

V. CAUSAL FACTOR ANALYSIS AND MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local AMRTs are tasked with completing a causal factor analysis and provide management recommendations associated with each population or habitat trigger. The results from this process are provided below in a *Causal Factor* table for each Conservation Planning Area. SETT staff levels were insufficient to follow up on each recommendation given in 2019, a selection of recommendations were chosen and a progress update is included in the table.

5.6 WASHOE/LASSEN CONSERVATION PLANNING AREA

<u>2019 Recommendation follow up</u>		
2019 Recommendation	Progress	
Virginia/PahRah PMU: Aerial weed treatment in PHMA north and west of Spanish Flat, continued medusahead treatment at sheep springs flat lek (BLM-Carson FO)	Aerial treatments have happened are planned for this area specifically for multiple years into the future by both NDOW and BLM.	
Virginia/PahRah PMU: ½ mile wide fuel break along 395, and Fish Springs Road county road, Winnemucca Ranch Road (Carson- FO, Eagle Lake- FO, NDOT, Caltrans, CDFW, Washoe County, Lassen County)	The Virginia Mountains Vegetation Treatments Project has planned and funded projects in this area to address fire starts along 395. Further planning is not needed. Coordination with CDFW is planned to extend treatments onto CA state lands.	
<u>2020 Trigger</u>		
PMU Name	Trigger Type & Causal Factor	Management Recommendations
Buffalo/Skedaddle	Habitat	<p>Wild Horse population levels are impacting many mesic areas. This group strongly recommends a gather to AML in both the Twin peaks HMA (BLM-CA), and in the Buffalo Hills HMA (BLM-NV).</p> <p>Need to map invasive annual grass throughout the PMU as a precursor to locating appropriate and effective fuel breaks.</p> <p>Preliminary Progress: <i>An aerial herbicide treatment (Imazapic) funded for \$167,000 will take place in FY21 on the Nevada side. Request to BLM-CA & BLM-NV for funding to apply towards contracting map services in Buffalo-Skedaddle PMU appears successful and is slated to move forward in 2022. This knowledge gained through this invasives mapping effort should lead to further eventual treatments.</i></p>