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Sagebrush Focal Areas

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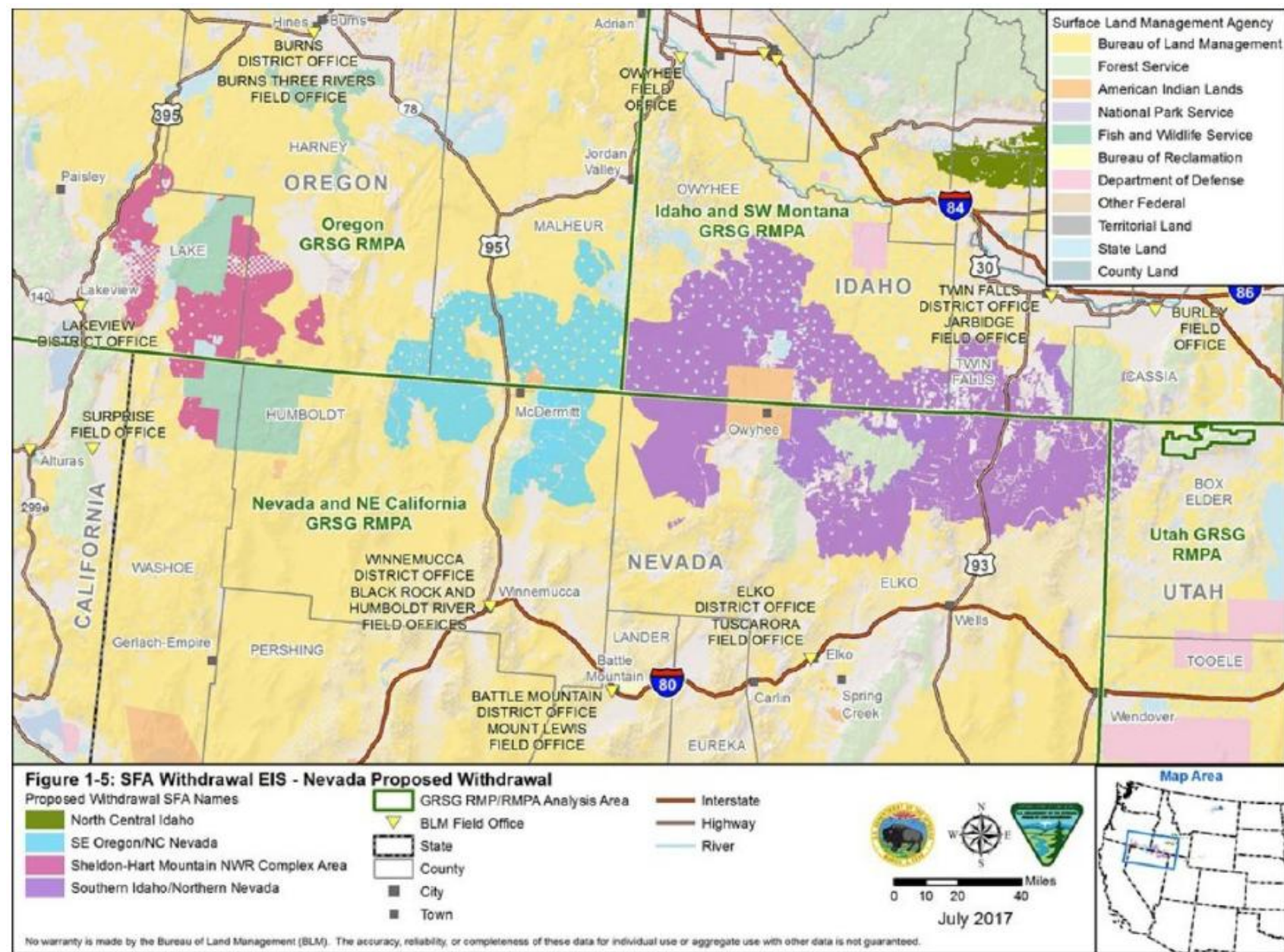


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Background

- The Sagebrush Focal Areas (SFAs) were included in the 2015 Approved Resource Management Plan (AMRPA) to restrict impacts in important sagebrush areas
- The 2019 ARMPA proposed to remove SFAs and give those areas the same protection as Priority Habitat Management Areas (PHMA)
- In 2021, a federal court ordered the BLM to reinitiate the NEPA process for SFA withdrawal and consider whether the withdrawal of the SFAs is needed for GRSG conservation
- The BLM has plans to reinitiate the NEPA process to consider whether the withdrawal is needed for GRSG conservation

2017 Map of SFAs



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Considerations

- Are SFAs needed for protection of the sagebrush ecosystem?
- Does the SEC support the SFAs?

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- SFAs support the “Avoid, Minimize, and Mitigate” Process
- Regions of the SFAs overlap the SEP’s Strategic Action Plan Priority Areas (indicating preferred conservation areas for SETT actions)
- SFAs would not affect grazing or recreation permits
- State Plan does not mention SFAs
 - The goal for the State of Nevada is to provide for the long-term conservation of sage-grouse by protecting the sagebrush ecosystem upon which the species depends.

Thank You

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