

# South Dakota

## 2010 LOWER OaHE WATERFOWL HUNTING GUIDE



# ***Will We Be Able To Hunt Here Next Year?***



The answer to that question is up to you as an individual hunter as well as all of us as a group.

You're probably wondering why there are controls and restrictions on how these new areas may be hunted. There are three main reasons:

First, in order to provide a quality hunting experience, it would be irresponsible for the department to just open these areas up as a "free-for-all" hunting area. That kind of an approach is simply unacceptable from both a department and the landowner's perspective.

Second, the limits and restrictions are designed to help keep the geese from being "blown out" from too much hunting pressure. Our objective is to provide good hunting opportunities through the end of the season.

The third reason may very well be the most important -- it's a step toward developing a sense of trust between hunters and landowners.

We'd like to have these areas available year after year, and add new ones if possible. The only way that will happen is if hunters abide by the guidelines that have been put in place. That means being considerate of the private land on which you'll be hunting, considerate of other hunters who share your excitement about the thrill of the hunt and considerate of the resource.

• **Hunting on private land is a privilege.** Along with any privilege comes responsibility. Stuff a plastic garbage sack in the pocket of your hunting coat before you go and pack litter out when you're done. Picking up after yourself and keeping these areas clean of litter, including empty shotgun shells, is one way of showing your respect and appreciation for the opportunity to hunt. It will also go a long way toward improving the chances of having this kind of hunting opportunity in the future.

• **Be considerate of other hunters.** Each area has guidelines to prevent overcrowding. Part of any hunt is pure luck, and even the most experienced hunters can have some bad luck. If someone else is having success but the birds seem to be staying just out of your range, just relax and learn as much as you can. You're not in competition with anybody here, and seeing others have a good hunt can be just as fulfilling as having a good hunt yourself.

• **Respect for the resource.** The birds in this case are a little more difficult to explain. Weather conditions and feeding patterns are all part of the hunt. On days when the birds are coming out high, just let them go and wait for the next flight or another day. There's no point in getting frustrated and start "skybusting" or taking long shots at geese that are out of range. Skybusting will only result in causing later flights of geese to fly at even greater heights. Taking long shots can also cause crippling or wounding of geese, which shows no respect for the birds.

• **If the birds aren't close enough to make a clean kill, don't shoot.** In most cases, 45 to 50 yards is the maximum range for a clean kill on a goose. The best way to estimate the distance is before you hunt. Use life-size flying decoys and learn to visualize and judge distance based on the size of the decoy at various distances. Then apply that same principle when you're out hunting.

In order for these privileges and opportunities to continue, a lot of responsibility is resting on you and your fellow hunters.

# LITTERING

*You Pack It In You Pack it Out*

Littering is not only unsightly, ugly and terrible-it is **ILLEGAL**. These areas were created by joint cooperation between **LANDOWNERS, GAME, FISH & PARKS, AND HUNTERS** like you. It produces a bad image for all waterfowl hunters when hunters leave empty shotgun hulls, soft drink cans, candy wrappers, or cleanings from their birds. Nobody wants garbage thrown on their front lawn, so **PLEASE** do your part and help control the litter. Do not clean or pick birds on the area or in the road rights-of-way.

To keep this joint venture a success and to ensure future hunting access,

we need to remember to **PACK IT OUT!**

It will be assumed that the last hunter in the area was responsible for any abandoned litter left to blow in the wind. Citations will be issued to hunters who leave litter, and they will be asked to leave the area. **REMEMBER**, if you can carry it in--you can carry it out.

Hunting is a privilege. Let's not spoil the sport with uncaring and careless attitudes. We can all enjoy the hunt by keeping these areas clean, while setting a good example for our fellow hunters.

**HAVE A SAFE, LITTER-FREE, AND GOOD HUNTING EXPERIENCE.**

## Farming Operations

As you hunt, please remember that farming operations and activities will continue on these areas. The landowners participating in the program have agreed to allow public waterfowl hunting access, but also need to maintain their farming procedures. There may be times when farm machinery, ATVs, or pickups will travel through the fields to complete daily farm work.

Livestock may also be on portions of access units. If you encounter livestock near pits/blinds or shooting strips, you may still cautiously hunt there (**please note, this DOES NOT apply to road rights-of-way where you must be 660 feet from buildings or livestock**).

As responsible hunters, we need to be patient and tolerate any slight interruptions as the landowner will be quick and efficient in completing their task. Under joint cooperation among landowners, GFP, and hunters, it is the intent of all involved to give the waterfowl hunter better opportunities for a quality hunt.

Please do not block gates, crowd roads or hamper any normal farming operations. Being courteous and respectful will help ensure the future of hunting in these areas in particular and build good relations with private landowners.

Thanks for your cooperation.



Questions or comments about hunting on all of these areas should be sent to:

**Game, Fish & Parks  
Lower Oahe Access Plan  
20641 SD Hwy 1806  
Fort Pierre, SD 57532-6100.**

## Unarmed Retrieval

Unarmed retrieval of downed birds is permitted.

Small game, including waterfowl, when shot in a lawful place may be retrieved from private property if the person is unarmed and does not use a vehicle. Retrieval should be in a direct line to and from the downed bird. The retrieval of downed birds should be immediate unless a delayed retrieval would substantially reduce disturbance to other hunters or persons using that property. The person retrieving game is liable civilly for any damages his retrieval may cause.

Please be considerate of other hunters and landowners by minimizing intrusion onto private lands.

