

Conservation Actions

Brainstorm of Relative Value of Various Conservation Actions

This list of conservation actions was created through a brainstorm session by management and with the aid of the list of metrics being reported in the Conservation Efforts Database. Actions were assigned one of three values based on the group discussion; this list is not the best science, but merely a tool for discussion. This list will be revised based on input from Service sage-grouse biologists.

High Value

- Adequate regulatory mechanisms on Federal and Non-Federal Lands
 - Keep all development out of PACs on non-Federal lands
 - Adequate mitigation for disturbance of loss that occurs
- Conservation of meadow on private lands
- Reducing likelihood of catastrophic wildfires
- Develop an effective method to control the spread of cheatgrass
- Control of Pinyon juniper
- Conservation Agreements (including but not limited to: CCAs, CCAAs, Farm Bill and other Incentive-based programs).
- Conservation Easement
- Land Purchases / Swaps
- Fuels Management
- Area Closure (Area and/or Seasonal)
- Seeding (native only)
- Fuels Management
- Wild Equid Population Control
- Wild Equid Gather

Comment [KNorman1]: Cross-walk these to the CED list; what's different or phrased differently.

Uncertain Value

- Raven/predator control
- Restoration
- Vegetation Management / Habitat Enhancement
- Fire Breaks(UNCERTAIN – DO THEY DO ANY GOOD AT LOCAL LEVEL; CAN YOU DO ENOUGH TO CREATE A SPECIES LEVEL BENEFIT)
- Seeding (non-native)
- Seeding (native/non-native mix)
- Mine reclamation
- Conifer Removal (MAY BE AREAS OF HIGH VALUE; UNCERTAINTY – WILL BIRDS USE IT; UNCERTAINTY – COULD BE HIGH VALUE IF TARGETTED TO AREAS WITH MANY BIRDS)
- Post-fire restoration: seeding (native only)
- Post-fire restoration: seeding (non-native)
- Post-fire restoration: seeding (native/non-native mix)

Comment [KNorman2]: From RDs