

Greater Sage-Grouse

Conservation Campaign & ESA Status Review



Wyoming sagebrush / USFWS

Our Goal

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is an active partner in an historic campaign to conserve the greater sage-grouse across its range, which includes nearly one-third of the continental US. We're committed to the long-term conservation of the bird and the sagebrush habitat that supports more than 350 species of wildlife and key economic sectors throughout its 11-state range. Our investments in science and in partnerships with federal, state and stakeholder partners have already produced significant conservation benefits for the species. As we approach our 2015 decision horizon under the Endangered Species Act, we are working with others to secure durable conservation for sage-grouse such that we do not need to list the species under the ESA.

Our Partners

Unprecedented in scope and in scale, the greater sage-grouse conservation campaign is the largest and most complex landscape-scale land management planning effort in US history – and the most ambitious conservation experiment under the ESA. A constellation of

partners, including the Service, the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service, Natural Resources Conservation Service and U.S. Geological Survey along with 11 state wildlife agencies, cattlemen, conservation groups, industry and others are all working on multiple fronts to secure as much conservation for the species as possible prior to the Service's 2015 ESA decision date.

Our Role

The Service is actively working across sage-grouse range to conserve the bird by:

- Supporting our state and federal conservation partners
 - ◇ Providing dedicated technical assistance to federal and state partners on sage-grouse conservation plans and related issues
- Working with private landowners to conserve sage-grouse
 - ◇ Completing conservation agreements with Oregon and Wyoming ranchers.
 - ◇ Hiring and deploying collaborative biologists across the range to develop additional partnerships with private landowners

- ◇ Continuing to target restoration of sage-grouse habitat through our Partners for Fish and Wildlife program
- Developing and deploying new tools and new science to support sage-grouse conservation
 - ◇ Conservation Objectives Team report
 - ◇ Conservation Efforts Database
 - ◇ Rangeland Mitigation Framework
 - ◇ Partnership with Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies to develop landscape resistance and resilience concepts to combat invasive grasses and destructive wildfire regimes



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