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Attached is the summary paragraph I prepared on this issue. I need help with a number and a map. I'm wondering if the attached map that I received last week will work, maybe with some thought to the legend and numbers.

I'm hoping you guys can look at/edit text then spend a few minutes on the phone with me talking over a map to make sure I understand the core vs priority vs general issue.

I'm also hoping I can wrap this up in the next hour so I can move on to other grouse issues.

I'm mostly hoping my head doesn't explode soon. Or maybe that it does.

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Nevada Sage-grouse focal areas mapping issues

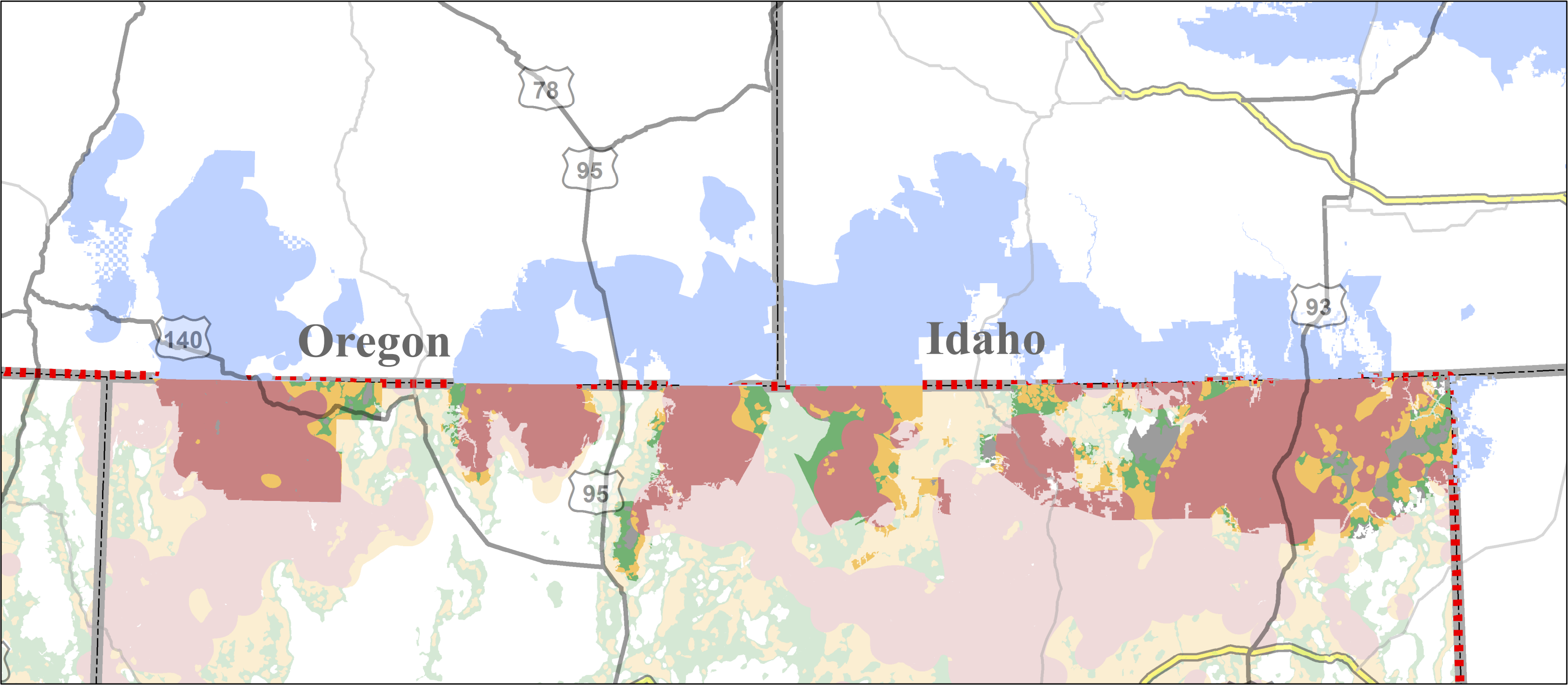
Changes in sage grouse mapping procedures used in various planning efforts have led to confusion about the location of high quality sage-grouse habitat in Nevada. Initially, BLM used the habitat maps from the COT report to identify priority and general habitat. More recently, the State of NV contracted with USGS to create a new habitat map that we consider the best available science. The new USGS habitat maps were not available to the Service when the Sage-grouse Focal Areas (SFA) map was created. As a result, it is difficult to align the SFAs with the planning maps being created by BLM based on the new USGS habitat maps. To resolve this issue, a team of BLM and Service GIS and sage-grouse experts met to refine the SFA maps based on the new and best available scientific information. Based on the premise that the SFA map is to represent the best available habitat to focus protections, the SFA boundaries were clipped to the boundaries of the Core and Priority Habitat in the Coats map. Approximately 470,000 acres of lower quality habitat or no habitat were removed, primarily from the edges of map polygons. While adjustments are being made, these new boundaries (Figure 1) reflect the SFAs that would have been outlined originally if that map had been available at that time.

Insert Figure 1

Comment [MG1]: Need Lara to help with this number.



NV-NECA GRSG Habitat with Priority Area of Conservation (PAC)



Overview Map



Legend

- Management**
- PHMA
 - GHMA
 - OHMA
 - Non-Habitat
 - Out-side NV-NECA

Habitat Type (All Landstatus)	Acres
PHMA	2,541,991
GHMA	539,339
OHMA	311,340
Non-Habitat	162,565
Grand Total	3,555,235

Habitat Type (BLM/FS Lands only)	Acres
Core	1,960,705
Priority	445,691
General	271,522
Non-Habitat	147,876
Grand Total	2,825,795

