

Change in Property Regulation for Columbian Sharp-Tailed Grouse Hunting

Grassy Creek/Twenty Mile

The Colorado Division of Wildlife has made a change in regulation on the Twenty Mile/Grassy Creek State Trust Land concerning grouse hunting.

Beggining with the 2009/2010 small game hunting season, there will be restricted access for small game hunting on weekends and Labor Day through the scheduled Columbian sharp-tailed grouse season. Hunting on weekends and Labor Day is by permit only. A maximum of eight hunters will be allowed daily. A maximum of four hunters is allowed per permit.

Permits are free and may be applied for by contacting the Steamboat Springs Service Center at PO Box 775777, Steamboat Springs, CO 80477 or by calling (970) 871-2855.

Applications must be postmarked or hand delivered to the Steamboat Springs Service Center by **July 1 annually**. Permits will be issued by drawing, and successful applicants will be notified by mail. Permits must be on person while hunting the properties to verify compliance. Permits are not required Monday through Friday, except on Labor Day.

This change in Wildlife Commission Regulation was initiated due to the high numbers of Columbian sharp-tailed grouse hunters using the Twenty Mile/Grassy Creek property and the decline in Lek attendance by grouse over several years.