

Threat	Priority Landscapes	Priority	Reason for Prioritization	SubActivity (Conservation Action)	Barriers to implementation and/or Level of Scientific Uncertainty	Is expert elicitation needed? (Y/N)
Agricultural Conversion	States include Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Washington. Sage-grouse management zones I, VI	Tier 1	Conversion of sagebrush to tillage agriculture continues to create permanent habitat loss and fragmentation.	Habitat Protection: Conservation Easements Habitat Protection: Habitat Acquisition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Politics related to the Farm Bill</li> <li>Lack of willing landowners</li> <li>Staff capacity to administer easements</li> <li><a href="#">Uncertainties regarding retention of some lands within CRP that are providing habitat in WA</a></li> </ul>	
Oil and Gas	<a href="#">States include Wyoming, North Dakota, Colorado, Montana and Utah (MZ I, II, VII)</a>	Tier 1	The increasing demand for O&G is resulting in continued development within the sage-grouse range.	Oil and gas reclamation with goal of sagebrush restoration <a href="#">Energy development resulting in habitat fragmentation</a> <a href="#">Habitat fragmentation resulting in vegetation changes and faunal distribution (e.g. ravens)</a> <a href="#">Direct habitat loss with footprint and associated facilities</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Increasing governmental commitments for increasing overall and renewable development.</a></li> <li><a href="#">Lack of sufficient restoration techniques, physical resources, and capital</a></li> <li><a href="#">Uncertainty how energy market will change with climate change.</a></li> </ul>	
Sagebrush Removal	Range-wide but localized	Tier 2: Moderate-imminent	Low severity	<a href="#">Minimize removal for domestic livestock production</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Education and the need to identify priorities for key areas</a></li> <li><a href="#">Restoration techniques insufficient</a></li> <li><a href="#">Lack of funding and interest in</a></li> </ul>	

**Comment [DP4]:** We may want to break this into two columns – barriers and level of uncertainty – for clarity. While we are focusing on scientific uncertainty the addition of barrier information is very useful. But I think putting both into the same column is confusing.

**Comment [DP7]:** I think we should make this all energy development as renewable energy has much the same impact and demand is growing.