ducks and/or mergansers daily. Possession limit may not exceed three times the daily bag limit. The daily bag limit shall not include more than 2 female mallards, 2 pintails, 2 redheads, and 1 canvasback. Daily and possession limit for coots is 25. Daily bag limit for scaup is three.

##### Geese

Hunting Season: October 4, 2014 through January 11, 2015 and January 17 through January 21, 2015. A split season closure of all waterfowl hunting on January 12 through January 16, 2015 will be in effect.

Shooting Hours: One half hour before sunrise through sunset of each day of the open hunting season for migratory birds during the period of October 4, 2014 through January 21, 2015.

Limits: 4 dark geese (Canada geese) daily and 20 light geese (snow, blue, Ross') daily. The possession limit may not exceed three times the daily bag limit.

Taking of trumpeter swans, tundra swans, harlequin ducks, common loons and all species of grouse is prohibited on the Flathead Indian Reservation.

##### Legal Ammunition

Lead shot is prohibited for migratory waterfowl. Only federally-approved non-toxic shot, including steel, bismuth-tin, tungsten-bronze, tungsten-iron, tungsten-matrix, tungsten-nickel-iron, tungsten-polymer, tungsten-tin-bismuth and tungsten-tin-iron, tungsten-iron-copper, copper-clad iron and fluoropolymer is legal for use on the Flathead Indian Reservation.

Falconry as a hunting method for game birds is not permitted on the Flathead Indian Reservation.

## Youth Pheasant and Waterfowl Hunting Days

Youth Pheasant and Waterfowl Hunting Days are scheduled for September 27-28, 2014 to encourage youth participation in waterfowl hunting and conservation. Legally licensed hunters 12-15 years of age may hunt pheasants and legal species of ducks, mergansers and geese on these dates. Youth hunters must be accompanied in the field by a non-hunting adult at least 18 years of age. The adult may not hunt pheasants or the species listed on these days, but may participate in other open hunting seasons during these days. Bag and possession limits, shooting hours, hunter education requirements and all other applicable regulations that apply during the regular hunting seasons shall apply.

### BE BEAR AWARE!!!

Grizzly and black bears inhabit the Mission Valley, especially the areas east of U. S. Highway 93. Bears are also occasionally observed in areas adjacent to Ninepipe and Kicking Horse Reservoirs. Bears generally use heavy cover along streams and wetlands, but may also be found in open fields and shrub thickets. Hunters should be cautious when entering dense cover that limits visibility to avoid surprising a bear. If a bear, bear tracks or bear sign is observed, please report the observation to the Tribal Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office at (406) 675-2700 or (406) 675-4700, or the Ninepipe Wildlife Management Area at (406) 644-2510, or the National Bison Range at (406) 644-2211. To receive information on avoiding bear confrontations, please contact the Tribal Wildlife Management Program at (406) 883-2888 or [germainew@cskt.org](mailto:germainew@cskt.org).

These regulations are adopted in addition to other applicable regulations listed within the 2014-2015 Flathead Indian Reservation Fish, Wildlife and Recreation Regulations.

