

**R657. Natural Resources, Wildlife Resources.**

**R657-6. Taking Upland Game.**

**R657-6-1. Purpose and Authority.**

(1) Under authority of Sections 23A-2-304 and 23A-2-305 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.

**R657-6-6. Authorized Weapons.**

(1) A person may not use any weapon or device to take upland game except as provided in this section.

(2) Upland game may be taken with archery equipment, including a draw-lock, a crossbow, a shotgun no larger than 10 gauge, or a handgun. Loads for shotguns and handguns must be one-half ounce or more of shot size ranging between no. 2 and no. 9, except:

(a) migratory game birds may not be taken with a handgun, or a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells, unless it is plugged with a one-piece filler, incapable of removal without disassembling the gun, so its total capacity does not exceed three shells;

(b) cottontail rabbit and snowshoe hare may be taken with:

(i) any firearm not capable of being fired fully automatic; and

(ii) A pre-charged pneumatic air rifle.

(3) Sandhill crane may be taken with any size of nontoxic shot.

(4) A person may not use:

(a) a firearm capable of being fired fully automatic; ~~or~~

(b) any light enhancement device or aiming device that casts a visible beam of light; ~~or~~

(c)(i) any protected gps location data or protected radio collar data to locate, track, take, or retrieve or any attempt to locate, track, take, or retrieve upland game or their parts.

(ii) For the purposes of this subsection, "protected" means "a records classified as protected under the Government Records Access and Management Act, Utah Code Ann. §63G-2-305."

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