



FACT SHEET: Northwestern Colorado Greater Sage-Grouse Environmental Impact Statement – Habitat

The Bureau of Land Management’s Northwest Colorado District office has mapped this habitat preliminarily, in coordination with Colorado Parks and Wildlife.

The BLM and the U.S. Forest Service only have jurisdiction over the lands they manage. This EIS does not make decisions on private lands.

Within the Northwest Colorado District, 1.7 million surface acres -- approximately 43 percent -- of Greater Sage-Grouse habitat is located on BLM and U.S. Forest Service-administered lands. In addition to the federal minerals underneath the 1.7 million surface acres, the plan also covers an additional 1.1 million acres of federal minerals.

Greater Sage-Grouse habitat falls into one of the three categories:

Preliminary Priority Habitat (PPH)—Areas identified as having the highest conservation value to maintaining sustainable Greater Sage-Grouse populations (includes breeding, late brood-rearing and winter concentration areas).

Of the approximately 2.4 million acres of PPH within northwestern Colorado, approximately 927,000 acres are on public lands and covered by this EIS.

Preliminary General Habitat (PGH)—Areas of seasonal or year-round habitat outside of priority habitat.

Of the approximately 1.5 million acres of PGH within northwestern Colorado, approximately 723,000 acres are on public lands and covered by this EIS.

Linkage/Connectivity Habitat—Areas identified as broader regions of connectivity important to facilitate the movement of Greater Sage-Grouse and maintain ecological processes.

Of the approximately 296,000 acres of linkage habitat within northwestern Colorado, approximately 82,000 acres are on public lands and covered by this EIS.