



U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management

Greater Sage-Grouse Land Use Plan Amendments and EISs

Virtual Public Scoping Meeting

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January 24th, 2022

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Meeting Agenda

- Introductions
- Presentation
- ePlanning walk-through
- Question-and-Answer Session



Meeting Ground Rules

- Microphones and videos of participants will remain on mute.
- Questions will be received using the chat box.
- Please refrain from use of inappropriate language.
- For technical assistance, send a chat message to Megan Stone.



Introductions

- The Greater Sage-Grouse team members who will be presenting during the meeting are:

Presenters

- BLM: Pat Deibert and Quincy Bahr



Background

2015 Sage-
Grouse Plan
Amendments

2019 Sage-
Grouse Plan
Amendments

Preliminary
enjoining of
2019
Amendments

California, Colorado,
Idaho, Montana,
Nevada, North
Dakota, Oregon,
South Dakota, Utah,
Wyoming

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Idaho, Nevada,
Oregon, Utah,
Wyoming

Case No. 1:16-
CV-83-BLW



2022 Effort

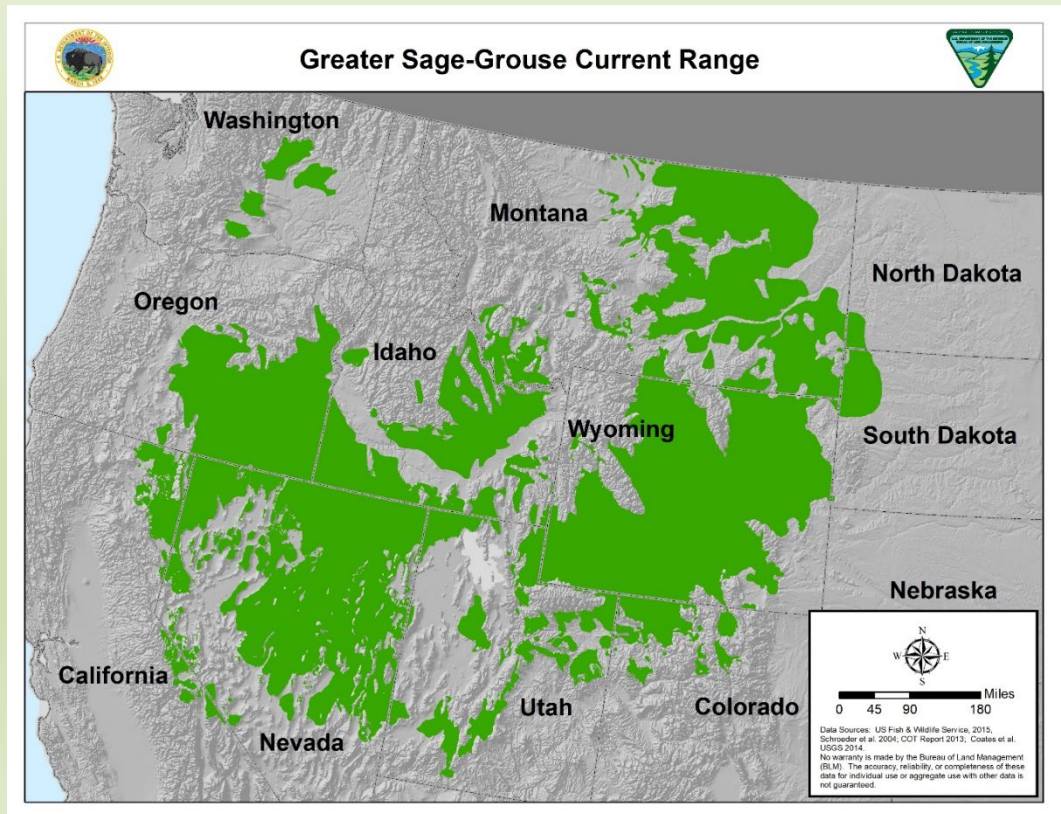
- Address potential inconsistencies with new science and rapid changes affecting the BLM's management of public lands, including effects of climate change





Planning Area

- California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming





Preliminary Issues



Identification, management, and conservation of the most important GRSG and sagebrush habitat (Sagebrush Focal Areas)



GRSG habitat management areas, how to adapt these over time, and how to manage non-habitat



Habitat objectives for GRSG, including effects of climate change.



Preliminary Planning Issues



Application of the mitigation hierarchy, including compensatory mitigation



Approaches to minimizing disturbance to GRSG and sagebrush habitats, including disturbance/density caps and buffers



Leasing and development of mineral resources in GRSG and sagebrush habitat



Preliminary Planning Issues



Leasing and development of renewable energy resources in GRSG and sagebrush habitat, including associated transmission lines



Management of livestock grazing and wild horse and burro populations in GRSG and sagebrush habitat



Strategies for GRSG and sagebrush habitat restoration while avoiding unintended consequences to other species



Preliminary Planning Issues



Process to adapt management of GRSG and sagebrush habitat to respond to habitat loss and population declines



Role of wildland fire and invasive species in the management of GRSG and sagebrush habitat



Strategies for short- and long-term monitoring of GRSG and sagebrush habitat



Preliminary Planning Issues



**How new and relevant scientific information affects
GRSG and sagebrush habitat management**



**Whether the BLM should reconsider alternatives from
the 2015 or 2019 plan amendments**



ACEC nominations or recommendations



How to Submit Comments

- Ways to submit comments:
 - ePlanning: <https://go.usa.gov/xeMMd>.
 - Mail: BLM – Utah State Office

Attn: Patricia Deibert

440 W 200 S, Suite 500

Salt Lake City, UT 84101M

Comments must be received by February 8, 2022



ePlanning Tutorial

- To submit comments via ePlanning, go to the project website at:

<https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2016719/510>.

