

## Sage-grouse Distribution



## Sage-grouse Seasons and Rules 2009

**Sage-grouse seasons open September 19**

**23-day season, two-bird limit:**

- Southwestern Owyhee County
- Most of the Upper Snake Region

**Seven-day season, one-bird limit:**

- Big Desert area west of Interstate 15 and south of U.S. Highway 20
- Northwestern Owyhee County
- Most of Lemhi and Custer counties
- Magic Valley Region and most of Butte County
- Power County and most of Oneida County

**Closed:**

- Eastern Owyhee County
- Southeastern part of the state, east of Interstate 15 and south of U.S. Highway 26
- Washington County and Adams County

**Sage/Sharp-tailed Grouse Permit Validation:** Any person hunting sage- 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?**

Note: Sharp-tailed grouse have recently been introduced into historical range in southern Twin Falls County and southeastern Owyhee County. Twin Falls County, Owyhee County and most of Cassia County are closed to the hunting of sharp-tailed grouse. Sharp-tailed grouse also occur around Split Butte in Minidoka County. Hunting of sharp-tailed grouse is closed in Minidoka County. Be sure of your target!

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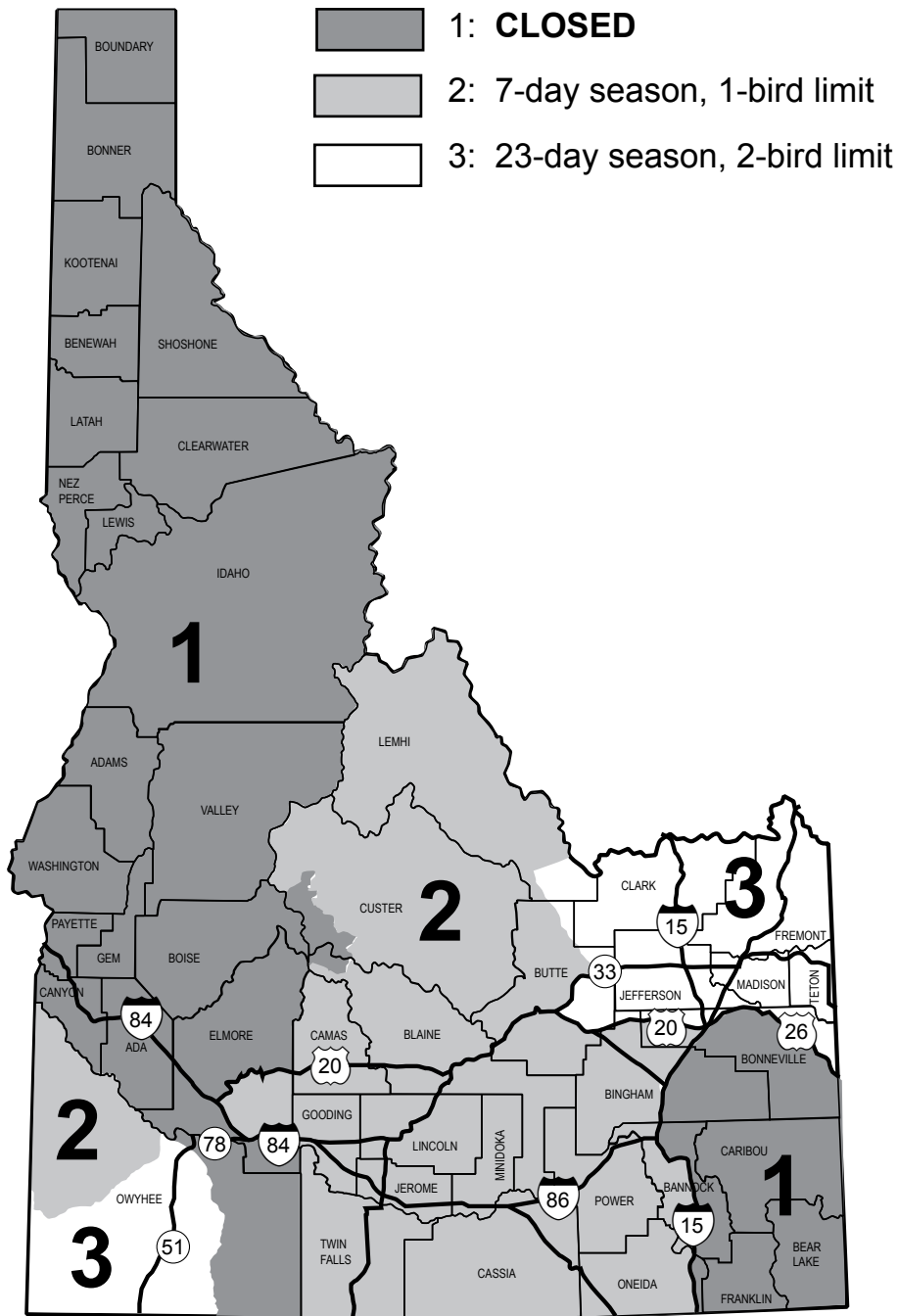
This native grouse is widely distributed in areas with large blocks of sagebrush habitat throughout southern Idaho. Sagebrush is a crucial winter food for sage-grouse and also provides them with nesting and roosting cover during the rest of the year. Wet places, including agricultural lands, are important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

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**See inside for details.**

**Refer to the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 Upland Game, Furbearer and Turkey Seasons and Rules for general upland gamebird rules, license and permit information.**





## Area Boundary Descriptions

### Area 1

- All parts of the state **not** included in Areas 2 and 3; **closed**.

### Area 2

**2009 Season: Sept. 19 through Sept. 25**

**Daily Bag Limit: 1**

**Possession Limit After First Day of Season: 2**

- Bannock County west of Interstate 15
- Bingham County west of Interstate 15 and south of U.S. Highway 20
- Blaine County, **except** within the Salmon River drainage
- Bonneville County west of Interstate 15 and south of U.S. Highway 20
- Butte County, **except** south of State Highway 33, north of U.S. Highway 20 and the Birch Creek drainage
- Camas and Cassia counties
- Custer County, **except** within the Salmon River drainage upstream from and including Valley Creek
- Elmore County south and east of U.S. Highway 20 and north of Interstate 84
- Jerome and Gooding counties
- Lemhi County, **except** within the Birch Creek drainage
- Lincoln and Minidoka counties
- Oneida County west of Interstate 15
- Owyhee County north of the Juniper Mountain/Mud Flat/Poison Creek roads
- Power and Twin Falls counties

### Area 3

**2009 Season: Sept. 19 through Oct. 11**

**Daily Bag Limit: 2**

**Possession Limit After First Day of Season: 4**

- Bingham County north of U.S. Highway 20
- Bonneville County north of U.S. Highways 20 and 26
- Butte County within the Birch Creek drainage, north of U.S. Highway 20 and south of State Highway 33
- Clark, Fremont, Jefferson, Madison and Teton counties
- Lemhi County within the Birch Creek drainage
- Owyhee County south and east of the Juniper Mountain/Mud Flat/Poison Creek roads, east of State Highway 78 from the intersection of Mud Flat Road to Grandview and west of the Bruneau River

**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.**