

2020 SAGE-GROUSE SEASONS & RULES

*Sage-grouse seasons open
September 19*



Seven-day season, one bird limit: in open areas south of the Snake River.
Two-day season, one bird limit: in open areas north of the Snake River.

See inside for details

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
- Northwestern Owyhee County, north and west of the Mud Flat-Juniper Mountain Road

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

Refer to the 2020 and 2021 Upland Game, Furbearer and Turkey Seasons and Rules for general upland gamebird rules, license and permit information. See Pages 9 and 14-15 for important grouse identification information.



Wings collected from harvested birds provide important biological data. If you see a wing barrel, please deposit one wing from each bird you harvest. We also collect wings at check stations and through a mail-in wing survey. If you would like to participate in our wing envelope program, call 208 334-2920.



AREA BOUNDARY DESCRIPTIONS

Area 1

All parts of the state not included in Areas 2 or 3; closed.

Area 2

2020 Season: September 19 through September 25

Daily Bag Limit: 1

Possession Limit: 2

- Cassia County south and west of Interstate 84
- Oneida County west of Interstate 84
- Owyhee County south and east of the Mud Flat-Juniper Mountain Road
- Twin Falls County

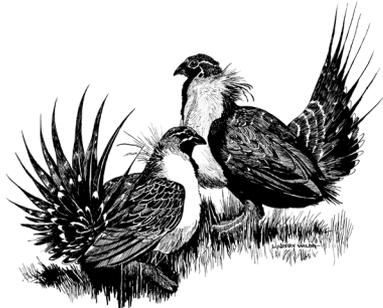
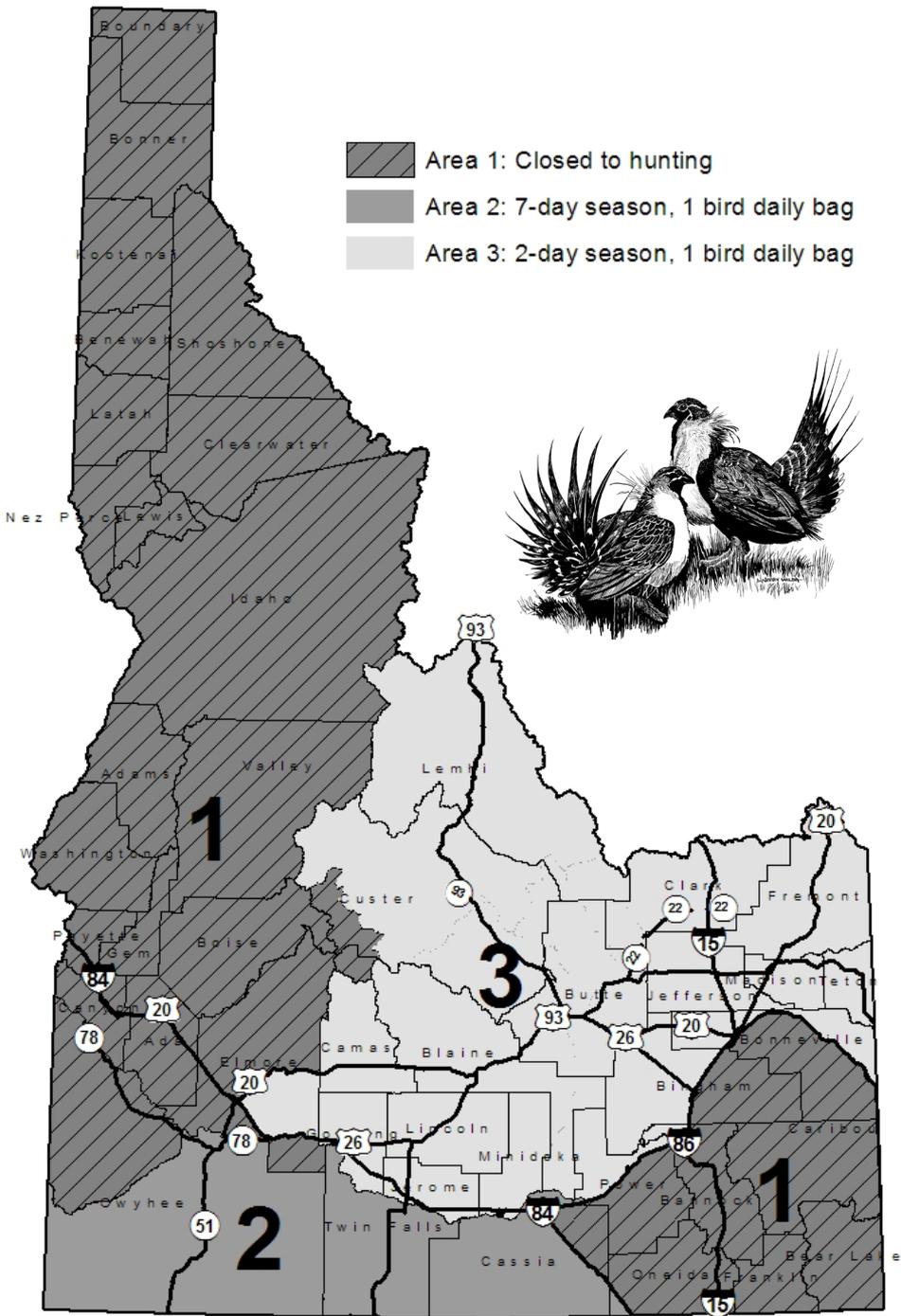
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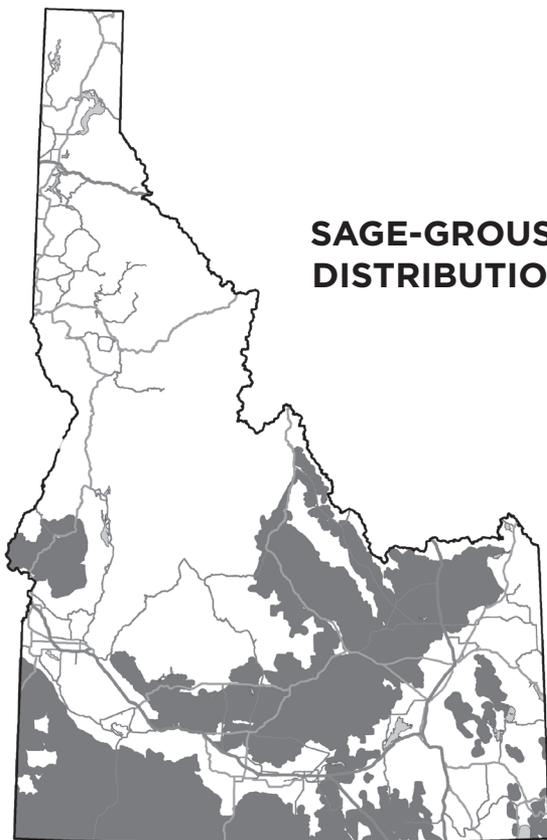
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- Butte, Camas, Clark, Fremont, Gooding, Jefferson, Jerome, Lemhi, Lincoln, Madison, Minidoka, and Teton counties
- Bannock and Power counties north of Interstate 86 and Bannock County west of Interstate 15
- Bingham County west of Interstate 15
- Blaine County, except within the Salmon River drainage
- Bonneville County west of Interstate 15 and north of U.S. Highway 26
- Cassia County north of Interstate 86
- Custer County, except within the Salmon River drainage upstream from and including Valley Creek
- Elmore County east and south of U.S. Highway 20 and north of Interstate 84 from Exit 95 east to the county line





SAGE-GROUSE DISTRIBUTION

SAGE-GROUSE

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.



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