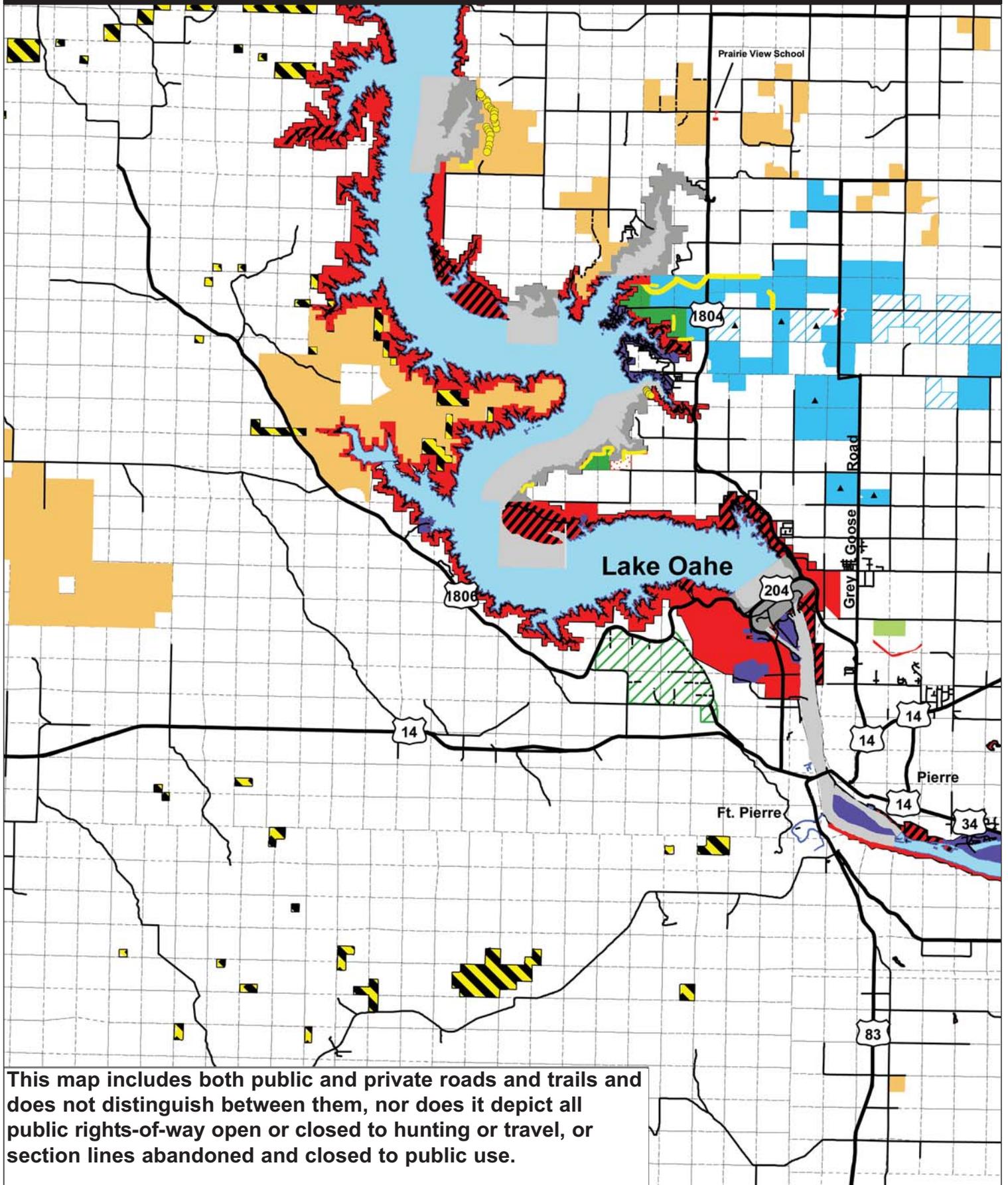
## Laser Rangefinders

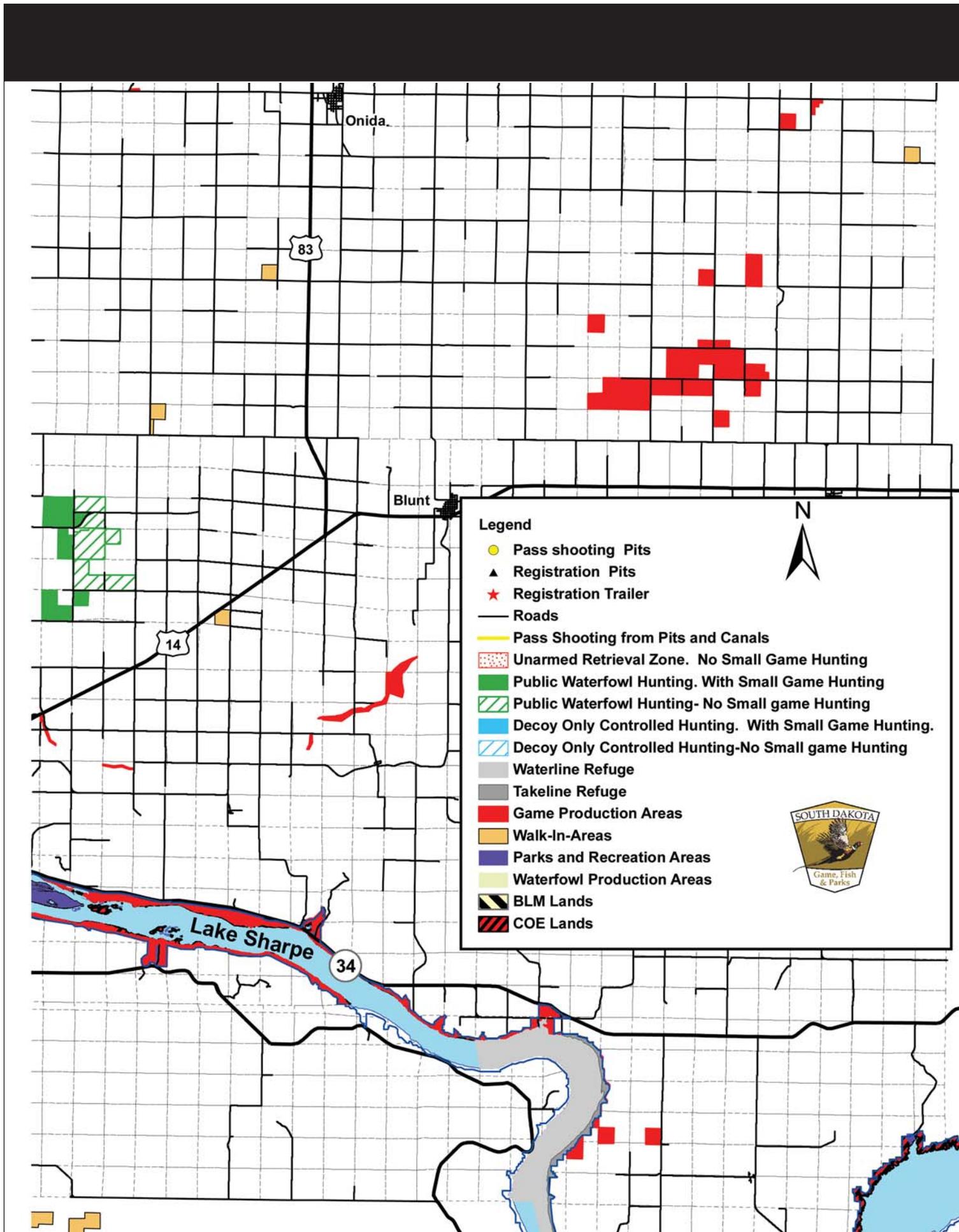
Game, Fish and Parks will have a limited number of laser rangefinders available on a first-come, first-served basis to assist hunters in estimating range of waterfowl. Rangefinders can be checked out from the Sheehan Unit registration site or from Game, Fish and Parks regional offices in Rapid City, Chamberlain, Sioux Falls and Watertown.

Availability of rangefinders will be limited and several days of advance notice is recommended. Some form of identification will be required to check out rangefinders. Hunters are expected to return them within a few business days after hunting and will be responsible for any damage to a rangefinder.

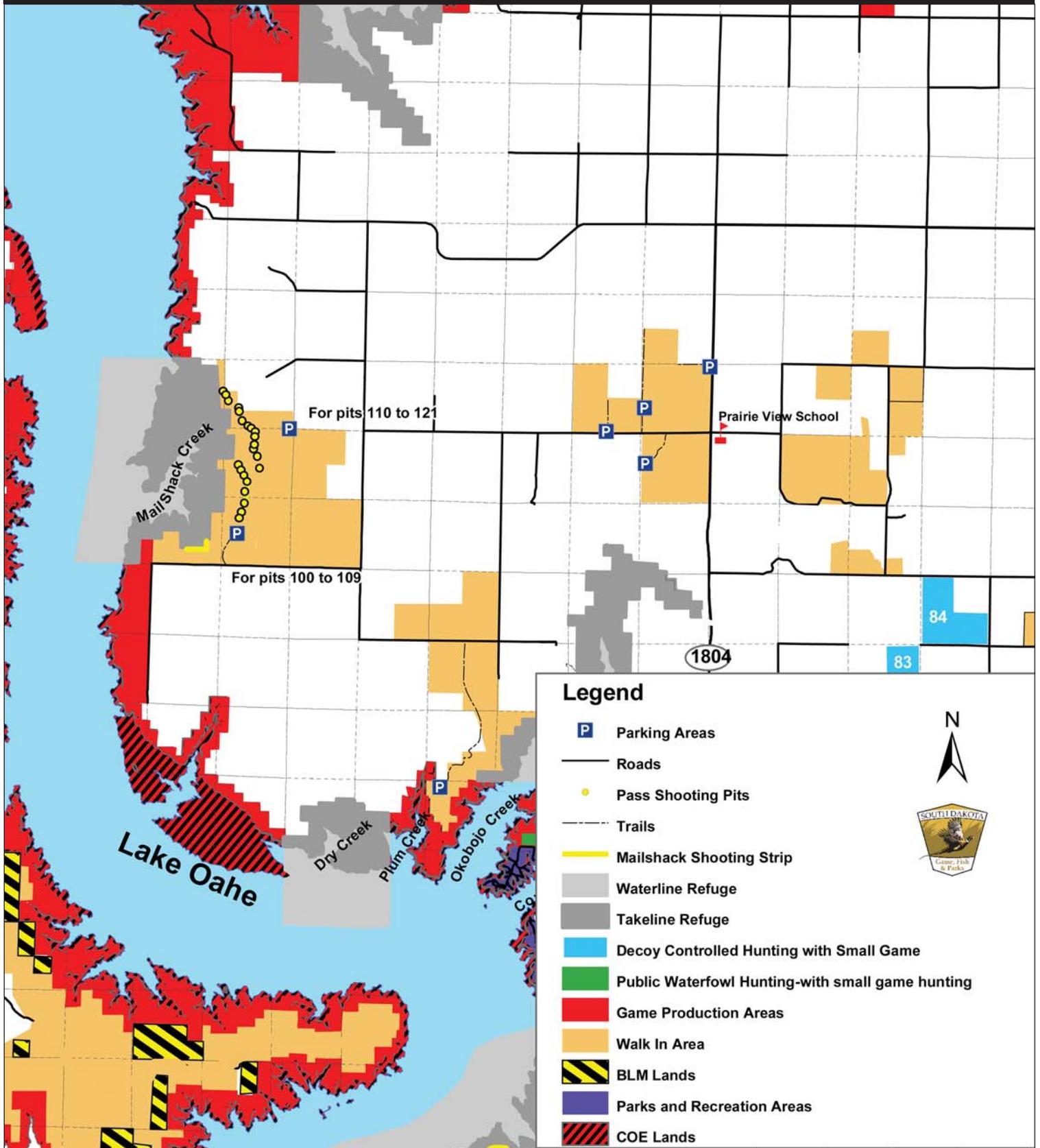
Rangefinders will be available during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 4 p.m.) Monday through Friday. Office numbers are Sheehan Unit, 605-264-5380; Rapid City, 605-394-2391; Chamberlain, 605-734-6691; Sioux Falls, 605-362-2700; Watertown, 605-882-5200.

