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Fwd: Proposed changes to Sage Grouse management

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Subject: Proposed changes to Sage Grouse management

To: blm_nv_ccdowebmail@blm.gov

Dear Sirs,

The issues around the management of the habitat for the Greater Sage Grouse are sadly becoming a political quagmire.

It seems that our fears may be coming to be reality. The Greater Sage Grouse is seemingly becoming the Spotted Owl of the desert.

The energies and monies spent over 50+ years of study and analysis are yet another fine example of bureaucracy out of control.

As we look back on the issues surrounding the Spotted Owl and the final results of land management attempts to solve the "problem" we find that the policies and practices instituted have not impacted the plight of the Spotted Owl in any documented significant way.

If your ultimate goal is to actually protect and preserve the Greater Sage Grouse, you must remove all public and private elements that encroach on the habitat. This would include all mining and mineral development, closure and removal of all public and private roadways, closure of the habitat to any and all human activity and encroachment; the list could be almost endless and totally impractical.

I support protecting lekking areas during the lekking seasons. Beyond that about the only avenue that would offer the protection that some groups seek would be to capture all the birds in question and place them in a zoological environment. But we are witness to just how well this has worked for the White Rhino.

Tom Willis
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