# Sagebrush Ecosystem Program

Greater Sage-Grouse RMP Amendment and EIS

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- Update Adaptive Management Language to better Align with the States
  - "Where the State has an adaptive management process as part of the State's GRSG management plan, program, policy, regulation, or authority, the BLM will participate in and implement the most recent State adaptive management process..."









- Elimination of PHMA with Limited Exceptions
  - "The BLM will eliminate the designation "PHMA with limited exceptions" as a subset of PHMA rangewide. HMAs that were designated as PHMA with limited exceptions will now be designated as PHMA and will be subject to the management allocations and direction for PHMA."









- Change Major Rights of Way in General Habitat
  Management Areas from Avoidance to Open
  - —"This change was made to align management of BLM land in Nevada with management of GHMA in BLM California, and to respond to concerns raised during the governor's consistency review that requested clear guidelines that would allow renewable energy development in low-impact areas while still prioritizing habitat conservation."









- Updated Nesting Habitat Benchmark
  - —"...BLM Nevada and California and BLM Idaho changed the benchmark for the perennial grass height indicator from a specific height to 'Suitable nesting cover', based on best available science and since vegetation heights may differ by ecological site potential and vegetation type."

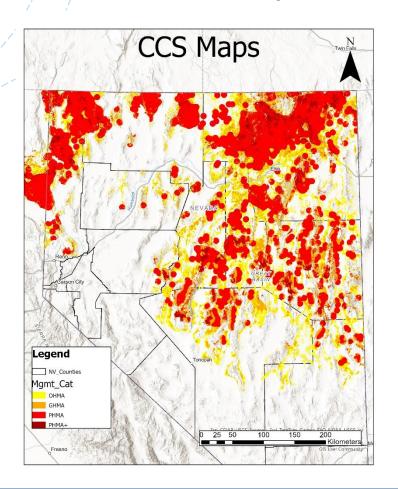


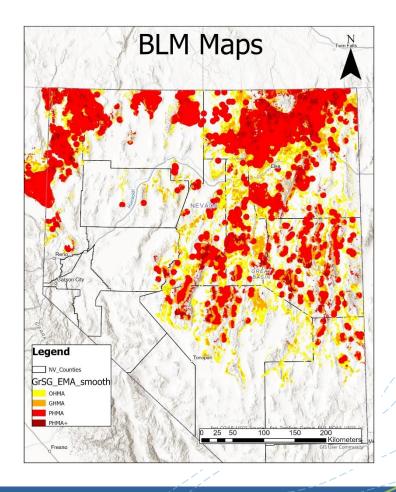






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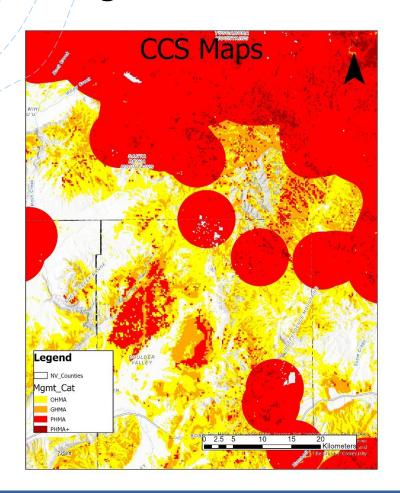


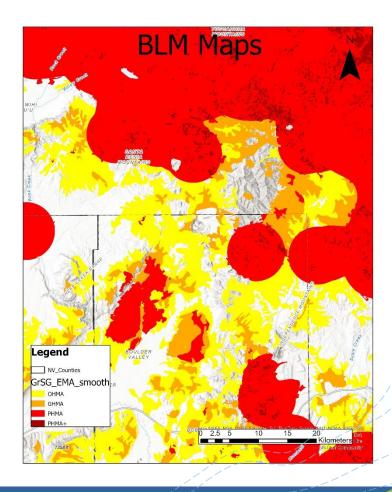






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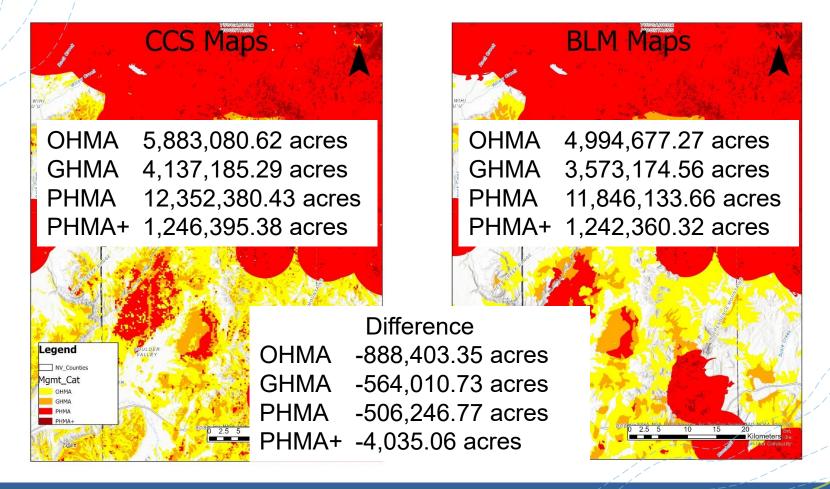








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# Questions?

# **Thank You**







