

# Greater Sage-grouse Update for States

February 24, 2015

# Goals for Today

- **Species Report Progress**
  - Disease
  - Recreation
- **Conservation Efforts Database (CED)**
- **Fire**
- **Additional Updates**
  - Media Schedule (IJNR)
  - Grazing Memo
  - Stronghold Memo



**Conversation: Conservation now and in the future**

# Species Report: Disease - West Nile Virus

- In 2010, we concluded that disease was not a significant threat to the species
- Non-native, mosquito-borne pathogen
- Occurs throughout range of sage-grouse
- Occurrence influenced by temperature, mosquito breeding habitat, precipitation
- July – September transmission season
- For individuals impacted: High mortality, very low resistance
- Greatest impacts to small, isolated populations



# Species Report: Recreation

- **Uses:**

- Recreational use of GRSG (Bird watching and photography)
- Recreational Activities in GRSG habitat (hiking, camping, OHV use, etc.)

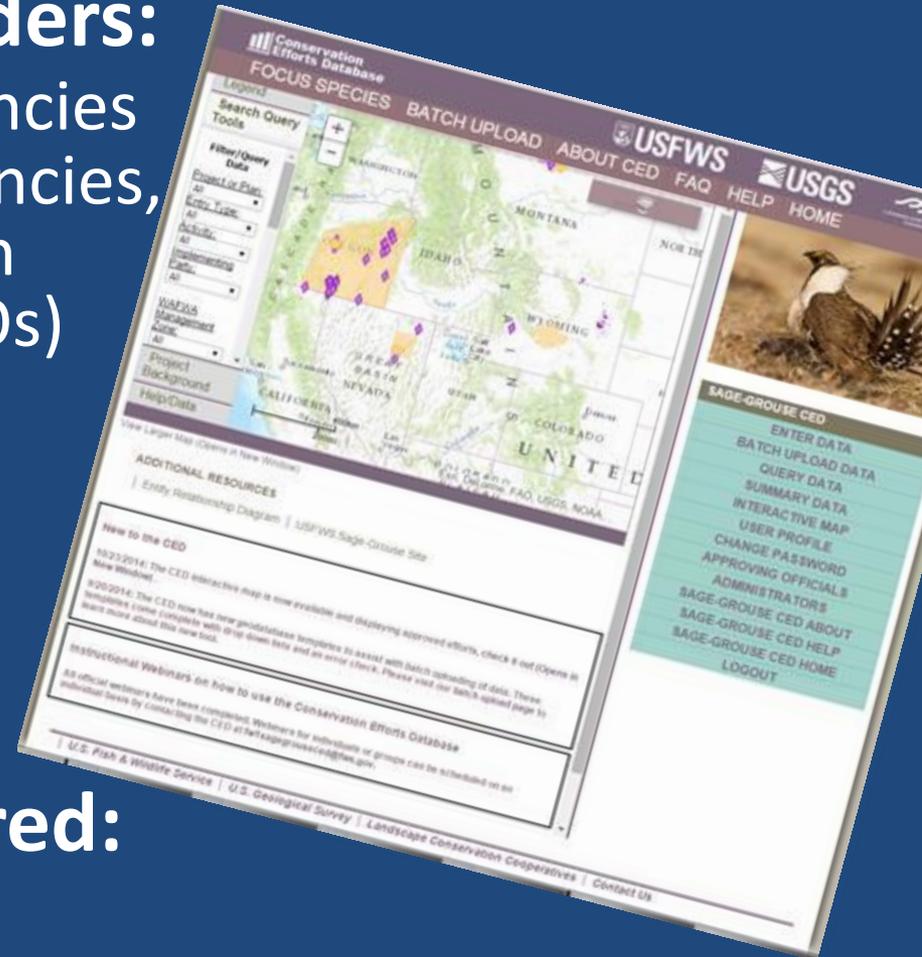
- **Impacts:**

- Habitat impacts – Localized degradation and fragmentation
- Disturbance to individuals (Noise, Predation, Mortality from crushing/collision)



# Conservation Efforts Database

- **Number of Data Providers:** 43 groups (including agencies from 10 states, federal agencies, soil and water conservation districts, industry, and NGOs)
- **Number of Projects Entered:** 6,148
- **Number of Plans Entered:** 110