# HUNTING ACCESS OVERVIEW





# MAIL SHACK CREEK AREA



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## Zimmerman/Mail Shack Creek Area

### Zimmerman Unit - Pass-Shooting from Pits/Blinds Area **Thick Yellow Coded Dots on Map**

- There are 22 designated and marked pits in the grassland overlooking Mail Shack Bay available on a first-come, first-served basis each day.
- Except for the designated pits in the grassland, this entire Walk-In Area is open to the hunting of all game birds and animals without special restriction. Waterfowl may be hunted anywhere in the cropland portion of the Walk-In Area with or without decoys.
- In the grassland, all waterfowl hunters must be within the designated pits while hunting and no one is allowed outside of the pit, except when retrieving downed birds.
- Only one pit per party of hunters is allowed. A group of hunters arriving at the unit together in one vehicle will be considered one party. One person alone cannot hold a pit. In cases where only one hunter is occupying a pit, another hunter can join that hunter in the pit. Pits have a minimum occupancy of two hunters, with a maximum party size of four hunters.
- Since the location of some pits may be difficult to find in the dark, it is recommended that hunters scout the area prior to hunting. Approximate GPS coordinates for the pits are provided in the back of this guide as a secondary way to find the pits.
- Following harvest of the crops, additional pits/blinds may be provided in the cropland. If pits/blinds are added, directional signs will be erected and the pits/blinds will be marked.

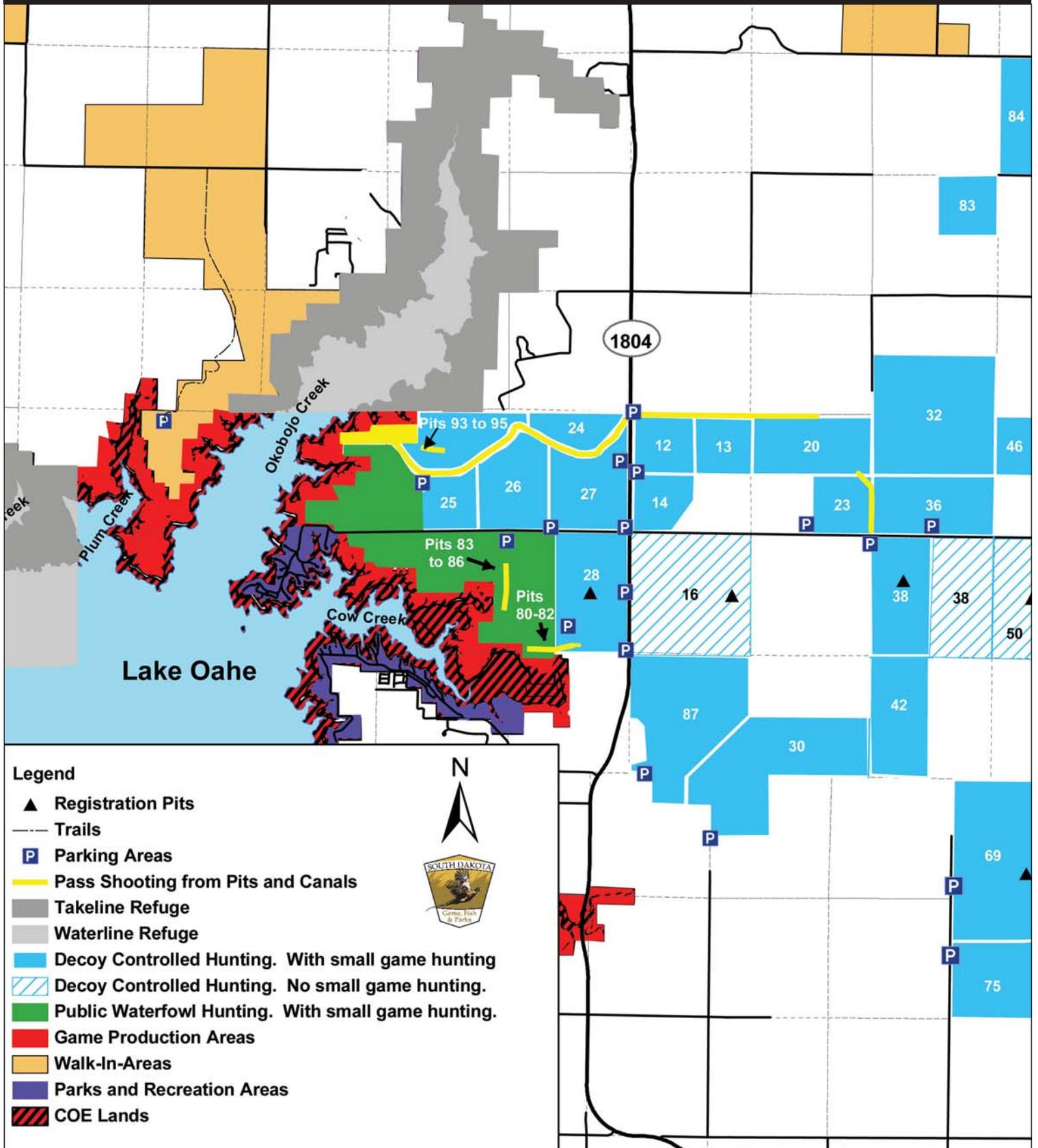
### Mail Shack Creek Unit - Pass-Shooting Strip **Thick Yellow Coded Lines on Map**

- Shooting strip is 33 feet wide on Game, Fish and Parks land only.
- Birds downed on the adjacent private property may only be picked up through unarmed retrieval.
- Access trail is restricted to foot traffic only-no vehicles.

### General Rules

- No "skybusting." Please refer to the "Skybusting" section on page 23.
- NO LITTERING! Please remove all trash, including empty shotgun shells. Do not clean or pick birds on the area or in the road rights-of-way. Hunters are responsible for removing all litter, including empty shotgun shells.
- All vehicles must park in designated areas or safely along roads/section lines.
- Foot traffic only into the pits.
- Hunters should watch for livestock in the adjacent pastures. Be extra careful when livestock are present.
- A limited number of laser rangefinders will be available for check out on a first-come, first-served basis. See page 3 for more details.
- Special accommodations for handicapped hunters can be made by calling 605-264-5380 at least one day before hunting; however, several days advance notice is recommended.

