



Greater Sage-grouse Update for States

February 24, 2015

Goals for Today

- **Species Report Progress**
 - Disease
 - Recreation
- **Conservation Efforts Database (CED)**
- **Fire**
- **Additional Updates**
 - Media Schedule (IJNR)
 - Grazing Memo
 - Stronghold Memo



Conversation: Conservation now and in the future

Species Report: Disease - West Nile Virus

- In 2010, we concluded that disease was not a significant threat to the species
- Non-native, mosquito-borne pathogen
- Occurs throughout range of sage-grouse
- Occurrence influenced by temperature, mosquito breeding habitat, precipitation
- July – September transmission season
- For individuals impacted: High mortality, very low resistance
- Greatest impacts to small, isolated populations



Species Report: Recreation

- **Uses:**

- Recreational use of GRSG (Bird watching and photography)
- Recreational Activities in GRSG habitat (hiking, camping, OHV use, etc.)

- **Impacts:**

- Habitat impacts – Localized degradation and fragmentation
- Disturbance to individuals (Noise, Predation, Mortality from crushing/collision)

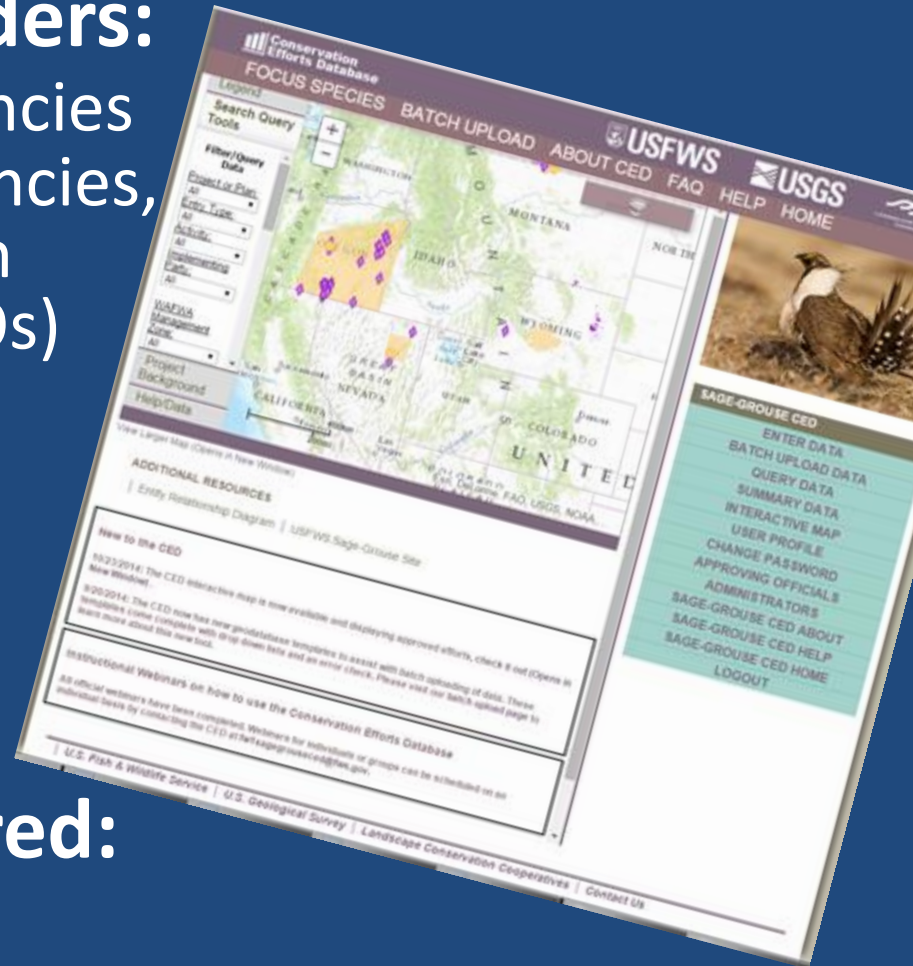


Conservation Efforts Database

- **Number of Data Providers:** 43 groups (including agencies from 10 states, federal agencies, soil and water conservation districts, industry, and NGOs)

