

Non-Habitat Criteria – Rangeland

All management objectives and decisions associated with each HMA will apply unless all the following criteria are documented:

- The project is proposed in verified non-habitat.
- No direct or indirect impact to adjacent habitat and potential habitat or individual or populations of GRSG occupying these adjacent areas due to project design and required design features. Indirect impact consideration includes the following:
 - The project does not impact connectivity:
 - (1) within or between populations,
 - (2) between seasonal habitats (e.g., nesting, early brood rearing, winter, etc.), or
 - (3) within or between existing habitat.
 - Project-related access through/across GRSG habitat only occurs on existing routes, and the proposed action would not include new roads or upgrades to roads that would change the vehicle use, vehicle type, or traffic volume during the applicable season of GRSG use, subject to valid existing rights, throughout all stages of the proposed project.
- Coordination with the appropriate state and federal agencies has been documented.

Any proposed action approved through application of the above criteria would only apply to that specific project-level authorization. Any other proposed projects in the same area would need to undergo individual analysis to confirm the criteria are met prior to subsequent authorizations. Excepting a site-specific project from conformance with GRSG management in an area of non-habitat based on the above criteria would not change the GRSG habitat management area boundaries as identified in the RMP.

In mapped GRSG habitat management areas there may be areas of non-habitat – areas that lack the ecological potential to provide principal habitat components necessary to support GRSG and where conformance with the RMP would not support GRSG conservation.

Indirect and direct impacts to adjacent GRSG populations and their habitats still need to be considered for projects in non-habitat.