# OKOBOJO/COW CREEK AREA



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# Okobojo/Cow Creek Area

## Public Waterfowl Hunting Unit - No Registration Required Fields

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- Waterfowl hunting is allowed anywhere within the marked field boundaries.
- Use of decoys is strongly encouraged. No blinds or pits are provided.
- Pass-shooting is permitted, but should be restricted to the field borders and fence lines.
- Be considerate of hunters who are already in the field when you arrive.
- **Upland game hunting is allowed anywhere within the green field boundaries until the geese arrive.** Rules regarding use are similar to the rules governing upland game hunting on the Sheehan Unit. See page 11 for additional details.
- **No big game hunting is allowed in this unit.**

## Pass Shooting from Pits & Canal Shooting Strip

**Thick Yellow Coded Lines on Map**

- Only one pit per party of hunters will be allowed. A group of hunters arriving at the unit together in one vehicle will be considered one party. One hunter alone cannot hold a pit. In cases where one hunter is occupying a pit, another hunter can join that hunter in the pit. Pits have a minimum occupancy of two hunters, with a maximum party size of four hunters.
- All hunters must be in a GFP numbered pit or the marked Canal Shooting Strip while hunting, except when retrieving birds.
- Since the location of some pits may be difficult to find in the dark, it is recommended that hunters scout the area prior to hunting. Approximate GPS coordinates for the pits are provided in the back of this guide as a secondary way to find the pits.
- Pits are available on a first-come, first-serve basis each day.
- Hunting is allowed over standing water in the canal, with or without decoys.
- Unarmed retrieval of downed birds in the field is permitted.
- **No big game hunting is allowed in this unit.**

## Registration, Drawing Process & Field Assignments for Decoy-Only Units

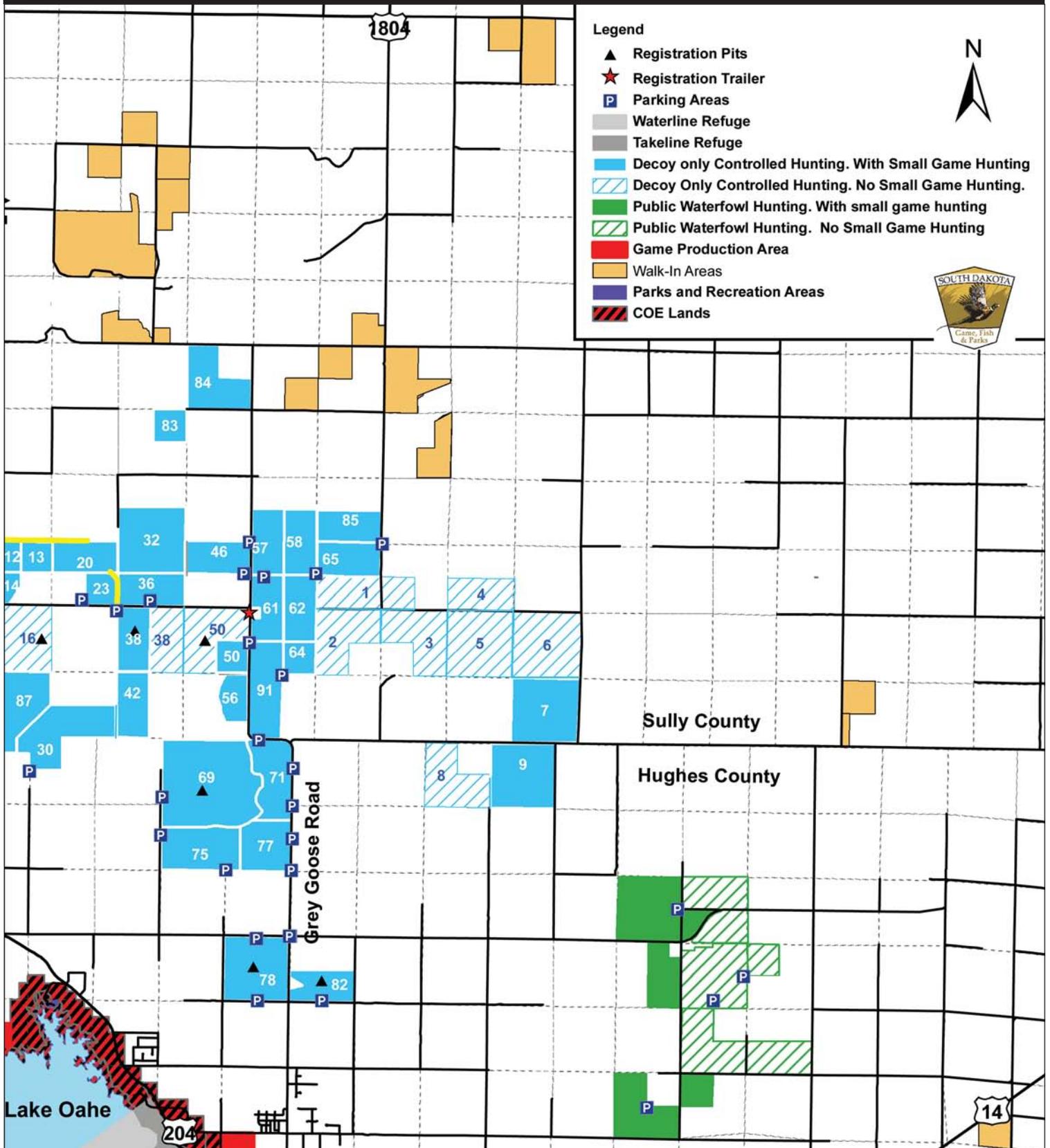
**Solid & Striped Blue Shapes on Map**

- Registration site is a GFP trailer just south of the JES Farm headquarters. The site is along Grey Goose Road, two miles north of the Hughes County line OR four miles east of Highway 1804 from Okobojo Point turnoff.
- Tentatively, the registration site will be open beginning October 31, 2010. Daily registration is required. A random drawing will be conducted each morning to determine the order in which a hunting party can choose a field. Opening of the registration site may be changed depending the arrival of the geese.
- Registration of hunting parties closes EXACTLY ONE HOUR before sunrise each day.
- Registration forms will be provided at the site. Each hunting group must designate one person to handle registration and provide information regarding the other hunters in their group.
- **EACH HUNTER MUST HAVE THEIR LICENSE WITH THEM IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR REGISTRATION!**
- Hunting groups are limited to no more than six hunters.
- Field shooting over decoys only. GFP decoys available for checkout. See pg 18 for details.
- Decoy-only field hunting area will be closed on December 25, 2010.
- Hunters must remain within their decoy spread while hunting. Pass-shooting outside the decoy spread is not allowed in any of the registration fields.
- The phone number for the registration shack is 605-264-5380. **NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED BY TELEPHONE!** This phone number will have recorded outgoing information only and to assist with accommodations for handicapped hunters.
- **In striped blue shapes on the map, waterfowl hunting only. No upland or big game is allowed.**
- **Upland game hunting is allowed in solid blue areas on the map. See page 11 for additional rules.**

## General Rules

- No "skybusting." Please refer to the "Skybusting" section on page 23.
- **NO LITTERING!** Please remove all trash, including empty shotgun shells. Do not clean or pick birds on the area or in the road rights-of-way. Hunters are responsible for removing all litter, including empty shotgun shells.
- All vehicles must park in designated areas or safely along roads/section lines.
- Foot traffic only into the pits.
- Hunters should watch for livestock in the adjacent pastures. Be extra careful when livestock are present.
- A limited number of laser rangefinders will be available for check out on a first-come, first-served basis. See page 3 for more details.
- Special accommodations for handicapped hunters can be made by calling 605-264-5380 at least one day before hunting; however, several days advance notice is recommended.

