

The Umarex .25 cal. Gauntlet and JSB pellets are a deadly combo for doves/pigeons.

## DOVES

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A lot of hunters don't like hard ear muffs because when you throw up your shotgun they bump it out of line. Check out the Axil Sport EAR X-Pro series. They fit in your ear like a hearing aid.

Since you'll be doing a lot of shooting most people use low base size  $7\frac{1}{2}$  or 8 shot. Take four to six boxes because you don't want to be having an exceptional hunting day and run out of shells. Curse of all curses.

I was headed out hunting yesterday. My neighbor said the doves had cleared out two weeks before when the weather cooled down. Doves up north do that. Really the dove season up north should open Aug. 15.

Sure enough, I didn't see one mourning dove

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#### MORE INFORMATION

Mourning Dove regulations • Daily bag limit of 15, 45 in possession Can hunt 30 minutes before sunrise and 30 minutes after sunrise • 3 shell limit so use a plug

Seasons: Zone 1: Sept. 1-30, and Nov. 15-Dec. 14. Zone 1 includes Umatilla, Morrow, Gilliam, Sherman and Wasco counties Zone 2: Sept. 1 through Oct. 30. Zone 2 includes Baker, Grant, Union, Wallowa, Malheur and Harney counties

and only two Eurasians. I always get doves in this spot. I guess they did migrate early this year. So, I changed to a pigeon hunting mode. I'd brought my Umarex .25 caliber Gauntlet for that purpose.

The first 30 to 45 minutes was awesome. I hit close to 30. I got one Eurasian and should have had two but I took too long to crank down on him. You can use an airgun on pigeons and Eurasians but not on mourning doves since they're a migratory bird.

Well, it'd been a great day. I cleaned the birds (I saved the young pigeons), sliced the breast into three to four slices and marinated them for a few hours. Then I cut a slice of peppered bacon in half and laid on a slice of breast, onion and jalapeno and wrapped them up and pinned together with a toothpick.

I'd found one last forequarter off of an axis deer I'd shot last year so I fired up the pellet smoker and smoked the poppers, deer shoulders and chicken breast. Katy, Kolby, Kolby's boyfriend and I feasted like kings and queens. It was a great day in the Claycomb house.

### **RECREATION BRIEFS**

#### Wallowa-Whitman, **Umatilla forests ease** fire restrictions

BAKER CITY -Campfires are no longer restricted to designated campgrounds and recreation areas on the Wallowa-Whitman and Umatilla national forests.

The two forests moved to Phase A of public use restrictions on Friday, Sept. 17. Campfires had either been banned altogether, or allowed only in designated recreation sites, for much of the summer due to high and extreme fire danger.

Campfires must be attended at all times, and completely extinguished before they're left. People with campfires are required to have a shovel and at least one gallon of water available. Forest officials urge visitors to use existing fire rings.

In addition to the change in campfire regulations, firewood cutters can again use chain saws between 8 p.m. and 1 p.m. Woodcutters are required to maintain a one-hour fire

watch after shutting off chain saws.

Vehicles are not allowed on roads or trails that are blocked by an earthen berm, logs boulders, gates or other barriers.

#### **Olive Lake** campground closed for tree removal

PENDLETON — The Olive Lake campground and day use area is closed for the rest of the season to allow a contractor to resume a project to cut trees killed or infested by mountain pine beetles.

The Umatilla National Forest announced the closure earlier this week.

Olive Lake, in the Blue Mountains about 12 miles west of Granite, is a popular summer and fall destination for camping, fishing and boating.

The pine beetle outbreak started in 2018 and has spread across about 250 acres around the lake. The beetles have killed or weakened many trees in the campground, which is at the northeast corner of

the lake, and the Umatilla National Forest has hired a contractor to cut trees that pose a danger to campers and other visitors.

Umatilla National Forest workers started removing hazardous trees in 2020 along the road that leads to and runs through the campground.

The closure that started Friday, Sept. 17 includes sections of Roads 10-480 and 10-481, which access the campground, boat launch and docks, and other areas on the east side of the lake. Sections of the lakeshore trail are also closed in that area, and day uses, including picnicking, fishing and swimming, are not allowed in that area.

Contractors will work this fall until snow accumulates, with the project scheduled to be finished in the spring of 2022.

More information about the closure areas and permitted recreation activities on Olive Lake is available by calling the North Fork John Day Ranger District at 541-427-3231.

*—EO Media Group* 



Olive Lake is in the Blue Mountains about 12 miles west of Granite.



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