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Species	Conservation Document	BLM Status ²	Habitat	Potential Occurrence within the ROW Areas
Greater sage-grouse¹	BCC	Type 1	Totally dependent on sagebrush-dominated habitats with canopy cover of 15-25% with a healthy grass and forb understory.	No
Ferruginous hawk	BCC	Type 3	Occurs in grasslands, sagebrush, shrublands, and periphery of piñon-juniper and other forests.	Yes
Golden eagle³	BCC	NA	Prefers canyon lands. Will inhabit mountains, wooded canyons, and open landscapes such as grasslands.	Yes
Peregrine falcon¹	BCC	Type 3	Associated with mountains, major river corridors, reservoirs and lake basins and typically nests on cliffs.	No
Loggerhead shrike	BCC	Type 3	In Idaho, nest primarily in sagebrush, bitterbrush, and greasewood shrubs. Forages in open short grass areas with scattered shrubs and some bare ground. Often found on poles, wires, or fence posts.	Yes
Brewer's sparrow	BCC	Type 3	Closely associated with big sagebrush, but can also be found in shrubby openings of juniper and mountain mahogany.	Yes
Sage sparrow¹	BCC	Type 3	Nests mainly in shrubs like big sagebrush, bitterbrush, rabbitbrush, and greasewood, but also nests in bunch grasses.	No
Sage thrasher¹	BCC	Type 5	Found in sagebrush steppe. During migration and in winter, also found in scrub, brush, and thickets, primarily in arid or semi-arid situations.	No
Green-tailed towhee¹	BCC	Type 5	Found in thickets, chaparral, shrublands, and riparian scrub, primarily in mountains in breeding season, to lowland habitats when not breeding.	No
Long-billed curlew	BCC	Type 5	Nest in open short-grass or mixed-prairie habitat with level to slightly rolling topography.	Yes

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Mourning dove	GBBDC	NA	Found in open woodlands, forest edges, cultivated lands with scattered trees and bushes, parks and suburban areas, arid and desert country (generally near water).	Yes

- 1 These species inhabit grasslands and sagebrush-steppe habitats but their predicted occurrence range is low to none because of fragmented habitat, human disturbances, lack of specialized nesting or foraging habitat, or because the known distribution of these species does not include the proposed ROW areas.
- 2 BLM Sensitive Species are listed as Type 1 through Type 4. Type 1 = Threatened, Endangered, Proposed and Candidate: species listed by the US Fish and Wildlife Service or the National Marine Fisheries Service as threatened or endangered, or proposed or candidates for listing under the Endangered Species Act of 1973; Type 3 = Regional/state imperiled: species that are experiencing significant declines in population or habitat and are in danger of regional or local extinctions in Idaho in the foreseeable future if factors contributing to their decline continues; Type 5 are BLM watch species and are not considered sensitive. NA = does not have BLM sensitive species status.
- 3 Although the golden eagle is not considered BLM sensitive, it is protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act.