

2026 – 2027 SAGE-GROUSE SEASONS & RULES

General: Sept 15 – Oct 31, 2026

Falconry: Aug 15, 2026 – Mar 15, 2027



A Sage-grouse Tag is required to hunt sage-grouse. A tag is valid for one sage-grouse.

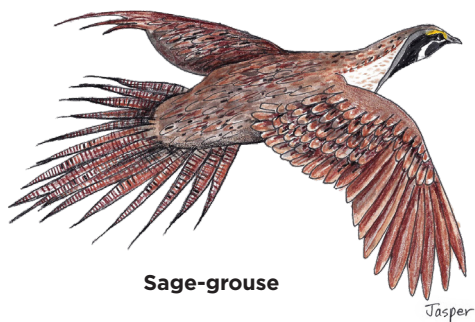
Sage-grouse tags will be available for purchase at 10:00AM MDT on August 3, 2026 on a first-come, first-serve basis until tag quotas are reached. Sage-grouse tags are distributed across 12 hunting zones with a tag quota for each zone. A hunter may purchase two sage-grouse tags. Tags are specific to the zone for which they are purchased. Areas not defined within a zone are closed.

Tags are available at any Fish and Game license vendor, by telephone (1-800-554-8685) or on the Fish and Game online license vendor website: GoOutdoorsIdaho.com.

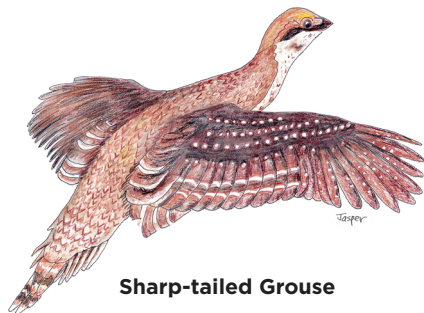
Identify Your Target! Is it a Sage-grouse or a Sharp-tailed Grouse?

Sage-grouse and sharp-tailed grouse can occur in the same areas in south-central and eastern Idaho. Hunting seasons for these species overlap. The sharp-tailed grouse hunting season is October 1 to November 8.

