

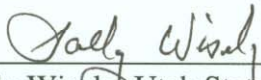
## Conservation Agreement

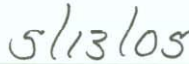
The U.S. Bureau of Land Management (Utah) hereby states its intent and commitment to assist with and participate in the implementation of the *Gunnison Sage-grouse Rangelwide Conservation Plan (RCP)*. This plan was prepared by an interagency steering committee and is designed to provide guidance that will help to conserve and enhance populations and habitats of Gunnison Sage-grouse (GUSG), a BLM- sensitive species and FWS priority 2 candidate species. The RCP is neither a Land Use Plan amendment, nor a decision-making document. All projects or management actions implemented under the RCP will be subject to site specific environmental analysis, as required under the National Environmental Policy Act. Specific commitments made BLM (Utah) are as follows:

1. Where applicable, all proposed projects or actions funded, implemented or authorized by the BLM will be analyzed with respect to potential impacts to Gunnison Sage-grouse and their habitats, and will consider the guidelines set forth in this plan.
2. Consider incorporating the guidelines and conservation measures set forth in this plan into BLM authorized or proposed actions, within the constraints of existing laws, policies, regulations, budgets and management plans; while considering the needs or implications to other species and multiple uses.
3. Work with private landowners, companies, organizations and other state or federal agencies to pursue necessary conservation actions to maintain or enhance Gunnison Sage-grouse habitat as outlined in the RCP.
4. To the extent possible, protect or mitigate Gunnison Sage-grouse populations, as well as suitable habitats located on BLM lands, from negative impacts which may be caused by other land use activities. Authority for the protection of the Gunnison Sage-grouse and its habitat is pursuant to provisions in the BLM 6840 Policy Manual and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA).

Performance of all activities described above is contingent upon adequate staffing and funding being allocated to the signatory agency. This agreement does not preclude the signatory agency from engaging in conservation actions for Gunnison Sage-grouse other than those described in the agreement and in the RCP. Such management action should be coordinated with the local GUSG working group and the Rangelwide Steering Committee.

This agreement shall become effective on the date of signature by the participating agency and shall remain in effect until the signatory party chooses to terminate the agreement, or the agreement is terminated by consent of the Gunnison Sage-grouse Rangelwide Steering Committee. The agreement may be terminated by providing 90 days written notice to the GUSG Rangelwide Steering Committee.

  
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