

Dear Mourning Dove Hunter:

Earlier this year, we asked for your help to better understand hunter opinions regarding some of the most important issues facing dove hunting today. One such issue concerns the potential effects of spent lead on doves and other wildlife.

Your response is important to us because we believe that hunter opinions and preferences should be taken into account whenever possible in planning the science-based management of our migratory bird resources.

Since we have not received a response from you yet, we've enclosed another survey form and business reply envelope in case the originals were lost in the mail or misplaced. Please send in your survey form today. If you recently returned your survey form, or our letters have crossed in the mail, we apologize for taking up your time, and we thank you for your help. Again, your opinions matter and all responses are important.

Your answers will not be associated with your name and your questionnaire is tracked for mailing purposes only. Please return the questionnaire in the postage-paid envelope provided.

Thank you for helping us understand more about what's important to dove hunters in North America.

Sincerely,

Ken Richkus
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Executive Director
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In accordance with the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C.522a) and the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501), please note the following information. This study is authorized by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703 et seq.) The information that you provide will be used for estimating dove hunter attitudes and awareness of nontoxic shot. It is our policy not to use your name for any other purpose. All names and identifying information will be removed when we compile the results, and only summary information will be reported. The information is maintained in accordance with the Privacy Act. Your response is voluntary. An agency may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to an information collection unless it displays a current valid OMB control number. The information collection has been approved by OMB and assigned the clearance number 1018-XXXX. We estimate that it will take you about 8.5 minutes to read the instructions, fill out and mail the survey. Comments on this form should be mailed to the Information Collection Clearance Officer, Mail Stop2042-PDM, Arlington Square, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington D.C. 20240.