



## **FACT SHEET: Understanding the Draft Northwestern Colorado Greater Sage-Grouse Environmental Impact Statement**

### **What is this document?**

The document is a draft EIS analyzing four possible alternatives for managing Greater Sage-Grouse across northwestern Colorado for all included BLM-administered and National Forest System surface and split-estate lands. Up to six land use plans (five BLM and one U.S. Forest Service) could be amended as a result of this EIS to provide consistent management of Greater Sage-Grouse habitat.

### **What is the best way to review this document?**

Understanding how the document is laid out will help you find the information in which you are most interested.

- The Executive Summary – Gives a good overview of many key topics.
- Chapter 1 – Gives an overall description of the plan and its need.
- Chapter 2 – Describes the four alternatives in detail. Table 2-3 compares the current management (Alternative A) with Alternative B, the National Technical Team Report. Alternative A describes the current management, which varies among the five field offices and Routt National Forest. Table 2-4 compares the three action alternatives, B-D.
- Chapter 3 – This is a description of the “Affected Environment,” which is a detailed description of the resources addressed by the EIS.
- Chapter 4 – This is the detailed impact analysis for each alternative, arranged by issues. The purpose of this chapter is to disclose the potential impacts of each alternative to the public – and to the decision-makers.
- Chapter 5 – Describes the likely cumulative impacts from implementing the alternatives presented in Chapter 2. These are incremental impacts of the action when added to other past, present and reasonably-foreseeable future actions.
- Chapter 6 – Consultation and coordination. This details the public outreach and participation opportunities to date, as well as the consultation and coordination efforts with tribes, stakeholders and other government agencies.
- Appendices – The appendices include a lot of key support information. Be sure to look at the table of contents for the appendices to find more detail for your particular topic.