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January 24th, 2022

This meeting is being recorded
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

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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
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:
  o ePlanning: https://go.usa.gov/xeMMMd.
  o 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.
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BLM National NEPA Register

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Question-and-Answer Session

1. Click the “Chat” button at bottom of your screen
2. Type your question
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Thank you for attending!

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