

Proposed Activities in Greater Sage-Grouse Preliminary Habitat Areas
12/17/2013

Name of Activity: NDOW California Bighorn Sheep Release(s)		Date: 12/17/2013
District(s): Winnemucca		Field Office(s): Humboldt River
Proponent: NDOW		
BLM Project Lead/Biologist: Kathleen Cadigan/Kathleen Cadigan		
Project Details:		
Location Coordinates (Attach Map File):		
<p>Three Mile coordinates: N 4630309 E447228 to N 4630137 E 447625 Mahogany Pass coordinates: N 4626980 E 476170 to N 4626338 E 477792</p> <p>Post Lat and Long or UTM's with attached Map to: https://partnerteamspace.blm.doi.net/sites-nv/nvrp/Sage/Shared%20Documents/Forms/AllItems.aspx in the "Proposed Projects within GSG Habitat" folder and the appropriate District folder.</p>		
Preliminary Habitat Designation:		
Preliminary Priority Habitat - <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Preliminary General Habitat - <input type="checkbox"/>	
Activity Description: Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) plans to augment the California bighorn sheep population in the Santa Rosa Range on or around January 2014 or January 2015 as a continuing effort to ensure adequate numbers exist for a thriving population. NDOW plans on up to two releases within the Santa Rosa Range. The first release would be 30 animals near Threemile creek. The second release would be 20-30 animals near Mahogany Pass/Calico Creek. These animals would be transported to the release sites via pickup truck and trailer. The sheep would be released from the trailer off of the existing two track roads; the trailer doors would be opened and the sheep would be able to leave the trailer. No ground disturbance is anticipated from the release. The sheep would be released on BLM lands. NDOW plans to acquire the sheep through capture efforts within BLM's Winnemucca District; the proposed source populations are Pine Forest Range, Calico Mountains/High Rock Canyon Area (Unit 012), Montana Mountains, Double H Mountains, and Black Rock Range. NDOW does not anticipate capturing the sheep within Wilderness Areas or Wilderness Study Areas.		
Level of Proposed Disturbance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acres Disturbed: 100% of project area (the two track road) • Noise and Activity Level (Including Vehicle Trips): The noise from this project will result from hauling the trailer of Bighorn sheep to the release site, and releasing 20-30 Bighorn sheep at each site. The road is existing; currently vehicles use is already occurring in these locations. There is no additional noise or activity level anticipated from this project. 		
Existing Level Of Disturbance: The proposed activity will be on existing two track roads. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acres Disturbed: N/A • Noise and Activity Level: The road is existing; currently vehicles use is already occurring in these locations. There is no additional noise or activity level anticipated from this project. 		
Mitigation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Past Mitigation Measures for Sage-grouse in project area: N/A • Applicant Proposed Design Measures/Mitigation Measures: This project would occur in January, which is outside of leking, brood-rearing seasons for Greater Sage-Grouse. • BLM Allowed Mitigation Measures: As this project is short term in nature, there have been no proposed mitigation measures. 		

Coordination with NDOW:	
Contact: Ed Partee 775-623-6565	
NDOW concurs that the proposed activity with associated mitigation measures cumulatively maintain or enhance Greater Sage-grouse habitat in PPH and reduces and mitigates adverse effects on Greater Sage-grouse and its habitat in PGH. Yes - <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No - <input type="checkbox"/> Explain what is preventing agreement. This will be elevated to the State Directors for BLM and NDOW to resolve.	
Remarks: NDOW is the Applicant of this Project.	
District/Field Outcome:	
Defer Activity - <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed activite is in compliance with IM-2012-043 and can proceed - <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Managers Signature/Title:	Date: <i>[Signature]</i> <i>Field Manager</i> <i>HRFO</i>
Comments:	
Nevada State Office Outcome:	
Defer Activity - <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed activite is in compliance with IM-2012-043 and can proceed - <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Signature/Title:	Date:
Comments:	



Re: Sage-grouse form for NDOW bighorn sheep release CX

1 message

Brewer, Sandra <sbrewer@blm.gov>

Thu, Dec 19, 2013 at 8:31 AM

To: "Cadigan, Kathleen" <kcadigan@blm.gov>

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RELEASE the bighorn sheep! The form has been marked proceed by no other than Raul himself.

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On Wed, Dec 18, 2013 at 8:40 AM, Cadigan, Kathleen <kcadigan@blm.gov> wrote:

All,

Attached is the sage-grouse form for the NDOW bighorn sheep release cx and appropriate maps. NDOW proposes to release these bighorn sheep in January.

Please let me know if you have any questions,

Kathy

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