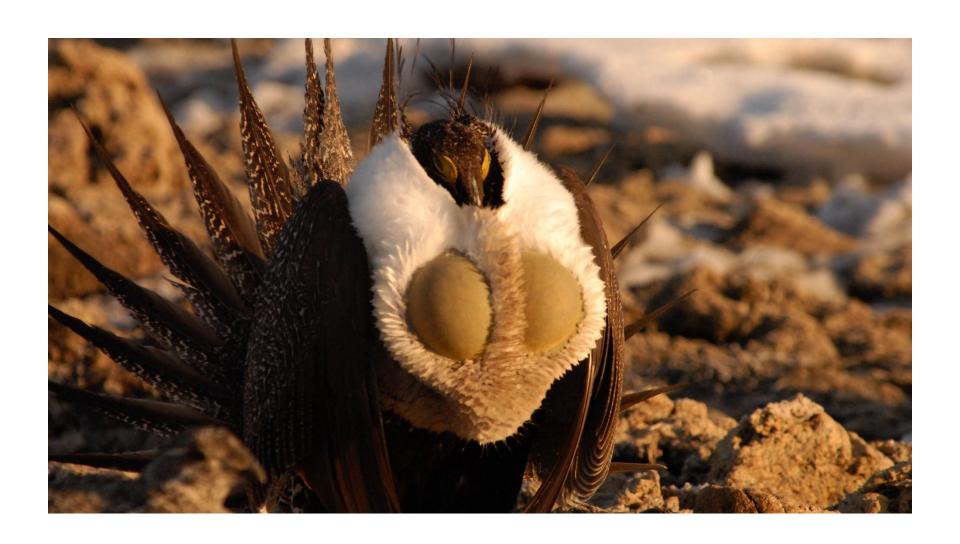
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National Direction



2015 Land Management Plan Amendments

Sagebrush Focal Areas
Priority Habitat Management Areas
General Habitat Management Areas



Lek buffers
Disturbance caps

BLM Instruction Memoranda

Sept 2016

Prioritize considering activities outside sage grouse habitat areas leasing

for O&G

Oct 2017

NOI to amend sage grouse plans Accepted public scoping comments

Dec 2017

No prioritization outside sage grouse habitat for O&G leasing

Jan 2018

Streamlines O&G leasing

Leading to more O&G leasing in sage grouse habitat

"Streamlining" NEPA

Use categorical exclusions (CEs) to avoid NEPA Vegetation "restoration" activities Timber harvest for fuels management Wild horse gathers and sterilization Range improvements Certain oil, gas, coal leases Other infrastructure projects Rewrite or clarify extraordinary circumstances

Other ways to avoid or shorten NEPA process

Use other agency's analysis

Tier to higher level analysis

Use DNAs

Use EAs instead of EISs

Limits on pages and time for completion of EAs and EISs

Reduce number of issues considered in analysis

Changes at Local Level

More nuanced and less dramatic than national changes

Paying less attention to environmental concerns

Catering to industry desire

Choosing policy over science

Bighorn Sheep



Stopped Risk of Contact Analyses

Site-Specific Decisions

Forest Plan revisions: removing from species of conservation concern

Oregon Spotted Frog

