

Columbia Area –

Upland – Chukar and Pheasant numbers are down from previous years. The Pheasant numbers have been on a general decline over the last decade. Chukar numbers while lower than last year still has the opportunity to be a good year as we are still feeling the effects of the high numbers from the previous years, and some of the data is left out as not all the normal survey routes were able to be completed due to active fires in on around the survey routes.

Most of the pheasant populations in Sherman and Wasco County are on private land. There are a few pockets of pheasants on public land that can be found mostly on the John Day River. The Chukar populations can be found along the Deschutes and John Day Rivers. The terrain can be challenging but for those that are willing to hike it can pay off.

California quail are sparse, but good pockets can be found in the bottom of draws that supply both water and cover for them. Mountain Quail are found in higher elevations in both the Mt Hood National forest, Hood River County land, and Twin Creeks they are in low numbers but can be a challenging but fun hunt.