

R657. Natural Resources, Wildlife Resources.

R657-6. Taking Upland Game.

R657-6-1. Purpose and Authority.

(1) Under authority of Sections 23-14-18 and 23-14-19 and in accordance with 50 CFR 20, 2004 edition, which is incorporated by reference, the Wildlife Board has established this rule for taking upland game.

(2) Specific season dates, bag and possession limits, areas open, number of permits and other administrative details that may change annually are published in the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking upland game and wild turkey.

R657-6-7. Nontoxic Shot.

(1) Only nontoxic shot may be used to take Sandhill crane.

(2) Except as provided in Subsection (3), nontoxic shot is not required to take any species of upland game, except Sandhill crane.

(3) A person may not possess or use lead shot or any other shot that has not been approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service while on federal refuges or the following state waterfowl or wildlife management areas: Bicknell Bottoms, Blue Lake, Brown's Park, Clear Lake, Desert Lake, Farmington Bay, Harold S. Crane, Howard Slough, Locomotive Springs, Manti Meadows, Mills Meadows, Ogden Bay, Powell Slough, Public Shooting Grounds, Salt Creek, Scott M. Matheson Wetland Preserve, Stewart Lake, ~~and~~ Timpie Springs, [and Utah Lake Wetland Preserve](#).

R657-6-9. Use of Firearms, Crossbows, and Archery Tackle on State Waterfowl Management Areas.

(1) A person may not discharge a firearm, crossbow, or archery tackle on the Bicknell Bottoms, Blue Lake, Brown's Park, Clear Lake, Desert Lake, Farmington Bay, Harold S. Crane, Howard Slough, Locomotive Springs, Mills Meadows, Ogden Bay, Powell Slough, Public Shooting Grounds, Salt Creek, Stewart Lake, Timpie Springs and Topaz Waterfowl Management areas, [and Utah Lake Wetland Preserve](#), during any time of the year, except:

(a) the use of authorized weapons as provided in Utah Admin. Code R657-9-7 during open waterfowl hunting seasons for lawful hunting activities;

(b) as otherwise authorized by the Division in special use permit, certificate of registration, administrative rule, proclamation, or an order of the Wildlife Board; or

(c) for lawful purposes of self-defense.

R657-6-20. Use of Dogs.

(1) An individual may not use or permit a dog to harass, pursue, or take protected wildlife unless otherwise allowed for in the Wildlife Code, administrative rules issued under Wildlife Code, or a guidebook of the Wildlife Board.

(2) Dogs may be used to locate and retrieve upland game during open upland game hunting seasons.

(3) Dogs are generally allowed on state wildlife management and waterfowl management areas, subject to the following conditions.

(a) dogs are not allowed on the following state wildlife management areas and waterfowl management areas between March 10 and August 31 annually or as posted by the Division:

(i) Annabella;

(ii) Bear River Trenton Property Parcel;
(iii) Bicknell Bottoms;
(iv) Blue Lake;
(v) Browns Park;
(vi) Bud Phelps;
(vii) Clear Lake;
(viii) Desert Lake;
(ix) Farmington Bay;
(x) Harold S. Crane;
(xi) Hatt's Ranch
(xii) Howard Slough;
(xiii) Huntington;
(xiv) James Walter Fitzgerald;
(xv) Kevin Conway;
(xvi) Locomotive Springs;
(xvii) Manti Meadows;
(xviii) Mills Meadows;
(xix) Montes Creek;
(xx) Nephi;
(xxi) Ogden Bay;
(xxii) Pahvant;
(xxiv) Public Shooting Grounds;
(xxv) Redmond Marsh;
(xxvi) Richfield;
(xxvii) Roosevelt;
(xxviii) Salt Creek;
(xxix) Scott M. Matheson Wetland Preserve;
(xxx) Steward Lake;
(xxxi) Timpie Springs;
(xxxii) Topaz Slough;
(xxxiii) ~~Vernal~~ [Utah Lake Wetland Preserve](#); ~~and~~
(xxxiv) [Vernal](#); and
(xxxv) [Willard Bay](#).

(b) The Division may establish special restrictions for Division-managed properties, such as on-leash requirements and temporary or locational closures for dogs, and post them at specific Division properties and at Regional offices;

(c) Organized events or group gatherings of twenty-five (25) or more individuals that involve the use of dogs, such as dog training or trials, that occur on Division properties may require a special use permit as described in R657-28; and

(d) Dog training may be allowed in designated areas on Lee Kay Center and Willard Bay WMA by the Division without a special use permit.

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