

	and VII.		increase scale in key locations across multiple jurisdictions.	Conifer Removal: Phase III	designated Wilderness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Administrative delays (e.g., government processing, contracting)</li> <li>• Most encroached sites are still in a state of transition</li> </ul>	
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	<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> </ul>	
				Habitat Protection: Habitat Acquisition		
Oil and Gas		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		
Sagebrush Removal	Range-wide but localized	Tier 2: Moderate-imminent	Low severity			
Mining	States include North Dakota, South Dakota, Colorado, Wyoming, and	Tier 2	High severity, low acreage	Mine reclamation with goal of sagebrush restoration		