

On Friday, Nov. 21 the USGS will make public on the [usgs.gov](http://usgs.gov) website a new study titled *Conservation Buffer Distance Estimates for Greater Sage-Grouse*. This peer-reviewed report is a review and synthesis of conservation buffer distances for greater sage-grouse. This assessment was requested by BLM and other DOI leaders in late September. The report summarizes the published literature on quantitative estimates of buffer distances and disturbance thresholds for greater sage-grouse associated with six categories of land use or disturbance (e.g., roads, energy development). For each category, we provide a minimum and maximum buffer distance found in the scientific literature, as well as suggested lower and upper limits based on information in the scientific literature and the review of an expert science team.