



National Greater Sage-Grouse Planning Strategy

Planning Boundaries and Surface Administration



In March 2010 the US Fish and Wildlife Service determined that the greater sage-grouse warrants protection under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) but that listing was precluded by the need to address other high-priority species first. One reason for this decision was an identified need for more adequate mechanisms to ensure species conservation. As land management agencies, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Forest Service (FS) are responsible for managing sage-grouse habitat. Land Use Plans (LUPs) provide the regulatory mechanism for management and therefore the BLM and FS are incorporating objectives and appropriate conservation measures into LUPs. The BLM and FS intend to complete LUP revisions within the next three years to aid conservation of the greater sage-grouse and avert a potential listing under the ESA. The planning strategy will evaluate the adequacy of LUPs and address as necessary, revisions and amendments throughout the planning region.

