

BLM Study of Hells Canyon Complex Studies

An Assessment of Sage Grouse and Sharp-Tailed Grouse Habitat
In Transmission Line Corridors Associated with the Hells Canyon Hydroelectric Complex.

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1. INTRODUCTION

This report addresses the impacts of transmission lines upon Sage grouse and Sharp-Tailed grouse habitat and provides information on how to limit or reduce those impacts.

2. CONCLUSIONS

This study did not draw conclusions, but instead made "management recommendations". It has drawn together information and concerns from numerous grouse experts in Idaho and Oregon. Most recommendations concern habitat and protection with a "consistent and comprehensive monitoring plan of habitat and population trends" being necessary.

3. STUDY ADQUACY

This is a very good and complete paper with management recommendations for sage and sharp-tailed grouse habitat near transmission lines. These recommendations can also be applied to these grouse habitats when other management activities are being initiated.

4. BLM CONCLUSIONS and RECOMMENDATIONS

CONCLUSIONS:

This paper has good recommendations for prairie or desert grouse habitat management. Good reading for all BLM land management decision makers; with possible ESA listing of sage grouse. Spring activities by service crews may impact grouse reproduction activities.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The recommendations made such as "seasonal use activities" O&M should be SOP for BLM lands. This may require seasonal road closures.