



Greater Sage-Grouse: California Endangered Species Act

Presentation to the Nevada Sagebrush Ecosystem Council

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Presentation Outline

- Overview of petitioned action
- Overview of the California Endangered Species Act (CESA) listing process
- Questions



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Petitioned Action

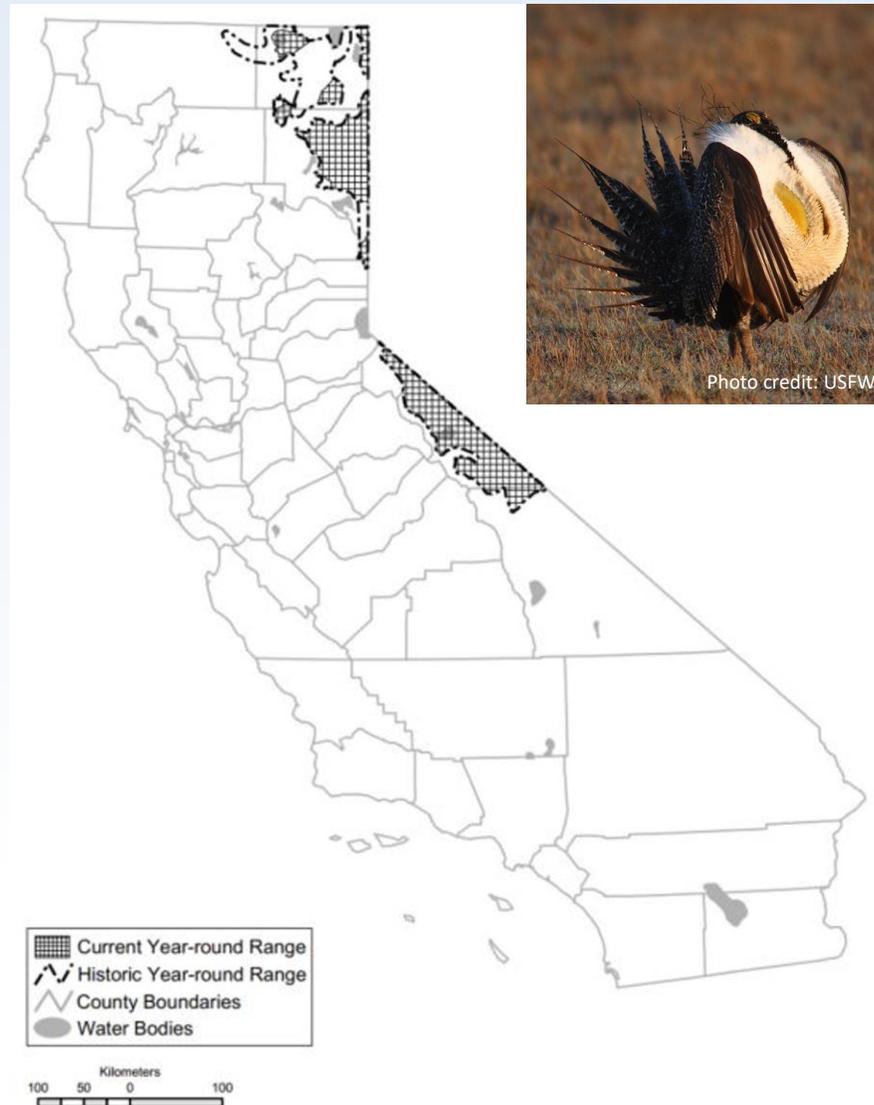
Petition Received: November 21, 2022

