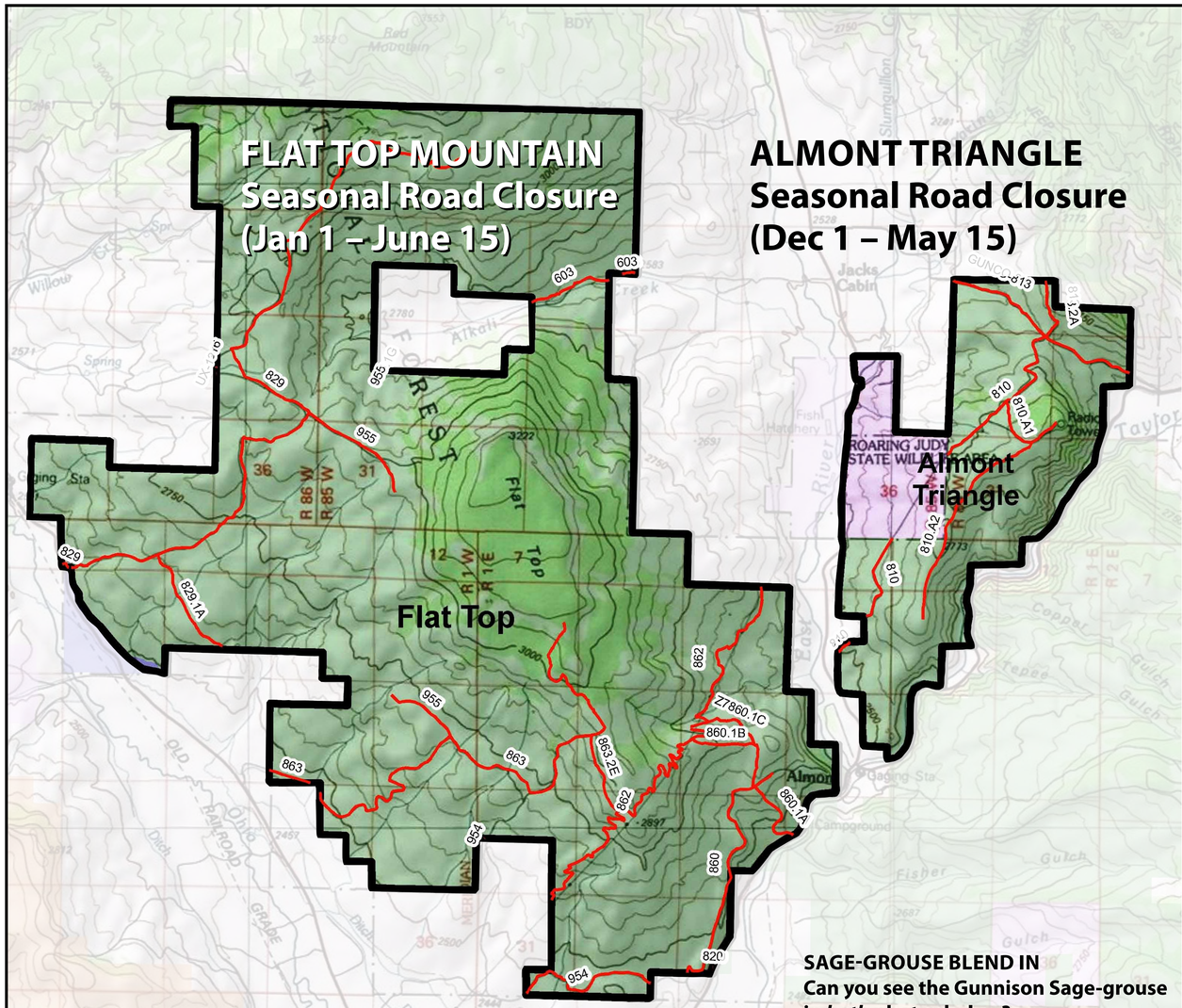


Protected area

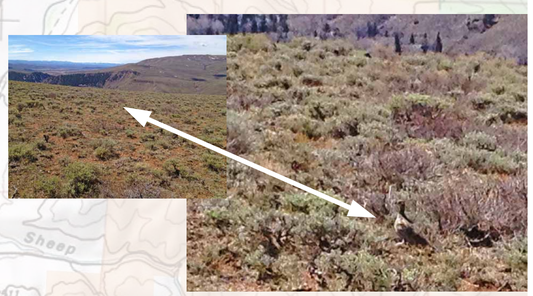
Annual seasonal closures protect Big Game & Gunnison Sage-grouse

To protect wintering DEER, ELK and BIGHORN SHEEP, and to protect GUNNISON SAGE-GROUSE in wintering, mating, nesting and brood rearing periods, annual seasonal closures are in effect in the Flat Top Mountain and Almont Triangle areas (*see map at left*).

FLAT TOP MOUNTAIN (*far left*) is closed to motorized travel during the annual closure period, however, foot travel on these roads and cross-country foot travel are allowed. If hiking with your dog, please use a leash to avoid unintended encounters which harass and stress Gunnison Sage-grouse.

ALMONT TRIANGLE (*near left*) is closed to all public uses during the annual closure period, including motorized and foot travel.

SAGE-GROUSE BLEND IN
Can you see the Gunnison Sage-grouse in *both* photos below?



Legend
Seasonal Closure Areas
Left - Flat Top; Right - Almont Triangle
Public Land Manager
Bureau of Land Management
CO Parks and Wildlife
State Land Board
National Forest

USDA Forest Service
Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests
Gunnison Ranger District, 216 N Colorado St, Gunnison
Matt Vasquez, District Biologist, Phone 970-641-0471

Seasonal closures help protect Gunnison Sage-grouse in the following sensitive periods, when they are engaged in these activities:

WINTERING (Dec – March)

MATING (March – May)

NESTING (April – June)

BROOD REARING (May – June)