

Greater Sage-Grouse

Status and Next Steps



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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

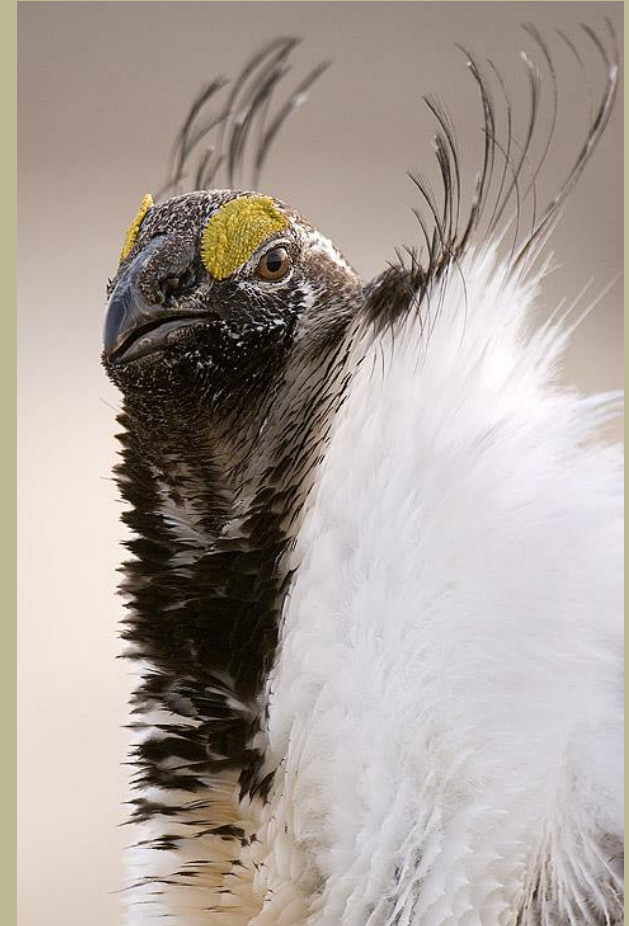


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How did we get here?

1. Habitat loss, degradation and fragmentation

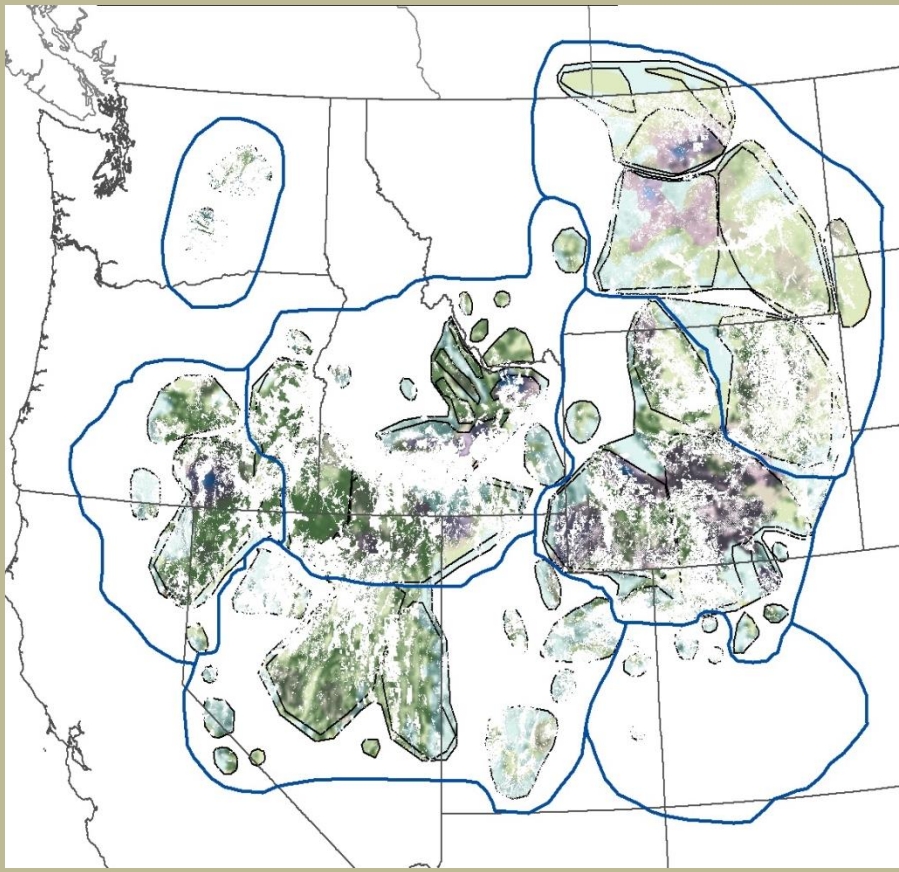


- Energy Development
- Invasive species/Fire
- Agriculture (Farming)



2. Inadequacy of Regulatory Mechanisms

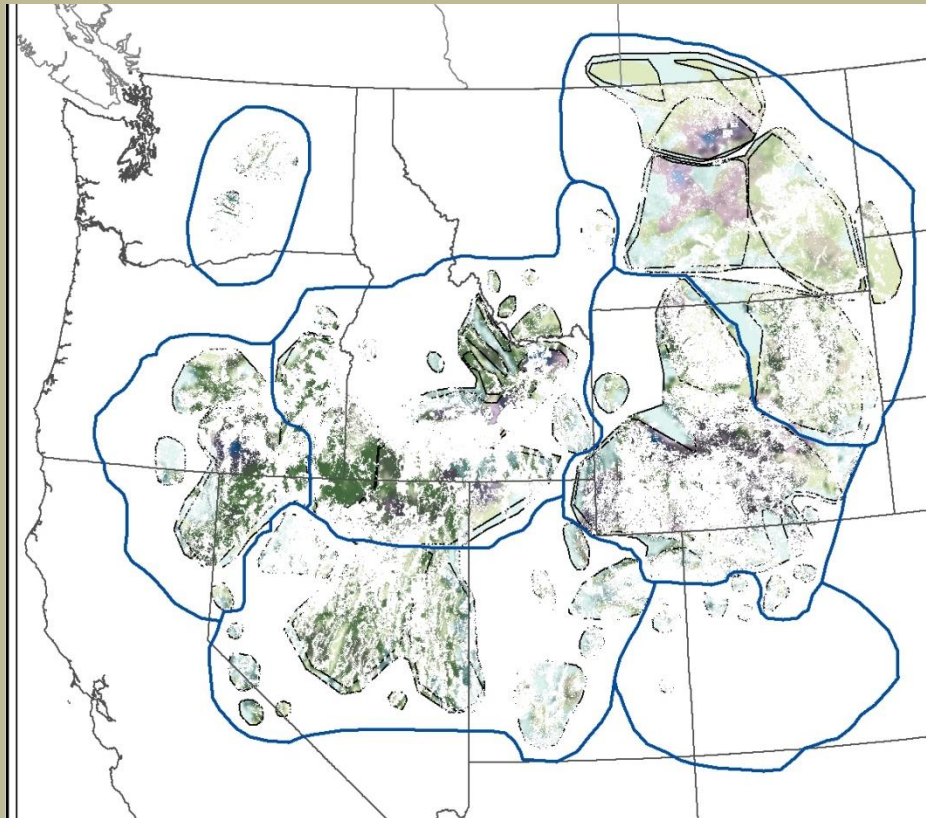




Habitat Fragmentation
and Degradation



Habitat Fragmentation



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