

PROGRAM REGULATIONS

It is unlawful to:

- Use a motorized vehicle on fields, trails and posted roads.
- Hunt any posted safety zone or enter any “NO PUBLIC ACCESS” area.
- Build or use open fires without landowner permission.
- Use rifles, handguns or shotguns with slugs on any hunt area unless specific authorization has been given by the landowner.

THIS PROGRAM INVOLVES TRUST

ODFW trusts landowners to provide a reasonable amount of public access. Landowners trust hunters to remember they are guests on the land, follow the written restrictions, and abide by the spirit of respect and cooperation required to make this program successful. Hunters repay that trust by leaving gates as they found them and picking up any litter, including shotgun shells.

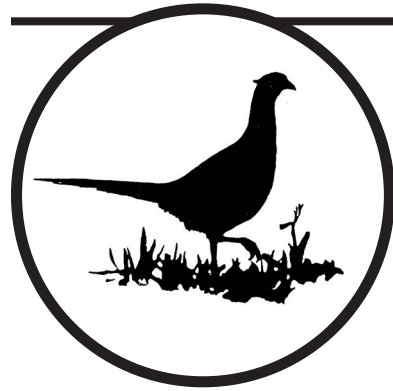
ODFW CONTACTS

Please direct questions or comments regarding UCAP to:

- ODFW Heppner District Office
(541) 676-5230
- ODFW The Dalles District Office
(541) 296-4628
- ODFW Upland Game Bird Coordinator
(503) 947-6323

Turn In Poachers: (800) 452-7888

UPLAND COOPERATIVE ACCESS PROGRAM



— a partnership between private landowners and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

What is the Upland Cooperative Access Program (UCAP)?

UCAP is an incentive-based program designed to provide quality public hunting opportunities for upland game birds on private lands in Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam and Morrow counties in the Columbia Basin.

How does UCAP work?

Landowners who want to participate in UCAP receive up to 50 cents per acre of suitable land to allow hunters access to that property for upland game bird hunting. Funding for the payments comes from sales of upland game bird stamps. Hunters who wish to hunt upland game birds on most UCAP lands must first contact the landowner to request permission to schedule a hunt. The landowners determine the number of hunters their property can accommodate and issue permission slips to hunters for use during certain periods.

What benefits does UCAP provide hunters?

Hunters gain access to diverse upland hunting experiences for pheasant, quail, chukar, partridge and grouse.

What benefits does UCAP provide landowners?

Landowners receive payment for allowing upland game bird hunting on their lands. ODFW provides landowners with all signs, permission slip booklets, patrolling and enforcement of the program rules. Landowners are relieved of liability issues related to UCAP.

How does UCAP benefit wildlife?

Many species of wildlife, particularly upland game birds, depend heavily on habitat and food from private farm, ranch and timber lands. The funds that landowners receive for participating in UCAP help maintain the needed habitats. Participating

landowners deserve recognition and thanks for their valuable role in producing much of the state's wildlife.

How do hunters locate UCAP properties?

Hunters must take the initiative to locate UCAP properties. General directions to UCAP properties, but NOT landowner phone numbers, are available at the district offices listed in this brochure. After hunters locate a UCAP property, they can use the name on the UCAP sign and the local phone book to contact the landowner and schedule a hunt. This extra effort ensures landowners that only responsible hunters are guests on their land.

All participating lands are clearly marked by one of the following signs. UCAP signs are posted all year to allow hunters the opportunity for pre-season scouting. Eighty-three percent of landowners provide “HUNTING WITH WRITTEN PERMISSION,” while seventeen percent of

landowners opt for “WELCOME TO HUNT.” It is unlawful to hunt or enter any posted area without a valid permission slip unless the area is posted as “WELCOME TO HUNT.”

