

Chukar season about to begin in Nevada

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RENO — Thousands of Nevada hunters are getting excited as the hunting season looms for the state's most popular game bird: the chukar (chuck-ur).

Nevada Department of Wildlife officials said the 2009-10 chukar season should be good for most of the state partly because of a wet spring that led to higher chick production.

About 12,000 hunters are expected to take part in the hunt for the bird from Oct. 10 through Feb. 7.

"It's a huge deal. When I go out in public, I'm constantly getting queried, 'How's chukar going to be?'" said NDOW spokesman Chris Healy.

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