Small Game Permit for Opening Day of Pheasant Season

A special permit is required for hunting small game during the opening day of pheasant season on Zoar Valley Multiple Use Area in the Town of Collins (Erie County), and Harwood Lake Multiple Use Area in the Town of Farmersville (Cattaraugus County). Hunters interested in entering the DEC permit lottery for these Multiple Use Areas should mail one standard size post card to:

Mike Koch  
NYSDEC, Bureau of Wildlife  
270 Michigan Ave.  
Buffalo, NY 14203

Post card must include the hunter’s name, address, telephone number, 2021-22 license back tag number, preferred time of hunt (sunrise to noon or 1:00 pm to sunset), and the management area desired in the order of preference. Only one card per person (multiples cards will not be included in the lottery). All entries must be received by September 24, 2021. There is no fee for the permit, and hunters awarded permits will be able to name one additional hunter on their permit. Ten permits will be issued per time block on each management area. Small game hunting on all other days will remain sunrise to sunset with no permit required. Hunters should also note that dogs are not allowed with the designated area on the Multiple Use Areas for any purpose during the 48-hour period immediately preceding opening day of the fall pheasant season as posted on Zoar Valley MUA and Harwood Lake MUA.