# SHEEHAN WATERFOWL HUNTING AREA



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# General Rules for Okobojo/Cow Creek & Sheehan Decoy-Only Waterfowl Hunting Units

## Registration, Drawing Process & Field Assignments for Decoy-Only Units **Solid and Striped Blue Shapes on Map**

- Registration site is a GFP trailer just south of the JES Farm headquarters. The site is along Grey Goose Road, two miles north of the Hughes County line OR four miles east of Highway 1804 from Okobojo Point turnoff.
- Tentatively, the registration site will be open beginning October 31, 2010. Daily registration is required. A random drawing will be conducted each morning to determine the order in which a hunting party can choose a field. Opening of the registration site may be changed depending the arrival of the geese.
- Registration of hunting parties closes EXACTLY ONE HOUR before sunrise each day.
- Registration forms will be provided at the site. Each hunting group must designate one person to handle registration and provide information regarding the other hunters in their group.
- EACH HUNTER MUST HAVE THEIR LICENSE WITH THEM IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR REGISTRATION!
- Hunting groups are limited to no more than six hunters.
- Field shooting over decoys only. GFP decoys available for checkout. See pg 16 for details.
- Shooting hours in these fields begin each day one half hour before sunrise until sunset for the entire season.
- Decoy-only field hunting area will be closed on December 25, 2010.
- Hunters must remain within their decoy spread while hunting. Pass-shooting outside the decoy spread is not allowed in any of the registration fields.
- The phone number for the registration shack is 605-264-5380. NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED BY TELEPHONE! This phone number will have recorded outgoing information only and to assist with accommodations for handicapped hunters.
- **In striped blue shapes on the map, waterfowl hunting only. No upland or big game is allowed.**

## Public Waterfowl Hunting Unit - No Registration Required **Striped Green Shapes on Map**

- Waterfowl hunting is allowed anywhere within the marked field boundaries.
- Use of decoys is strongly encouraged. No pits or blinds are provided.
- Pass-shooting is permitted, but should be limited to the field borders.
- Fields are not divided into smaller hunting units. Choice locations will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Be considerate of hunters already in the field when arriving and leaving. Don't crowd other hunting parties using the area.
- **No upland or big game hunting is allowed in these fields.**
- Designated access trails in this unit are for dropping off equipment only. Driving on the trails for other purposes (such as scouting) is prohibited.

## Additional Rules for the Sheehan Decoy-Only Unit

(Applicable to Shapes on Map)

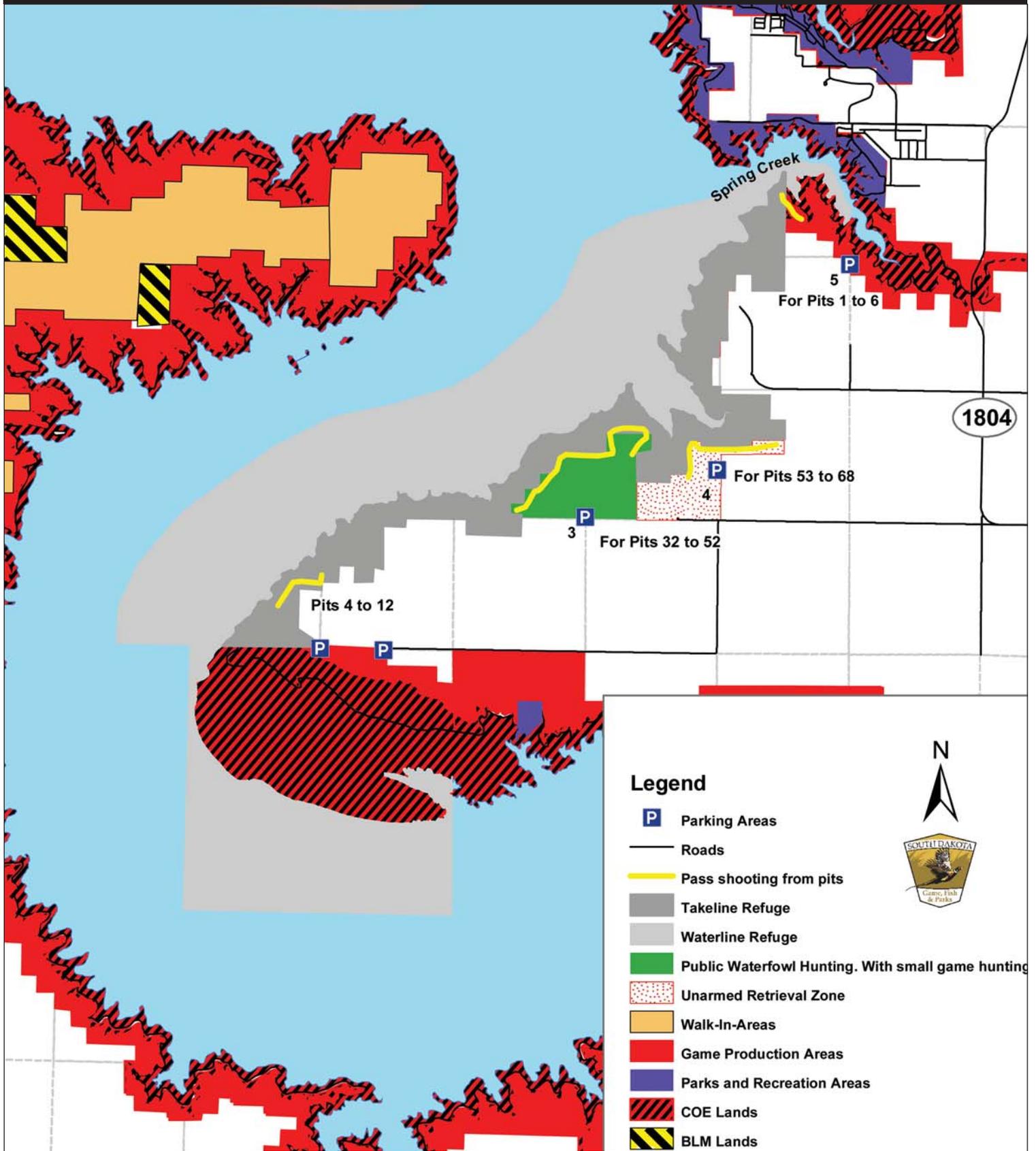
**Solid Blue** and **Solid Green**

- **Upland game may be hunted in these solid colored units when the goose hunters or farm machinery are not occupying the field.** Upland game hunting may begin during the normal shooting times for pheasant during the early, youth and regular pheasant seasons and will be open daily until the geese arrive. Hunters can find information on geese arrival from the message board posted outside of the registration trailer, from the outgoing message on the phone at the registration site, and from the GFP internet site ([www.sdgfp.info/Index.htm](http://www.sdgfp.info/Index.htm)). Upland game hunting will be closed until the geese leave the area or until the end of the small game season, which ever is first. Upland game hunters may only park in designated areas and drive on designated trails only. Please don't block the gates or trails.
- **No big game hunting is allowed in this unit.**

## General Rules

- No "skybusting." Please refer to the "Skybusting" section on page 23.
- NO LITTERING! Please remove all trash, including empty shotgun shells. Do not clean or pick birds on the area or in the road rights-of-way. Hunters are responsible for removing all litter, including empty shotgun shells.
- All vehicles must park in designated areas or safely along roads/section lines.
- Foot traffic only into the pits.
- Hunters should watch for livestock in the adjacent pastures. Be extra careful when livestock are present.
- A limited number of laser rangefinders will be available for check out on a first-come, first-served basis. See page 3 for more details.
- Special accommodations for handicapped hunters can be made by calling 605-264-5380 at least one day before hunting; however, several days advance notice is recommended.

# PEORIA FLATS/NYSTROM BAY AREA



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## Peoria Flats/Nystrom Bay/Spring Creek Area

### Pass Shooting from Pits/Blinds Areas

**Thick Yellow Lines on Map**

- Only one pit/blind per party of hunters will be allowed. A group of hunters arriving at the unit together in one vehicle will be considered one party. One person alone cannot hold a pit/blind. In cases where only one hunter is occupying a pit/blind, another hunter can join that hunter in the pit/blind. Pits/blinds have a minimum occupancy of two hunters, with a maximum party size of four hunters.
- All hunters must be within a numbered pit/blind designated by GFP while hunting and no one is allowed outside of the pit/blind, except when retrieving birds.
- Pits/blinds are available on a first-come, first-served basis each day.
- Since the location of some pits may be difficult to find in the dark, it is recommended that hunters scout the area prior to hunting. Approximate GPS coordinates for the pits are provided in the back of this guide as a secondary way to find the pits.
- Unarmed retrieval only of downed birds.
- No upland game or big game hunting is allowed in the red dotted unarmed retrieval zone.
- Access to the pits east of Parking Lot #4 is limited to foot-travel along the east-west fence line. Please do not cut across the field to get to the pits.

