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**Supplemental
Public Correspondence Received as of
April 18, 2025**



Dear Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission,

The National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF) is an organization whose mission is dedicated to the conservation of the wild turkey, and the preservation of our hunting heritage. Since the NWTF's founding in 1973, our organization has worked with state fish and wildlife agencies to support hunter recruitment and retention, improve and enhance wild turkey habitat, create regulations that ensure sustainable hunter harvest, opportunity, and the long-term viability of wild turkey populations throughout North America. This level of engagement and partnership has led to robust wild turkey populations across the country, as well as active wild turkey hunting in 49 states.

The National Wild Turkey Federation would like to give our support to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's (ODFW) proposed changes to expand the fall wild turkey hunt boundary to include the Silves, Malheur River, Juniper and Steens Mt Wildlife Management units. The NWTF believes that these changes will allow for increased hunter opportunities in areas where wild turkey populations are above desired objectives and managers will be able to utilize hunting as a tool to minimize the impacts of turkey in these high turkey conflict areas.

The NWTF would also like to support the expansion of the beardless wild turkey permit hunt boundaries in the 3 areas proposed. This would allow hunting to be used as a management tool for population control and hazing in areas where there is an overabundance of turkey. This method will allow landowners to empower hunters to address the excess birds on their property, with the goal to remove reproductive females from the population. By expanding the boundaries, managers are able to continue the success and public acceptance of beardless permits in other high turkey-landowner conflict areas. The NWTF is also in support of allowing the fall turkey season in the expanded John Day Valley boundary on September 1. This would allow the season to align with the other existing John Day Valley units that also open up on Sept 1. This would prevent confusion from hunters in the area and would encourage archery hunters, who are already in the field, to harvest a turkey too.

The NWTF would also support beginning the beardless wild turkey permits to begin on October 1, rather than Nov 1. We believe this would be an effective way to manage wintering turkeys for landowners, who also face year-round problems with large wild turkey flocks.

However, the NWTF does ask that these season structures remain dynamic and driven through population trends data, as wild turkey populations (similar to all upland game bird population models) are in a constant state of fluidity and are heavily dependent on annual precipitation.

The NWTF would also like to commend the excellent staff within the ODFW's Upland Game Bird Program for continuing engagement in proposing wild turkey regulation, policy, and management.



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Thank you for your consideration.

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From: ken@riouisa.com <ken@riouisa.com>
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To: ODFW Commission * ODFW <odfw.commission@odfw.oregon.gov>
Subject: Bird Regulation Recommendations for 2025-2026

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1. Regulation: Safety glasses required to be worn by all youth under age 18, while upland hunting, or accompanying upland hunters in State Wildlife Areas. Safety glasses are recommended for all, but required for minors only.

Rationale: The advent of high density shot, ranging from 12g/cc-18g/cc has greatly increased the range and lethality of shot, compared to lead shot@11g/cc and steel [shot@7.4-7.8g/cc](#).

While this can be a very good thing for bagging birds/upland game, it becomes a safety issue, especially in Wildlife Areas, where hunter density is high and during upland hunting, when muzzles are aimed much lower than during waterfowl hunting.

Attached you'll see the ballistics from a Hevi shot reloading manual. The pages show that 12g/cc shot of sizes #4, #5, #6 will pierce human skin at ranges of 159-187yds!! And this is simply with the 12g/cc shot; shot is available and regularly used in the densities of 15g/cc and 18g/cc.

We restrict rifles in these areas and allow shotguns, because of their range and lethality; this seems to be a similar/analogous situation.

While it would be nearly impossible to regulate the shot used, it would be very easy to require youth to wear safety glasses and recommend that all hunters wear them, while upland hunting in State Wildlife Areas, as it's not uncommon to be shot at during the upland season.

2. Please allow crow hunting, at least during open bird seasons, so that we may shoot them while hunting. Crows are quite the opportunists and predators, when it comes to bird eggs and chicks. There was a time when there was much more open land to hunt crows and it was a more, regular activity. Lengthening the season would allow a few more crows to be taken and more of the other birds to live.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
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DOWNRANGE BALLISTICS OF HEVI-SHOT

[At Std. Sea-Level Conditions: Temp=59° F, Bar=29.54"]

**YOUR 12 GA 2 3/4 INCH LOAD CARRIES 156, #4 PELLETS
THIS 1 1/4 oz. LOAD HAS A 3 FT. VELOCITY OF 1350 FT/SEC.**

Choke is Improved Modified

DISTANCE FROM MUZZLE (yd)	AVERAGE PELLET VELOCITY (ft/sec)	TIME OF FLIGHT (sec)	AVERAGE PELLET ENERGY (ft-lb)
0	1413	-	15.49
10	1188	0.0232	10.96
15	1100	0.0364	9.39
20	1023	0.0505	8.13
25	957	0.0657	7.11
30	898	0.0819	6.26
35	846	0.0991	5.55
40	799	0.1173	4.95
45	756	0.1366	4.43
50	716	0.1570	3.98
55	680	0.1785	3.59
60	647	0.2011	3.25
65	616	0.2249	2.94
70	587	0.2499	2.67
75	559	0.2761	2.43
80	534	0.3035	2.21
85	510	0.3323	2.02
90	487	0.3624	1.84
95	465	0.3939	1.68
100	444	0.4269	1.53

Pellets from this load will pierce human skin out to 187 yards.

