

Greater Sage-Grouse

Warranted
but
precluded?

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Summary of Listing Decision

- Not our first finding
Advised caution was needed
- Remanded in December 2007
- Warranted but precluded
March 23, 2010
- Candidate species

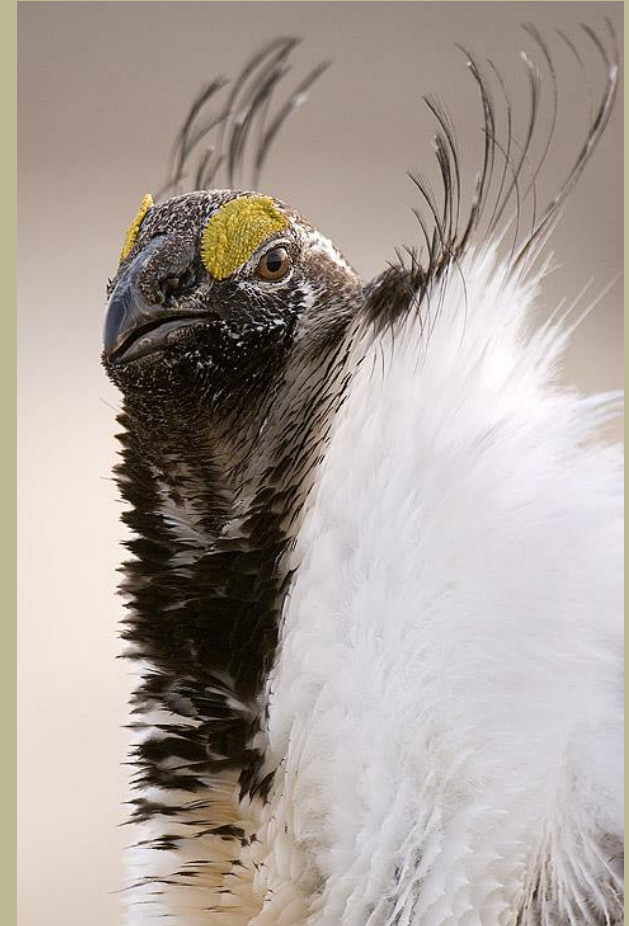


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Candidate

Candidate species are plants and animals for which FWS has sufficient information on their biological status and threats to propose them for listing under ESA, but for which development of a proposed listing regulation is precluded by other higher priority listing activities.



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Candidate

Species designated as candidates under ESA
receive **NO** protections under ESA



Listing Priority Number



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Each candidate is given a listing priority number to determine order of review when funding and time becomes available

- Numbers range from 1 to 12
1 is highest priority
- Rankings reviewed annually

1. Magnitude	2. Imminence	3. Species status	#
High	High	Only one in genus	1
		Species	2
		Subspecies, or DPS	3
	Moderate to Low	Only one in genus	4
		Species	5
		Subspecies, or DPS	6
Moderate to Low	High	Only one in genus	7
		Species	8
		Subspecies, or DPS	9
	Moderate to Low	Only one in genus	10
		Species	11
		Subspecies, or DPS	12

Wild Card !



Litigation

Two challenges received

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