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Comments: Environmental activists want to completely shut down mining, timber, grazing, energy development, and other activities in millions of acres in the interior West. BLM issued a December 2011 National Technical Team (NTT) report advocating stringent GSG habitat protections throughout its range in the eleven states. the Governor of Colorado, in a letter to the BLM, raised concerns over measures included in the NTT and advocated his own state's plan for conserving GSG over a "one size fits all" approach. The NTT Report has generated criticism, not only from states that have complained the report would setback to sage grouse conservation," but from other scientists. According to peer review of the NTT Report conducted prior to its release, it does not represent the "best available science;" imposes "one-size-fits-all" regulatory prescriptions; and includes a number of invalid assumptions, mischaracterization and misrepresentation of sources; omission of existing programs that benefit GSG, and injection of personal opinion over science; contains unachievable measures; and is inconsistent with agency multiple-use regulations. The NTT Report also fails to adequately address the main threats to GSG: fire and invasive species. One peer reviewer stated the report "seems a strange blend of policy loosely backed by citations, with no analysis of science," and that requirements called for in the report appear not to have any "rational scientific basis." Other industry interests have noted that the NTT Report has been used to justify four-mile buffers around areas it identifies as "leks," a standard that could shut down access to large swaths of economic and energy activities in the interior west. The Greater Sage Grouse Perhaps the most prominent and likely most sweeping potential listing . If you look at map the odd issue this area has major America natural resources. The GSG is found in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, California, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, South Dakota and Wyoming. This area is Mining and oil and gas drilling operation. One would think the environmental activists picked this species to harm poor and middle class blue collar works. The GSG is a case study of how the current implementation of the ESA through litigation is not working well for either species or people. While states, local governments, and other private landowners have invested significant resources to conserve the GSG and ensure its population remains healthy, the federal government appears to be reacting to its own ESA settlement deadlines and threats of future litigation, in the meantime basing its decisions on data that has been seriously questioned. The FWS' litigation-driven reversal of its 2005 determination that an ESA listing of GSG was not warranted undermines multiple state and local efforts to protect the sage grouse. In addition, the federal government's failure to manage federal lands at risk of catastrophic wildfires and invasive species that threaten the GSG, is putting the states and their citizens in a 'no win' situation. Further, the GSG is an example of how lack of accessible and transparent data undermines the credibility of federal ESA efforts. concerns that the FWS appears to be giving more deference to litigious groups and settlement deadlines than to the state wildlife agencies that have been doing the studies and on-the-ground workBLM acknowledges it has rushed to meet deadlines set by the mega-settlements to avoid listing the GSG. The BLM's website states: "Given the tight time frames in which the FWS must make its listing decision, it's crucial that we get this done right and done quickly.individuals who were tasked with peer reviewing the report received lucrative contracts and grants to study the GSG from the U.S. Geological Service and the FWS, an apparent conflict of interest. Further, the COT Report omitted important scientific studies and failed to use the most current state and local maps.Agencies should study exactly how Environmental activists coordinated efforts are destroying jobs and punishing industries and families across America. From farmers to miners to rig workers to manufacturers and fishermen. Should examine how their jobs and way of life are being targeted by well-funded environmental activists and "progressives" whose primary goal is maximizing government control, particularly over the land, water, and resources utilized by private industries and individuals.