

Sex and Leks 2014

A move by federal regulators to list the greater sage grouse as an endangered species has ignited great debate over the Endangered Species Act. On September 30, 2015 the US Fish and Wildlife Service will determine whether the sage grouse will be moved from the 'candidate' to the 'threatened or endangered list'.

The US Fish and Wildlife Service has initiated a Formal Status Review to determine if State-designed conservation efforts have been successful in stopping declines in sage-grouse populations by addressing primary threats (for Wyoming, the identified primary threats are 1) lack of a regulatory mechanism to protect sage-grouse and 2) habitat loss and fragmentation as a result of other land uses). What factors are outside of the State's control (e.g., natural population cycles)?

Evaluate trends and data to make your recommendation for listing. Include a discussion of the implications of your decision and how it will influence multiple-use among stakeholders.

Present Thursday, October 9.

Body of Evidence:
Common Assessment

Excerpts from: Water by Alice Outwater
The Evolution of the Endangered Species Act by S.H. Anderson
The Lorax by Dr. Seuss

RESOURCES:
<http://www.mtexpress.com/index2.php?ID=2007153418>
<http://www.blm.gov/pgdata/etc/medialib/blm/wy/programs/planning/rmps/lander.Par.74315.File.dat/ACEC.pdf>

Language Arts
Read
Write
Speak
Persuade

Science
Behavior of Organisms
Science as Inquiry
Animal Communication
Adaptation

Social Studies
Government's authority and power structure
Group process
Decision making
History of area, history of Sage Grouse in this area Long- & short-term consequences

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Applications:
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