Threat	Priority Landscapes	Priority	Reason for Prioritization	SubActivity (Conservation Action)	Barriers to implementation and/or Level of Scientific Uncertainty	Is expert elicitation needed? (Y/N)
			have not been sufficient.		Areas and Wilderness Areas • Court-ordered injunction prohibiting the use of herbicides on all federally-administered lands • We currently do not have a good method to measure the extent of at-risk lands • Uncertainty regarding climate change	
Conifer Expansion	Primary states include California, Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, and Utah. Sage-grouse management zones III, IV, V and VII. However, conifer encroachment occurs throughout the species range on a localized basis.	Tier 1	Existing efforts are beginning to address this issue in the right locations but not at an adequate scale or pace. Action is needed to accelerate treatment and increase scale in key locations across multiple jurisdictions.	Conifer Removal: Phase I Conifer Removal: Phase II Conifer Removal: Phase I and II Conifer Removal: Phase III	• Insufficient financial resources to treat at needed scale • Prolonged NEPA process on federal lands • Cumbersome restrictions within Wilderness Study Areas and designated Wilderness • Administrative delays (e.g., government processing, contracting) • Most encroached sites are still in a state of transition • Uncertainty regarding the efficacy of removal (no long-term studies) • Methods for removal may provide other negative impacts.	

Comment [DP4]: We may want to break this into two columns – barriers and level of uncertainty – for clarity. While we are focusing on scientific uncertainty the addition of barrier information is very useful. But I think putting both into the same column is confusing.