



Our Public Lands

BLM Nevada and Northeastern California
2025 Greater Sage-Grouse
Approved Resource Management Plan
Amendment



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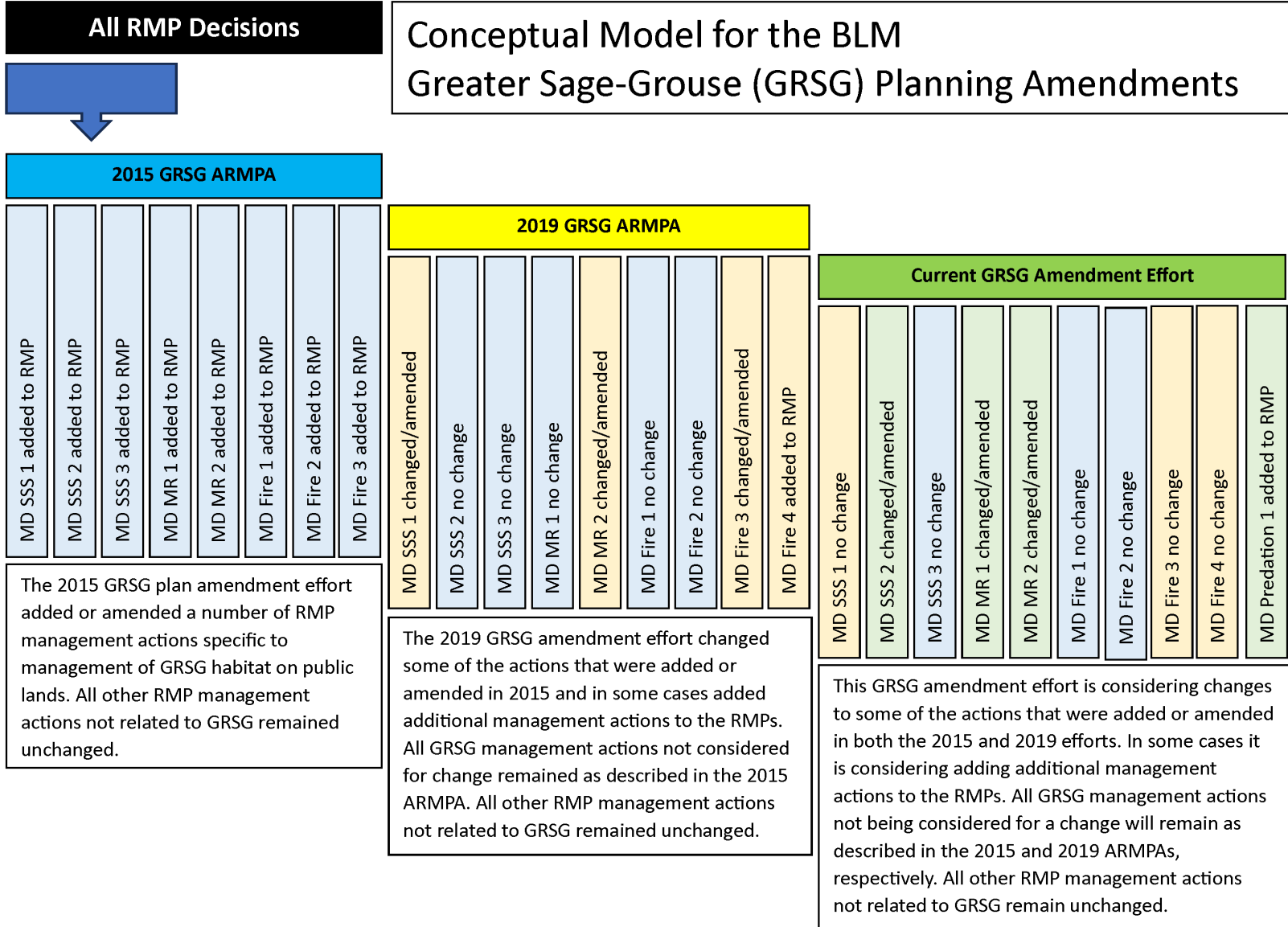
Purpose for the 2025 Planning Effort

- Amend certain goals, objectives, allocations, and management direction for GRSB to:
 - Respond to updated scientific information and changing land uses
 - Provide consistent and effective rangewide management direction
 - Incorporate state-level guidance that is responsive to locally relevant habitat variability.

- To better align with the State of Nevada's Greater Sage-Grouse Conservation Plan.



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Appendix 2. Comparison of Prior Greater Sage-Grouse RMP Management Direction with Approved RMP Amendment

NEVADA AND CALIFORNIA GREATER SAGE-GROUSE RMP AMENDMENTS

This appendix presents the Greater Sage-grouse (GRSG) approved RMP amendment language from the 2015 and 2019 records of decision and this 2025 Approved RMP Amendment and Record of Decision for Nevada and California. The tables below note which goals, objectives, appendices, and management decisions/actions are amended by this Approved RMP Amendment (RMPA), either partially or completely, and which existing decisions are not be amended at all. The types of change to existing management direction from the Approved RMPA include: no change, partial revision, complete revision, and new direction.

Table I. GSRG RMP Management Direction in Nevada/California

2015 BLM GRSG Approved RMP Amendment (as maintained)	2019 BLM GRSG Approved RMP Amendment (as maintained)	2025 BLM GRSG Approved RMP Amendment
<i>SPECIAL STATUS SPECIES (SSS)</i>	<i>SPECIAL STATUS SPECIES (SSS)</i>	—
GOAL:	GOAL:	—
Goal SSS I: Conserve, enhance, and restore the sagebrush ecosystem upon which GRSG populations depend in an effort to maintain and/or increase their abundance and distribution, in cooperation with other conservation partners.	No changes made.	Completely Revised.

