

SAGE GROUSE

The 2016 sage grouse season was open September 17-18 on public lands in Butte County west of US Hwy 85 and all public lands in Harding County. To hunt sage grouse, residents were required to hold small game, 1-day small game, adult, senior or junior combination, or youth small game licenses in addition to successfully drawing one of 40 sage grouse access permits.

Harvest surveys were sent to all hunters and 38 responded for a 95% return rate. Ten birds were reported harvested through hunter check-ins and also through the harvest survey for a 25% success for all license holders. The average days hunted by all license holders was 1.18 for a total of 45 days of recreation. Approximately 28 license holders spent time hunting sage grouse.

Comparison of the 2007-2016 Sage Grouse harvests

Year	# of Hunters	Total Harvest	Harvest by County		Harvest by Age & Sex			
			Butte	Harding	Hatch Year Male	Hatch Year Female	Adult Male	Adult Female
2007	25	10	2	8	5	2	3	0
2008	24	17	5	12	3	5	6	3
2009	20	7	3	4	2	3	0	2
2010	26	12	9	3	1	0	6	5
2011	27	11	6	5	3	2	3	3
2012	35	9	2	7	0	0	3	6
2013-15	No Season							
2016	28	10	1	9	3	4	1	2

2016 Sage Grouse Harvest Projections

Last Revised:
30-Mar-2017

Unit/Type	Resident Licenses			Response		Adults		Hatch Year		Total Harvest	Ave. Days Hunted	Ave. Satisfaction
	Applic	Available	Sold	Rate	Success	Males	Females	Males	Females			
SG1-61	156	40	40	95.0%	26%	1	2	3	4	11	1.18	5.41

Satisfaction is based on scale with 1=very dissatisfied and 7=very satisfied.