



\$1

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2015

81° / 56° SEE A12

NAMPA LODGING

Company plans hotel next to Civic Center

NEWS, A5



NFL

MOORE COULD BE COWBOYS' NO. 2 QB

SPORTS, S1

IDAHO WINES

Hat Ranch of Caldwell area earns top prize

NEWS, A5

BUSINESS

AECOM TO LAY OFF UP TO 85 BOISE WORKERS

The company, which owns what's left of Boise's once-mighty construction company Morrison-Knudsen, will also eventually relocate its operations to Meridian, a move that a Boise arts and history official calls "insult to injury." **NEWS, A4**



REFUGEE CENTER

700 TURN OUT FOR FORUM IN TWIN FALLS

The public meeting was hosted by the Times-News because of the controversy over Syrians possibly coming to the Magic Valley as refugees. **NEWS, A8**

WAR IN SYRIA

PETRAEUS: U.S. SHOULD STEP UP

The former general and CIA director told Congress that the U.S. should stop government-led attacks on civilians and establish U.S.-protected enclaves in the war-torn nation. **NATION/WORLD, A10**



BOYS SOCCER

Ex-pro coaching at Centennial High

Logan Emory has journeyed from Major League Soccer to the high school sidelines, where he has guided the Patriots to an undefeated record. **SPORTS, S1**

OUTDOORS

CARVE OUT A TRIP TO LESLIE GULCH

Eastern Oregon's Succor Creek Natural Area and Leslie Gulch are just a two-hour drive from Boise and offer views of steep canyons, towering spires and arches of volcanic ash. The day trip also takes visitors to the edge of the heart of nowhere — the great Owyhee Canyonlands. The Statesman's Rocky Barker made the trek recently and reports that the Soda Fire and another wildfire in the region have placed more strain on an icon of its ecosystem — the struggling sage grouse. **OUTDOORS, E1**



DEPTH: SAGE GROUSE WON'T BE LISTED

VIDEO: SECRETARY JEWELL'S ANNOUNCEMENT, THE SAGE GROUSE'S ELABORATE MATING DANCE IDAHOSTATESMAN.COM

DECISION FOLLOWS 'HISTORIC EFFORT'



DAVID ZALUBOWSKI / The Associated Press

Male greater sage grouse perform mating rituals for a female grouse, not pictured, on a lake outside Walden, Colo., on April 20, 2013.

Rebounding population and plans involving 11 states give federal officials confidence that the bird can survive without Endangered Species status

BY ROCKY BARKER

rbarker@idahostatesman.com © 2015 Idaho Statesman

The decision by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service that sage grouse don't need Endangered Species Act protection is based on recent population growth and an "all lands" conservation strategy across the West that officials describe as the biggest land-planning effort ever undertaken for a single species.

The strategy is built on amendments to 98 federal

land plans that beef up restrictions on development on 173 million acres of sage grouse habitat and proposes to withdraw 10 million acres from oil and gas and mineral development. It also depends on a national fire strategy emphasizing protecting sagebrush habitat that Interior Secretary Sally Jewell pushed through this year and credited to Idaho Gov. Butch Otter, who had made fire the center of Idaho's grouse plan.

See **SAGE GROUSE, A6**

BOISE STATE FOOTBALL

Meet offensive lineman Mario Yakoo **S1**
Join the live chat at 10 a.m. today

CYCLING

Boise's Kristin Armstrong takes fifth; Rio bid delayed **SPORTS, S1**

GUEST OPINION

North End shooting shows need for stalking protections **OPINIONS, A11**

A NEWS Catching Up **A2-3** | Local news **A4-8** | Business **A4-5** | Nation/World **A9-10** | Opinions **A11** | Letters to the Editor **A11** | Weather **A12** | Stocks **A12**
E EXPLORE/OUTDOORS Idaho Outdoors **E1** | Outdoors Calendar **E2** | Food & Drink **E5** | Comics **E6-7** | Horoscopes **E7** | Puzzles **E7** | Obituaries **E8-9** | Classifieds **E9**
S SPORTS Boise State football **S1** | Varsity Extra **S1, 3, 5** | Sports on TV/Radio **S2** | College Football **S4** | Scoreboard **S5**

INSIDE TODAY



IDAHO STATESMAN: A McClatchy Newspaper, 1200 N. Curtis Road, Boise, ID • P.O. Box 40, Boise, ID 83707 • (208) 377-6200 • © 2015 Idaho Statesman, Vol. 151, No. 60, 3 sections, 30 pages

2015 NISSAN ROGUE S FWD
Standard Bluetooth

THREE OR MORE AT THIS PRICE

SALE PRICE **\$19,480*** OR LEASE FOR **0 DOWN** UPTO **33** MPG HWY
PER MONTH PLUS TAX

MODEL 22715

DENNIS DILLON.COM 388-4400

Fairview Ave.
Maple Grove Rd.
Milkhouse St.

DENNIS DILLON NISSAN

*All prices plus tax, title and dealer documentation fee of \$299. **36 month lease, 12k miles per year, residual \$13,969.30. Art for illustration purposes only. Limited to stock on hand. See dealer for details.