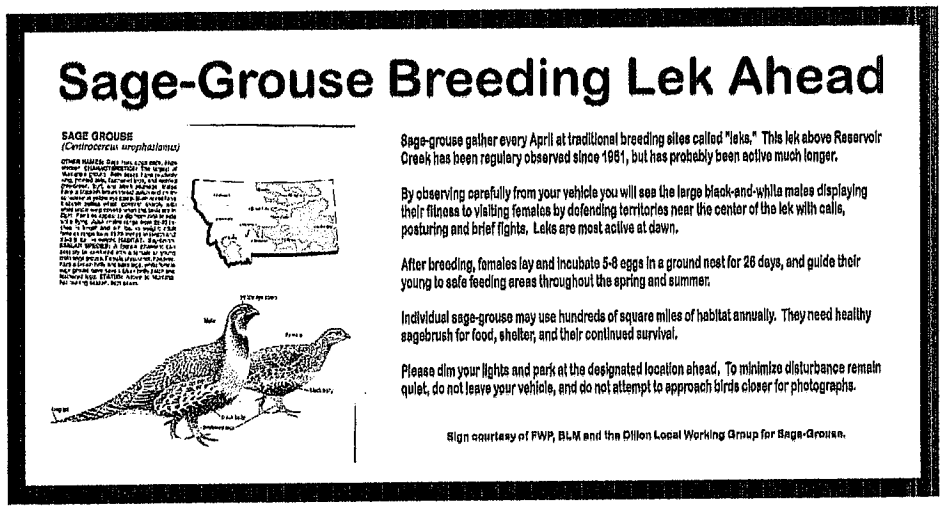

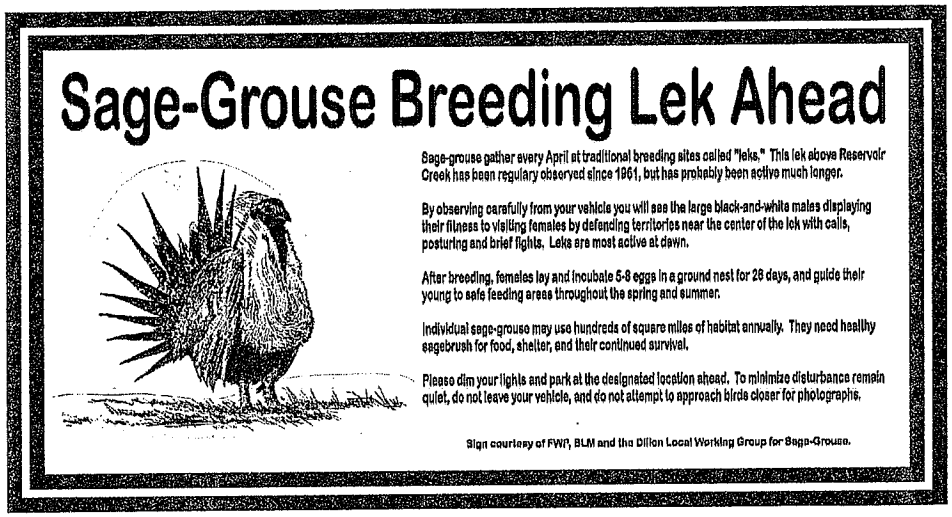

2 samples or possible signs depicting Sage-Grouse breeding leks.

I would recommend a 4'x8' sign on 5/8" mdo signboard, primed, painted with 1-Shot lettering enamels. The colored image would be exterior high performance vinyl. The black-white sage-grouse image would be hand painted with enamels.

All lettering & information would be computer-cut vinyl.

All edges would be 1 1/4" solid wood, offset to enclose a sheet of 1/4" clear plexiglass. Edges between wooden frame & plexiglass would be sealed with clear silicon, which should eliminate moisture.

Price does not cover posts, or other means of display, only the costs of the sign itself & plexiglass. Ready for display.

Colored photo sign: $800.

Black image: $725.