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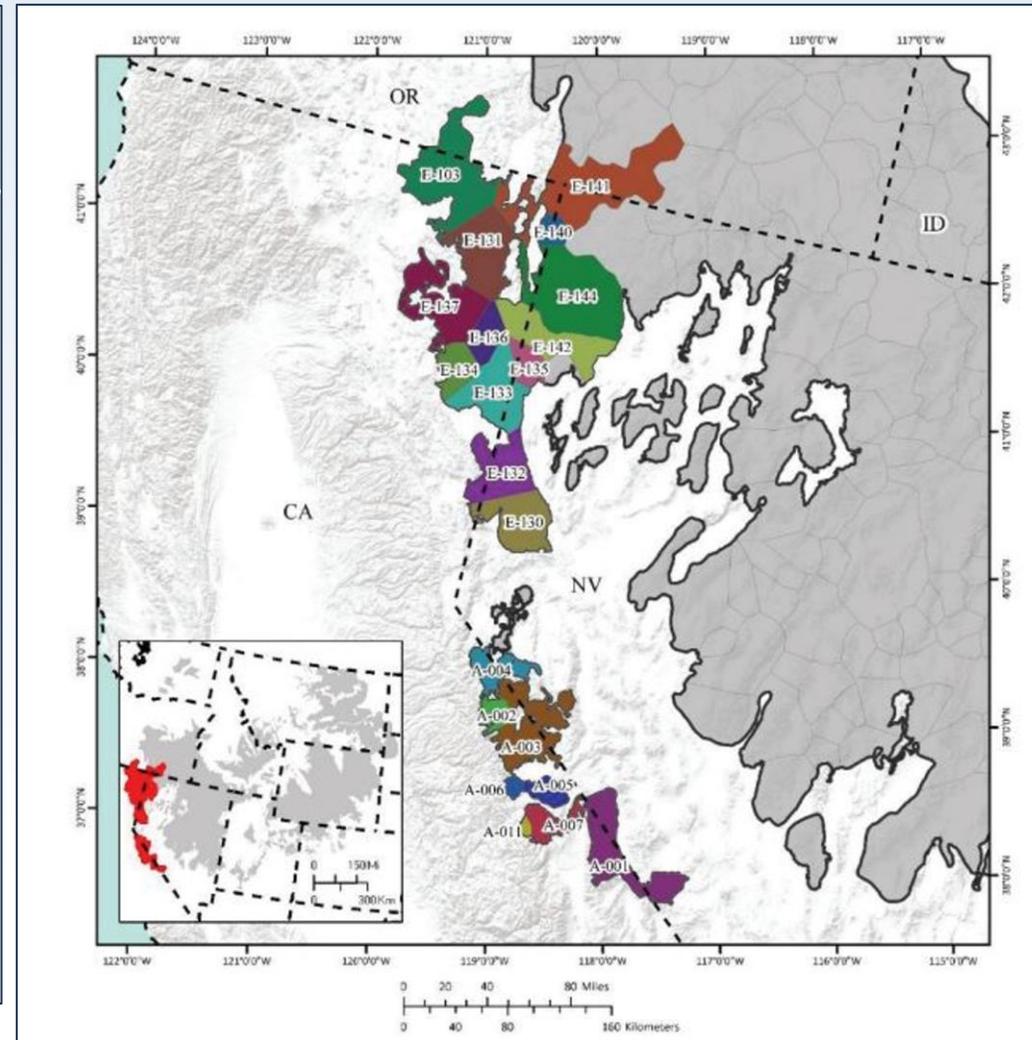
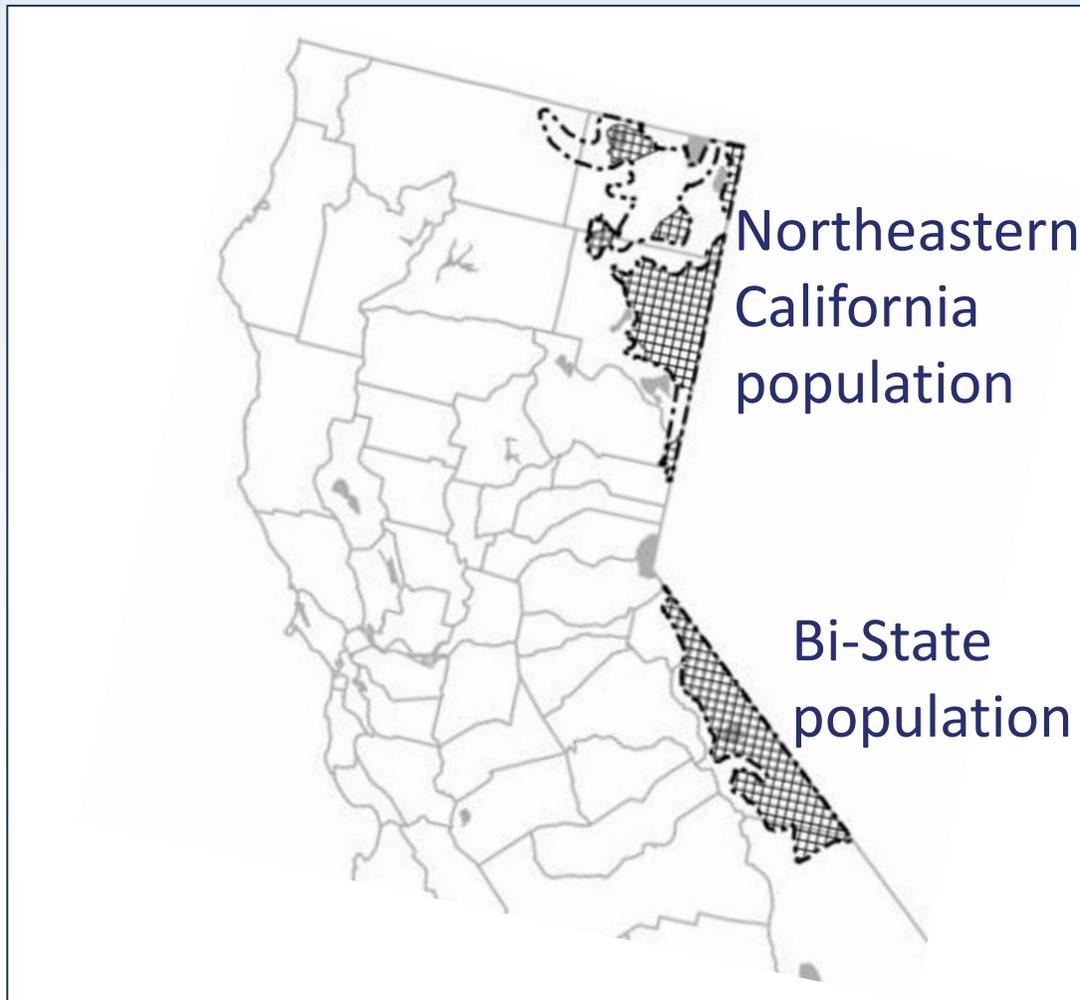
List the greater sage-grouse as threatened or endangered **throughout its range in California.**

