

BLM STUDY REVIEW of HELLS CANYON COMPLEX STUDIES

Distribution of Sage and Sharp-Tailed Grouse
In Hells Canyon and Transmission line
Corridors Associated with the Hells Canyon
Complex

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1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this project was to determine the presence and status of Sage or Sharp-Tailed grouse within the transmission line rights-of-way. This is one year's data taken by helicopter.

2. CONCLUSION

"No grouse were found on the survey area, but low population densities, time of day, weather and other disturbances may have influenced results." The one year data accentuates the impact of the listed inventory variables. More inventories were needed, various years, to increase accuracy of data.

3. STUDY ADEQUACY

This is a good project, but needs three or four more years repetition for accuracy.

4. BLM CONCLUSIONS and RECOMMENDATIONS

CONCLUSIONS

This would be a good document with more annual repetitions but the article "Sage & Sharp-Tailed Grouse habitat in Transmission Corridors" provides much better information for PM&E and other BLM activities.

RECOMMENDATIONS

This is a good paper but supporting data is limited. Refer to the article "Sage and Sharp-Tailed Grouse Habitat in Transmission Corridors" as it recommends limiting public or service vehicles use during the grouse reproductive period.