



18 July 2023

Idaho Department of Fish and Game  
600 S. Walnut Street  
Boise, ID 83712

**Re: Sage Grouse Harvest Season and Tag Proposals, 2023-2024**

Dear Commissioners and Director Fredericks:

On behalf of Safari Club International, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Sage Grouse Harvest Season and Tag Proposals, 2023-2024.

The proposed draft changes to the 2023-2024 sage grouse harvest season and tag proposals generally demonstrate responsible and sustainable management of sage grouse while maintaining high levels of opportunity for hunters. SCI believes that sound science-based conservation involving hunting as the primary management tool, while maximizing opportunities for all huntable species, including sage grouse, is necessary to the long-term health of wildlife. Hunters have long paid the way for conservation, both game and non-game wildlife, and maximizing opportunity for hunting is also key to long-term funding for all conservation. Hunting benefits wildlife conservation.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on the 2023-2024 Sage Grouse Harvest Season and Tag Proposals. SCI is dedicated to protecting the freedom to hunt and we appreciate the continued partnership with the Department and the Commission. SCI is always first for hunters.

Sincerely,

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Safari Club International