

### *Constraints*

- **Time.** We're facing a court-ordered deadline of September, 2015.
- **2010 Finding.** The Service is on record that greater sage-grouse warrants listing.
- **Best Available Science.** We must use the best available science in making our decision. Although we request information by the end of the calendar year, we may continue to receive information into 2015.
- **Uncertainty.** We need to focus on the pillars of the decision making process while adequately addressing all issues of uncertainty.
- **COT Report.** This has been used extensively; will need to explain its role and utility to the status review.

### *Performance Measures*

- Abundance or a proxy (e.g. population trend or patch occupancy)
  - Distribution
  - Geographic Diversity
- Habitat may figure as an intermediate model of population projection.

### *Next Steps*

#### *Core Team*

We recommend that a core team including the three ARDs, a project leader from each region, appropriate biological experts, and SDM facilitators manage the day-to-day work for the greater sage-grouse status review.

#### *Modeling*

It was suggested that a model would need to be created to incorporate information related to this species.

Several proposals were suggested for accomplishing this including:

- FWS draft straw man of model
- Obtain input from outside at "model building" workshop
- Obtain review of model
- Elicit expert information as needed

It was suggested that completing the model review prior to expert elicitation would be most efficient, although review could also be completed after elicitation.

#### *Tasks*

We closed the meetings by identifying tasks and next steps including:

- Establishing this team as the official "Core Team" for this effort.
- Revising briefing materials
- Brief Regional Directors on the proposed process