

Air Traffic Control for the Birds - Fence Markers

The Challenge

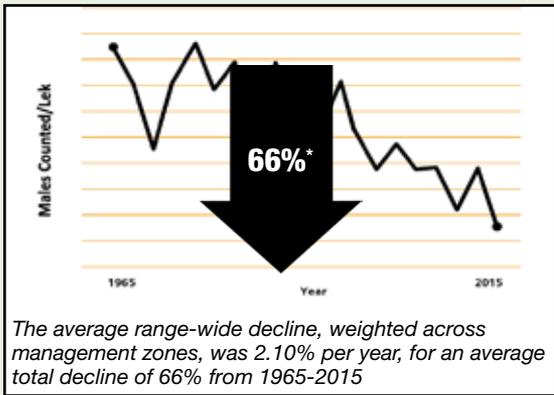
The sage grouse is a unique and beautiful bird that is under severe threat.

Populations of sage grouse are in decline due to environment loss and decline of the pristine plains environments it requires to mate.



Sage Grouse are also collectively known as sagehen, sage grouse, sage cock, sage chicken or cock of the plains. Alaskans call them hooters.

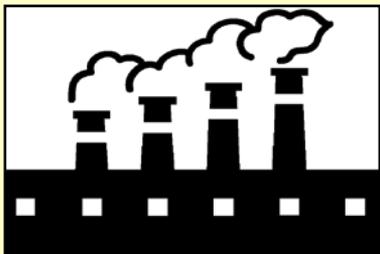
Sage Grouse Lek Decline



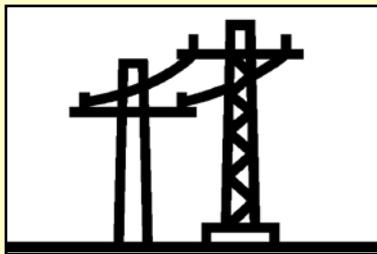
Habitat Area



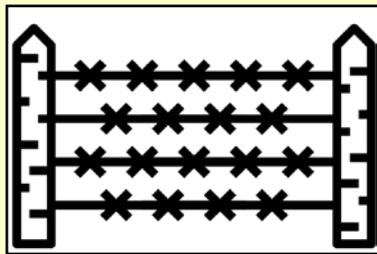
The Threats



Loss of Habitat
Loss of hunting and breeding range



Power Lines
Industrial hazards



Barbed Wire
Low-flying sage grouse are often killed in fence collisions



An Immediate Solution

Sage Grouse collisions with barbed wire fences can cause injury or death.

Applying [highly visible markers](#) every three feet to wire fences near areas with large grouse populations can **reduce collision rates by up to 83 percent.**



Other Ways to Help



Time

Volunteer to install markers. Spend time in the countryside (great project for teens and active adults).



Talent

Partner with the Sage Grouse Initiative: Find out how at info@sagegrouseinitiative.com



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