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**From:** Axum Teklu  
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**To:** blm\_co\_nw\_sage\_grouse@blm.gov  
**Subject:** BLM - Greater Sage Grouse EIS

BLM

I have never personally seen a sage grouse, but I know that this species is critical in the Colorado habitat. I am the oldest in my family; all of my cousins are younger, but I try to take them outdoors as much as possible. When I'm old, I don't want the sage grouse to be a story of those birds that couldn't be saved, and are no longer around for them to see.

Not all habitats in CO are the same, so I do advise that careful studies are done so that the sage grouse can be carefully protected. What we have (DEIS) is a great start to the protection of the greater sage grouse, but let's make this the strongest protection there is. It's easier to follow the precautionary principle than be reactionary to a close-to-being extinct species.

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BLM

We need to consider our environment while developing. Protecting ourselves is similar to protecting the environment for the grouse. Different obviously, but just as important. If we change the environment and eliminate one or two species, then that will have a snowball effect of which we don't understand. We are all interconnected, even though it may be hard to see.

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BLM

My personal background/experience has nothing to do with wildlife at all, as I am through and through a "city boy". But, it has been such an eye opening experience just seeing photos of the last of a particular species left, the Colorado sage grouse draft environmental impact statement has opened my eyes to things that we need to continue doing, ie; showing the true beauty of these animals in their true habitat. BLM needs to preserve a lot more that they actually are as we don't need to take all areas.

Thank you to Noppadol for his presentation which has opened my eyes in so many ways.

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**From:** Marie Loeffelholz  
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**Subject:** BLM - Greater Sage Grouse EIS

BLM

I moved to Colorado seven months ago, and was exposed to sage grouse during my work with conservation Colorado. I had never heard of sage grouse before I moved to Colorado, but I have recently learned all about these beautiful bird, and I firmly believe they need to protected. Land management that benefits sage grouse, benefits all of us. The birds decline and widespread loss of habitat are warning us that things are out of balance and that OUR western lands, clean air and water, and wildlife may be at risk. If everyone works together, we can establish common sense safeguards that protect wildlife habitat and economic opportunities for us and for future generations. We don't want to lose these beautiful and special birds in Colorado!

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BLM

I think protecting the sage grouse is vitally critical to the protection and preservation of wildlife supporting habitat. Sufficient regulations that would allow this beautiful bird to flourish in the appropriate areas, will be appreciated by future generations.

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**From:** Jacob Nash  
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BLM

The sage grouse is an amazing bird and an important cultural and heritage icon. I think the BLM should not rely on NSO's as they can be waived.

Instead they should use special designations like ACEC's, as well as amending and/or buying-back leases. Taking measures to protect sage grouse will benefit all citizens of Colorado, while also benefiting the many other species who share the same ecosystem with the sage grouse.

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**From:** Susan Epstein  
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BLM

I believe that those of us in Colorado are blessed by living in one of the most special places on Earth. Having traveled extensively, I know how little the world cares for the environment. We must take the lead in protecting the grandeur of our surroundings.

BLM must protect the habitat of the greater sage grouse and other endangered species. We have already lost too much.

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**From:** Patrick Massaro  
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BLM

I had the pleasure of watching the greater sage grouse dance two years ago. The sights and sounds were incredible. These birds need to be protected by closing loopholes by limiting waivers, designating Areas of Critical Environmental Concern, and withdrawing the best habitat from leasing. These birds represent a critical part of western history, and ensuring their utmost protection should be the highest priority. I have seen them dance, and ensuring their protection for my children's children is very important to me.

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**From:** Abigail Hanson  
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**Subject:** BLM - Greater Sage Grouse EIS

BLM

I am a Colorado resident and I care deeply about the public lands in our state as well as the state's wildlife. I am eager to see the BLM do more to protect both our land and species such as the sage grouse that live in these beautiful areas.

Sage grouse habitat is also habitat for deer, pronghorn, and elk which is great both for tourism and hunting. Additionally, protecting these lands for animals will restore balance and contribute to the reduction of drilling impact and help protect valuable watersheds.

