

Decision Components Table

Decision component	Description and notes	Additional comments
What are the decisions? Who are the DMs? What are the decisions timings?	<u>Decision makers:</u> RD/D -> ARD/FMT team. <u>Decisions:</u> Evaluate geographic population structure. Evaluate candidate populations for DPS. Evaluate status of candidate listable entities. <u>Decision timing:</u> Identify potential DPS/SPR by spring 2014; status review by April 2015.	TBD - objective metrics for identification of DPS/SPR discreteness and significance?
What are the constraints and impediments?	Time available relative to schedule of products, capacity, uncertainties science, uncertainties conservation implementation, uncertainties conservation effectiveness, incorporations of late arriving information/data	
What are the objectives?	<p>Consideration of the fundamental objective for the status review was informed by previous findings and conservation strategies (COT report and WAFWA (2006)). In particular, the conservation objective of "Stop the Decline" in the context of the status review is a necessary first step to long-term persistence.</p> <p><u>Fundamental objective:</u> Long-term persistence of greater sage grouse consistent with the ESA. "Long-term", defined by "foreseeable future", takes into account projection uncertainty and biology; <i>this is defined in the 2010 finding as 30-50 years for sage grouse.</i></p> <p>Means objectives: To ensure long-term persistence of greater sage grouse, 1) conserve and restore healthy sagebrush shrub and native perennial grass and forb communities and 2) ameliorate threats to long-term persistence.</p> <p><u>Process and Strategic objectives:</u> Maximize efficiency and transparency of the process Maximize acceptance of decision within FWS, among partners, and public Maximize legal defensibility Maximize scientific soundness Maintain relationship with federal, state, and Tribal partners Provide a clear rationale for decision making</p>	<p>ACTION ITEM: Review - Added context of COT Report; context from the 2006 conservation strategy (WAFWA) - "Stop the Decline" - how does that fit</p>