



5 Things About BLM's Greater Sage-Grouse Planning Strategy

- 1 Greater Sage-Grouse depend on sagebrush for survival:** Greater Sage-Grouse live in sagebrush-steppe or sagebrush shrublands, which are ideally large, intact and mostly treeless landscapes with sagebrush, native bunchgrasses, wildflowers and wet meadows. The habitat also supports more than 350 wildlife species. Threats to Greater Sage-Grouse habitat, including habitat fragmentation, fire and invasive species make it one of the most imperiled of all ecosystems in the United States.
- 2 Healthy landscapes support diverse uses:** Sagebrush grasslands are a cornerstone of the West's ranching industry and many rural western communities rely on the economic boost provided by healthy sagebrush landscapes. We are working to protect both an iconic landscape and a way of life in the West.
- 3 The BLM can make a difference for sage-grouse:** The BLM is responsible for more than half of the nation's remaining sage-grouse habitat across 11 western states. The BLM is working to restore the health and resilience of sage-grouse habitat. We're building on the work of our partners and incorporating the best available science to inform resource management decisions.
- 4 BLM's Greater Sage-Grouse Planning Strategy is the start of something big:** The BLM has established a planning strategy to improve and restore vital sage-grouse habitat. The strategy establishes science-based conservation measures that limit disturbance to critical habitat, restore and enhance landscapes and work together to reduce the impacts of fire. This summer, the BLM will finalize six Resource Management Plans, 14 Environmental Impact Statements and 68 land use plan amendments.
- 5 You're the key to the success of the strategy:** BLM's mission is to manage and conserve public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations under our mandate of multiple-use and sustained yield. We are committed to doing the right thing to protect both the Greater Sage-Grouse and sagebrush habitat.