

# 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

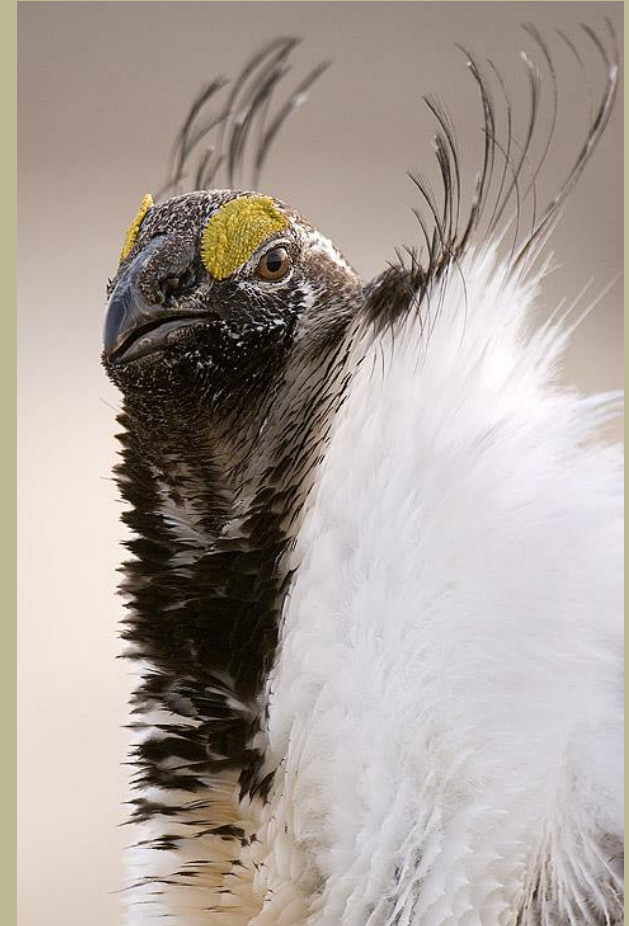


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# Candidate

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





# Next steps

## Annual Candidate Notice of Review (CNOR)

- Review threats to see if things have sufficiently changed that would result in a change of the status of the species
- Focus on the primary threats identified in our finding



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# 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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