



Dear Deschutes County Property Owner:

The purpose of this letter is to alert you of new Greater Sage-Grouse habitat maps under consideration by the Oregon Land Conservation and Development Commission.

On July 24, 2015, the Oregon Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) adopted rules addressing potential conflicts between “large-scale development” and Greater Sage-Grouse habitat. Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 660-023-0115 became effective on August 13, 2015. State law requires Baker, Crook, Deschutes, Harney, Lake, Malheur, and Union counties to implement them.

In 2023, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife produced new Greater-Sage Grouse habit maps. These maps are being considered for adoption by LCDC. If adopted, areas within the new boundaries will be subject to the “large-scale” development rules.

**LCDC will hold a public hearing to gather testimony on the new maps on January 23, 2025. Please see the attached notice for additional information.**

If the new maps are adopted, Deschutes County will also be holding a public hearing to incorporate this new information into the County’s Greater-Sage Grouse Area Combining Zone. The tentative date for this hearing is February 6, 2025, at the Deschutes County Service Center, Barnes and Sawyer Room, 1300 NW Wall Street, Bend or via zoom.

Visit the project information for hearing information and detailed habitat maps: [bit.ly/sagegrouse](https://bit.ly/sagegrouse).

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me by phone (541) 317-3157 or email: [Nicole.Mardell@deschutes.org](mailto:Nicole.Mardell@deschutes.org).

Sincerely,

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Deschutes County Senior Long Range Planner

Attach: LCDC Measure 56 Notice, 2024 Greater-Sage Grouse Habitat Map

## Department of Land Conservation and Development

### Measure 56 Notice for Greater-Sage Grouse

**This is to notify you that the Oregon Land Conservation and Development Commission has proposed a new or amended administrative rule that, if adopted, may affect the permissible uses of properties in your jurisdiction.**

On January 23, 2025, the Oregon Land Conservation and Development Commission will hold a public hearing regarding adoption of proposed amendments to OAR 660-023-0115, related to protection of the Greater Sage Grouse in Oregon. The amendments would replace existing Exhibit B, mapped Greater Sage Grouse Habitat areas, with a revised map reflecting updated information regarding location of Greater Sage Grouse Habitat. Adoption of the rule may change the zoning classification of properties in your jurisdiction or may limit or prohibit land uses previously allowed on properties in your jurisdiction.

Rule 660-023-0115 is available for inspection at the Department of Land Conservation and Development located at 635 Capitol Street NE, Salem, OR 97301. A copy of the proposed rule 660-023-0115 Exhibit B map also is available for purchase at no cost.

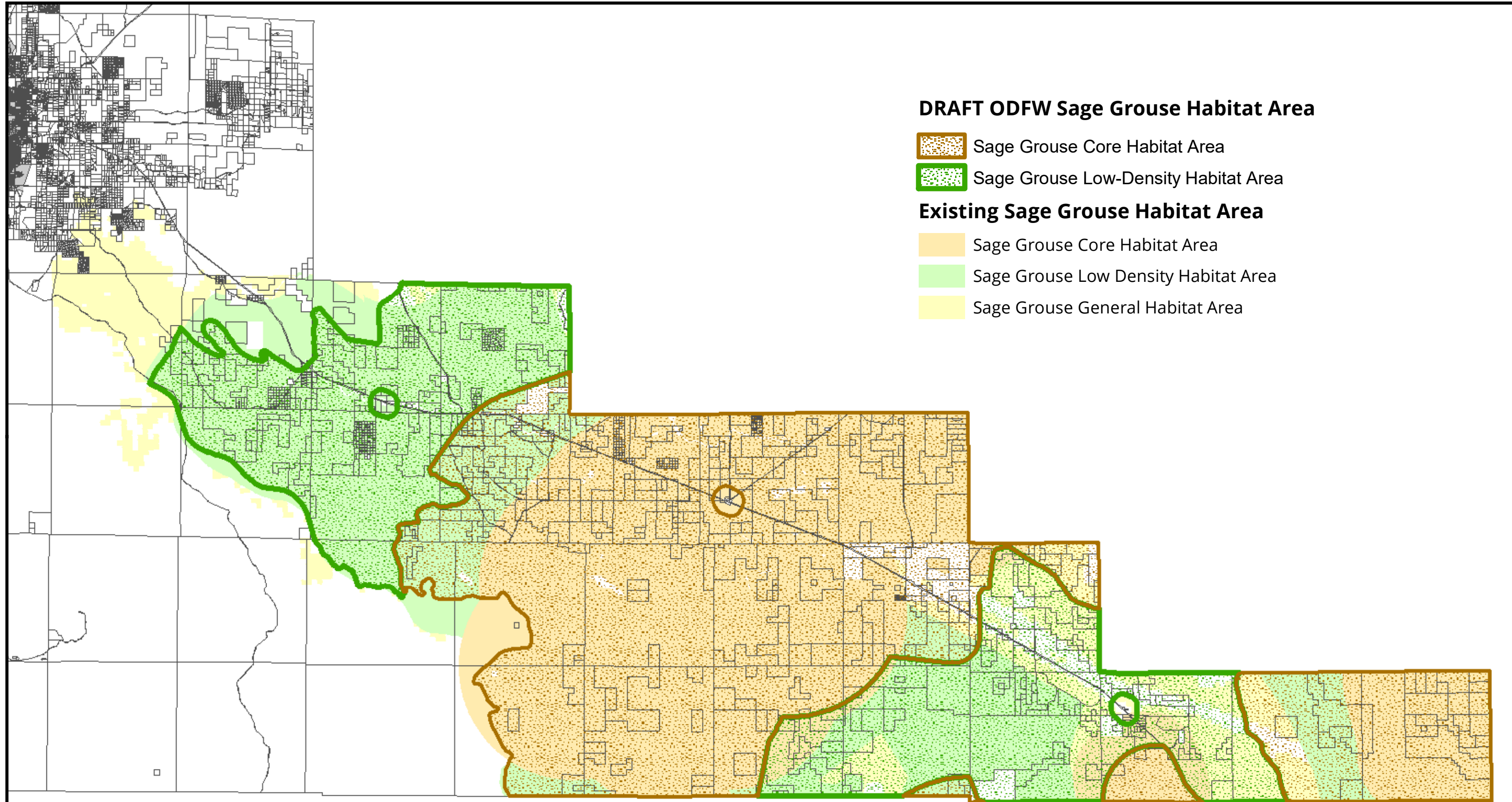
For additional information, contact Jon Jinings of the Department of Land Conservation and Development at 541-325-6928.



1" = 4.25 Mi.

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## 2024 ODFW Sage Grouse Habitat Area



Note: Areas not included in the 2024 Draft ODFW Sage Grouse boundary will no longer be defined as Sage Grouse habitat areas.