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Hunting and Sage Grouse September 5, 2014

1. The bird is not in danger of extinction in areas where hunting is allowed. Data indicates there are adequate birds to perpetuate the species at this time, and removal of some birds is not additive to population loss, most of which is driven by other factors.
2. Hunting is a regulated activity that can be curtailed or altered immediately if the need arises, and as such it does not either fragment habitat or fail to have an adequate regulatory mechanism for protection of the species, the two primary criteria considered in a listing decision.
3. Hunting has been restricted greatly, through closures, changes in seasonal timing, duration of season, bag limits and areas open to hunting. This results in a lower harvest, and less selectivity between age classes of birds.