

# **FOREST SERVICE UPDATE**

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# Greater Sage Grouse

Implementing the Record of Decision signed September 2015

Land Use Plan Amendment defines conservation actions to address threats identified by USFWS in each of the defined habitat areas – priority, general, other and sagebrush focal areas



# Greater Sage Grouse Implementation

- Implementation is a Process
- “Living” Versions of Guides 1.0, 1.2, 2.0...
- Guides are general for consistency
- Allow flexibility at the field level
- Do not re-define or complicate Plan
- Defer to Deciding Official

Marking fences in sage grouse habitat



# Bi-State Sage Grouse

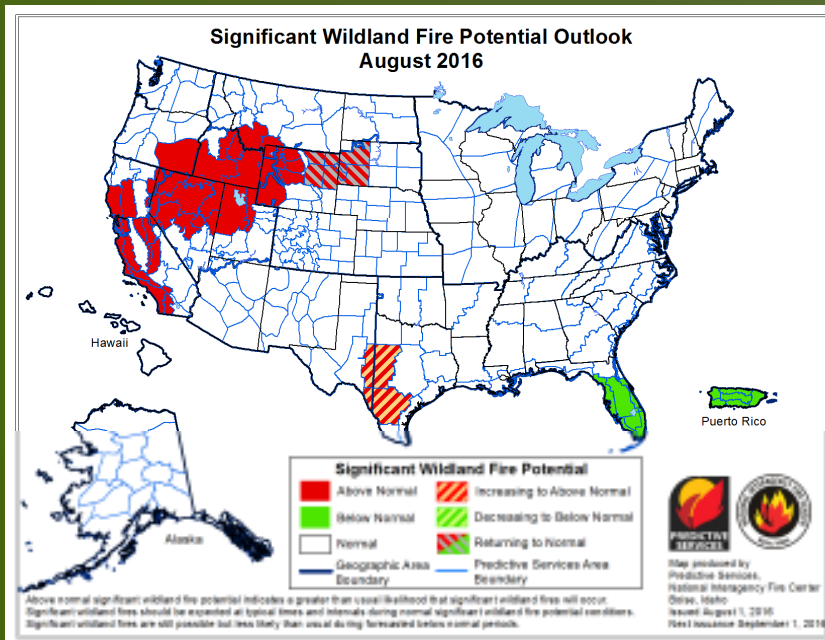
USFS, BLM records of decision signed May 27, 2016

USFS amendment affects 426,809 acres of habitat in Nevada and California -  
Bridgeport and Carson ranger districts

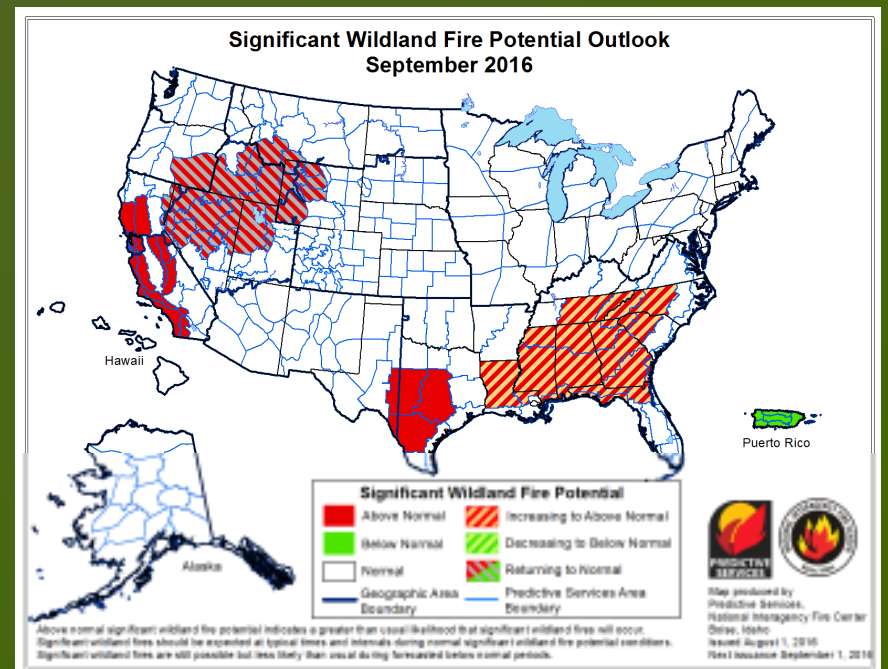
Consistent management direction to conserve, enhance, and restore sagebrush and  
associated habitats to provide for long-term viability



# Wildfire Outlook



CY-2016 USFS FIRES BY CAUSE WITH ACRES				
Dist/Zone	Human	Human Acres	Lightning	Lightning Acres
Carson	4	24	3	1.9
SMNRA	9	447.9	8	1.2
NE	1	0.1	1	0.1
Central NV	5	0.1	3	3
Bridgeport	0	0	1	0.1
Totals	19	472.1	16	6.3



# MWTC Communications Infrastructure Upgrade

- Signed July 13, 2016
- Ensure greater safety through more effective communications
- Three selected communications site locations: Mean Peak, Sweetwater, 9494
- Incorporates plan components to mitigate impacts to bi-state sage grouse (perch deterrents, limited operating period for construction)

# Sierra Amphibians

- MWTC area includes habitat for Endangered Sierra Nevada Yellow Legged Frog, threatened Yosemite Toad
- Critical habitat designation expected mid-August
- Currently conducting NEPA to consolidate the Mountain Warfare Training Center permits
- Expect to complete consultation concurrently within the next 6 months