Or, consider whether to **list two populations separately:**

- 1) Northeastern California population in Lassen and Modoc Counties
- 2) Bi-State population in Mono and Inyo Counties



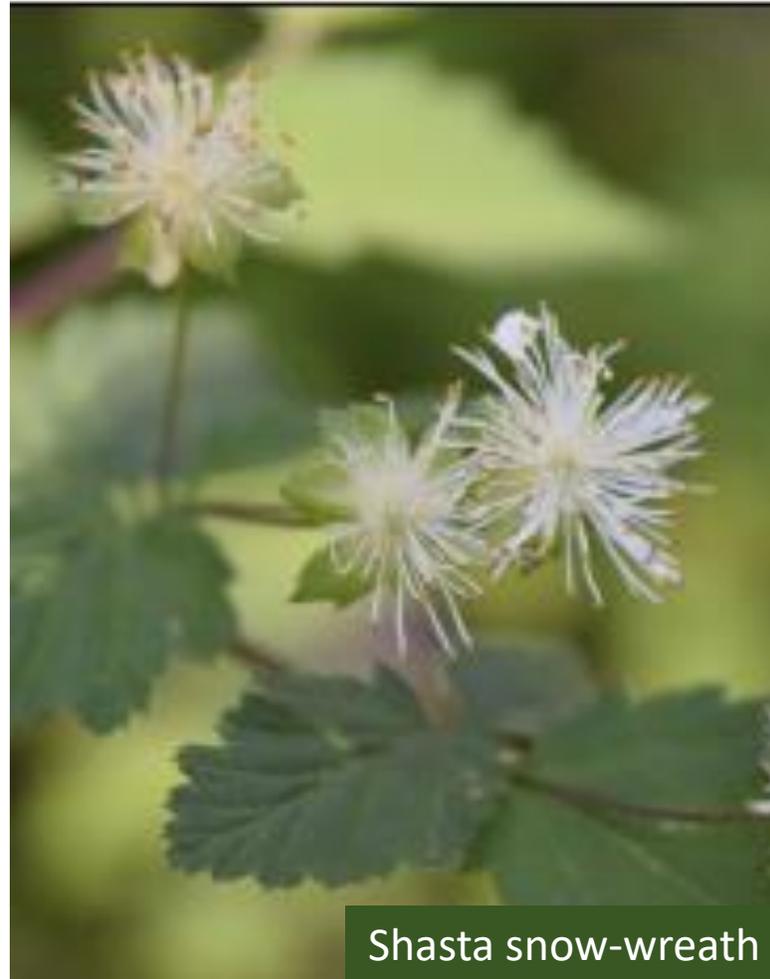
Range and Distribution



Petition reports a 32% range contraction within California

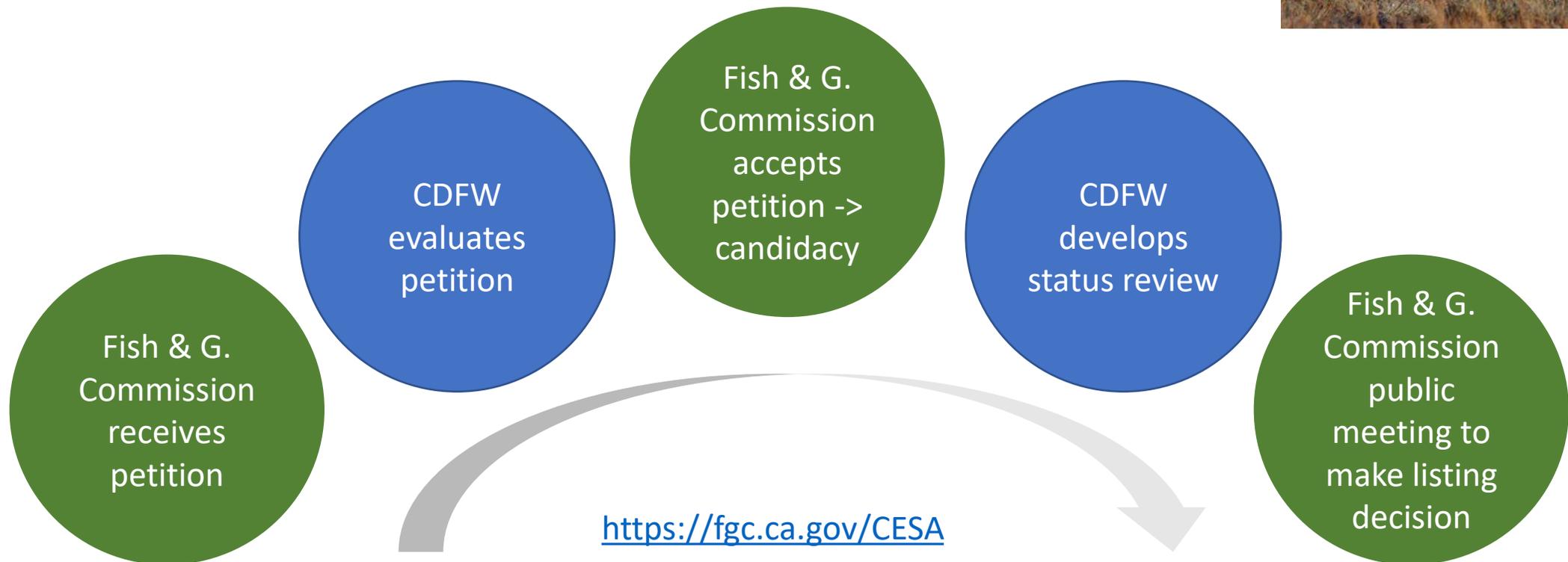
California Endangered Species Act (CESA)

- Originally enacted in 1970
- Approximately 250 listed species
 - 98 animals
 - 159 plants
- Similarities/differences with the federal ESA