- **Number of Projects Entered:** 6,148

- **Number of Plans Entered:** 110



Fire – SO 3336

Timeline and Deliverables:

- **2/1/2015:** Implementation Plan
 - Organizing document
- **3/1/2015:** Initial Plan – Due March 1
 - Details actions for the 2015 fire season
- **5/1/2015:** Final Plan – Due May 1
 - Details actions for the 2016 fire season and beyond



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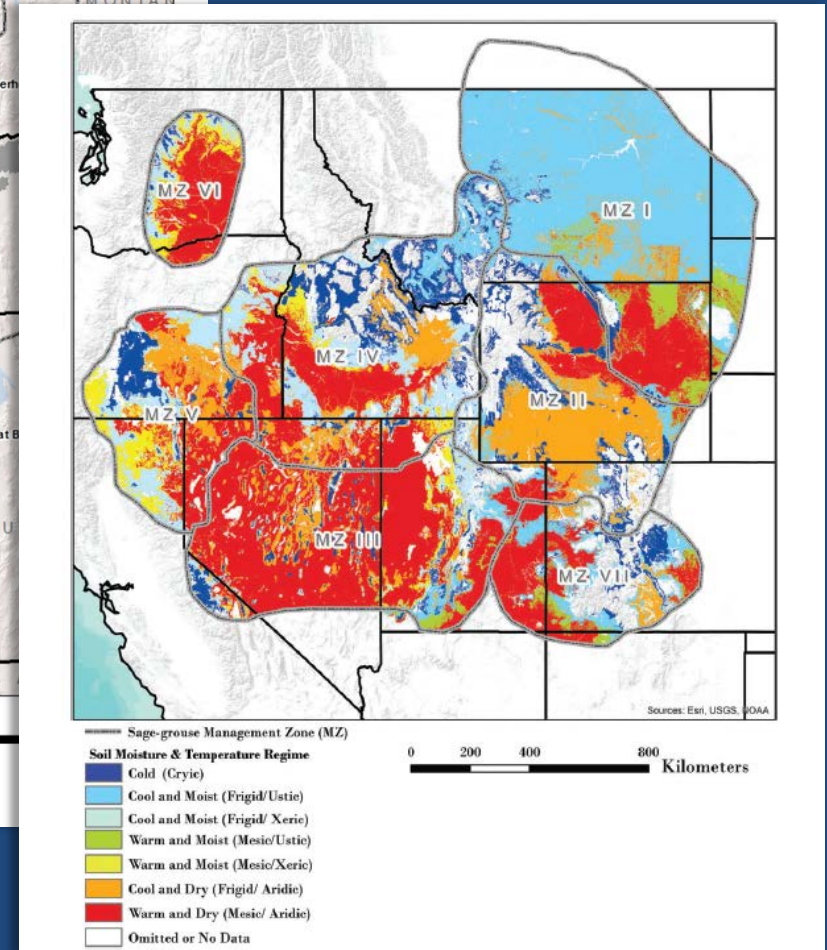
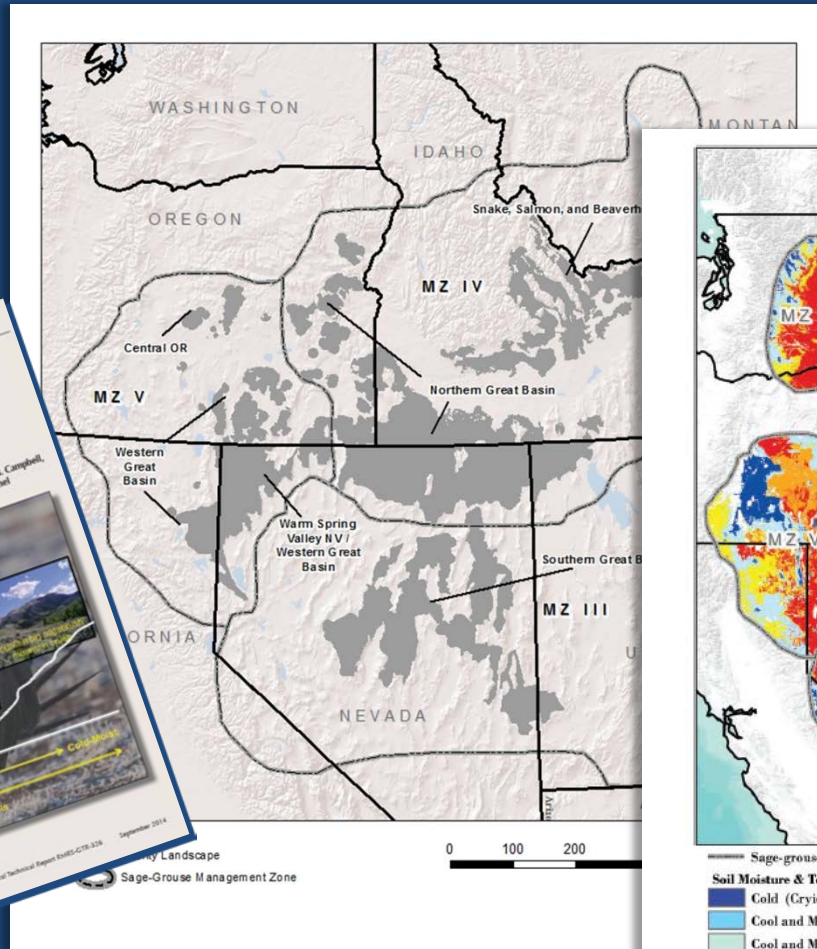
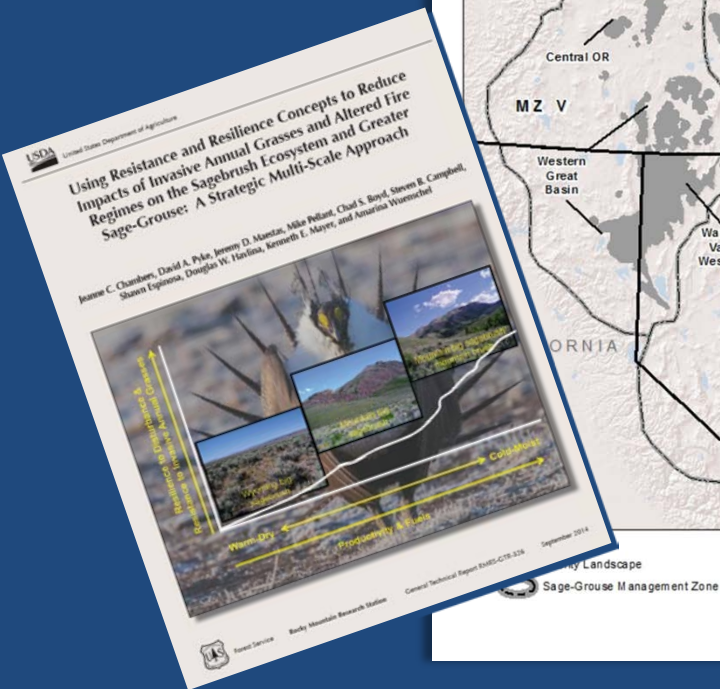
The screenshot shows the homepage of the Forests and Rangelands website. The header features a large image of a forest landscape with the title "Forests and Rangelands" in green text. Below the header, there is a navigation bar with the text "About Forests & Rangelands". The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Home:** Rangeland Fire Prevention, Management, and Restoration
- Search:** A search bar with a "Go" button.
- Forests & Rangelands Home:** A section with links to various resources.
- Wildland Fire:** A section with links to Wildland Fire Leadership Council, Cohesive Strategy, Quadrennial Fire Review (QFR), Wildland Fire Information and Technology (WFIT), Success Stories, Resources, and Related Links.
- Forest Management:** A section with links to Forest Operations Catalog, Stewardship Contracting, Tools, and Woody Biomass Utilization.
- Rangeland Management:** A section with a link to Rangeland Fire Prevention, Management, and Restoration.
- Rangeland Fire Prevention, Management, and Restoration:** A large section featuring a photograph of a rangeland landscape with the headline "Secretarial Order Number 3336 sets in motion options...". Below the photograph, there is a paragraph of text explaining the significance of the order.
- Highlights:** A section with links to DRAFT February 17, 2015: SO 3336 The Initial Report A Strategic Plan for Addressing Rangeland Fire Prevention, Management, and Restoration in 2015 (PDF, 564 KB), Submit comments about the report online..., The Implementation Plan, Secretarial Order 3336 - Rangeland Fire Prevention, Management, and Restoration (PDF, 219 KB), and Frequently Asked Questions about Secretarial Order 3336.
- Events:** A section with links to Stakeholder Outreach Listening Session: Friday, February 20, 2015, Time: 8:30 - 10:00 a.m. PST, Call Number: 1-877-915-2768, Passcode: 7530552#, and Tribal Consultations: February 19, 2015.