The land and the animals are all interconnected, and no harm can come from increasing protection for grouse habitat and letting nature do the rest of the work.

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BLM

To whom it may concern,

My name is Sam Alexander, and I truly believe that the protection of the sage grouse is one of the most important steps in preserving the prairie ecosystem.

Most importantly, I believe that we need to stop all future plans for development on core wilderness for the species. I also think that the loopholes in land acquisition must be closed for the preservation of the species. By doing this, the BLM can ensure that sage grouse have the best possible recovery, and will also protect the wildlife from any future damage. This protection will continue past the sage grouse, protecting other animals that depend on the prairie. By taking all of these precautions, we can ensure that the sage grouse, and all other prairie species, will benefit for future generations to come, and will provide me with the opportunity of following my aspirations to protect land for the future.

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**From:** Matthew Arvidson  
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BLM

My name is Matthew Arvidson, I hunt and fish, but I also hike, camp, nature watch, and simply appreciate the intrinsic beauty and importance of natural open spaces. I also understand that in some cases ranch land is valuable habitat, at the same time it contributes to the ranchers livelihood. In all cases protecting habitat benefits the various species of grouse, while providing "umbrella protection" to every species of insect, mammal, reptile, plant, and bird that uses that same habitat to live. It would make sense that the BLM should use special management designations to protect the most sensitive and important habitat to ensure the best chance of survival and improvement of the grouse populations. ACES's is an example of one of these special designations. Also, disturbances should be measured in both physical changes as well as documented behavioral changes too. My whole family past, present, and future want to live alongside these amazing animals.

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**From:** Celia Vanderloop  
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BLM

I grew up in rural Wisconsin and have seen first hand the recovery of wildlife populations as habitat improves through protection of critical areas. This has benefited target species, and also many other species, including bear, wolves, etc.

Managing land for grouse habitat will help ranchers remain on the land and contribute to preserving their heritage, as well as providing for pronghorn antelope, and other game species.

I encourage the BLM to ensure the highest quality habitat is protected by preventing future leasing and changing current leases such that critical areas are protected.

Thank you for your consideration.

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**From:** Rebecca Strelitz  
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BLM

We cannot afford to see another species of grouse go extinct. They are a sign of the overall health of their ecosystems. Please grant this bird the maximum amount of protection possible. Stop development on their habitat!

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**From:** Linda Powers  
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BLM

I am a serious birder and lover of nature. To protect these iconic birds is also to protect our economy. Birding is the # 1 sport in the US. We are losing the battle to save these birds. The Fed's need to help by protecting our fragile landscape.

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**From:** Mike Hurowitz  
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BLM

I'm originally from Oregon, but now I'm a resident of Colorado. The open spaces and iconic species that live here are some of the major draws that made me want to move to, and live here. I help out on some ranch land owned by a friend. He raises buffalo for meat on his land. However, I see all kinds of wildlife on his ranch land. Protecting sensitive lands that serve function for both the farmer's livelihood, and the continued breeding grounds for the grouse. At the same time, it will act as an "umbrella protection" for every other species that uses that land as well.

In places where there is no development, and it is a place used for breeding, no "NSO" designations should be relied on to protect it, as they can be waived. They should be protected from all potential disturbances for perpetuity/forever. The BLM should consider using special designations, such as, "ACES's" to protect the most highly sensitive habitat. Keep Colorado wild, please!

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**From:** Danielle Schmandt  
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BLM

As a geologist, it is frustrating to watch the natural balance of the environment become so corrupted. It should be a top priority of our state to try to regain this balance, considering we watch so many other parts of the environment struggle as a result of a lack of regulations that benefit the environment and people's health. For example, global climate change is a direct result of human inaction, or better disregard. BLM should withdraw minerals from future leasing in at least the highest quality habitat, do not rely on just "NSO", as they can be waived. Also, these should be applied on a larger scale than just a single zone of management.