### Public Waterfowl Hunting Unit - No Registration Required Fields

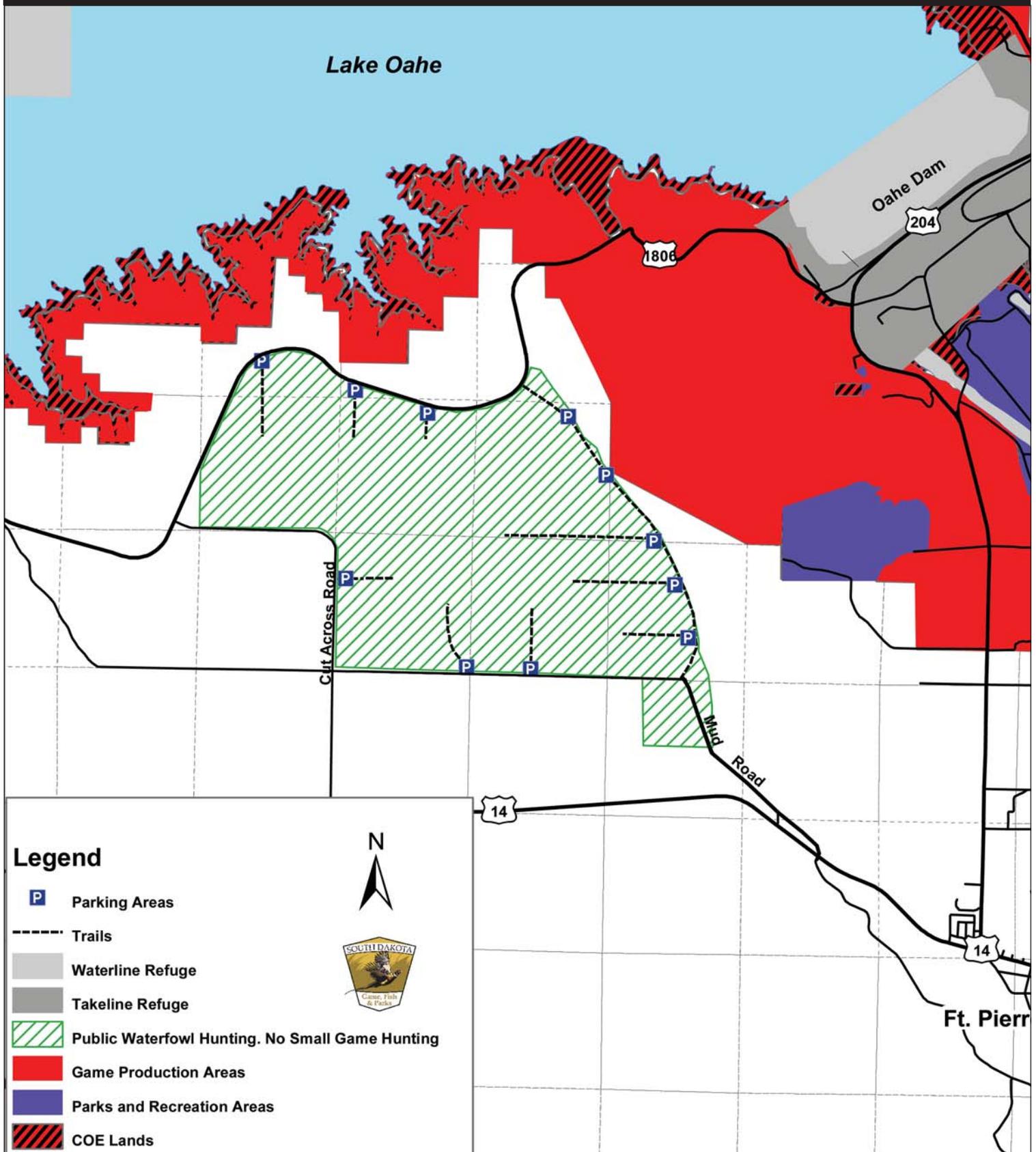
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- Waterfowl hunting is allowed anywhere within the marked field boundaries.
- Use of decoys is strongly encouraged. No blinds or pits are provided.
- Pass-shooting is permitted, but should be restricted to the field borders and fence lines.
- Be considerate of hunters who are already in the field when you arrive.
- **Upland game hunting is allowed anywhere within the green field boundaries until the geese arrive. Rules regarding use are similar to the rules governing upland game hunting on the Sheehan Unit. See page 11 for additional details.**
- **No big game hunting is allowed in this unit.**

## General Rules

- No "skybusting." Please refer to the "Skybusting" section on page 23.
- **NO LITTERING!** Please remove all trash, including empty shotgun shells. Do not clean or pick birds on the area or in the road rights-of-way. Hunters are responsible for removing all litter, including empty shotgun shells.
- All vehicles must park in designated areas or safely along roads/section lines.
- Foot traffic only into the pits.
- Hunters should watch for livestock in the adjacent pastures. Be extra careful when livestock are present.
- A limited number of laser rangefinders will be available for check out on a first-come, first-served basis. See page 3 for more details.
- Special accommodations for handicapped hunters can be made by calling 605-264-5380 at least one day before hunting; however, several days advance notice is recommended.

# STANLEY COUNTY WATERFOWL AREA



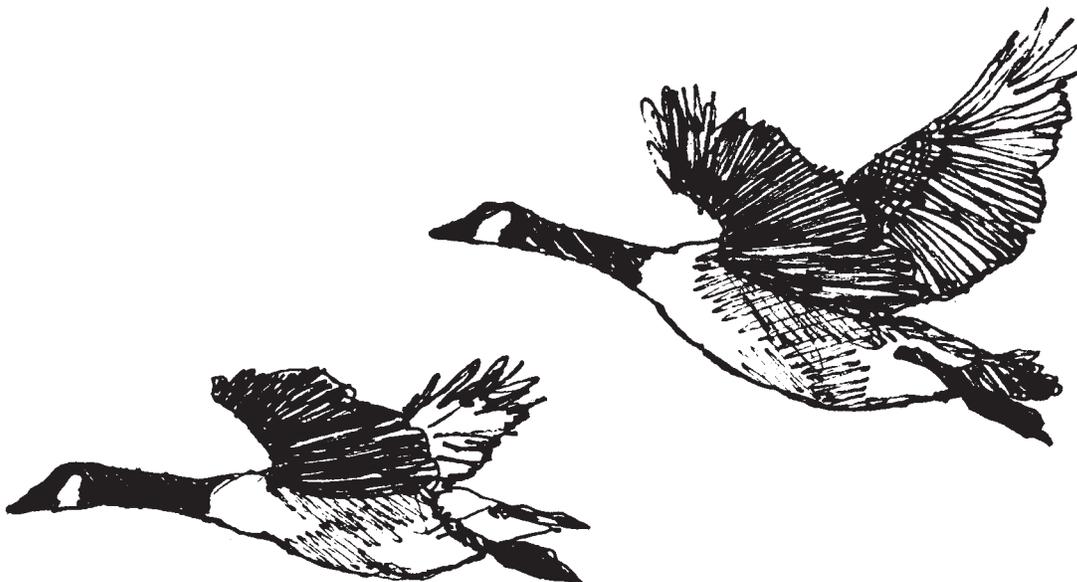
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## Stanley County Waterfowl Area - No Registration Required Striped Green Shapes on Map

- Waterfowl hunting is allowed anywhere within the marked field boundaries.
- Use of decoys is strongly encouraged. No blinds or pits are provided.
- Pass-shooting is permitted, but should be limited to the field borders.
- Fields are not divided into smaller hunting units. Choice locations will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Be considerate of hunters already in the field when arriving and leaving. Don't crowd other hunting parties using the area.
- No upland or big game hunting is allowed in this unit.
- Designated access trails in this unit are for dropping off equipment only. Driving on the trails for other purposes (such as scouting) is prohibited.

