

**Oregon Greater Sage-Grouse
Proposed Resource Management Plan Amendment and
Final Environmental Impact Statement**

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1. Responsible Agency: United States Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management
2. Type of Action: Administrative (X) Legislative ()
3. Document Status: Draft () Final (X)
4. Abstract: This proposed resource management plan amendment and final environmental impact statement (Proposed RMPA/Final EIS) has been prepared by the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) with participation of 12 cooperating agencies. It describes and analyzes seven alternatives for managing approximately 12.7 million acres of BLM-administered lands and approximately 14.1 million acres of BLM-administered federal mineral estate that may exist with other surface ownership, often referred to as split-estate lands. Surface estate and federal mineral estate is managed by four BLM district offices (Burns, Lakeview, Prineville, and Vale). The analysis area spans portions of eight eastern Oregon counties: Baker, Crook, Deschutes, Grant, Harney, Lake, Malheur, and Union. Alternative A is a continuation of current management (no action alternative); use of public lands and resources would continue to be managed under the current BLM RMPs, as amended. Alternative B describes management actions taken directly from the Sage-Grouse National Technical Team's *A Report on National Greater Sage-Grouse Conservation Measures*. Alternatives C and F describe management actions submitted by various citizen groups. Alternative D describes management actions developed by adapting the National Technical Team measures to Oregon and was the agencies' preferred alternative in the Draft RMPA. Alternative E describes management actions taken from *Greater Sage-Grouse Conservation Assessment and Strategy for Oregon: A Plan to Maintain and Enhance Populations and Habitat*. The Proposed RMPA is largely based on Alternative D. The Proposed RMPA is not a final agency decision but instead is an indication of the agency's preference that reflects the best combination of decisions to achieve the BLM's goals and policies, meets the purpose and need, addresses the key planning issues, and considers public comments and the recommendations of cooperating agencies and BLM specialists. The alternatives present a range of management actions to achieve the goal of Greater Sage-Grouse conservation for Oregon. Major planning issues addressed in the EIS seek to alleviate the threats identified by the US Fish and Wildlife Service's Sage-Grouse Conservation Objectives Team. These include vegetation management, wildland fire and fuels management, lands and realty actions, minerals, travel management, and grazing.
5. Protest Period: Protests must be postmarked or received no later than 30 calendar days following publication of the US Environmental Protection Agency's Notice of Availability in the *Federal Register*. Please refer to the instructions in the letter preceding this abstract for additional information on how to protest. The close of the protest period will be announced in news releases and on the Oregon Greater Sage-Grouse website: <http://on.doi.gov/J6h42H>

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