# Fire – SO 3336

## Timeline and Deliverables:

- **2/1/2015:** Implementation Plan
  - Organizing document
- **3/1/2015:** Initial Plan – Due March 1
  - Details actions for the 2015 fire season
- **5/1/2015:** Final Plan – Due May 1
  - Details actions for the 2016 fire season and beyond



# Fire – SO 3336



The screenshot shows the website for Forests and Rangelands, specifically the page for Rangeland Fire Prevention, Management, and Restoration. The page features a search bar, navigation menus for Wildland Fire, Forest Management, and Rangeland Management, and a central article about Secretarial Order Number 3336. A highlights section on the right lists key documents and events related to the order.

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## Rangeland Fire Prevention, Management, and Restoration



**Secretarial Order Number 3336 sets in motion options...**

On January 5, 2015, U. S. Department of the Interior Secretary Sally Jewell signed [Secretarial Order Number 3336, Rangeland Fire Prevention, Management, and Restoration \("Order"\)](#) (PDF, 86 KB). The Order sets in motion actions to enhance the protection, conservation, and restoration of a healthy sagebrush-steppe ecosystem, and to address important public safety, economic, cultural, and social concerns. This effort builds upon the experience and success of addressing rangeland fire and the broader wildland fire prevention, suppression and restoration efforts to date. This includes the [National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy](#) and the recent [The Next Steppe: Sage-Grouse and Rangeland Fire in the Great Basin](#) conference, and ensures improved coordination with local, state, tribal and regional efforts to address the threat of rangeland fire at a landscape-level.

### Highlights

- [DRAFT February 17, 2015: SO 3336 The Initial Report A Strategic Plan for Addressing Rangeland Fire Prevention, Management, and Restoration in 2015](#) (PDF, 564 KB)
  - [Submit comments about the report online...](#)
- [The Implementation Plan, Secretarial Order 3336 - Rangeland Fire Prevention, Management, and Restoration](#) (PDF, 219 KB)
- [Frequently Asked Questions about Secretarial Order 3336](#)

