

# Unit 14

# Small Game Hunting

Guide to regulations as of 2023



# Introduction



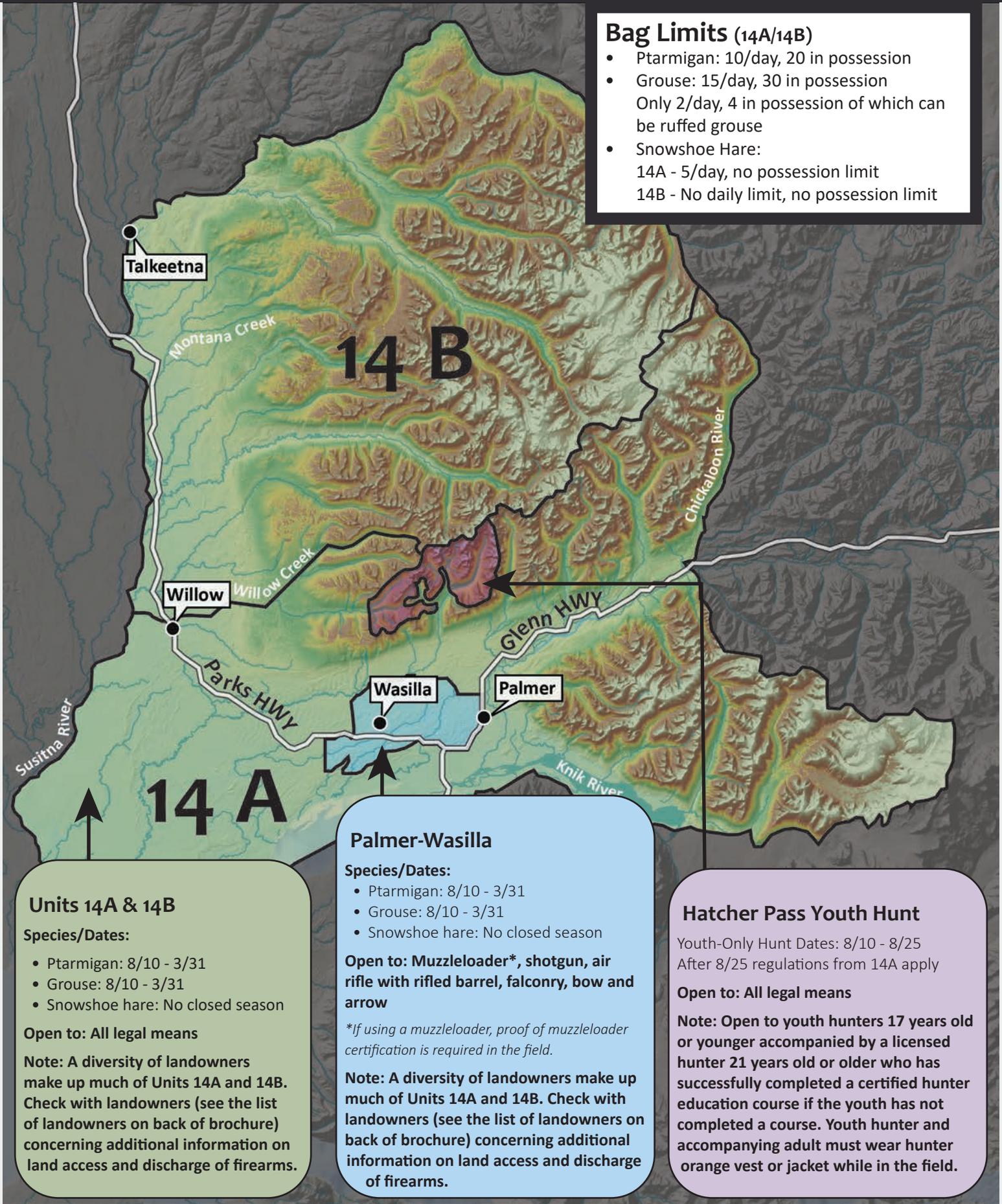
Alaska has some of the world's premiere small game hunting. Whether you are a first-time hunter or an avid one, you don't need to travel far to find fantastic small game hunting opportunities. Southcentral Alaska encompasses Game Management Unit (unit) 14 which includes Palmer and Wasilla (14A), Willow and Talkeetna (14B), and Anchorage and Eagle River (14C). Despite the presence of large urban centers, the unit contains easy-to-access hunting areas and abundant small game populations.

