

Greater Sage-Grouse

and the

Endangered
Species Act



Summary of Listing Decision

- First biological review and not warranted finding in 2005

Advised caution was needed

- Judicial remand in December 2007

- Warranted finding but precluded by higher priorities

March 23, 2010

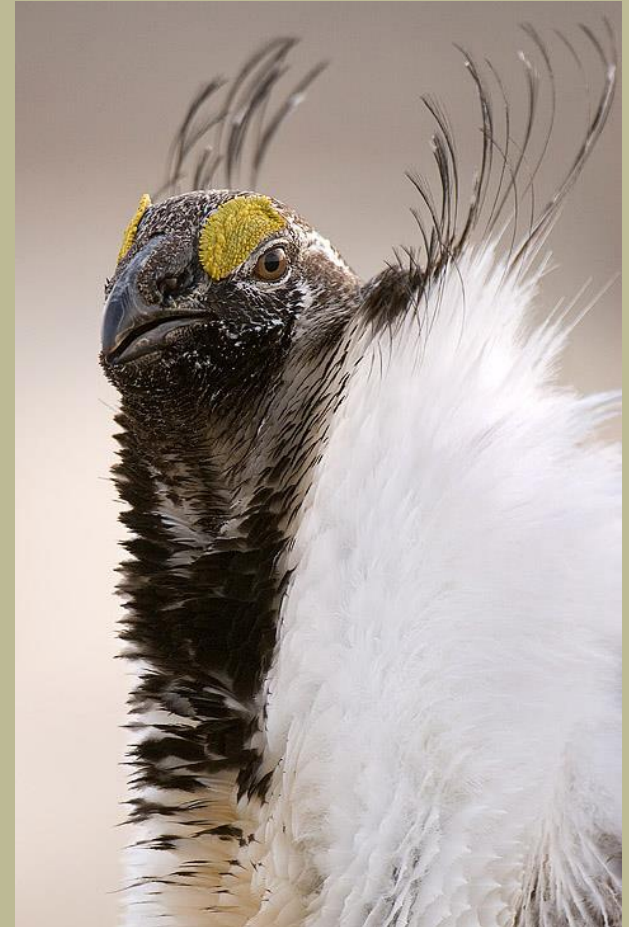


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Range-wide Habitat Loss, Deterioration, and Fragmentation

Inadequate regulatory mechanisms to prevent loss/deterioration of habitat



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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Wild Card!

Litigation

- Consolidated lawsuit settlement for the FWS listing program
- Greater sage-grouse will have a proposed rule to list or be withdrawn from listing consideration in 2015



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Litigation



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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