The screenshot shows the BLM National NEPA Register website for the project "2021 Greater Sage-grouse Land Use Plan Amendments". The left sidebar contains a navigation menu with the following items: Home, Documents, and Participate Now (highlighted with a red circle and a red arrow pointing to it). The main content area displays project information, a project description, and contact details. The project information includes the NEPA Number (DOI-BLM-WO-2300-2022-0001-RMP-EIS), Project Name (2021 Greater Sage-grouse Land Use Plan Amendments), Project Type (RMP Amendment - Environmental Impact Statement), Project Status (In Progress - Public Scoping), Lead Office (WO-230), and Last Updated (12/02/2021, 09:42:07 MDT). The project description states that land use plan amendments to the 2015 and 2019 Greater sage-grouse conservation plans are being made. The "What's New" section includes a "Notice of Intent / Public Scoping" and a statement that the BLM will prepare environmental impact statements to support this planning initiative and is seeking comment on issues for analysis, as well as relevant data. The contact information for Matt Preston (BLM_HQ_GRSQ_Planning@blm.gov) and Pat Delbert (BLM_HQ_GRSQ_Planning@blm.gov) is provided.

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2021 Greater Sage-grouse Land Use Plan Amendments

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Project Information

NEPA Number: DOI-BLM-WO-2300-2022-0001-RMP-EIS

Project Name: 2021 Greater Sage-grouse Land Use Plan Amendments

Project Type: RMP Amendment - Environmental Impact Statement

Project Status: In Progress - Public Scoping

Lead Office: WO-230

Last Updated: 12/02/2021, 09:42:07 MDT

Project Description

Land use plan amendments to the 2015 and 2019 Greater sage-grouse conservation plans.

What's New

Notice of Intent / Public Scoping

In order to protect the long-term health of Greater sage-grouse populations, consider new science and comply with court direction, the BLM is beginning to consider updates to the range-wide management plans for sagebrush habitat adopted in 2015 and amended in 2019. More than 70 resource management plans currently guide habitat conservation and restoration on 67 million acres of Greater sage-grouse habitat the bureau manages in 10 Western states.

In considering amendments to the 2015 and 2019 management plans, the BLM will examine new scientific information, including the effects of stressors like climate change, on Greater sage-grouse, to assess what management actions may best support habitat conservation and restoration on public lands to benefit sage-grouse, as well as the people who rely on sagebrush lands to support their livelihoods and traditions.

The BLM will prepare environmental impact statements to support this planning initiative and is seeking comment on issues for analysis, as well as relevant data. Please click on the "Participate Now" button on the left panel of this page to add your comments.

State-level ePlanning pages with information about the 2015 and 2019 Greater sage-grouse land use plan amendments can be found at: Colorado, Idaho, Nevada/northeastern California, Oregon, Utah, and Wyoming, as well as North Dakota, South Dakota and several areas of Montana (Miles City, Billings, Lewistown, and [Hill](#)).

Project Location

City:

State/Territory:

Zip Code:

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Contact 2

Name: Pat Delbert



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The following participation periods are open for submitting feedback on the listed document(s) and/or map(s).

Document/Map Name	Type	Period	Status	Submission Count	Participate
2021 GRSG Plans - Federal Register - Notice of Intent.pdf	Document	11/19/2021 - 02/07/2022	Open	8	Participate Now

*Note: A status of "Closed" identifies a Participation Period as closed with public input still allowed.



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Matt Preston

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Submitter 1

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Address: Not Provided

Group or Organization Name: Not Provided

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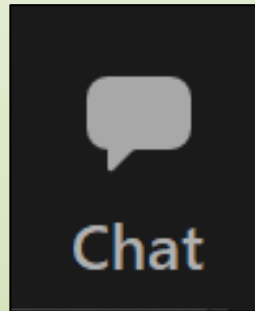
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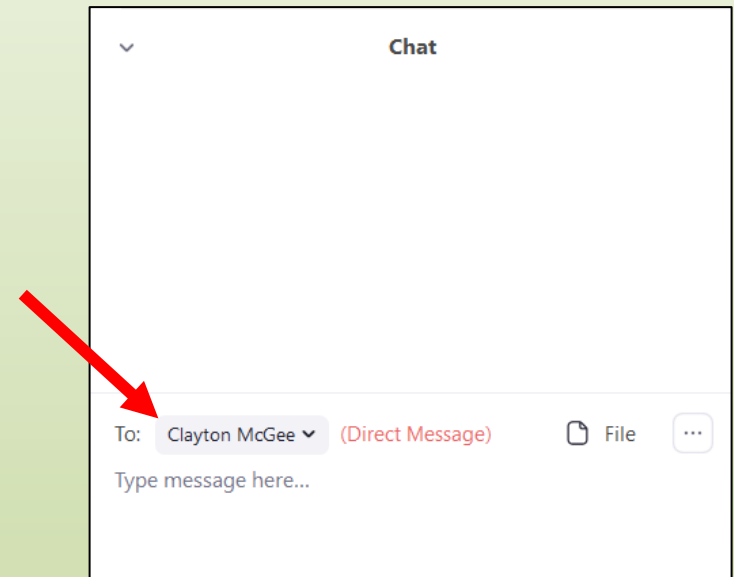
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2. Type your question

3. BLM will answer questions live





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