- Partially Revised, No change (same as 2015), No change (same as 2019)



Relationship to Previous Efforts

<i>Management Decisions (MD):</i>	<i>Management Decisions (MD):</i>	—
MD FIRE 34: Review Objective SSS 4 and apply MDs SSS 1 through SSS 4 when reviewing and analyzing projects and activities proposed in GRSG habitat.	No changes made.	No change (same as 2015).
MD FIRE 35: Prioritize post-fire treatments in PHMAs and GHMAs to maximize benefits to GRSG and its habitat. Focus post-fire treatments on replacing or reestablishing burned sagebrush habitat with the appropriate cover and structure to support GRSG habitat objectives (Table 2-2).	No changes made.	Partially Revised (remove reference to Table 2-2).

2025 ARMPA rangewide direction does not reference Management Decisions as they were not consistent across states.



Update to Appendix 2

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2025 BLM GRSG Approved RMP Amendment (Summary)	2025 BLM GRSG Approved RMP Amendment (Full text)
SPECIAL STATUS SPECIES (SSS)	SPECIAL STATUS SPECIES (SSS)
GOAL	GOAL
Goal SSS I: Completely Revised	Goal SSS I: Manage lands in a manner that will protect the quality of scientific ecological, and environmental values that will provide food and habitat for fish and wildlife and domestica animals, and that will provide for outdoor recreation and human occupancy and uses consistent with Section 102 of the Federal Land Policy Management Act (as amended). Manage GRSG habitat to support habitat connectivity and persistent, healthy populations, consistent with BLM's Special Status Species (SSS) Management Policy (BLM-M-6840) and in coordination and cooperation with state wildlife agencies and appropriate state authorities.
Objectives	Objectives

This document is not complete, meaning that not all the Completely Revised Mangement Decisions from the ROD/ARMPA or ARMPA appendices have been incorporated into this document yet.



Rangewide Amended RMP Elements

The 2025 ARMPA addresses the following RMP Elements:

- Clarify the existing GRSG RMP goal
- GRSG HMA alignments to incorporate new science and improve alignment along state boundaries
- Criteria-based management for habitat management areas
- Adoption of the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (WAFWA) definition of “lek” and “lek status”
- Mitigation
- GRSG habitat objectives



Rangewide Amended RMP Elements

The 2025 ARMPA addresses the following RMP Elements:

- Disturbance management protocols
- Fluid mineral development, leasing objectives, and waivers, exceptions, and modifications (WEMs)
- Utility scale solar and wind development
- Right-of-Ways
- Minimizing threats from predation
- Livestock grazing
- Wild horse and burro management
- Adaptive management



Rangewide Amended RMP Goal

2025: Manage lands in a manner that will protect the quality of scientific ecological, and environmental values that will provide food and habitat for fish and wildlife and domestica animals, and that will provide for outdoor recreation and human occupancy and uses consistent with Section 102 of the Federal Land Policy Management Act (as amended). Manage GRSG habitat to support habitat connectivity and persistent, healthy populations, consistent with BLM’s Special Status Species (SSS) Management Policy (BLM-M-6840) and in coordination and cooperation with state wildlife agencies and appropriate state authorities.

2015: Conserve, enhance, and restore the sagebrush ecosystem upon which GRSG populations depend in an effort to maintain and/or increase their abundance and distribution, in cooperation with other conservation partners.



NV/CA 2025 Allocative Decisions

2025 RMPA Allocations

	PHMA	GHMA	OHMA
Land Tenure*	Retain	Retain	Retain/dispose
Utility Scale Solar	Exclusion**	Avoidance	Open
Utility Scale Wind	Exclusion	Avoidance	Open
Major Rights-of-Way	Avoidance	Open	Open
Minor Rights-of-Way	Avoidance	Open	Open
Locatable Minerals	Open, unless currently withdrawn	Open, unless currently withdrawn	Open, unless currently withdrawn
Fluid Leasable Minerals, including Geothermal***	Open to leasing with major <u>constraints</u> , <u>NSO</u> (unless otherwise closed), CSU, and TL.	Open to leasing with moderate constraints, CSU, and TL	Open to leasing with standard stipulations
Saleable Minerals	Closed**	Open	Open
Non-Energy Leasable Minerals	Closed**	Open	Open
Livestock Grazing	Available	Available	Available
Travel Management	Limited	Limited	Open

* could be allowed if specified exceptions in MD SSS 5 can be met

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*** refer to Waivers, Modifications, and Exceptions



Updated Lek Definitions

- Use the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (WAFWA) lek definitions (Cook et. al., 2022). (Refer to Appendix 6, Glossary).
- When language in the RMP uses the term “active lek” it applies to the WAFWA definition for “active lek” and “pending active lek”.
- Primary difference between 2015 and 2025 ARMPA lek definitions is a 5-year vs 10-year status review interval
 - Lek status maintained for longer period of time
- GIS corporate data have been updated
 - Use “BLM_Status” field in the attribute table for 2025 ARMPA status



Predation

Objective: Reduce predation from increased numbers of predators resulting from anthropogenic disturbance and habitat loss and function.

- Elevated concern in NV/CA planning region
- Current USGS research indicates that impacts from ravens are the primary threat to GRSG populations in NV/CA
- Working with USGS and NDOW to develop raven management protocol



NV/CA Specific Amended RMP Elements

Variations from the rangewide decisions include:

- Special Status Species
- Vegetation
- Fire
- Lands and Realty
- Mineral Resources
- Predation
- Solar and Wind Development in OHMA

See FEIS page 2-91 to 2-93 for a list of the 14 variations; 2025 ARMPA table pages 56-58, 60, and 62



Questions?

