



February 7, 2025

Eagle Lakers,

The 2024-2025 season is now in the rearview mirror. Right from opening day when we had 5 duck hunts still going in the afternoon, I knew we were going to have to work at it. It proved to be true for most of the season. With the migration running a little tardy and the mild temperatures into mid-January, hunting was not easy. We were still having quite a few quick limit hunts daily but just way too many all-day grinds. There were lots of cycles where the ducks worked better in the afternoon than they did at first light. Although our harvest numbers are going to be very similar to last season, it sure seemed more difficult. I can't tell you how proud I was of my guides, working so hard to make sure our clients got their birds. The last couple weeks of the season was epic, duck hunting turned on like it was supposed to in the cold weather. We had lots of quick limit hunts for all. The youth and veteran hunt was also outstanding, they harvested over 40 limits of ducks and one limit goose shoot!

Goose hunting-

Another great year in the books. Early season honker hunting was epic! We smashed the giants for the first month and the migratory lessers arrived in force. We harvested tons of lessers throughout the season. There was a nice push of honkers in January that made for some outstanding late season action. We could have used another group or two during a few cycles but other than that, a very strong season.

Late snow goose starts February 15th, [contact Jake at 509-346-3644](tel:509-346-3644) for more details!!

Pricing-

Lodge package hunts will be going up for the 2025-2026 season. I have resisted raising prices for as long as I could. Our prices have not gone up since the 21-22 season even though we have seen astronomical increases on food, alcohol, fuel, insurances, and leases, just to name a few. This increase is not a reflection of the 20% tariff being applied to the birds flying down from Canada. 😊

All non-lodge package hunt pricing will remain the same.

Guns & Ammo-

We are in the process of purchasing approximately 30 Beretta 28ga shotguns for this season. These guns will be used on the Eagle Lakes main property. We have been contemplating doing this for several years. With the proximity of our ponds, we believe a low impact "boom" will greatly improve the hunting and overall client satisfaction. These guns will be provided for

all lodge package hunts, in addition we will provide 2 boxes of Boss Ammunition for your use. You will still be able to bring your own gun for hunting off the main ranch and goose hunts.

WDFW Update-

Waterfowl season will open on Saturday October 11th, 2025, and run through Sunday January 25th, 2026. It looks like we are going to get a third Pintail added to our daily bag limit. It's also been proposed to take the goose limit back to 3 geese. Evidently there is a concern on the Canada cackling goose population. There is also talk of a modified snow goose season as well. I will keep you posted on all updates.

Prebooked Hunts-

Per your early booking agreement, Colleen will be charging a 50% non-refundable deposit the first week of March. Please contact us as soon as possible if you need to change dates or to add additional hunters to your group. For those of you who haven't booked yet, we are taking reservations now. Attached is your 2025-2026 Eagle Lakes calendar for scheduling purposes.

Upcoming Activities-

- Fishing starts mid-March- September (both lodge and drive direct trips available)
- Corporate retreats mid-March- September
- Dove hunting Sept. 1st – Oct 4th
- Deer hunting Sept 1st archery, Oct 11th modern firearm (contact Ryan 509-528-8754)
- Grand Prairie Alberta- Ryan and crew are taking reservations now. There are still 3 & 4 day hunt cycles available.

Thank you for your continued support of team Eagle Lakes!

Happy hunting,

Mike B.