

Sage-grouse Habitat Management Talking Points

BLM's planning guidance recognizes that land will need to be managed to conserve not only greater-sage grouse populations, but sagebrush communities and landscapes as well.

- Request and receive sage-grouse maps for use in prioritizing wildfire suppression resources and designing suppression tactics.
- Assign a sage-grouse resource advisor to all extended attack fires in or near key sage-grouse habitat areas.
- On critical fire weather days, pre-position additional fire suppression resources.
- Avoid sage-grouse lek areas whenever possible when locating wildfire suppression facilities, including base camps, spike camps, drop points, staging areas helibases and helispots.
- Power wash all firefighting vehicles, to the extent possible, including: engines, water tenders, personal vehicles, and ATVs prior to deploying in or near sage-grouse habitat areas to minimize noxious weed spread into these areas.
- Encourage firefighting vehicle use on established roads and trails during wildfire suppression operations in or near key sage-grouse habitat areas.
- Minimize burnout operations in key sage-grouse habitat areas by constructing direct fire line whenever practical to do so.
- Utilize retardant and mechanized equipment to minimize burned acreage during initial attack.



Greater sage-grouse