From: Berglund, Jeff
To: Matt Kales
Subject: Re: Secretary visit to MT/SG issues
Date: Thursday, March 13, 2014 8:27:27 AM
Attachments: Core2nrcs144p2_051857.pdf

Hi Matt - FYI, also wanted to mention that NRCS has some detailed maps of MT core areas that show ownership. Be aware that the NRCS maps are based on older versions of FWP core maps, so don't match up exactly with current proposed FWP core. NRCS intends to revise their maps once the FWP core maps are finalized in conjunction with the state strategy. The maps are here if you're interested in taking a look:
http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/mt/home/?cid=nrcs144p2_056606

I attached the map for the area north of the CMR NWR since you were mentioning it yesterday...

Jeff

On Wed, Mar 12, 2014 at 3:41 PM, Matt Kales <matt_kales@fws.gov> wrote:

> Jeff,
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> Thanks again for your time earlier today. It looks like I'll speak with DOI (Stephenne Harding, Deputy Director, CLA) tomorrow mid-morning our time about current SG issues in MT in advance of the Secretary's visit there. I'll be sure and circle back with this group if there's any action coming out of that call, but in the meantime I have copies of our (and BLM's) comments to MT on their draft strategy and access to the comment letters MT ES produced on the 5 federal plans for the state and will provide those to DOI if necessary. One thing I don't have handy is a solid base map of MT SG distribution/habitat. If you have something at hand that shows these data with some other basic features (BLM planning boundaries, political geography, PACs, etc.), I'd be grateful if you'd please send me same or point me in the right direction. I've asked Stephenne for a heads up and some sideboards on any other products she anticipates needing and am hopeful we can keep this informal and not take up any of your time on this. Have a good evening and I'll be in touch.
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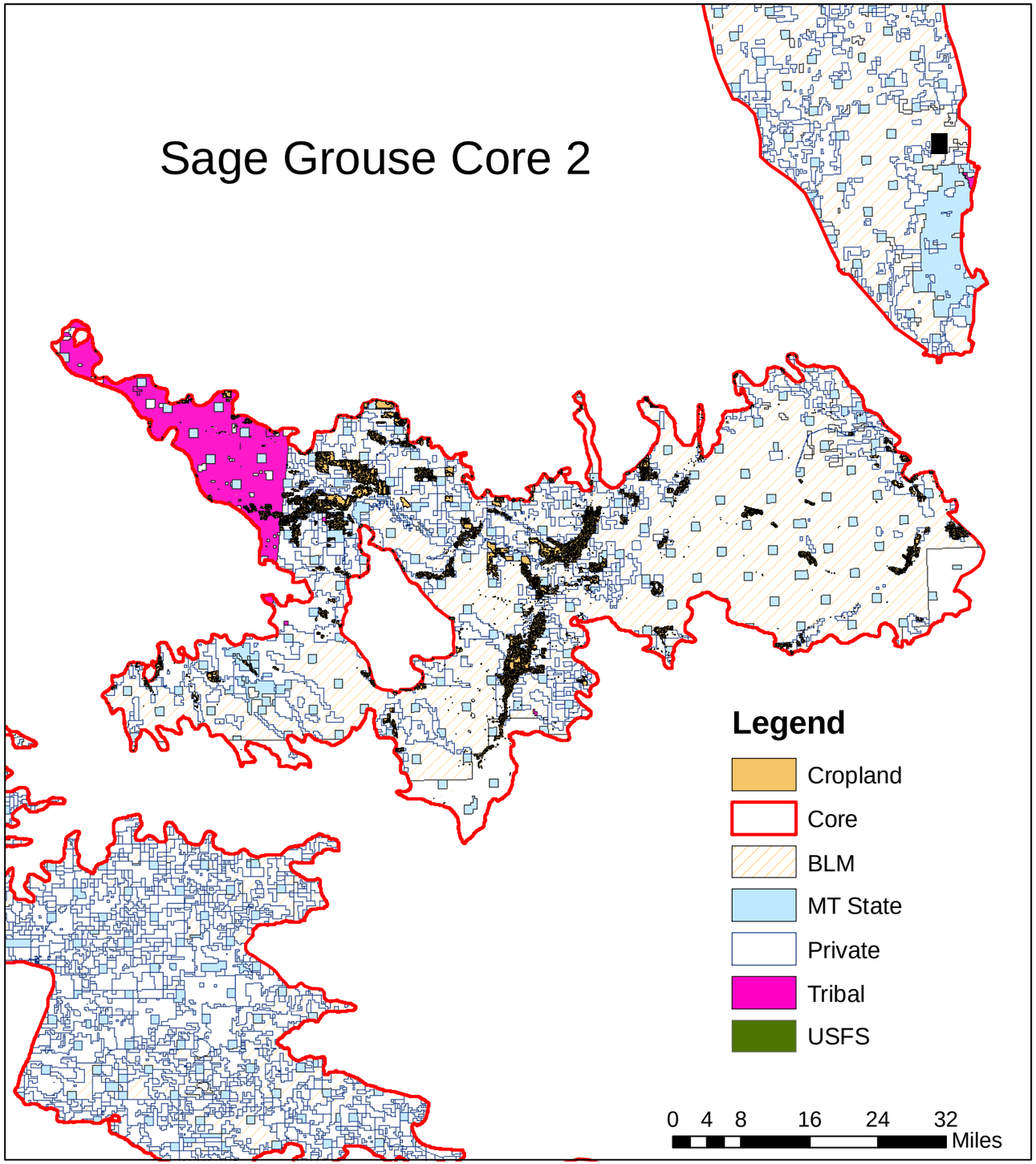
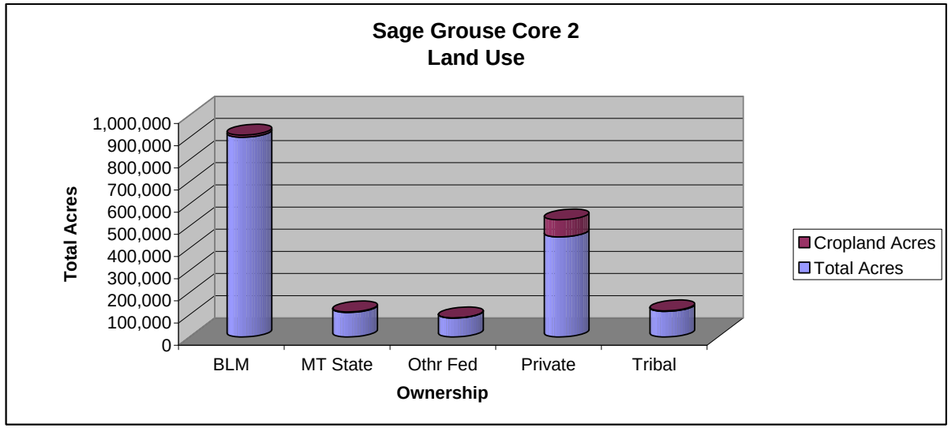
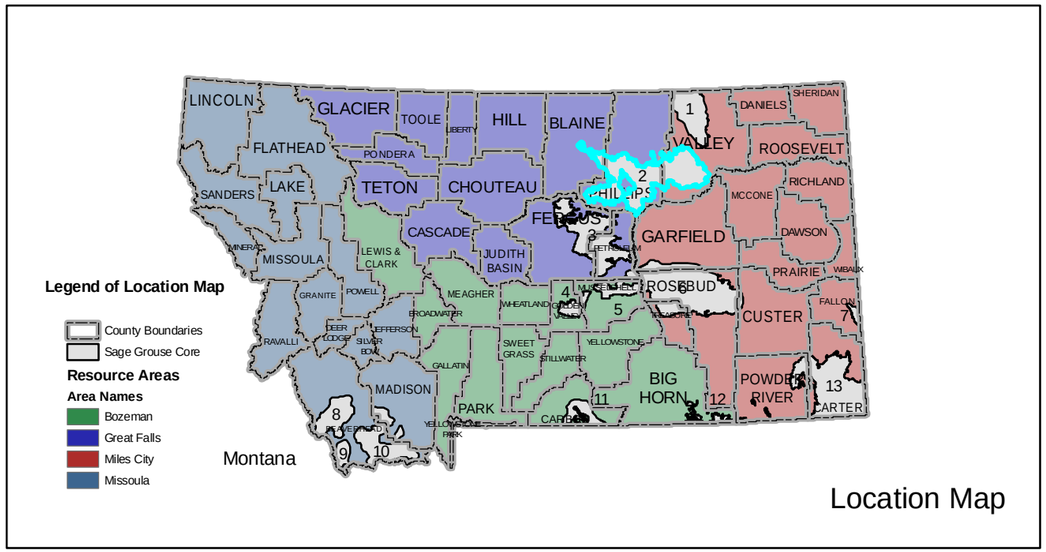
Sage Grouse Core 2





Ownership	Parcels	Total Acres	Cropland Acres
BLM	1	901,336	9,095
MT State	2	110,982	2,214
Othr Fed	4	84,974	923
Private	255	451,430	76,844
Tribal	6	115,103	2,775
Totals		**1,663,824**	**91,850**



Location Map

USDA NRCS
United States Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service

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NOTE:!! Core numbering system 1-13 does not indicate ranking of areas only to label boundary areas.
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