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Dear Public Official,

I have been following the process of the BLM possibly listing the Gunnison Sage Grouse as an endangered species, under the Endangered Species act. Is this the same thing as the Greater Sage Grouse? I am assumng it is. I am an avid bird watcher, and have spent years watching various birds all over the planet. I think a rare and beautiful bird like this should be very protected, for future people to watch and appreciate. If we allow wonderful animals like this to die out, what will the people who follow us say about us? I can guess it wouldn't be good! Things such as - they were so greedy they needed all the land for themselves!! or- what a bunch of slob!!

Anyway, I realise people need jobs, but there are other things besides economics that should be considered sometimes, that is why we have the endangered species act. I think, with the proper publicity, there can be some economic gain from keeping the animals protected, too. Jobs in tourism, bird guiding, artwork, and more. Isnt the state slogan of Colorado something to do with keeping it wild?

Thanks for reading my comments-

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