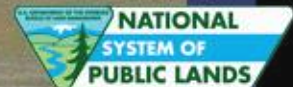


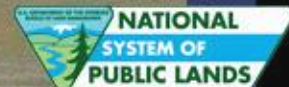
Greater Sage-Grouse Planning Strategy: Status Update

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BLM National Greater Sage-Grouse Planning Strategy Objective

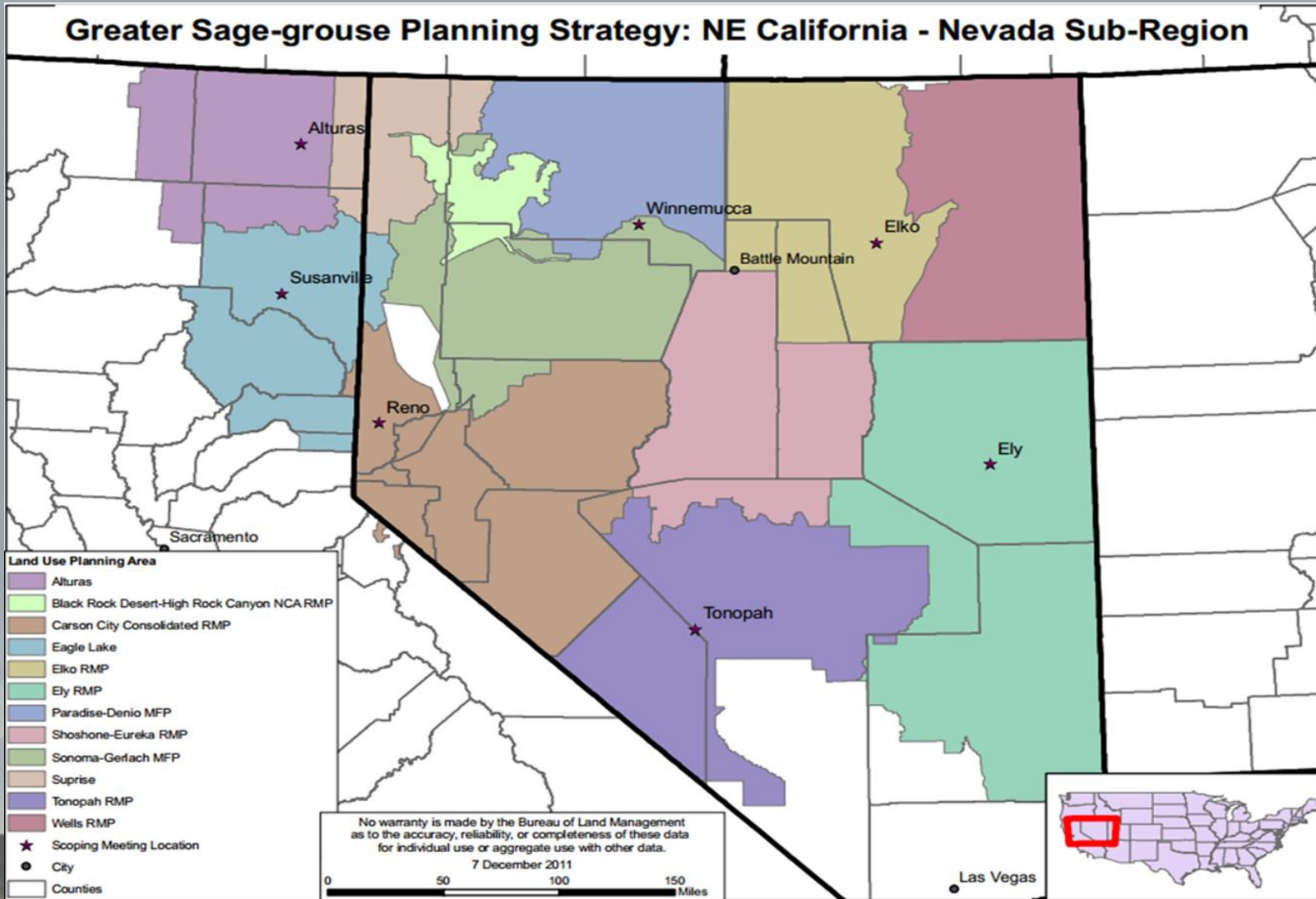
Develop and implement new or revised regulatory mechanisms through land use plans (LUPs) in order to conserve and restore greater sage-grouse and their habitats on BLM-administered and U.S. Forest Service lands, on a range-wide basis over the long-term.



Greater Sage-Grouse Land Use Planning Effort

- Decisions will focus on greater sage-grouse habitat on BLM and Forest Service lands.
- Within Priority Habitat, land use planning direction will be developed to address:
 - Minerals management
 - Lands and realty
 - Travel and transportation
 - Wild horses and burros
 - Range management
 - Vegetation management
 - Habitat restoration
 - Wildland fire management

NE CA-NV Subregion RMPs



Range of Alternatives

- Six Alternatives included in Sub-regional EIS
 - **Alternative A: Continuation of Present Management (No Action).** Resource management guided by existing LUPs for BLM and FS. No priority habitat identified.
 - **Alternative B: National Technical Team (NTT) Report.** Resource Management guided by the NTT Report recommendations. Preliminary priority and general habitat identified (PPH/PGH).

Range of Alternatives

- Six Alternatives included into Sub-regional EIS
 - **Alternative C: Citizen-based.** Resource management guided by conservation measures more restrictive than NTT Report with addition of ACECs and Research Natural Areas (RNAs). Occupied habitat identified.
 - **Alternative D: Sub-Regional Alternative.** Resource Management guided by agency LUPs as modified by conservation measures that reflect sub-regional conditions, uses and threats. Modified preliminary priority and general habitat identified.

Range of Alternatives

- Six Alternatives included into Sub-regional EIS
 - **Alternative E: State of Nevada Alternative.** Analyzes the strategy submitted by the State of Nevada, including components such as coordinating through the State of Nevada Sagebrush Ecosystem Council and implementing a Mitigation Bank. Identifies Sage-Grouse Management Areas (SGMAs) to manage habitat.
 - **Alternative F: Citizen-based.** Resource Management guided by conservation measures similar to NTT Report with addition of ACECs. PPH and PGH and Restoration Habitat identified.

Current Status:

NE CA-NV Sub-Region

- Completing development of Sub-regional Alternative.
- Most cooperating agency relationships are established. Currently, 16 signed MOUs with federal and state agencies and most counties.
- Baseline Socio-economic report reviewed by Coop Agencies. Comments sent to the contractor.
- Working on baseline data and analysis, GIS maps.

Project Timeline

Action	When
Establish all inter-disciplinary and management teams	September 2011
Issue national interim policy (Instruction Memorandum)	December 27, 2011
Publish Notice of Intent to amend land use plans	December 9, 2011
Public scoping complete	March 23, 2012
Draft EISs published	September 2013
Final EISs published	March 2014
Records of Decision signed	July/August 2014

BLM Greater Sage Grouse Websites

BLM National website:

<http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/more/sagegrouse.html>

BLM Great Basin Region:

<http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/more/sagegrouse/western.html>

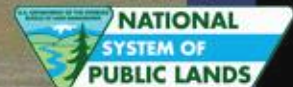
BLM Rocky Mountain Region:

<http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/more/sagegrouse/eastern.html>

BLM Greater Sage-Grouse Planning Strategy Nevada-NE California Sub-Region:

Available on the ePlanning Land Use Planning Register (Select Nevada, then click the Search button)

https://www.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/lup/lup_register.do





Thank you!