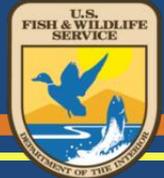
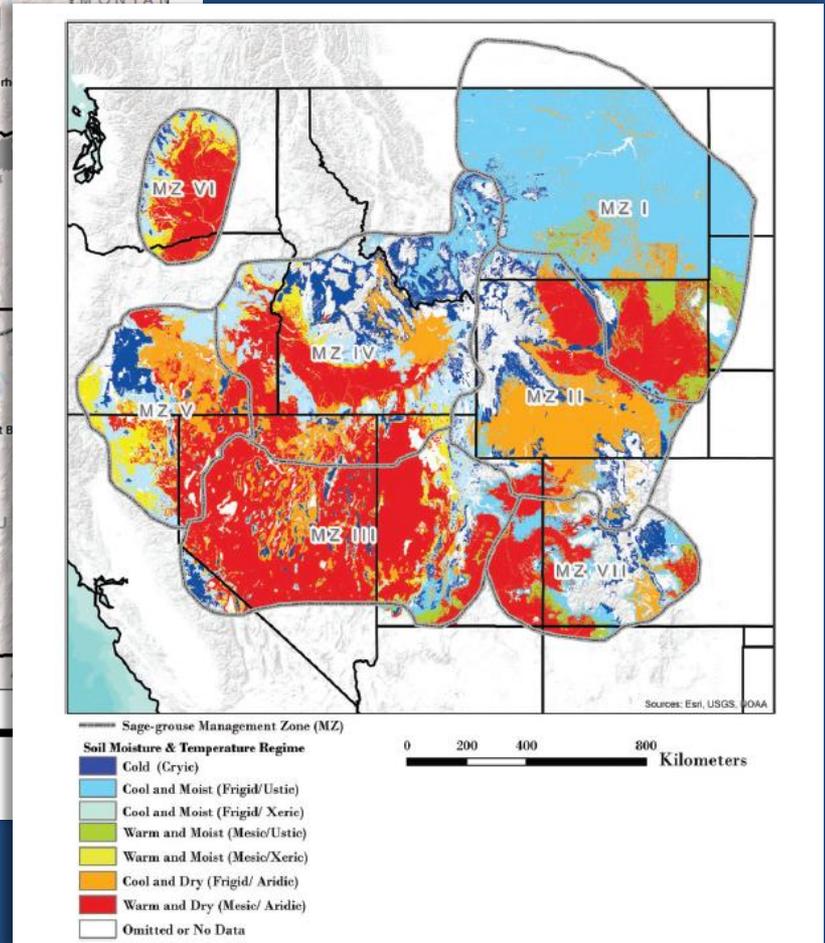
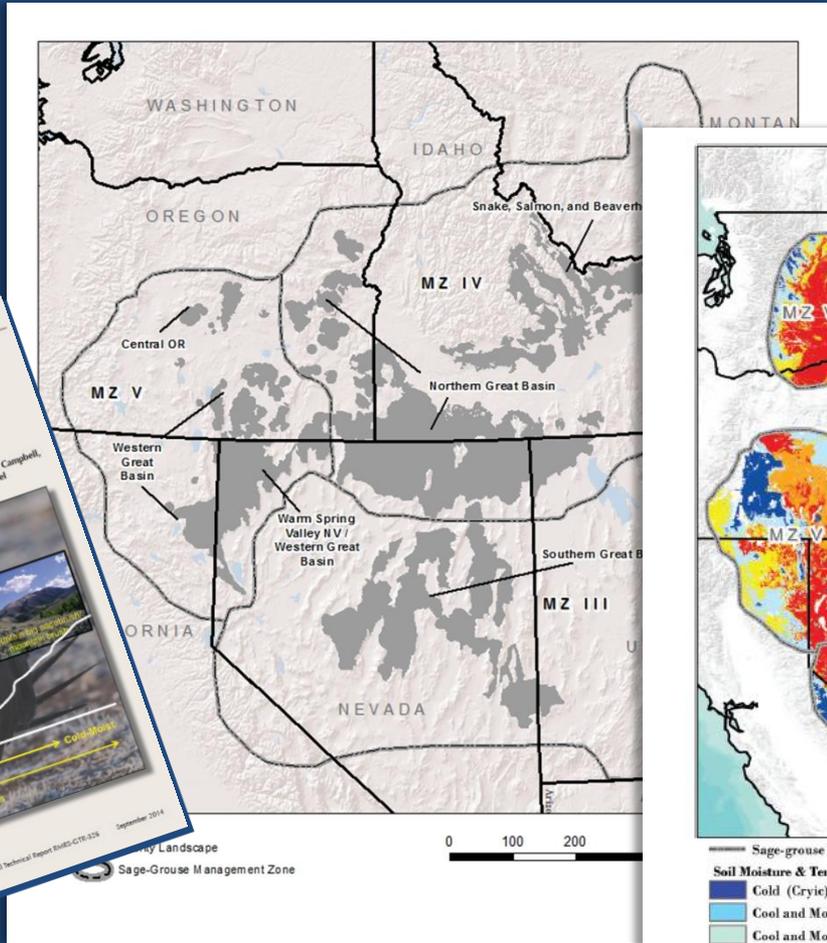
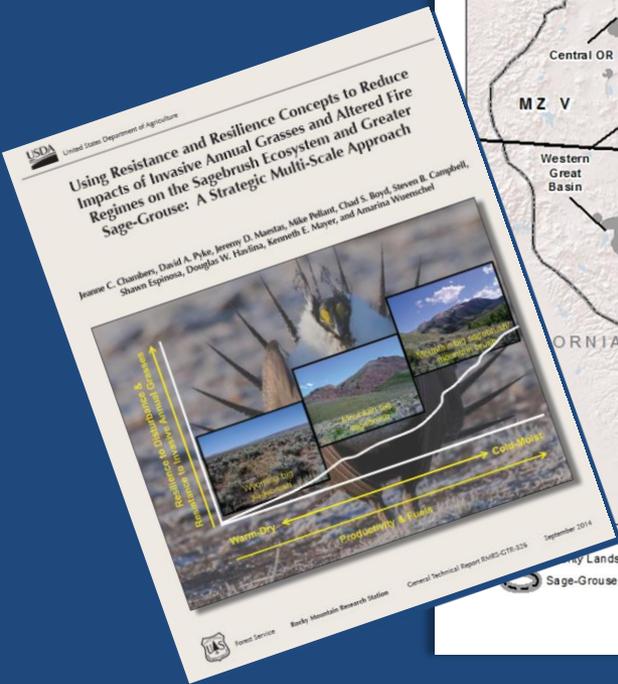
### Events