Please help protect these lands, so we can protect all of our beautiful state and all of it's residents, plants and animals included!

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**From:** Sean Pomeroy  
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BLM

My girlfriend and I are avid hikers and birders. The sage grouse is one of the most unique and iconic bird species in the west. I believe that sage grouse conservation planning is an efficient way to bring people together to generate creative, effective, and enforceable science based plans that will protect the most sensitive remaining habitat. I also know the intrinsic and extrinsic value of protecting habitats and the species that use them. Intrinsically, the grouse is valuable because they represent a healthy sage brush habitat. As well as extrinsically, because the elk and fish species bring in millions of dollars of state revenue, generated by selling hunting and fishing licenses, as well as the tourist dollars from birders and hikers alike. I feel that if we can allow everyone involved to work together, we can establish common sense "safeguards" that protect wildlife habitat and economic opportunities for us and for future generations.

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BLM

I am an environmental engineer and I became one to help implement my job in a way that considers long term environmental impacts. By not protecting grouse habitat lands, so far, that environment is currently unbalanced, showing the threat to all of the species that interact with the grouse, and the impact this will have on that land, including overpopulation of more detrimental animals to that environment and all the events that occur subsequently. (Such as, boom bust population cycles, and habitat degradation). When considering development in the grouse, BLM should highly consider the behavioral disturbances, as well as the physical removal of habitat, for "Disturbance Caps". If, as a nation, we continue to allow development without considering all aspects of the environmental impacts and the other life that shares the land, our world will fragment and devalue rapidly.

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BLM

I'm a native of Nebraska, but I'm now a resident of CO. I'm an avid fisherman and hunter. I know that when I'm out hunting for elk, I see grouse. So when I heard that the grouse were going to be managed and protected, I was thrilled because I know that the animals I enjoy hunting and eating would all benefit from the grouse being managed and protected.

They all use similar habitats to live and breed, so protecting habitat for "one" reason will ultimately protect it for all the species that use that habitat. There is one instance where you could solve several problems at once, in the "Little Snake" and "White River" areas; there is a lot of overlapping of Preliminary Priority Habitat and Lands with Wilderness Character. Managing to protect critical grouse habitat simultaneously protects the wilderness character of the land. I want my kids and their kids to be able to enjoy the same Colorado that I did!

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**From:** Katharine Strelitz  
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BLM

I'm a Colorado Resident and have been here my entire life. One of the wonderful things about this state, is that it draws much of its tourism, and in turn, boosts our state's economy, is the amount of beautiful open and wildlife. Protecting the land that grouse inhabit would help preserve Colorado's natural beauty and help preserve the reason people want to come just to see it. Considering the many other benefits to protecting this land, including the wildlife, the ranchers who use that land to make a living, etc. it is crucial to conserve grouse habitat. At minimum, I believe at least areas of critical environmental concern, should have options to amend, buy back, or cancel leases from/with the BLM. By protecting this land with wilderness character and Preliminary Priority Habitat, grouse habitat is also protected.

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BLM

I strongly urge you to protect and preserve the Greater Sage Grouse, now confined mostly to Northwest Colorado. By preserving Greater Sage Grouse habitat, we preserve 350 other species, including elk and deer. This beautiful and iconic species should be protected for future generations to enjoy. These birds are sensitive to any disturbances to their habitat - as any animal species. They must be protected from development, encroachment and deforestation, and especially from oil and gas development. We need to at least protect the most important areas of habitat to at least have corridors in between areas for them to be able to pass back and forth from different areas (or habitats). Please protect the Sage Grouse for future generations to come!

Thank-you very much.

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**Subject:** BLM - Greater Sage Grouse EIS

BLM

Thank you for considering these points when you update standards in your management plans to conserve sage grouse.

To prevent isolated islands of prime habitat, I hope the BLM will make permanent mineral withdrawals in the highest quality areas.

I hope the BLM will also consider using lease buy-backs, amending or canceling leases in important habitat, and working to use management tools and designations in a manner that highlights the most important habitat.

Thank you.  
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