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**Description:**  
**BLM/FWS Sagebrush Focal Areas (SFA):** In October 2014, Memorandum FWS/AES/058711 was provided to the BLM and the US Forest Service by the USFWS identifying "highly important landscapes" or "strongholds" for GRSG. These areas fall largely within PHMA polygons, and meet the criteria of having high quality sage-grouse habitat, high breeding densities, high ecological resilience, and low susceptibility to climate change. Subsequently, through the land use plan revisions/amendments, the BLM established these polygons as SFA. When determining priorities for fire preparedness, suppression and fuels management, SFA should be considered the highest sagebrush value to protect, conserve, and restore.

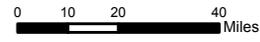
**Priority Habitat Management Areas (PHMA) and General Habitat Management Areas (GHMA):** Greater Sage-Grouse habitat classes utilized within recently released GRSG land use plan revisions and amendments. PHMA and GHMA loosely correspond to, and reflect a refinement of, Preliminary Priority Habitat (PPH) and Preliminary General Habitat (PGH), and will replace PPH and PGH when the Records of Decision are signed in late summer 2015 (Note that the GRSG habitat for the Bi-State population in CA/NV is not described by PHMA or GHMA. All Bi-State habitat is now Priority Habitat). PHMA is a higher value priority to protect, conserve and restore than GHMA, and GHMA is prioritized higher than other sagebrush vegetation.

**Columbia Basin Distinct Population Segment (DPS):**

**Priority Areas for Conservation (PAC):** Areas offering significant concentrations of shrub-steppe with populations of sage-grouse. PACs will be viewed as a higher priority than Recovery Habitat when establishing priorities for fire preparedness, suppression actions, and fuels management.

**Recovery Habitat:** Unoccupied areas that contain significant concentrations of shrub-steppe and have potential for contributing to recovery. Recovery Habitat will be viewed as a higher priority than other, non-designated areas relative to habitat importance.

## Vale Greater Sage-Grouse Habitat - June 2015 -



**Data Sources:**  
**BLM Administrative Boundaries and Office Locations:** Downloaded from GeoSpatial Gateway, 05/20/2015.  
**BLM Proposed Plan Habitat Category Data:** Submitted by each individual BLM EIS between February 2015 and March 2015.  
**BLM/FWS Sagebrush Focal Areas:** Data provided by FWS, accompanying Memorandum FWS/AES/058711 (10/27/2014), and modified by the BLM in 2015 to remove areas within the Lander EIS and revised to be a subset of PHMA. Current as of 07/07/2015.  
**Columbia Basin Population:** Acquired from the WA Department of Fish and Wildlife on 03/04/2015.