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Subject: RE: BLM Sage-Grouse RMP Plans

Dear President Obama,

I urge White House leadership and top Department of the Interior decision-makers to ensure the Bureau of Land Management produces management plans based on solid conservation measures that are supported by the current scientific literature relating to the Greater sage-grouse.

There are two major problems with the draft management plans as they currently stand:

First, there is a significant gap between best available science regarding sage-grouse conservation findings and the extent to which these findings are considered and incorporated in the management prescriptions in the preferred alternatives of the draft plans.

Second, there are significant variations in the proposed management prescriptions across the draft management plans, essentially creating 15 different management approaches to sage-grouse conservation within and across state boundaries.

The plans must achieve effective and consistent landscape-scale management of sage-grouse habitat. Strong plans based on sound science will provide lasting guidance about where responsible energy development, grazing, and other activities can safely take place, while ensuring that sage-grouse will continue to inhabit America's public lands.

Thank you for working to conserve and protect the sagebrush ecosystem-- an invaluable part of the American landscape.

Sincerely,

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