The Laramie population is a small population in the foothills of the Laramie Range, north of Laramie, Wyoming. This population is isolated by distance and topography from adjacent populations (Connelly et al. 2004). Fragmentation within the population is limited. However, habitat quality has declined due to drought conditions and increased human-caused disturbances, including energy development and in some areas overgrazing by domestic and native ungulates. There is increasing ex-urban development outside the city of Laramie which may contribute to habitat loss on the southern portion of this population. Population trends have fluctuated but in general declined in recent years. Most of the breeding habitat in this population is contained within a state designated core area (PCA). However, the preponderance of private lands in this population make habitat improvement efforts ~~are~~ challenging. Due to the isolated nature of this population and increasing human-caused disturbances this population is considered at risk (C2).

Note: There are five leks located southwest of Laramie. Few birds are seen on these leks although one is routinely occupied by a small number of birds. None of these leks are in core area and four of these leks are threatened by proposed wind energy development.

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