### Recommended Non-toxic Shot

<b>©TOM ROSTER'S 2013 NONTOXIC SHOT LETHALITY TABLE©</b>							
<b>Proven Nontoxic Shot Loads For Waterfowl &amp; Upland Game Birds<sup>1</sup></b> <i>Load Velocity: 1,225 - 1,600 FPS</i>	Typical Shooting Range of Activity (Yards)	Most Effective Nontoxic Shot Size(s) For Birds Listed Under ACTIVITY At The Distances Listed In The Second Column	Minimum Load Weight (Ounces)	Minimum Pellet Hits Needed on Lethal Areas for Clean Kills	Minimum Pattern Count Needed at Any Distance for Clean Kills (# of Pellets in 30" Circle)	Most Effective Choke(s) (Given in Lead Shot Choke Designations)	NOTE: The pellets in the steel shot loads listed in this table were traditional, highly spherical ball-shaped pellets of ~ 7.86 g/cc density and 90-95 DPH hardness. The HEVI-Shot pellets were of 12.0 g/cc density and slightly harder than traditional steel pellets.
<b>ACTIVITY</b>							
Large Geese At Long Range	50-65	Steel BBB to T	1-1/4	1-2	50-55	Improved Modified	
Giant, Western, Atlantic and Interior Canadas	50-70	HEVI-Shot 2 to B	1-1/2	1-2	50-55	Improved Modified, Full	
Large Geese Over Decoys	35-50	Steel BB to BBB	1-1/4	1-2	50-55	Improved Cylinder, Modified	
	35-50	HEVI-Shot 2 to B	1-1/2	1-2	50-55	Improved Cylinder, Modified	
Medium/Small Geese Long Range	50-65	Steel BB to BBB	1-1/4	1-2	60-65	Improved Modified	
Snow, White-fronted, Lesser Canadas	50-65	HEVI-Shot 2	1-1/2	1-2	60-65	Improved Modified, Full	
Medium/Small Geese Over Decoys	35-50	Steel 2 to BB	1-1/8	1-2	60-65	Light Modified, Modified	
	35-50	HEVI-Shot 4 to 2	1-1/4	1-2	60-65	Improved Cylinder, Modified	
Large Ducks At Long Range	45-65	Steel 2 to 1	1-1/8	1-2	85-90	Improved Modified, Full	
Mallard, Black, Pintail, Goldeneye, Gadwall	45-65	HEVI-Shot 4	1-1/4	1-2	85-90	Improved Modified, Full	
Large Ducks Over Decoys	20-45	Steel 6 to 2	3/4 - 1	1-2	85-90	I.C. (20-35 Yds), Mod. (35-45 Yds)	
	20-45	HEVI-Shot 6 to 4	1-1/8	1-2	85-90	I.C. (20-35 Yds), Mod. (35-45 Yds)	
Medium Ducks Over Decoys	20-45	Steel 6 to 3	1	1-2	115-120	I.C. (20-35 Yds), Mod. (35-45 Yds)	
Wigeon, Scaup, Shoveler	20-45	HEVI-Shot 6 to 4	1-1/8	1-2	115-120	I.C. (20-35 Yds), Mod. (35-45 Yds)	
Small Ducks Over Decoys	20-45	Steel 6 to 4	1	1-2	135-145	Mod. (20-35 Yds), Full (35-45 Yds)	
Teal, Ruddy, Bufflehead	20-45	HEVI-Shot 6	1-1/8	1-2	135-145	Mod. (20-35 Yds), Full (35-45 Yds)	
Ring-Necked Pheasants	20-50	Steel 3 to 2	1	2-3	90-95	I.C. (20-30 Yds), Mod. (30-50 Yds)	
	20-50	HEVI-Shot 6 to 4	1-1/8	2-3	90-95	I.C. (20-30 Yds), Mod. (30-50 Yds)	
Turkeys (Head and Neck Shots)	20-40	Steel 4	1-1/4	3-4	210-230	Full or Extra Full	
Northern Bobwhite Quail	20-30	Steel 7	5/8	1-2	170-190	Imp. Cyl., Light Modified	
Swatter Load For Wounded Birds	20-30	Steel 7 to 6	1	1	175	Improved Modified, Full	

This table summarizes Tom Roster's analyses to date of the waterfowl lethality data bases for certain of the 15 U.S. steel versus lead waterfowl shooting tests run between 1988 & 1992 & one steel-only pheasant shooting test plus lethality data bases owned by ammunition companies for birds taken with nontoxic shotshell loads Roster tested for them & the CONSEP organization. Note: Steel #BBB (.190") and HEVI-Shot #2 (.150") have exhibited the best all-around performance for taking geese; steel #3 (.140") and HEVI-Shot #4 (.130") the best all-around performance for taking ducks; and steel #2 and HEVI-Shot #4 the best all-around performance for taking ring-necked pheasants.