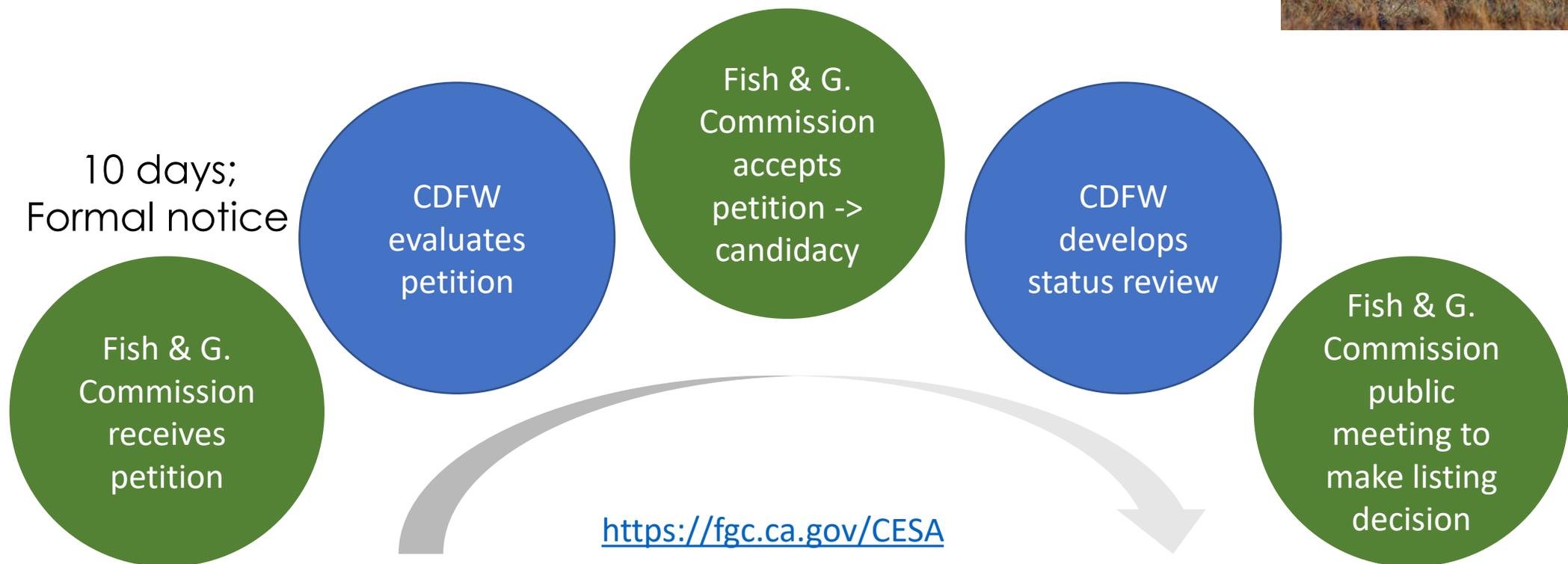


CESA Listing Process

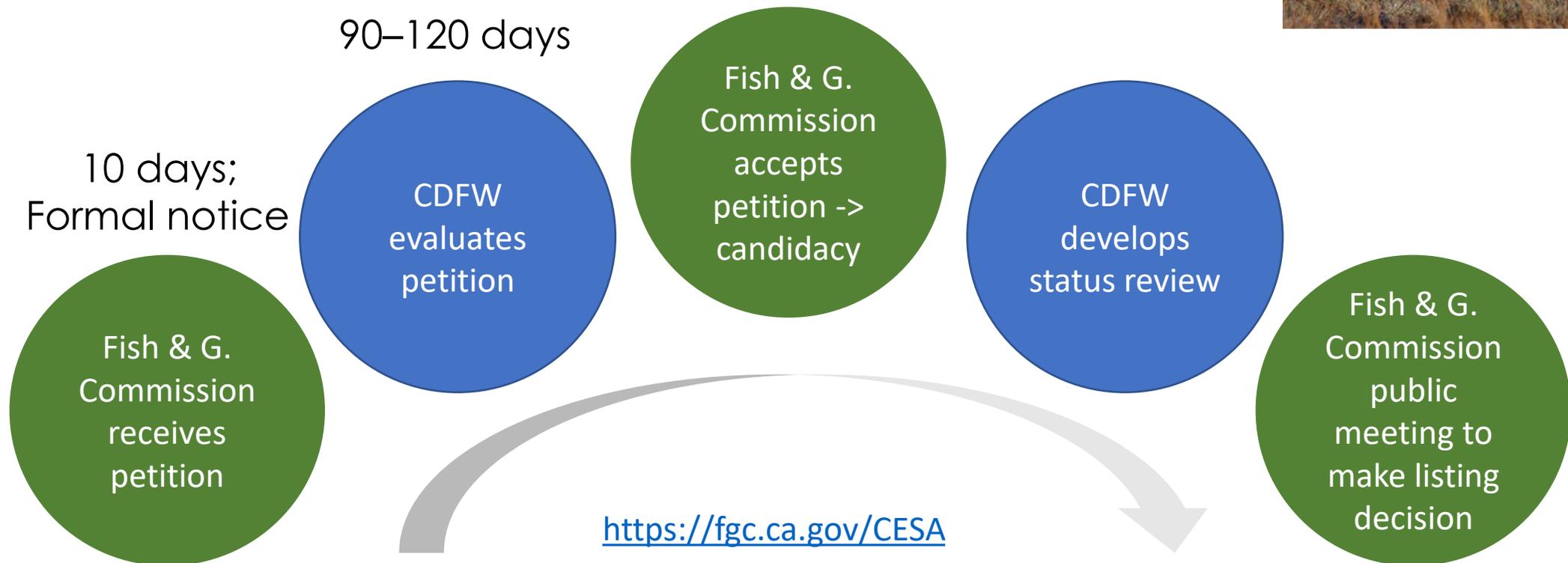
- Fish and Game Code Sections 2050, et seq.
- Section 670.1, Title 14, California Code of Regulations



