

Access to Sage-Grouse Files from Wyoming Game and Fish Department
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Sage-Grouse lek location data are considered sensitive and are therefore access restricted. The data are provided for the purposes of avoiding and/or mitigating impacts of human activities to sage-grouse or for research purposes. Lek location data are not provided for recreational purposes. **Please do not share either the instructions or the data files with others.** Persons seeking to view or photograph sage-grouse can download a viewing guide at: <http://wgfd.wyo.gov/web2011/wildlife-1000817.aspx> GIS shapefiles associated with Wyoming's Core Area Policy can also be downloaded directly from the same website.

The link to access these data files is:

https://drive.google.com/a/wyo.gov/folderview?id=0B1ipaYb66PvHfnVSR0IJU0tRQWJaaFBXZkNfaERldFJMamI0cHhWTGlfDmdTUFFzSUtoWnc&usp=sharing_eid

Data files included in this download:

1. **SG lek definitions 11-2012.pdf** - PDF file of current definitions. This file should be read prior to using the other files.
2. **SG GIS Files 2015.zip** - GIS shapefiles (zipped) of “occupied”, “unoccupied” and “unknown” (see definitions) lek locations. Included are shapefiles for lek perimeters for those leks where perimeters have been mapped.
3. **SG Lek Locations & Descriptors 2015.xlsx** – Excel spreadsheet of lek names, locations, occupied/unoccupied/unknown status, etc.
4. **SG Lek Observations 1948-2015.xlsx** – Excel spreadsheet (~106,000 records) of site/date specific lek observations. Do not use lek locations in these files, as they are observation specific.
5. **SG Peak Males 1948-2015.xlsx** – Excel spreadsheet that provides the lek name, location and the peak number of males observed at that lek by year. Blanks = no survey, 0 = no birds observed.
6. **SG Lek Status 1948-2015.xlsx** – Excel spreadsheet that provides the lek name, location and activity status (active = A, inactive = I, abandoned = AB, destroyed = D or unknown = U).
7. **SG_Wyoming_Current_Historic_Range.zip** – GIS shapefile (zipped) of the current and historic range of sage-grouse in Wyoming. Revised in 2015.
8. **WGF SG Lek Monitoring Protocol.ppt** – PowerPoint slides (read only).

These files will be updated once annually (usually August).