- **Stakeholder Outreach Listening Session:**  
Friday, February 20, 2015  
Time: 8:30 - 10:00 a.m. PST  
Call Number: 1-877-915-2768  
Passcode: 7530552#
- **Tribal Consultations:**
  - February 19, 2015,

<http://www.forestsandrangelands.gov/rangeland/index.shtml>



# Fire - FIAT



[http://www.fs.fed.us/rm/pubs/rmrs\\_gtr326.pdf](http://www.fs.fed.us/rm/pubs/rmrs_gtr326.pdf)

# Update: Sagebrush Country Institute

The USFWS supporting a field-based journalism learning expedition with Institute for Journalism and Natural Resources.

4/6: Utah

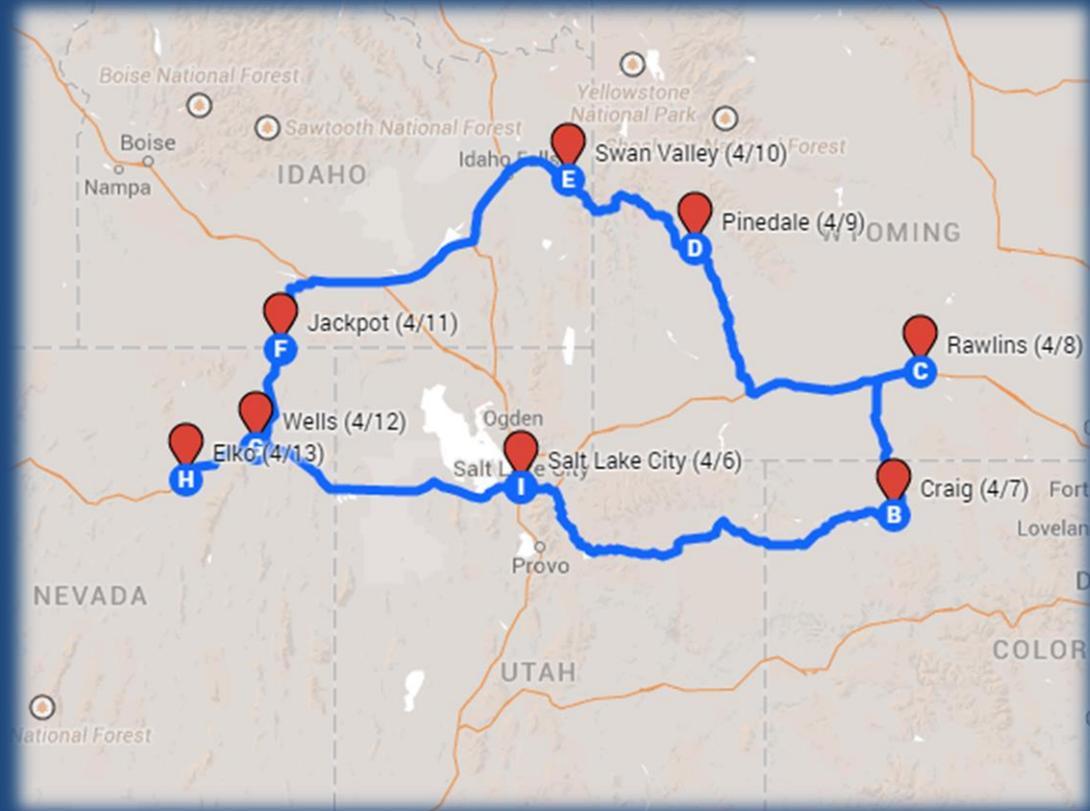
4/7: Colorado

4/8 – 4/9: Wyoming

4/10: Idaho

4/11- 4/12: Nevada

4/13: Nevada and Utah



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# Other Updates

## Grazing and Conservation Collaboration:

The Service recently issued a memo to our personnel providing guidance on our work with rangeland owners.

## Strongholds:

At their request, the Service provided to federal landowners recommendation for important areas for sage-grouse conservation.

<https://www.fws.gov/greatersagegrouse/>



# Conversation: Conservation now and into the future



# Questions