<http://www.forestsandrangelands.gov/rangeland/index.shtml>



Fire - FIAT



http://www.fs.fed.us/rm/pubs/rmrs_gtr326.pdf



Update: Sagebrush Country Institute

The USFWS supporting a field-based journalism learning expedition with Institute for Journalism and Natural Resources.

4/6: Utah

4/7: Colorado

4/8 – 4/9: Wyoming

4/10: Idaho

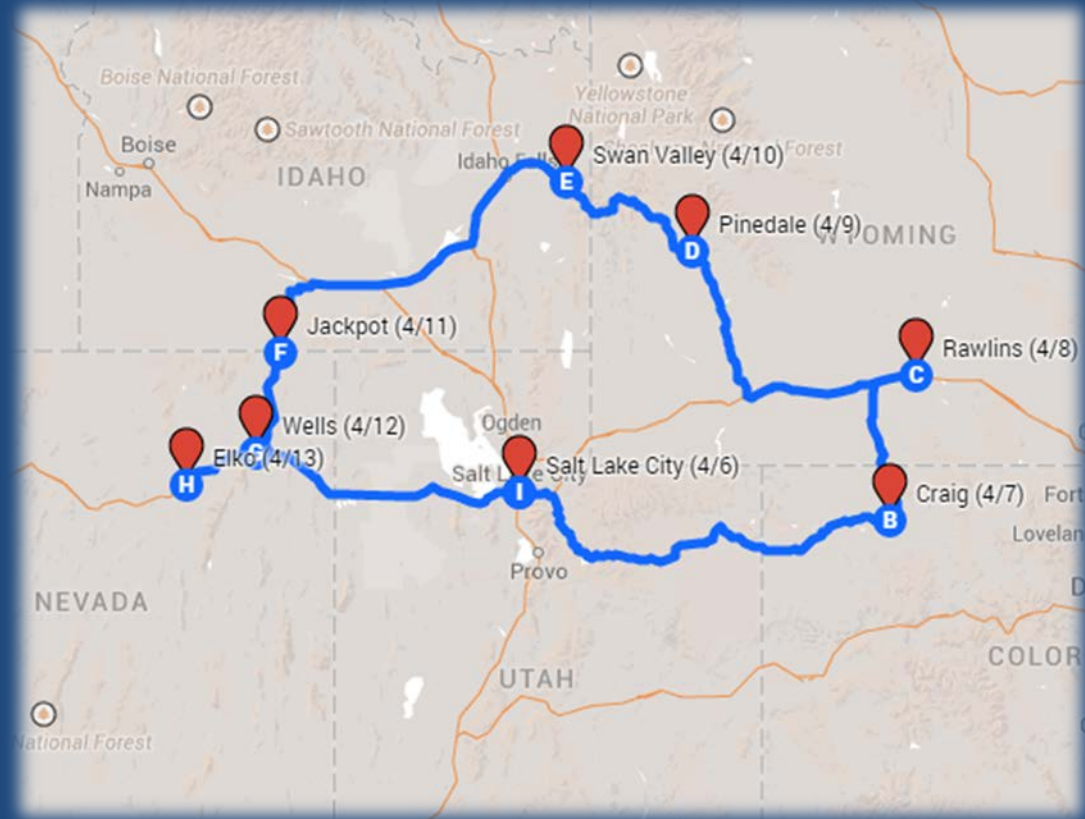
4/11- 4/12: Nevada

4/13: Nevada and Utah

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Other Updates

Grazing and Conservation Collaboration:

The Service recently issued a memo to our personnel providing guidance on our work with rangeland owners.

Strongholds:

At their request, the Service provided to federal landowners recommendation for important areas for sage-grouse conservation.

<https://www.fws.gov/greatersagegrouse/>



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Questions