### General Rules

- No "skybusting." Please refer to the "Skybusting" section on page 23.
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# GPS COORDINATES-ZIMMERMAN UNIT PITS

Pit Number	Latitude		Longitude	
	Degrees	Minutes*	Degrees	Minutes*
100	44	38.65	- 100	35.02
101	44	39.71	- 100	35.01
102	44	38.81	- 100	34.95
103	44	38.96	- 100	34.95
104	44	39.09	- 100	34.93
105	44	39.17	- 100	34.97
106	44	39.23	- 100	35.03
107	44	39.30	- 100	35.07
108	44	39.25	- 100	34.70
109	44	39.41	- 100	34.74
110	44	39.51	- 100	34.81
111	44	39.55	- 100	34.80
112	44	39.65	- 100	34.80
113	44	39.72	- 100	34.80
114	44	39.76	- 100	34.87
115	44	39.79	- 100	34.92
116	44	39.85	- 100	35.02
117	44	39.96	- 100	35.08
118	44	40.01	- 100	35.09
119	44	40.09	- 100	35.27
120	44	40.17	- 100	35.32
121	44	40.21	- 100	35.37

\*Most GPS units read in degrees and decimal minutes (as shown in the above table). If your GPS unit reads in units of decimal degrees, then divide the minutes by 60 and add to the degrees. For example, if the table says 44 degrees and 38.65 minutes, you would divide 38.65 by 60 to get 0.644167. You would then add that number to 44 to get decimal degrees of 44.644167.

If your GPS unit reads in units of degrees, minutes, and seconds, you would multiply the decimal portion of the minutes by 60. For example, if the table says 44 degrees and 38.65 minutes, you would multiply .65 by 60 to get 39. So the reading in degrees, minutes, and seconds would be 44 degrees, 38 minutes and 39 seconds.

**These GPS locations are approximate. Depending on the calibration of your GPS receiver, the final reading may differ slightly (+/- .05 minutes). For that reason, Game, Fish & Parks recommends daylight scouting of these areas prior to hunting.**

# GPS Coordinates - Cow Creek & Okobojo Area Pits

Pit Number	Latitude		Longitude	
	Degrees	Minutes*	Degrees	Minutes*
80	44	33.84	- 100	27.26
81	44	33.73	- 100	27.47
82	44	33.72	- 100	27.75
83	44	34.12	- 100	27.96
84	44	34.18	- 100	27.96
85	44	34.28	- 100	27.97
86	44	34.35	- 100	27.97
93	44	35.15	- 100	28.92
94	44	35.15	- 100	28.76
95	44	35.14	- 100	28.61

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# GPS Coordinates - Nystrom Bay Unit Pits

Pit Number	Latitude		Longitude	
	Degrees	Minutes*	Degrees	Minutes*
4	44	29.63	- 100	33.49
5	44	29.66	- 100	33.45
6	44	29.70	- 100	33.40
7	44	29.76	- 100	33.42
8	44	29.78	- 100	33.36
9	44	29.77	- 100	33.30
10	44	29.77	- 100	33.21
11	44	29.80	- 100	33.12
12	44	29.82	- 100	33.04
32	44	30.27	- 100	31.29
33	44	30.30	- 100	31.22
34	44	30.35	- 100	31.16
35	44	30.41	- 100	31.14
36	44	30.42	- 100	31.08
37	44	30.47	- 100	31.05
38	44	30.50	- 100	30.99
39	44	30.56	- 100	30.96
40	44	30.60	- 100	30.89
41	44	30.59	- 100	30.86
42	44	30.58	- 100	30.74
43	44	30.60	- 100	30.67
44	44	30.64	- 100	30.64
45	44	30.73	- 100	30.57
46	44	30.76	- 100	30.51
47	44	30.79	- 100	30.46
48	44	30.83	- 100	30.37
49	44	30.77	- 100	30.30
50	44	30.69	- 100	30.29
51	44	30.60	- 100	30.34
52	44	30.48	- 100	30.48
53	44	30.59	- 100	29.62
54	44	30.64	- 100	29.66
55	44	30.69	- 100	29.70
56	44	30.78	- 100	29.77
57	44	30.74	- 100	29.76
58	44	30.78	- 100	29.69
59	44	30.76	- 100	29.68
60	44	30.74	- 100	29.62
61	44	30.70	- 100	29.54
62	44	30.65	- 100	29.49
63	44	30.67	- 100	29.47
64	44	30.69	- 100	29.43
65	44	32.69	- 100	29.29
66	44	30.69	- 100	29.21
67	44	30.69	- 100	29.12
68	44	30.69	- 100	29.03
Spring Creek 1	44	32.19	- 100	28.74
Spring Creek 2	44	32.25	- 100	28.75
Spring Creek 3	44	32.29	- 100	28.81
Spring Creek 4	44	32.31	- 100	28.85
Spring Creek 5	44	32.35	- 100	28.88
Spring Creek 6	44	32.37	- 100	28.92

\*Most GPS units read in degrees and decimal minutes (as shown in the above table). If your GPS unit reads in units of decimal degrees, then divide the minutes by 60 and add to the degrees. For example, if the table says 44 degrees and 38.65 minutes, you would divide 38.65 by 60 to get 0.644167. You would then add that number to 44 to get decimal degrees of 44.644167.

If your GPS unit reads in units of degrees, minutes, and seconds, you would multiply the decimal portion of the minutes by 60. For example, if the table says 44 degrees and 38.65 minutes, you would multiply .65 by 60 to get 39. So the reading in degrees, minutes, and seconds would be 44 degrees, 38 minutes and 39 seconds.

**These GPS locations are approximate. Depending on the calibration of your GPS receiver, the final reading may differ slightly (+/- .05 minutes). For that reason, Game, Fish & Parks recommends daylight scouting of these areas prior to hunting.**

**Weekly updates on current conditions and goose movements in the Pierre area will be posted on the department webpage at [www.gfp.sd.gov/hunting/waterfowl](http://www.gfp.sd.gov/hunting/waterfowl) once the geese arrive this fall.**

**BEWARE OF FIRE DANGER!**

The Department of Game, Fish & Parks, along with landowners around the state, are nursing valuable forage and croplands through a season of extremely dry conditions. Your respect for the land and the landowners that provide bountiful game for hunting will be a great service to us and will pay dividends for you throughout the hunting season. Here are a few simple steps we ask you to take this hunting season to prevent fires:

1. If you are hunting on private land, check with the landowner well in advance of your hunt to ascertain hunting conditions and stipulations the landowner might have to protect his property. Respect those stipulations!
2. Walk, don't drive. Walking is the essence of a good hunt and leaving your vehicle at an established parking area will reduce the potential for fire. Never park your vehicle over dry vegetation.
3. Carry water and basic firefighting equipment with you. Equipment can include a shovel, heavy tarp or rug for smothering a fire, hoe, and axe.
4. Do not smoke. If you do smoke, do so within your vehicle and extinguish cigarettes using an ashtray.
5. Carry a cell phone and know the phone number for the local fire department.

**DECOYS AVAILABLE FOR DECOY-ONLY REGISTRATION FIELDS:**

For those hunters who do not own decoys but would like to experience the waterfowl hunting opportunities provided through this program, the Division of Wildlife has decoys available to loan free of charge. As a service agency, Game, Fish and Parks recognized the need to provide hunters without access to decoys an opportunity to experience the thrill of decoying geese. The Division of Wildlife has acquired 10 dozen shell field decoys to loan to hunters first come-first serve who do not own decoys or do not have decoys available to them.

The rules for using the Department-loaned decoys are simple. On a daily basis, hunters who do not own decoys may check out up to 2 dozen decoys for use that day in the field they are registered for. After the hunt for that day is over, the decoys are then returned to the east side of the goose registration trailer where a decoy return box is located. Simply open a door to the box, place the decoys in a box, close the door and lock with a padlock.

It is the goal of Game, Fish and Parks to make the decoy-only fields available to everyone, and the purchase of these decoys will help us come closer to achieving this goal.



## Additional Waterfowl Hunting Opportunity is Available for Boat Access on Game Production Areas/Waterfowl Production Areas

This listing of GFP Game Production Areas (GPA) and USFWS Waterfowl Production Areas (WPA) was prepared to help sportsmen/women locate public lands that were enhanced to make waterfowl hunting more accessible for boat and waterside hunting. This is by no means an exhaustive list. There are several other GPAs and WPAs throughout eastern South Dakota where good access can be found from existing features.

Since many of the areas identified in the list below contained unimproved trails for launching boats, hunters are advised to limit their travel when conditions are excessively wet. Failure to do so, could result in closure of the trail during the current and future waterfowl seasons.