<sup>1</sup>These findings are derived from testing 3" 20 gauge; 2 1/4", 3" and 3 1/2" 12 gauge; and 3 1/2" 10 gauge steel loads; plus 3" 20 gauge and 2 1/4" and 3" 12 gauge HEVI-Shot loads.

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# LEGAL 2014-15 SUNRISE AND SUNSET TIMES

## FLATHEAD INDIAN RESERVATION

This table, including adjustments for daylight savings time, is the official sunrise and sunset times for bird hunting regulations on the Flathead Indian Reservation. Hunters should be aware of opening and closing times based upon this table.

DATE	<u>September</u>		<u>October</u>		<u>November</u>		<u>December</u>		<u>January</u>	
	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.
01	6:56	8:15	7:35	7:15	8:19	6:20	8:01	4:49	8:21	4:58
02	6:57	8:13	7:36	7:14	7:20	5:18	8:02	4:49	8:21	4:59
03	6:58	8:11	7:38	7:12	7:21	5:17	8:03	4:49	8:21	5:00
04	7:00	8:09	7:39	7:10	7:23	5:16	8:04	4:48	8:21	5:01
05	7:01	8:07	7:40	7:08	7:24	5:14	8:05	4:48	8:21	5:02
06	7:02	8:05	7:42	7:06	7:26	5:13	8:06	4:48	8:21	5:03
07	7:03	8:03	7:43	7:04	7:27	5:11	8:07	4:48	8:20	5:04
08	7:05	8:02	7:44	7:02	7:29	5:10	8:08	4:47	8:20	5:05
09	7:06	8:00	7:46	7:00	7:30	5:09	8:09	4:47	8:20	5:07
10	7:07	7:58	7:47	6:58	7:32	5:08	8:10	4:47	8:19	5:08
11	7:09	7:56	7:48	6:56	7:33	5:06	8:11	4:47	8:19	5:09
12	7:10	7:54	7:50	6:54	7:35	5:05	8:12	4:47	8:18	5:10
13	7:11	7:52	7:51	6:52	7:36	5:04	8:13	4:48	8:18	5:12
14	7:13	7:50	7:53	6:51	7:38	5:03	8:14	4:48	8:17	5:13
15	7:14	7:48	7:54	6:49	7:39	5:02	8:14	4:48	8:17	5:14
16	7:15	7:46	7:55	6:47	7:41	5:01	8:15	4:48	8:16	5:16
17	7:16	7:44	7:57	6:45	7:42	5:00	8:16	4:48	8:16	5:17
18	7:18	7:42	7:58	6:43	7:43	4:59	8:17	4:49	8:15	5:18
19	7:19	7:40	8:00	6:41	7:45	4:58	8:17	4:49	8:14	5:20
20	7:20	7:37	8:02	6:40	7:46	4:57	8:18	4:50	8:13	5:21
21	7:22	7:35	8:03	6:38	7:48	4:56	8:18	4:50	8:12	5:23
22	7:23	7:33	8:04	6:36	7:49	4:55	8:19	4:51		
23	7:24	7:31	8:05	6:35	7:50	4:54	8:19	4:51		
24	7:26	7:29	8:07	6:33	7:52	4:53	8:20	4:52		
25	7:27	7:27	8:08	6:31	7:53	4:52	8:20	4:52		
26	7:28	7:25	8:10	6:29	7:54	4:52	8:21	4:53		
27	7:30	7:23	8:11	6:28	7:56	4:51	8:21	4:54		
28	7:31	7:21	8:13	6:26	7:57	4:51	8:21	4:55		
29	7:32	7:19	8:15	6:24	7:58	4:50	8:21	4:55		
30	7:34	7:17	8:16	6:23	7:59	4:50	8:21	4:56		
31			8:17	6:22			8:21	4:57		