

**International Sage-grouse Forum (ISGF)**  
([www.sage-grouseforum.org](http://www.sage-grouseforum.org))

*Conservation Through Science, Management and Community Involvement*

**Purpose:** To enhance sage-grouse conservation through science, management and community involvement. At no time in the recorded annals of wildlife management, have so many devoted so much to the management and conservation of a single species – the Greater Sage-grouse. The species is indicative of the health of the sagebrush ecosystem on which many depend. The ISGF will highlight the magnitude and resolve of on-going range wide partnerships, and identify opportunities to further advance species conservation through science, management, and local community involvement.

**When:** November 13-14, 2014. The Forum will begin at 8:00 am, Thursday, November 13 and conclude at 4:00pm, Friday November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014

**Where:** Radisson Inn Downtown, 215 West South Temple, Salt Lake City, UT. 84101, US  
A block of rooms has been reserved under Sage-grouse Forum.

**Who:** Landowners, local sage-grouse working group members, federal, state, and private sage-grouse conservation partners, industry, elected officials, county and community planners.

**Registration:** to register for the ISGF go to [www.sage-grouseforum.org](http://www.sage-grouseforum.org)  
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**Workshop Session E. Predation and Hunting: Lighting Rods and Silver Bullets**

**Purpose:** To present and discuss the role of predation and its management, as well as hunting in sage-grouse conservation. We will discuss predation's natural role within sage-grouse populations and when it may become a limiting factor. We will also discuss the information and knowledge gaps we currently have with this issue. The issue of hunting a species of conservation concern is widely debated. We will consider the history, how states have managed, and some of the human-dimensions of hunting sage-grouse.

**Date and Time: November 14, 2014**

**8:00 am**      **Concurrent Workshops**

- (E) Predation and Hunting: Lightning Rods and Silver Bullets

**1:30 pm**      **Concurrent Workshops**

- (Repeat E) Predation and Hunting: Lightning Rods and Silver Bullets

**Format:** Short presentations followed by facilitated discussion

**Facilitator:** Dr. David Dahlgren, Utah State University

## Speakers:

1. Overview of Sage-Grouse Mortality: Predation and Hunting – Christian Hagen – 20-25 minutes
2. What's the Big Deal: Ravens and Sage-Grouse – Pete Coates – 10-12 minutes
3. An Example of Sage-Grouse Predation Management – Jonathan Dinkins – 10-12 minutes
4. The Strawberry Valley Sage-Grouse Saga – Randy Larsen – 10-12 minutes
5. Sage-Grouse Hunter Characteristics: the Human Side of the Issue – Michael Guttery – 10-12 minutes

Christian Hagen, PhD, is an Associate Professor, Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, Oregon State University. Christian has been working on native grouse research and conservation, including greater sage-grouse and lesser prairie-chicken, for many years. Christian received a PhD from Kansas State University working on lesser prairie-chicken ecology.

Peter Coates, PhD, is a Research Wildlife Biologist for the USGS Western Ecological Research Center, Dixon Field Station (CA). Pete received a doctorate from Idaho State University working on greater sage-grouse ecology, specifically nesting and predator ecology.

Jonathan Dinkins, PhD, is a Post-Doctoral Fellow at University of Wyoming, working on greater sage-grouse ecology. Jonathan received a doctorate from Utah State University where he studied the impact of ravens on sage-grouse in western Wyoming. He is also currently studying the impacts of hunting on sage-grouse.

Randy Larsen, PhD, is an Associate Professor at Brigham Young University. Randy received a doctorate from Utah State University. Randy currently works on many different species of wildlife in Utah and elsewhere. He currently oversees the Strawberry Valley sage-grouse project, which has a long history of research and conservation.

Michael Guttery, PhD, is a Post-Doctoral Fellow at Utah State University. Mike has worked on sage-grouse issues for many years. One of his research projects during his doctoral work surveyed Utah sage-grouse hunters and their motivations. Mike received his doctorate from Utah State University.