

Collaboration with States for Successful Greater Sage-Grouse Conservation



2015 The BLM issued final decisions on land use plans for 11 states with sage-grouse habitat.

Governors and state agencies from 6 states opposed the federally mandated plans:

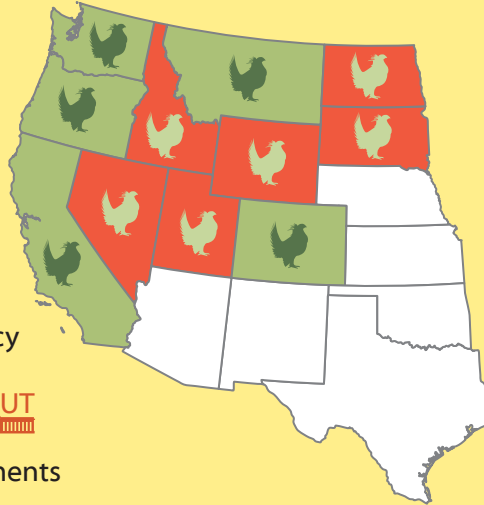
3 Governors filed protests



5 Governors appealed through the consistency review process



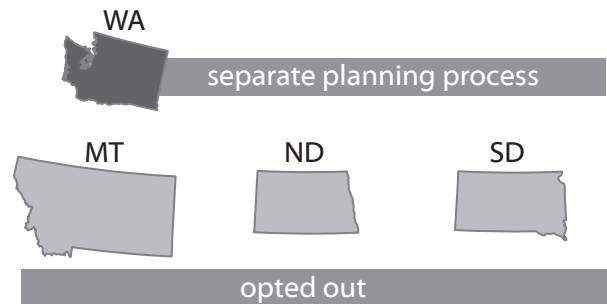
Legal challenges by 7 state and local governments



"Top-down national direction issued by the BLM Washington Office in January has presented us with some significant challenges that, without resolution, stand to undermine the fragile coalition we have built."

*Butch Otter, Governor of Idaho
June 2015*

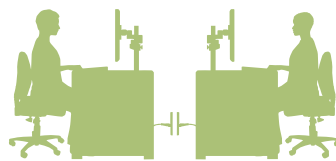
2017 Seven of 11 states opted for changes to the plans.



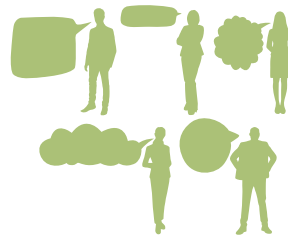
Interior spent a year listening to states' concerns and ideas. Plan amendments were determined through:



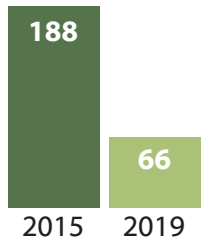
One-on-one discussions between the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of the Interior and Governors or their staffs



Collaboration between the BLM and state wildlife agency professionals to share data and expertise



Thousands of comments received from concerned organizations and individuals



As a result, protests of these focused plans were down.

Today The BLM is finalizing amended plans for 7 states with unanimous support from the governors:

0 Governors filed protests

0 Governor lawsuits anticipated

Across the West, the sage-grouse coalitions are poised to implement their plans.



"We are pleased that the Bureau of Land Management addressed our comments brought forward during the Governor's Consistency Review. Our focus now turns to implementation and creating successful outcomes on the ground."

*Jared Polis, Governor of Colorado
March 2019*

"This is a great example of federal leaders listening to state leaders, valuing their expertise. . ."

*Gary Herbert, Governor of Utah
December 2018*