

New Information Kiosks Near Strawberry Reservoir

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The Strawberry Valley Adaptive Resource Management group (SVARM) has installed two new information kiosks near Strawberry Reservoir. The signs discuss sage-grouse, recreation impacts, and habitat treatment efforts. SVARM members worked together to design, fund, and install the project. Both kiosks are located near popular ATV or snowmobile recreationist parking areas, one at Trout Creek, across Highway 40 from the reservoir, and the other on private land closer to the reservoir.



The signs help achieve several of SVARM's goals. First, they provide basic information about sage-grouse in the area: population declines and recent increases, and show pictures of sage-grouse. Second, several sections of the sign, visible from a vehicle driving by, emphasize the importance of being careful when recreating in sage-grouse habitat. The signs say "Take Care, We Have Sage-grouse Here!" Lastly, for visitors to the area who chose to examine the sign in more detail, they will learn that there are habitat treatments visible from the parking areas. The text explains why and how the treatments were done and how they help sage-grouse.

The Division of Wildlife Resources provided funding and labor to print and install the Trout Creek sign, which was attached to an existing Forest Service information kiosk backboard and roof. A new structure was built to house the sign at the snowmobile parking area. Many members of the SVARM group provided input on content and design, making the project a true team effort!

