A Brief History of BLM Greater Sage-Grouse Planning

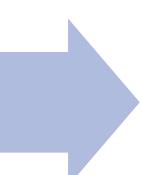
2010

Greater sage-grouse warranted for listing on Endangered Species Act partially due to lack of regulatory protection



2015

BLM updated greater
sage-grouse
conservation actions in
land use plans
contributing to FWS
reversing their decision



2019

Most states made targeted changes to land use plan actions to increase consistency with state efforts

The 2019
plan changes were
preliminarily enjoined;
the BLM cannot
currently implement
those changes

Current Proposed Action

- The BLM is amending a sub-set of goals, objectives and management from previous planning efforts in 77 land use plans to enhance greater sage-grouse conservation
- This effort builds on the 2015 and 2019 planning efforts and is focused on addressing new scientific information which will enhance conservation and continue responsible use on public lands

Monitoring and Trends

- Recent low in population cycles is the lowest recorded in most states
- Over 87 percent of areas have declining populations since 2002
- Sagebrush habitat availability is declining, mostly due to wildfires

Science

- Hundreds of new peer-reviewed scientific publications on greater sage-grouse and habitat management since 2015
- New spatial information on important population and habitat characteristics for GRSG

