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BLM and Forest Service release draft Nevada and Northeastern California Sub-regional Sage-grouse EIS

Reno, Nev. – The Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service released the Draft Nevada and Northeastern California Sub-regional Greater Sage-grouse Land Use Plan Amendment and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DLUP/DEIS) for a 90-day public comment period that closes January 29, 2014.

The DLUP/DEIS considers six possible management alternatives for maintaining and increasing habitat for Greater Sage-grouse on BLM and Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest lands in Nevada and Northeastern California. More than 17 million acres of Greater Sage-grouse habitat are managed by the BLM and Forest Service within the sub-regional area.

Written comments related to the Nevada and Northeastern California Sub-Regional Sage-grouse DLUP/DEIS can be submitted by any of the following methods:

- Web site: <http://on.doi.gov/14ZD3Rb>
- email: blm_nv_ca_sagegrouse_eis_comments@blm.gov
- mail: BLM – Greater Sage Grouse EIS, Attn: Joe Tague, 1340 Financial Blvd. Reno, NV 89502

Copies of the DLUP/DEIS are available at the following offices and on the web site at: http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/prog/wildlife/greater_sage-grouse.html

Nevada

BLM State Office, 1340 Financial Blvd., Reno

BLM Winnemucca District Office, 5100 E. Winnemucca Blvd., Winnemucca

BLM Ely District Office, 702 North Industrial Way, HC 33 Box 33500, Ely

BLM Caliente Field Office, US Hwy 93, Bldg. 1, Caliente

BLM Elko District Office, 3900 E. Idaho Street, Elko

BLM Carson City District Office, 5665 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City

Battle Mountain District Office, 50 Bastian Road, Battle Mountain

BLM Tonopah Field Office, 1553 South Main Street, Tonopah

Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest Supervisor's Office, 1200 Franklin Way, Sparks

California

BLM State Office, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento

BLM Alturas Field Office, 708 W. 12th Street, Alturas

BLM Eagle Lake Field Office, 2950 Riverside Drive, Susanville

BLM Surprise Field Office, 602 Cressler Street, Cedarville

Public workshops related to the DLUP/DEIS will be held in December. The locations and times will be posted on the website and announced at least 15 days prior to the meetings.

In March 2010, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service determined that listing the Greater Sage-grouse as a threatened or endangered species was “warranted, but precluded.” The FWS determined that current and potential threats to Greater Sage-grouse habitat and inadequacy of existing regulatory mechanisms pose “a significant threat to the Greater Sage-Grouse now and in the foreseeable future.”

The Nevada and Northeastern California Greater Sage-grouse EIS is one of 15 EISs that are being conducted as part of BLM’s and Forest Service’s west-wide National Greater Sage-Grouse planning effort, to provide additional measures to maintain and increase Greater Sage-grouse habitat on public lands to preclude the birds listing.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, please be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask the BLM or the Forest Service in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, the BLM and Forest Service cannot guarantee that it will be able to do so.

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