

Oregon Sub-Region Greater Sage-Grouse Draft Resource Management Plan Amendment and Environmental Impact Statement

Public Meeting Information Sheet

Greater Sage-Grouse Habitat/Management

The BLM has identified and mapped GRSG habitat in coordination with respective state wildlife agencies. This habitat falls into one of the two following categories:

- Preliminary Priority Habitat (PPH): Areas that have been identified as having the highest conservation value to maintaining sustainable GRSG populations. These areas include breeding, late brood-rearing, and known winter concentration areas.
- Preliminary General Habitat (PGH): Areas of occupied seasonal or year-round habitat outside of preliminary priority habitat.

Resource allocations in the RMPs being amended by the Draft RMPA/EIS were not created to directly manage PPH or PGH. This is because these habitat areas were not identified until after the RMPs were adopted. However, resource allocations in the RMPs can still affect PPH and PGH that happen to share the same area as a resource allocation. In these instances, existing RMP resource allocations (which were adopted before the identification of PPH and PGH) influence these recently identified GRSG habitats and the species. Consequently, Alternative A identifies where resource allocations happen to coincide with PPH and PGH.

Each alternative in the Draft RMPA/EIS contains a discrete set of objectives and management actions and constitutes a separate RMPA with the potential for different long-range outcomes and conditions. Depending on the action alternative's objective, conservation measures focus on preliminary priority management areas (PPMAs) for Alternatives B, C, D, and F and on Core Area habitat for Alternative E. They also focus on preliminary general management areas (PGMAs) for Alternatives B, C, D, and F and on Low Density habitat for Alternative E. PPMAs, PPH, and Core Area habitat cover the same geographic areas. PGMAs and PGH cover the same geographic areas and are made up of both Low Density habitat and Currently Occupied Habitat.

Useful Websites for Additional Information (November 14, 2013)

- Conservation Objectives Team Report:
<http://www.fws.gov/mountain-prairie/species/birds/sagegrouse/>
- Baseline Environmental Report (Summary of Science, Activities, Programs, and Policies That Influence the Rangewide Conservation of Greater Sage-Grouse (*Centrocercus urophasianus*)):
<http://pubs.usgs.gov/of/2013/1098/>
- National Technical Team Report:
<http://www.blm.gov/pgdata/etc/medialib/blm/co/programs/wildlife.Par.73607.File.dat/GrSG%20Tech%20Team%20Report.pdf>

- BLM Website:
<http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/more/sagegrouse.html>
- Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Sage-Grouse Strategy:
http://www.dfw.state.or.us/wildlife/sagegrouse/docs/20110422_GRSG_April_Final%2052511.pdf
- Natural Resources Conservation Service – Sage-Grouse Initiative:
<http://www.sagegrouseinitiative.com/>
- Intermountain West Joint Venture (IWJV):
<http://www.iwJV.org/implementation-plan-2013>

Acronyms and Abbreviations

<i>Acronyms and Abbreviations</i>	<i>Full Phrase</i>
ACEC	Area of Critical Environmental Concern
AML	Appropriate Management Level
AMP	allotment management plan
AMS	Analysis of the Management Situation
AUM	animal unit month
BER	Baseline Environmental Report
BLM	United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management
BMP	best management practice
CEQ	Council on Environmental Quality
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
COT	Conservation Objectives Team
CSU	controlled surface use
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
EPA	United States Environmental Protective Agency
ES&R	emergency stabilization and rehabilitation
ESA	Endangered Species Act of 1973
FFR	Fenced Federal Range
FLPMA	Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976
Forest Service	United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service
FPA	Fire Program Analysis
FRCC	fire regime condition class
FWFMP	Federal Wildland Fire Management Policy
GH	general habitat
GRSG	Greater Sage-Grouse
HA	Herd Area
HAF	habitat assessment framework
HMA	Herd Management Area
HMAP	Herd Management Area Plan
HMP	Habitat Management Plan
IM	Instruction Memorandum

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LUBA	Land Use Board of Appeals
LUP	Land Use Plan
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MZ	Management Zone
NAAQS	National Ambient Air Quality Standards
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended
NL	no lease
NRCS	Natural Resources Conservation Service
NSO	no surface occupancy
NTT	National Technical Team
OAR	Oregon Administrative Rule
ODEQ	Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
ODFW	Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
OHV	off-highway vehicle
PFC	proper functioning condition
PGH	preliminary general habitat
PGMA	preliminary general management area
PH	priority habitat
PILT	Payments in Lieu of Taxes
PPH	preliminary priority habitat
PPMA	preliminary priority management area
RDF	required design feature
REA	Rapid Ecoregional Assessment
RFD	reasonable foreseeable development
RMP	Resource Management Plan
RMPA	Resource Management Plan Amendment
RNA	Research Natural Area
ROD	Record of Decision
ROW	right-of-way
SRMA	special recreation management area
SRP	special recreation permit
SSS	special status species
TL	timing limitation
US	United States
USC	United States Code
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
USFWS	United States Fish and Wildlife Service
USGS	United States Geological Survey
VDDT	Vegetation Dynamics Development Tool
WAFWA	Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies
WHB	wild horse and burro
WSA	Wilderness Study Area