State GRSG	Soft Trigger	Response	Hard Trigger	Response	Other Factors
Approved RMP Amendment					
	Soft Trigger Intermediate threshold indicating mngmnt changes are needed at the project level to address habitat and population loss; evaluation of the minimization, mitigation, and location of permitted activities for restrictive mngmnt actions	Response Change mngmnt to a more conservative or restrictive implementation conservation measure to mitigate for the casual factor in the decline of the population or habitat with consideration of local knowledge and conditions	Hard Trigger Threshold indicating that immediate action is necessary to stop a severe deviation from GRSG conservation objectives in the ARMPA; set at or below the normal range of variation to provide a threshold of last resort in the event of a catastrophe ; Hard Trigger = 30% cumulative loss of PHMA and reaching a percentile of male population decline simultaneously	Response BLM will immediately defer issuance of discretionary authorizations for a new action for a period of 90 days, within 14 days, Sage Grouse Implementation team will convene to develop an interim response strategy and initiate an assessment to determine causal factor	Other Factors Disturbance Cap Trigger: Habitat loss or degradation measured as the 3% disturbance cap in PHMA; If tripped, no further anthro disturbances would be permitted by BLM in PHMA until disturbance has been reduced to below cap

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Idaho/ SW	10% loss of Key habitat	Implementation	20% loss of Key habitat	All PHMA mngmnt	Disturbance Cap
Montana	within BSU of the PHMA	team will evaluate	within BSU of the PHMA	actions will be	Trigger: Habitat
	of a Conservation Area	causal factors and	of a Conservation Area	applied to the IHMA	loss or degradation
Triggers based on	when compared to 2011	recommend	when compared to 2011	within that	measured as the
Habitat Loss	Baseline or 10% loss of	additional potential	Baseline or 20% loss of	conservation area	3% disturbance cap
and/or	Key Habitat within BSU	implementation level	Key Habitat within BSU	and the	in PHMA; If
Population	of the IHMA of a	activities	of the IHMA of a	Implementation	tripped, no further
Decline	Conservation Area when		Conservation Area when	Team will evaluate	anthro
	compared to the 2011		compared to the 2011	causal factors and	disturbances would
	Baseline; Or 10%		Baseline; OR 20% Decline	recommend	be permitted by
	Decline in the current 3-		in the current 3-year	additional potential	BLM in PHMA or
	year average of total		average of total	implementation level	IHMA until
	maximum number of		maximum number of	activities;	disturbance has
	males counted		males counted		been reduced to
	compared to the 2011		compared to the 2011		below cap
	maximum male baseline		maximum male baseline		
	and a finite rate of		and a finite rate of		
	change below 1.0 within		change significantly (if		
	the PHMA or IHMA		90% confidence interval		
	within a Conservation		around the current 3-		
	Area of the same time		year finite rate of change		
	period		is less than and does not		
			include 1.0) below 1.0		
			within the PHMA or		
			IHMA within a		
			Conservation Area of the		
			same time period		

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Amendment Oregon Triggers based on Habitat Loss and/or Population Decline	When an area of at least 5% sagebrush canopy cover and <5% tree cover drops to between 30-65% of the sagebrush capable area within PAC; OR the annual population drops by 40% or greater in a single year or 10% or greater for three consecutive years or 5- year running mean population drops below the lower 95% confidence interval value	BLM will convene an adaptive mngmnt team at district level within 1 month, determine cause, and follow list of adaptive responses within the PAC	When an area of at least 5% sagebrush canopy cover and <5% tree cover drops below 30% of the sagebrush capable area within PAC; or When an area of at least 5% sagebrush canopy cover and <5% tree cover drops 5% or more in one year in the sagebrush capable area within PAC; OR (in areas of adequate population data) 5-year running mean population drops below lower standard deviation value or (in areas of inadequate population data), the annual population declines by a total of 60% or more over two consecutive years; OR When a soft trigger for both population and habitat are met in the same PAC	BLM will convene an adaptive mngmnt team at district level within 1 month, determine cause and will implement list of restrictive conservation actions within the PAC Exceptions: Pending and new authorizations could continue if disturbance cap has not been reached and project has no direct or indirect impact on GRSG population or habitat or project has been modified to fulfill the prior requirement	

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Utah	~4 consecutive years of	BLM will determine	4 consecutive years of	The ARMPA includes	
	10% or greater annual	specific cause; if	20% or greater annual	a hard wired plan	
Triggers based on	decline in average males	natural variation, no	decline in average males	level response (Table	
Habitat Loss	per lek in each year OR	action; if caused by	per lek in each year or	1-1) that requires a	
and/or	6 consecutive years of	management actions,	average males per lek	more restrictive	
Population	declining average males	BLM would apply	drops 75% below the 10-	alternative or	
Decline	per lek in each year OR	measures to mitigate	year rolling average	appropriate	
	40% or greater decline	the decline to the	males per lek in any	component of a more	
	in average males per lek	area where the	single year or lambda of	restrictive alternative	
	in any single year OR	trigger has been met,	<1 in six consecutive	analyzed in the EIS to	
	50% or greater decline	and may require	years based on all leks in	be implemented	
	in average males per lek	adjustment of future	the PHMA or Lambda of	without further	
	in a 4 consecutive year	project level/plan	<1 in 8 years of a 10 year	action by the BLM;	
	period ~ AND lambda of	implementation	window based on all leks	BLM will determine	
	<1 in 4 consecutive	activities	in PHMA; OR 20% loss of	causal factors and	
	years based on all leks in		total GRSG habitat in	implement a	
	PHMA; OR 10% loss of		PHMA or 20% loss of	corrective strategy in	
	total GRSG habitat in		habitat within the	the area where the	
	PHMA or 10% loss of		nesting areas on PHMA	trigger has been met;	
	habitat within the		or 20% loss of habitat	if all else fails, the	
	nesting areas on PHMA		within UDWR mapped	BLM will immediately	
	or 5% loss of habitat		winter areas in PHMA	implement a formal	
	within UDWR mapped			directive to protect	
	winter areas in PHMA or			GRSG and its habitat	
	any one fire that burns			and to ensure that it	
	5% of total GRSG habitat			is supported	
	in PHMA			scientifically	

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Wyoming	Any deviation from	BLM will apply more	When two of a three	BLM will immediately	
	normal trends in habitat	conservative or	year metric exceeds 60%	defer issuance of	
Triggers based on	or population in any	restrictive	of normal variability for	discretionary	
Habitat Loss	given year such as	conservation	the area under mngmnt	authorizations for	
and/or Lek Loss/	annual lek counts, wing	measures to mitigate	in a single year or when	new actions for a	
and/or	counts, aerial surveys,	for the specific causal	any of the three metrics	period of 90 days,	
Population	habitat monitoring, and	factor in the decline	(habitat loss, lek loss, or	within 14 days, the	
Decline	DDCT evaluations	with consideration of	population decline)	Adaptive	
	calculated as a 5-year	local knowledge and	exceeds 40% Of normal	Management	
	running mean	conditions	variability for a 3-year	Working Group will	
			time period within a	convene to develop	
			fiveOyear range of	an interim response	
			analysis	strategy and	
				determine causal	
				factors	