



SAGE-GROUSE DISTRIBUTION

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This native grouse is widely distributed in areas with large blocks of sagebrush habitat throughout southern Idaho. Sagebrush is a crucial winter food for sage-grouse and also provides them with nesting and roosting cover during the rest of the year. Wet places, including agricultural lands, are important feeding areas for hens with chicks and are heavily used by sage-grouse during the fall in dry years.

2016 SAGE-GROUSE SEASONS & RULES

*Sage-grouse season open
September 17 through September 23*



September 17 through September 23, one-bird daily limit, two in possession: Statewide in sage-grouse range except designated closed areas.

CLOSED AREAS:

- Southeastern part of the state: east of Interstate 84, south of Interstate 86, east of Interstate 15, and south of U.S. Highway 26
- Washington, Adams, Payette and Gem counties
- Elmore County north and west of U.S. Highway 20 and south of Interstate 84

Sage/Sharp-tailed Grouse Permit Validation: Any person hunting sage-grouse or sharp-tailed grouse must have in possession a valid hunting license with a sage/sharp-tailed grouse permit validation at \$4.75.

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 do not overlap. The sharp-tailed grouse hunting season is October 1 to October 31.

BE SURE OF YOUR TARGET



Sharp-tailed Grouse



Sage-grouse



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