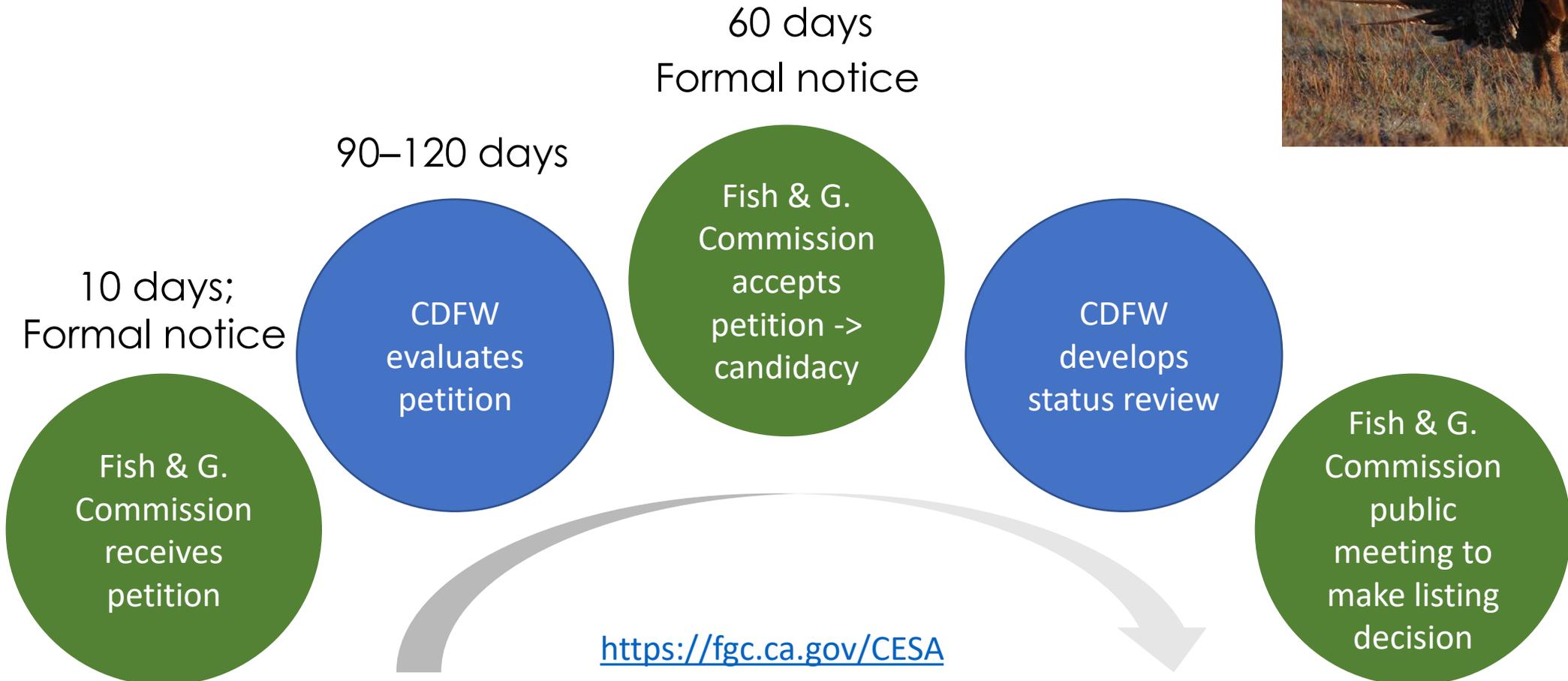
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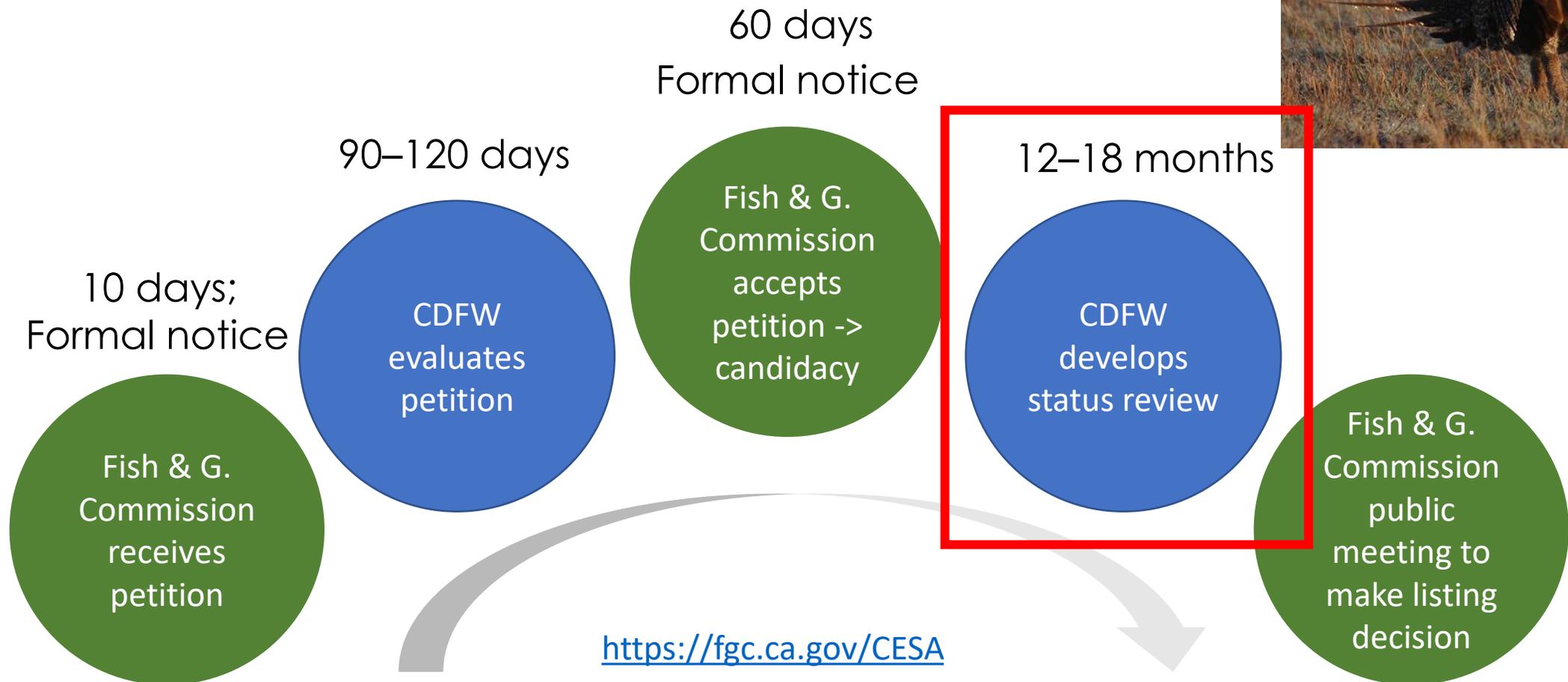
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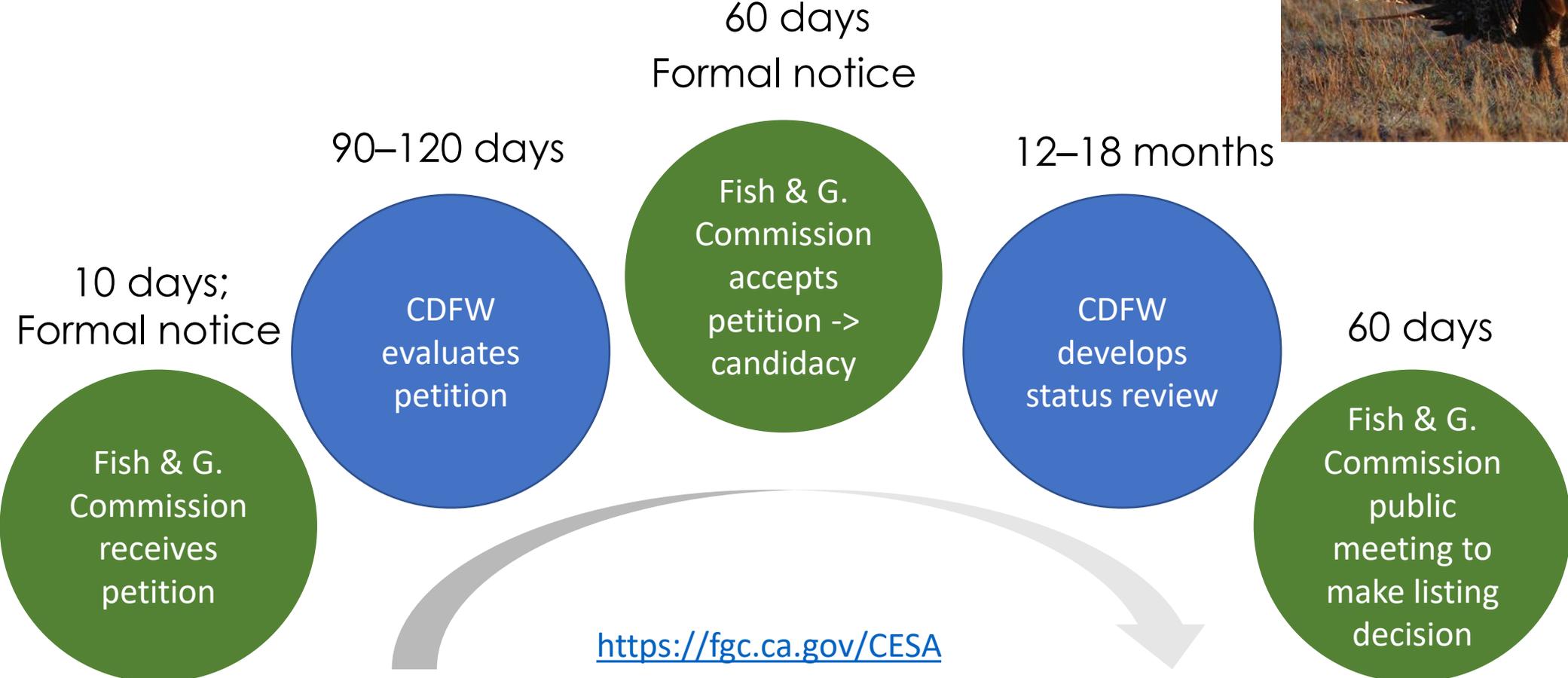
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Greater Sage-Grouse Listing Timeline (tentative)

Status Review in development:

- Accepting input from the public
- Tribal listening sessions will be scheduled for later this year
- External peer review

Status Review due to Commission:

- December 28, 2024

Public meeting for listing decision:

- Early 2025 (Commission meetings scheduled in February and April 2025)





Questions ♦ Thank You

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