This guide will help you understand the State of Alaska's hunting regulations for grouse, ptarmigan, and snowshoe hares in all of Unit 14. Consult current hunting regulations or your local ADF&G office with additional questions.

For more information and maps: [hunt.alaska.gov](https://hunt.alaska.gov)

# ADF&G Small Game Hunting Regulations for Units 14A & 14B

Note: Additional land regulations such as land access and firearm restrictions may apply.



# ADF&G Small Game Hunting Regulations for Unit 14C

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## Bag Limits (ALL of 14C)

- Ptarmigan: 10/day, 20 in possession
- Grouse: 5/day, 10 in possession  
Only 2/day, 4 in possession of which can be ruffed grouse
- Snowshoe Hare: 5/day, no possession limit

### Birchwood

#### Species/Dates:

- Ptarmigan: 8/10 - 3/31
- Grouse: 9/1 - 3/31
- Snowshoe hare: 9/1 - 4/30

Open to: Bow and arrow, shotgun, air rifle with rifled barrel, falconry, crossbow\*\*

\*\*If using a crossbow and born after Jan 1, 1986, proof of crossbow certification is required in the field.

Note: Closed to small game hunting east and south of Alaska Railroad.

### Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson

#### Species/Dates:

- Ptarmigan: 8/10 - 3/31
- Grouse: 9/1 - 3/31
- Snowshoe hare: 9/1 - 4/30

Open to: Bow and arrow, shotgun

Note: Basic Hunter Education is required and proof of certification is required in the field.

Recreational Access Permit is required. Contact JBER at (907) 552-9453 with further questions.

### Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge

Permit Required: WU002

#### Species/Dates:

- Ptarmigan: 8/10 - 3/31
- Grouse: 9/1 - 3/31
- Snowshoe hare: 9/1 - 4/30

Open to: Bow and arrow, falconry, shotgun, crossbow\*\*

\*\*If using a crossbow and born after Jan 1, 1986, proof of crossbow certification is required in the field.

Note: Basic Hunter Education is required and proof of certification is required in the field. Register for hunt online or at ADF&G in Anchorage.

Shotgun can ONLY be used with an Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge Permit from 9/1 to 3/31.

### Anchorage

#### Species/Dates:

- Ptarmigan: 8/10 - 3/31
- Grouse: 9/1 - 3/31
- Snowshoe hare: 9/1 - 4/30

Open to: Falconry only

### Chugach State Park Remainder

(Includes all areas shaded in green)

#### Species/Dates:

- Ptarmigan: 8/10 - 3/31
- Grouse: 9/1 - 3/31
- Snowshoe hare: 9/1 - 4/30

Open to: All legal means

### 14C Remainder (Not entirely shown)

#### Species/Dates:

- Ptarmigan: 8/10 - 3/31
- Grouse: 9/1 - 3/31
- Snowshoe hare: 9/1 - 4/30

Open to: All legal means

### Eagle River - Zone 2

Permit Required: WU004

#### Species/Dates:

- Ptarmigan: 8/10 - 3/31
- Grouse: 9/1 - 3/31
- Snowshoe hare: 9/1 - 4/30

Open to: Bow and arrow, falconry, muzzleloader\*, shotgun, crossbow\*\*

\* If using a muzzleloader, proof of muzzleloader certification is required in the field.

\*\*If using a crossbow and born after Jan 1, 1986, proof of crossbow certification is required in the field.

Note: Basic Hunter Education is required and proof of certification is required in the field. Register for hunt online or at ADF&G in Anchorage.

### Eagle River - Zone 1

Permit Required: WU004

#### Species/Dates:

- Ptarmigan: 8/10 - 3/31
- Grouse: 9/1 - 3/31
- Snowshoe hare: 9/1 - 4/30

Open to: Bow and arrow, falconry, muzzleloader\*, crossbow\*\*

\*If using a muzzleloader, proof of muzzleloader certification is required in the field.

\*\*If using a crossbow and born after Jan 1, 1986, proof of crossbow certification is required in the field.

Note: Basic Hunter Education is required and proof of certification is required in the field. Register for hunt online or at ADF&G in Anchorage.

