



# Modeling & Greater Sage-Grouse Status Assessment

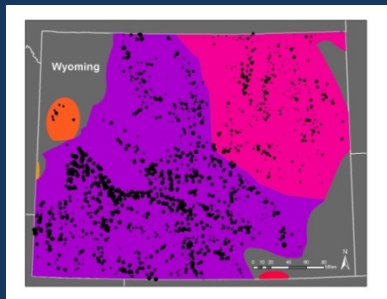
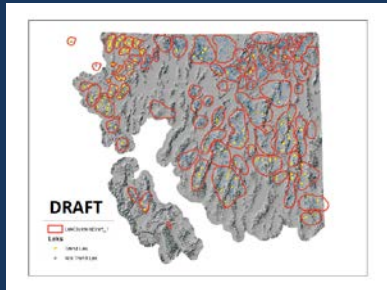
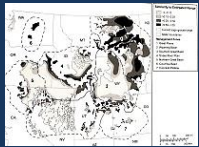
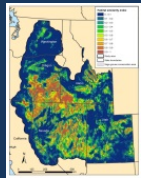
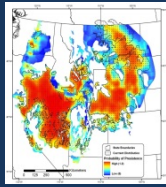
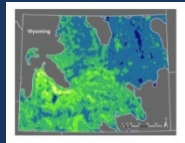
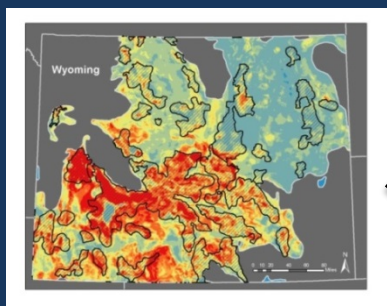
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# Modeling Workshop Outcomes

## Working group model:

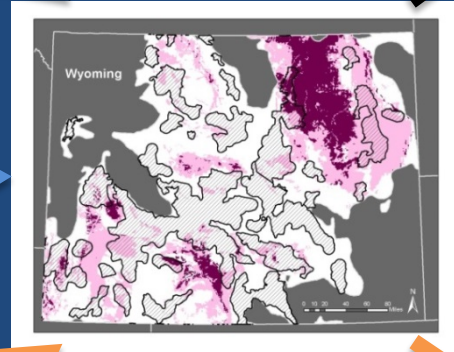
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spatial overlap  
with 4 Risk Models

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Abundance



Projected Distribution

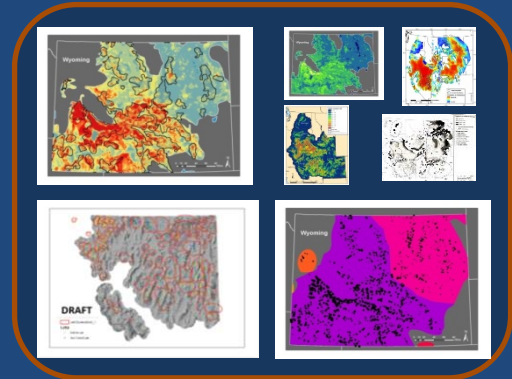
Projected Population  
Trends

Current Population  
Trend recent period

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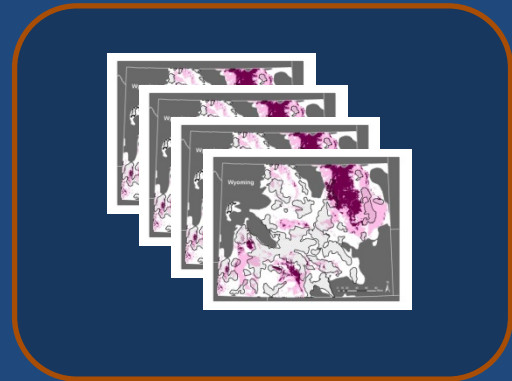
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# 4 Risk (Threat) Models

- **Cropland Risk:**
  - TNC (MZ 1- MT-WY)
  - Washington Department Fish & Wildlife (MZ Washington)
- **Oil & Gas potential**
  - (MZ 1 & 2- CO, WY, MT, UT)
- **Fire & Invasive:**
  - Resiliency and Resistance (All Great Basin)
- **Conifer ( All Great Basin)**

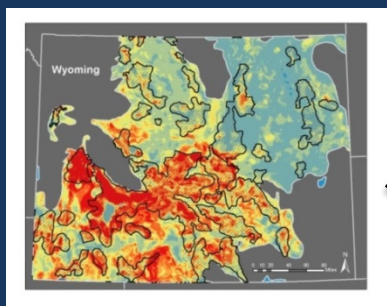




# Assessments of Threats and Conservation

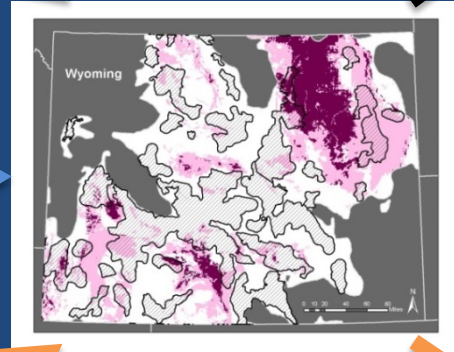
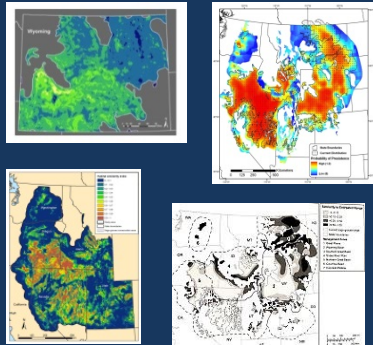
- Threats & Conservation actions are linked to the population models through the risk models
- Each risk model will have a series of scenarios to understand and bound uncertainty (Min. 2)
- Scenario development will include:
  - Researchers, WAFWA biologist, and USFWS biologist





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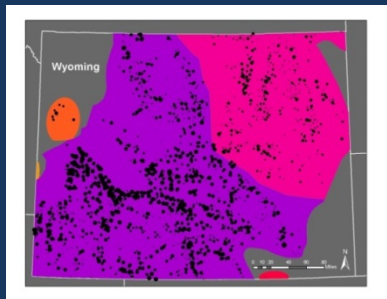
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# Questions



This presentation and the other presentations from today will be posted under the Endangered Species Act section of this site.

*<https://www.fws.gov/greatersagegrouse/documents.php>*



**ADDITIONAL  
SLIDE**  
(as needed)



# Model Status

| Model                   | Status  |
|-------------------------|---|
| Abundance (Doherty)     | <b>On Track</b> (done by January, scenarios by April 1, 2014) |
| Distribution (Aldridge) | <b>Not Started</b> (dependent upon funding)                   |
| Distribution (Knick)    | <b>On Track</b> (done by January, scenarios by April 1, 2014) |
| Distribution (Doherty)  | <b>On Track</b> (done by January, scenarios by April 1, 2014) |
| Distribution (TNC)      | <b>Off Track</b> (NOT AVAILABLE UNTIL SUMMER 2015)            |
| Trend (Coates)          | <b>On Track</b> (done by January, scenarios by April 1, 2014) |
| Trend (WAFWA)           | <b>On Track</b> (should be done before other models)          |