



# The Chukars of Lawyer Creek Canyon

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Five guns, two guides, four dogs ...  
too many bodies for most hunts,  
but the expanse of Idaho's Lawyer Creek Canyon  
calls for no less.

Home to the Flying B Ranch,  
this is a place of air,  
sky, light, shadows, fine game bird habitat  
and tales of Lewis and Clark's  
passing through years ago...



Wild chukars move craftily  
in stubby wheat grass,  
challenging strong legs  
in pursuit from rim  
to canyon's base.

When the bird dogs close  
in, the birds hold tight.

Pointer, shorthair  
and setter ... each lock  
point on different birds.  
Spread across the slope,  
the hunters pause, barrels  
up, anticipating the flush.

The Lab sets the rhythm,  
flushing first one chukar,  
then a pair, another single  
and the moment's finale  
— seven birds soaring  
out from the rock-strewn  
ground, propelled  
by updrafts from the  
lush canyon floor  
steep below.

