



## Meeting Summary, Greater Sage-Grouse SDM, April 2014

### ATTENDEES:

Region 1		
RO	Terry Rabot, Steve Morey	In Person
RO	Jesse DElia	On Phone
Region 6		
RO	Mike Thabault, Nicole Alt, Matt Kales, Kevin Doherty	In Person
SOL	Kris Tita	In Person
WY	Pat Deibert, Lief Wiechman	In Person
Region 8		
RO	Mary Grim	In Person
NV	Ted Koch	In Person
Headquarters		
	Kate Norman	In Person
	Carey Galst	On Phone
USGS		
	Dave Smith, Sarah Converse	In Person

### TAKE HOME POINTS:

From April 9-11, 2014, 16 individuals from USFWS, USGS, and the SOL office met to discuss the 2015 Status Review process. Working with USGS facilitators, we deconstructed the decisions associated with the status review.

#### Decision Process

##### *Decisions*

- What is the species status? (Threatened, Endangered, Not Warranted)
- Are there any DPSs?
- Are there any SPRs?
- ***If the species warrants listing***
- What areas should be designated as Critical Habitat?
- ***If the species warrants listing as threatened***
- What regulations are necessary and advisable for the conservation of the species (4(d) rule)?

##### *Objectives*

- Protect sage grouse as necessary and appropriate for the ESA
- Long term conservation/persistence
- Provide a clear rationale for decision making
- Transparent process
- Maximize scientific soundness
- Maintain relationships with federal, state, and Tribal partners
- Maximize legal defensibility