Important!!
Use extreme caution while shooting Hevi-shot. Remember Ultra Hevi-shot has measurably more retained velocity and energy. Know what's behind your target and beware of the location of other hunters!

DOWNRANGE BALLISTICS OF HEVI-SHOT

[At Std. Sea-Level Conditions: Temp=59° F, Bar=29.54"]

**YOUR 12 GA 2 3/4 INCH LOAD CARRIES 258, #6 PELLETS
THIS 1 1/4 oz. LOAD HAS A 3 FT. VELOCITY OF 1350 FT/SEC.**

Choke is Improved Modified

DISTANCE FROM MUZZLE (yd)	AVERAGE PELLET VELOCITY (ft/sec)	TIME OF FLIGHT (sec)	AVERAGE PELLET ENERGY (ft-lb)
0	1421	-	9.50
10	1161	0.0235	6.33
15	1062	0.0370	5.30
20	979	0.0517	4.50
25	907	0.0676	3.87
30	845	0.0848	3.36
35	789	0.1032	2.93
40	740	0.1228	2.57
45	695	0.1437	2.27
50	655	0.1659	2.02
55	618	0.1895	1.79
60	583	0.2145	1.60
65	552	0.2410	1.43
70	522	0.2689	1.28
75	495	0.2984	1.15
80	468	0.3296	1.03
85	444	0.3625	0.93
90	420	0.3972	0.83
95	398	0.4338	0.75
100	377	0.4725	0.67

Pellets from this load will pierce human skin out to 159 yards.

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DOWNRANGE BALLISTICS OF HEVI-SHOT

[At Std. Sea-Level Conditions: Temp=59° F, Bar=29.54"]

**YOUR 12 GA 2 3/4 INCH LOAD CARRIES 198, #5 PELLETS
THIS 1 1/4 oz. LOAD HAS A 3 FT. VELOCITY OF 1350 FT/SEC.**

Choke is Improved Modified

DISTANCE FROM MUZZLE (yd)	AVERAGE PELLET VELOCITY (ft/sec)	TIME OF FLIGHT (sec)	AVERAGE PELLET ENERGY (ft-lb)
0	1417	-	12.26
10	1176	0.0233	8.44
15	1082	0.0366	7.15
20	1003	0.0510	6.14
25	934	0.0666	5.32
30	873	0.0832	4.65
35	819	0.1009	4.10
40	771	0.1198	3.63
45	727	0.1398	3.23
50	687	0.1611	2.88
55	650	0.1835	2.58
60	617	0.2072	2.32
65	585	0.2322	2.09
70	556	0.2585	1.89
75	529	0.2861	1.71
80	503	0.3152	1.54
85	478	0.3459	1.40
90	455	0.3780	1.27
95	433	0.4117	1.15
100	412	0.4472	1.04

Pellets from this load will pierce human skin out to 173 yards.

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

My name is Galen Michael List. I am an avid wing shooter, dog trainer, and outdoorsman. I am submitting this statement on not only myself but for all hunters here in the state of Oregon who love wing shooting. It is well known that motorized decoys other than hand powered are not allowed in the field while hunting. However, I think it is time we as a state reconsider this for the lawful take and pursuit of doves. We have an ever-growing problem with invasive Eurasian collared doves. They tend to hang out close to structures and dwellings. Unless you have access to a property or feedlot, it is hard to get them to move away from structures. There is a solution that can benefit all of us. Motorized dove decoys such as those from Mojo or Lucky Duck not only work well but would allow hunters in this state to not only have a more successful hunt but help to mitigate an invasive species.

These birds are becoming so prevalent and so well established, that well known magazines such as Shooting Sportsman have written articles on the pursuit of these birds and how to modify commercially made motorized decoys with a little paint to actively hunt these birds.

The article is here: <https://shootingsportsman.com/the-urasian-invasion/>

If the state of Oregon would grant the use of these motorized dove decoys, the state would be providing a great way to introduce new hunters to hunting, provide a great year-round sport for existing hunters, and help to provide an extra means of combating the encroachment of a non-native species while helping our native dove species. Below are also links to such motorized decoy equipment.

- <https://mojooutdoors.com/product/mojo-elite-series-dove-decoy/>
- <https://mojooutdoors.com/product/mojo-dove-a-flickers/>

- <https://www.luckyduck.com/lucky-dove-hd/?srsltid=AfmBOoo1Mcx8MYt9f7iclZLc3cf3Kg2ioz645Vkdrv4jPgn7UTNZEg00>

I would like to thank the Commission for hearing and reviewing my statement and thoughts, and hope this helps to shed light on a beneficial solution for protecting our native wildlife.

Respectfully,

Galen Michael List