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Bi-State DPS of Greater Sage-Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat

What is critical habitat?



Critical habitat is a term in the Endangered Species Act (ESA) that identifies geographic areas containing features essential for the conservation of a threatened or endangered species and that may require special management considerations or protections. Critical habitat includes habitat areas that provide essential life cycle needs of the species, known as primary constituent elements.

Designation of critical habitat does not affect land ownership, establish a refuge, reserve, preserve, wilderness, or other conservation area. Critical habitat has no impact on private landowners taking actions on their land that do not require federal funding or permits. Federal agencies that undertake, fund or permit activities that may affect critical habitat are required to consult, under Section 7 of the ESA, with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to ensure such actions do not adversely modify or destroy designated critical habitat.

What is being proposed as critical habitat?

1,868,017 acres are being proposed for designation as critical habitat for the Bi-State DPS of greater sage-grouse in Carson City, Douglas, Lyon, Mineral and Esmeralda Counties in Nevada, and in Alpine, Mono, and Inyo Counties in California.

