

Lower Oahe Waterfowl Access Areas 2016-17 Waterfowl Report

For the Week of November 19, 2017

WALK-IN AREAS

Reports came in of good numbers of birds sitting in several of the walk-in fields last week. There continued to be some flocks sitting in the walk-in areas over the weekend but not as many as before. The birds should start moving back into some of these areas after the east river season closes.

REGISTRATION AREA

The registration area fields have been seeing some hunters with mixed success. The number of birds in the area for this time of year is good with mostly lesser canada and light geese in the area. The decoy-only registration trailer and fields will be open on Thanksgiving Day for hunters that want to get in a little hunting in the morning. Upland game hunters are reminded that with the arrival of birds they need to watch for the signs designating areas as open or closed along with any waterfowl hunters in the fields.

PASS-SHOOTING AREAS

There has not been much for pass shooting in the canal since most of the birds coming out have been high; there have been some hunters out on the windy days but no reports on success.

SOLID AND STRIPED GREEN AREAS

The striped area in Stanley County has had several birds feeding in and around it with hunters doing well. Hunters are reminded that they must use the signed, designated trails when driving out into the field to set out their decoys. The solid green areas west of 1804 had a few birds in them last week and weekend. The striped and solid green area east of Grey Goose Road has not seen much for waterfowl traffic.

SUMMARY

There will not be an aerial survey flown this week since it was flown late last week; the plan is to fly again the week of November 26th.

The Decoy-Only Registration Trailer opened the first day of the Unit 2 goose season with drawings taking place one hour before sunrise. We will be open on Thanksgiving morning for those hunters who want to get out for a hunt in the morning.

Thanks to some great sponsors making donations to the decoy loaner program, we now have 3 loaner trailers for hunters who do not have decoys to use. These trailers are free of charge to reserve and use. Hunters can reserve one of the trailers by going to the links below the link for this report and selecting one of them. This will take you to a doodle page where you will select the date you would like to reserve a trailer and typing your name and phone number.

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