BE SURE OF YOUR TARGET



Sage-grouse

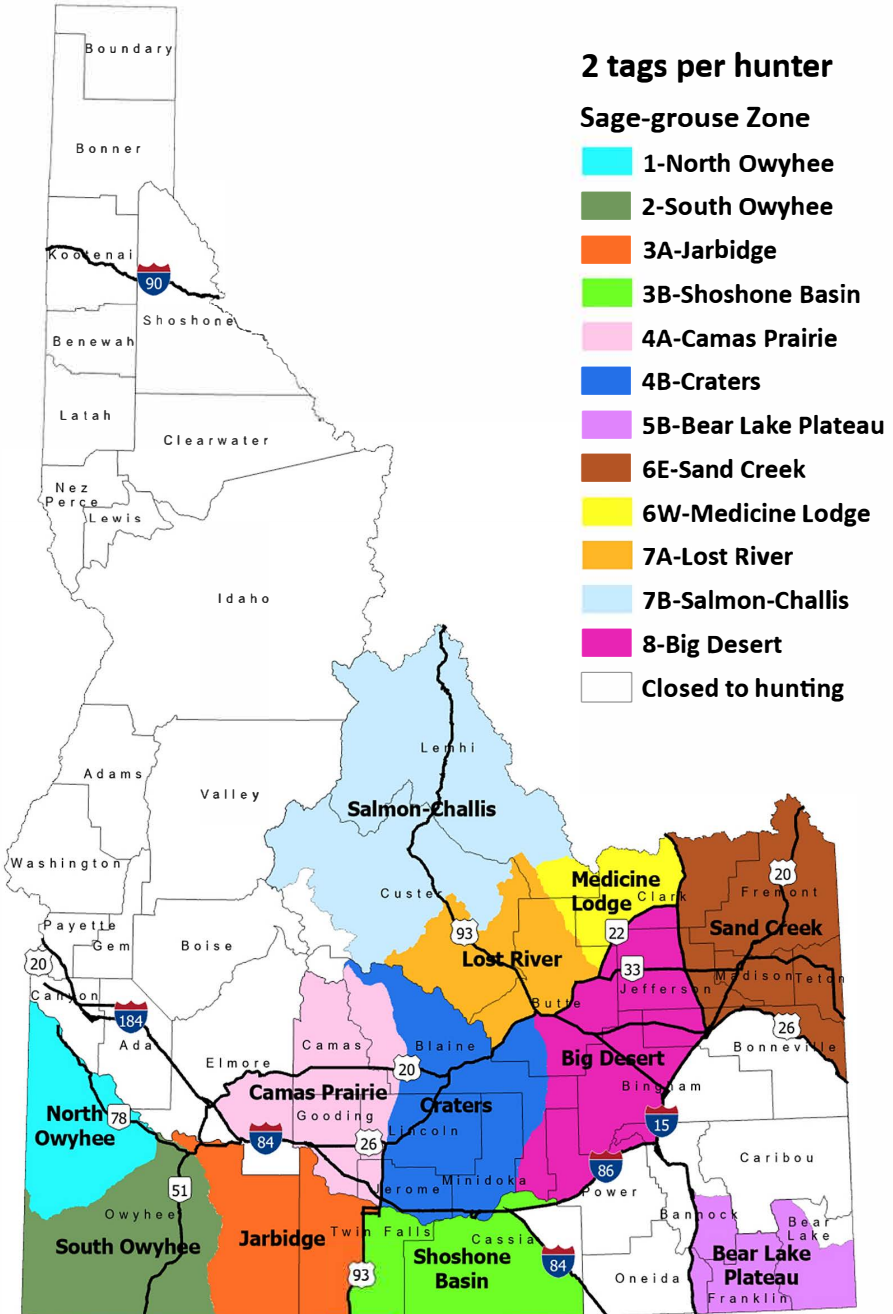


Sharp-tailed Grouse

Refer to the 2026 & 2027 Upland Game, Furbearer and Turkey Seasons and Rules for general upland gamebird rules, license and permit information. See Pages 9 and 14 for important grouse identification information.



Zone Map



Tag

Number of tags legal for purchase per hunter is 2.

Tag Fees

Resident Sage-grouse Tag = \$22.75

Nonresident Sage-grouse Tag = \$74.25

Tagging and Species Identification

Immediately after any sage-grouse is harvested, the tag must be validated and securely attached to the sage-grouse. The tag must remain attached to the carcass during transit to the place of final storage or consumption. A fully feathered wing or head must be left naturally attached to any dressed sage-grouse while in possession or being transported.

Wings

All tag holders will be mailed a postage-paid return envelope to submit one wing from each bird harvested.

2026 - 2027 Seasons		Zones	Daily Bag and Season Limit
General	Sept 15 - Oct 31, 2026	1, 2, 3A, 3B, 4A, 4B, 5B, 6E, 6W, 7A, 7B, 8	2
Falconry	Aug 15, 2026 - Mar 15, 2027	1, 2, 3A, 3B, 4A, 4B, 5B, 6E, 6W, 7A, 7B, 8	2
CLOSED		All parts of the state not included in zones 1-8	0

Zone	Tag Quota
1 - North Owyhee	240
2 - South Owyhee	930
3A - Jarbidge	330
3B - Shoshone Basin	280
4A - Camas Prairie	330
4B - Craters	520
5B - Bear Lake Plateau	40
6E - Sand Creek	250
6W - Medicine Lodge	350
7A - Lost River	250
7B - Salmon-Challis	290
8 - Big Desert	470
Statewide	4,280



Sage-grouse Zone Descriptions

- 1-North Owyhee:** Owyhee County north and west of the Mud Flat-Juniper Mountain Road.
- 2-South Owyhee:** Owyhee County south of Mud Flat-Juniper Mountain Road and west of the Bruneau River.
- 3A-Jarbridge:** Owyhee County, east of the Bruneau River; and Twin Falls County west of US Highway 93.
- 3B-Shoshone Basin:** Cassia County west of Interstate 84 and north of Interstate 86; and Twin Falls County east of US Highway 93.
- 4A-Camas Prairie:** Elmore County east and south of US Highway 20 and north of Interstate 84 from Exit 95 east to the county line; Gooding and Camas counties; Jerome County west of US Highway 93; Blaine and Lincoln west of US Highway 93 and State Highway 75.
- 4B-Craters:** Jerome County east of US Highway 93; Lincoln County east of US Highway 93 and State Highway 75; Blaine County east of State Highway 75 and west of the Arco-Minidoka Road outside of the Craters of the Moon National Monument; Minidoka County west of the Arco-Minidoka road; and Butte County west of the Arco-Minidoka Road outside of the Craters of the Moon National Monument.
- 5B-Bear Lake Plateau:** Bear Lake County west of US Highway 30 and south of US Highway 89; Franklin County; Bannock County east of Interstate 15 and south of US Highway 30; and Oneida County east of Interstate 15.
- 6E-Sand Creek:** Teton, Madison, and Fremont counties; Jefferson and Clark counties east of Interstate 15; and that part of Bonneville County north of US Highway 26 and east of Interstate 15.
- 6W-Medicine Lodge:** Clark County west of Interstate 15 and northwest of State Highway 22; and those portions of Butte, Jefferson, and Lemhi counties within the Birch Creek drainage northwest of State Highway 22.
- 7A-Lost River:** The Big Lost River drainage upstream of State Highway 20/33 and the Little Lost River drainage upstream of State Highway 33.
- 7B-Salmon-Challis:** The Salmon, Pahsimeroi, and Lemhi river drainages.
- 8-Big Desert:** Bingham, Bonneville, Jefferson counties west of Interstate 15; Power County north of Interstate 86; Blaine, Butte, and Minidoka counties east of the Arco-Minidoka Road; and Clark County south of State Highway 22 and west of Interstate 15.



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