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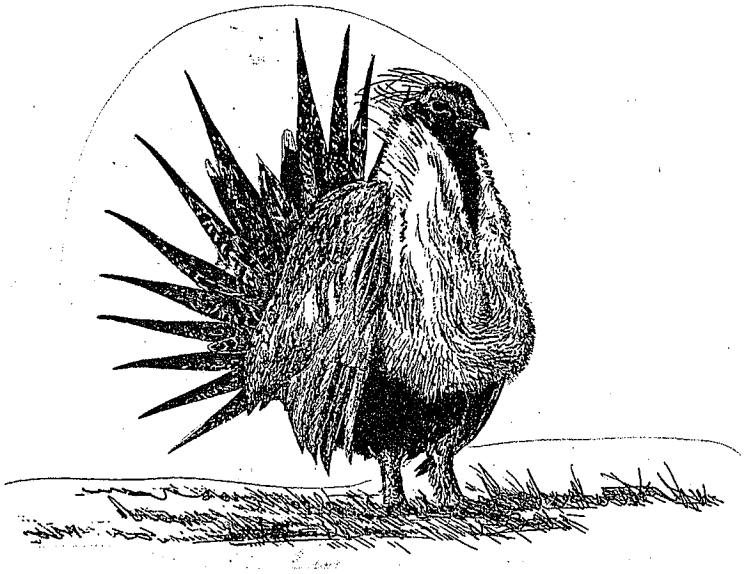
Sage-Grouse Breeding Lek Ahead



Sage-grouse gather every April at traditional breeding sites called "leks." This lek above Reservoir Creek has been regulary observed since 1961, but has probably been active much longer.

By observing carefully from your vehicle you will see the large black-and-white males displaying their fitness to visiting females by defending territories near the center of the lek with calls, posturing and brief fights. Leks are most active at dawn.

After breeding, females lay and incubate 5-8 eggs in a ground nest for 26 days, and guide their young to safe feeding areas throughout the spring and summer.

Individual sage-grouse may use hundreds of square miles of habitat annually. They need healthy sagebrush for food, shelter, and their continued survival.

Please dim your lights and park at the designated location ahead. To minimize disturbance remain quiet, do not leave your vehicle, and do not attempt to approach birds closer for photographs.

Sign courtesy of FWP, BLM and the Dillon Local Working Group for Sage-Grouse.

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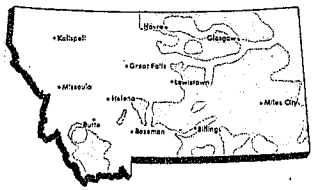
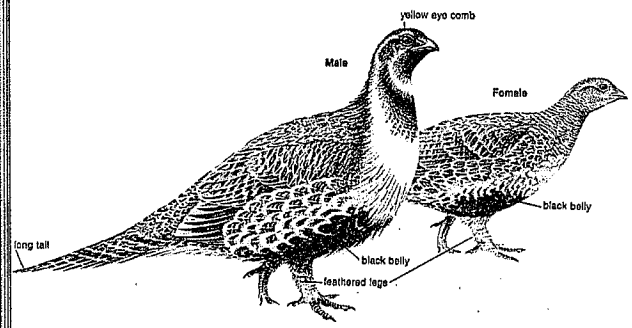
SAGE GROUSE
(Centrocercus urophasianus)

OTHER NAMES: Sage hen, sage cock, sage chicken. **CHARACTERISTICS:** The largest of Montana's grouse. Both sexes have relatively long, pointed tails, feathered legs, and mottled gray-brown, buff, and black plumage. Males have a blackish brown throat patch and an inconspicuous yellow eye comb. Both sexes have blackish bellies which contrast sharply with white under-wing coverts when the birds are in flight. Females appear to dip from side to side while flying. Adult males range from 26-30 inches in length and 4-7 lbs. in weight; adult females range from 19-23 inches in length and 2.5-3.5 lbs. in weight. **HABITAT:** Sagebrush. **SIMILAR SPECIES:** A female pheasant can possibly be confused with a female or young male sage grouse. Female pheasants, however, have a brown belly and bare legs, while female sage grouse have have a black belly patch and feathered legs. **STATUS:** Native to Montana. Fall hunting season, both sexes.





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Various colors are possible