

Status of Planning in Nevada

- The “Greater Sage Grouse Conservation Plan for Nevada and Eastern California” is the culmination of over 3 ½ years worth of planning effort.
- In November 2000, Gov. Kenny Guinn appointed a 30 member team of public, private and agency representatives – Governor’s Team.
- The Governor’s Team created a Strategy which provided guidance to 6, and then later 7 Local Area Planning Groups to develop local plans which identified risks to the bird and developed conservation strategies for sage grouse. (Lincoln and White Pine split)
- 63 Population Management Units (PMU) established with best available information on populations. Management plans written for 21 so far. Efforts on-going.
- PMU plans wrapped up into LAPG plans – completed in April
- LAPG plans wrapped up into state-wide plan –
 - Peer reviewed
 - First Edition completed by June 30.
- Process first of its kind – grass roots effort made up of numerous partners covering all stakeholder groups.
 - Federal partners include NRCS, USFWS, BLM, BIA.
 - State partners include Cal Fish and Game, NDOW, NV Dept. of Ag, Nev. Natural Heritage Program, Nevada Farm Bureau, Nevada Indian Commission.
 - NGO’s and other interest groups include Great Basin Bird Obs., NV Assoc. of Counties, NV Wildlife Fed., NE Nevada Stewardship Group, NV Cattleman’s Assoc., Sierra Pacific Power Co., UNR, and Sierra Club
 - 9184 volunteer hours logged (actual is much more) at a value of \$277,163 AND 110,523 miles valued at \$39,788. Of course this does not count the agency hours put into this effort.
- We are moving into Implementation Phase – putting the plan into action.
 - Adaptive management principles applied to process.
 - Governors team will transition into “Sage Grouse Conservation Team” to guide implementation and ensure PMU plans finished up.
 - Local Groups have committed to continue and finish up uncompleted areas of plans, and work on implementation.
 - Land Management and State agencies have committed to implementing plans in areas they have jurisdiction. In the plan there are commitment statements.
- Based on PMU estimates, the current estimate of sage-grouse within Nevada and eastern California is between 69,000 and 88,000 birds. The low-end estimate is consistent with the population estimate of 68,453 independently generated by the Partners in Flight Breeding Bird Survey.

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Rangewide

- 11 states, 2 Canadian provinces with Sage Grouse populations – 9 have completed a sage grouse conservation plan. Only Colorado (finish July 05), Oregon, N. and S. Dakota still working on their first drafts.
- Last three petitions to list are rolled up into consideration. 90-day finding released April 21, 2004 – positive
- 60-day comment period closes July 1, 2004.
- Nevada will submit plan with LAPG plans appendicized.