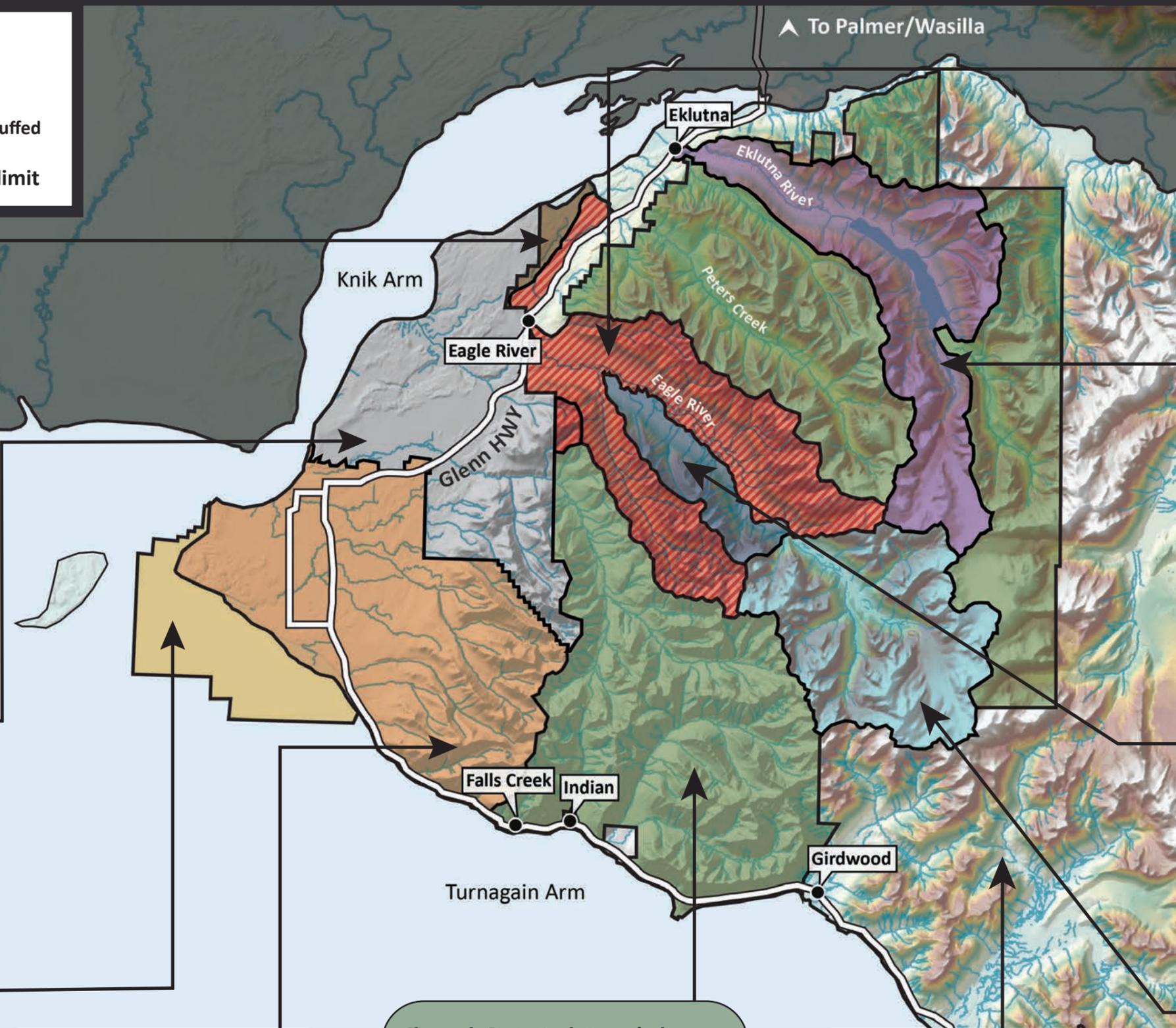
### Eklutna

#### Species/Dates:

- Ptarmigan: 9/1 - 3/31
- Grouse: 9/1 - 3/31
- Snowshoe hare: 9/1 - 4/30

Open to: Bow and arrow, falconry

Areas marked in red are closed to small game hunting.



▲ To Palmer/Wasilla

Knik Arm

Eagle River

Glenn HWY

Falls Creek

Indian

Turnagain Arm

Girdwood

Eklutna

Eklutna River

Peters Creek

Eagle River

