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Prairie Chicken Applications due Aug. 12

Hunters interested in chasing prairie chickens in October will need to have their applications in the mail and postmarked no later than Aug. 12.

The prairie grouse hunting season will be held Oct. 10-18 in portions of Grand Forks County (north unit) and in southeastern North Dakota (south unit). A total of 100 licenses – 50 in each unit – will be awarded to resident hunters again this year. Successful applicants will be able to take a total of two prairie chickens and a daily limit of three sharp-tailed grouse.

Only hunters with prairie chicken permits can hunt sharptails in the two zones, and sharptail hunting is not open outside the prairie chicken season.

To apply, hunters need to send a postcard with their name, address, phone number and choice of hunting unit (north or south) to Prairie Chicken Application, North Dakota Game and Fish Department, 100 N. Bismarck Expressway, Bismarck, N.D. 58501.

Only one application per postcard and one application per hunter is permitted. Successful applicants will be notified through the mail.

Hunting Guide and Outfitter Test Set for Aug. 22

The next guide and outfitter written examination is Aug. 22 at 1 p.m. at the North Dakota Game and Fish Department office in Bismarck. The test is given periodically to anyone interested in becoming a hunting guide or outfitter in the state.

In addition to passing a written exam, qualifications for becoming a guide include a background check for criminal and game and fish violations; certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and standard first aid; and employment by or contract with a licensed hunting outfitter.

Hunting outfitter eligibility requirements include the guide qualifications, as well as an individual must have held a hunting guide license for two years; and must have proof of liability insurance.

Interested individuals are required to preregister by calling the Game and Fish Department's enforcement office at 328-6604.