The locations of the GPAs and WPAs are of a general nature in order to find the GPA or WPA. The location description were not meant to find the exact location of the designated trail. Most tracts of land are fairly small and hunters should start looking for the designated trail near the road frontages. Also, some trails might not be finished by the early waterfowl seasons, so hunters are asked to be patient while these trails are prepared and designated.

READ AND KNOW THE RULES! CONSULT YOUR 2009 HUNTING HANDBOOK FOR CURRENT WATERFOWL HUNTING REGULATIONS!

NAME	TYPE	ACRES	LOCATION
AURORA COUNTY			
Humphrey	WPA	666	4N White Lake
Sorenson	WPA	622	4S, 3W Plankinton
BEADLE COUNTY			
Bauer	WPA	800	5W, 1N Iroquois
Shoemaker	WPA	120	5W, ¼N Wolsey
Ta-Hohpi	WPA	742	9W Huron
BENNETT COUNTY			
Todd Dam	GPA	2720	5S, ½E Martin
BON HOMME COUNTY			
Schaeffer	WPA	151	5N, 1E Avon
BROOKINGS COUNTY			
Brush Lake	WPA	638	3S, 1E Arlington
BRULE COUNTY			
Holoubek	GPA	795	4W, 12S Kimball
Red Lake	GPA	65	2S, ½W Pukwana
BUTTE COUNTY			
Newell Lake	GPA	800	8N, 2E Newell
CHARLES MIX COUNTY			
Lake Andes	GPA	20	2W, 1N Ravinia
Lake Andes, East	WA	6	3N Ravinia
Lake Andes, South	GPA	24	3W, 1N Ravinia
Red Lake - availability dependent upon water levels	GPA	793	2E, 1S Ravinia
DAY COUNTY			
Batie	GPA	220	1½W Webster
Foldager	GPA	240	1W, 8S, ½E Waubay
Lohner	GPA	160	5E, 7½S Webster
Mydland Pass	GPA	1470	9W, 2S Roslyn
DEUEL COUNTY			
Coteau Lake	GPA	592	1S, 1W Altamont
Fox Lake	GPA	120	5N, 2E, 1N, ½W Astoria
Lake Francis	GPA	238	7E, 5N Clear Lake
Runge Slough	GPA	40	½N, 6E Brandt
Rush Lake	GPA	320	3E, 1S Altamont
Singsass	GPA	120	1N, 1E, 1N Astoria
Bunde	WPA	227	5½ N Goodwin
Fox Lake	WPA	120	5N, 1½E Astoria
DOUGLAS COUNTY			
New Holland	WPA	410	½E New Holland
Star	WPA	295	2S, 1E New Holland

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FAULK COUNTY			
South Scatterwood	GPA	816	½W, 1½N Chelsea
South Scatterwood	WPA	313	3N Chelsea
HAND COUNTY			
Collins Slough	GPA	960	10S, 6W Miller
Curtis	GPA	480	17S, 6W, 1N, 1W Miller
Hawkins	GPA	800	14S, 2E Ree Heights
Spring Lake	WPA	542	8S, 1E, 8½S St. Lawrence
KINGSBURY COUNTY			
Odden	GPA	183	½W, 1S Lake Preston
Plum Lake	WPA	284	6N, 3E, 6N DeSmet
LAKE COUNTY			
Reynolds Slough	GPA	813	5S, 4½W Madison
Lake Henry	WPA	480	1¾E, 6S Winfred
Long Lake	WPA	401	5W, 3N Chester
Madison	WPA	453	1S, 2E, ½S Madison
McCOOK COUNTY			
Gross Lake	GPA	192	4E, 3S Spencer
Tuschen	GPA	153	4W, 1S Salem
Bollinger	WPA	180	5N Bridgewater
McPHERSON COUNTY			
Perch Lake	WPA	886	4W, 8S, 9W, 2N, 1E, ½N Leola
MARSHALL COUNTY			
Abraham	GPA	6	6N, 2¼E Lake City
Eden	GPA	80	2W, ½N Eden
Horseshoe	GPA	54	1N Ft. Sisseton
MEADE COUNTY			
Curlew Lake	GPA	440	8N, 4E, 2N New Underwood
MINER COUNTY			
Hageman Slough	GPA	177	4N, 6E, 1N, ½E Howard
Morris Lake	GPA	210	3S, 2W, 2S, ½E Fedora
MINNEHAHA COUNTY			
Horsted	GPA	240	2E, 5N, 1E Montrose
Weisensee	GPA	589	½W, 5S 1½ W Humboldt
Buffalo Lake	WPA	612	13N, 1E Humboldt
Lost Lake	WPA	166	3N, 1E, ½S Humboldt
MOODY COUNTY			
Benson	WPA	412	4N, 2W Coleman
ROBERTS COUNTY			
Crawford	GPA	227	3S, 1E Victor
White Rock	GPA	1665	5E, 2N Rosholt
SANBORN COUNTY			
Rifle Lake/Calahan	GPA	1538	3W, 7N Artesian
SULLY COUNTY			
Stone Lake	GPA	748	16E, 2N Agar
TRIPP COUNTY			
King Dam	GPA	160	6W, 3S Hamill
Snow Dam	GPA	280	3S Hamill
TURNER COUNTY			
Plucker	WPA	261	4W, 1S Parker
WALWORTH COUNTY			
Spring Lake	GPA	320	4S, 2E, 1S, 1E Java
Swan Lake	GPA	560	2W, 2½N Hoven

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<b>South Dakota WATERFOWL POPULATION</b>	<b>Long Term Average (1955-2010)</b>	<b>2010</b>
<b>Mallards</b>	<b>494,000</b>	<b>1,140,000</b>
<b>Blue-Wing Teal</b>	<b>877,000</b>	<b>2,135,000</b>
<b>Canada Goose</b>	<b>43,000</b>	<b>163,000</b>

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# 2010 SUNRISE / SUNSET FOR PIERRE AREA

Date	Rise	Set	Date	Rise	Set	Date	Rise	Set	Date	Rise	Set	Date	Rise	Set
Oct 01	7:39	7:22	Nov 01	8:19	6:31	Dec 01	7:57	5:03	Jan 01	8:17	5:13	Feb 01	8:00	5:51
Oct 02	7:40	7:20	Nov 02	8:20	6:29	Dec 02	7:58	5:03	Jan 02	8:17	5:13	Feb 02	7:59	5:52
Oct 03	7:42	7:18	Nov 03	8:21	6:28	Dec 03	7:59	5:03	Jan 03	8:17	5:14	Feb 03	7:58	5:53
Oct 04	7:43	7:17	Nov 04	8:23	6:27	Dec 04	8:01	5:02	Jan 04	8:17	5:15	Feb 04	7:56	5:55
Oct 05	7:44	7:15	Nov 05	8:24	6:25	Dec 05	8:02	5:02	Jan 05	8:17	5:16	Feb 05	7:55	5:56
Oct 06	7:45	7:13	<b>Nov 06</b>	<b>8:25</b>	<b>6:24</b>	Dec 06	8:03	5:02	Jan 06	8:17	5:17	Feb 06	7:54	5:58
Oct 07	7:46	7:11	<b>Nov 07</b>	<b>7:27</b>	<b>5:23</b>	Dec 07	8:04	5:02	Jan 07	8:17	5:18	Feb 07	7:53	5:59
Oct 08	7:48	7:09	Nov 08	7:28	5:22	Dec 08	8:05	5:02	Jan 08	8:17	5:20	Feb 08	7:51	6:00
Oct 09	7:49	7:08	Nov 09	7:29	5:21	Dec 09	8:05	5:02	Jan 09	8:17	5:21	Feb 09	7:50	6:02
Oct 10	7:50	7:06	Nov 10	7:31	5:19	Dec 10	8:06	5:02	Jan 10	8:16	5:22	Feb 10	7:49	6:03
Oct 11	7:51	7:04	Nov 11	7:32	5:18	Dec 11	8:07	5:02	Jan 11	8:16	5:23	Feb 11	7:47	6:05
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Oct 15	7:56	6:57	Nov 15	7:37	5:14	Dec 15	8:10	5:03	Jan 15	8:14	5:28	Feb 15	7:41	6:10
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Oct 31	8:17	6:32				Dec 31	8:17	5:12	Jan 31	8:01	5:49			

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