

Managing Endangered Species on BLM



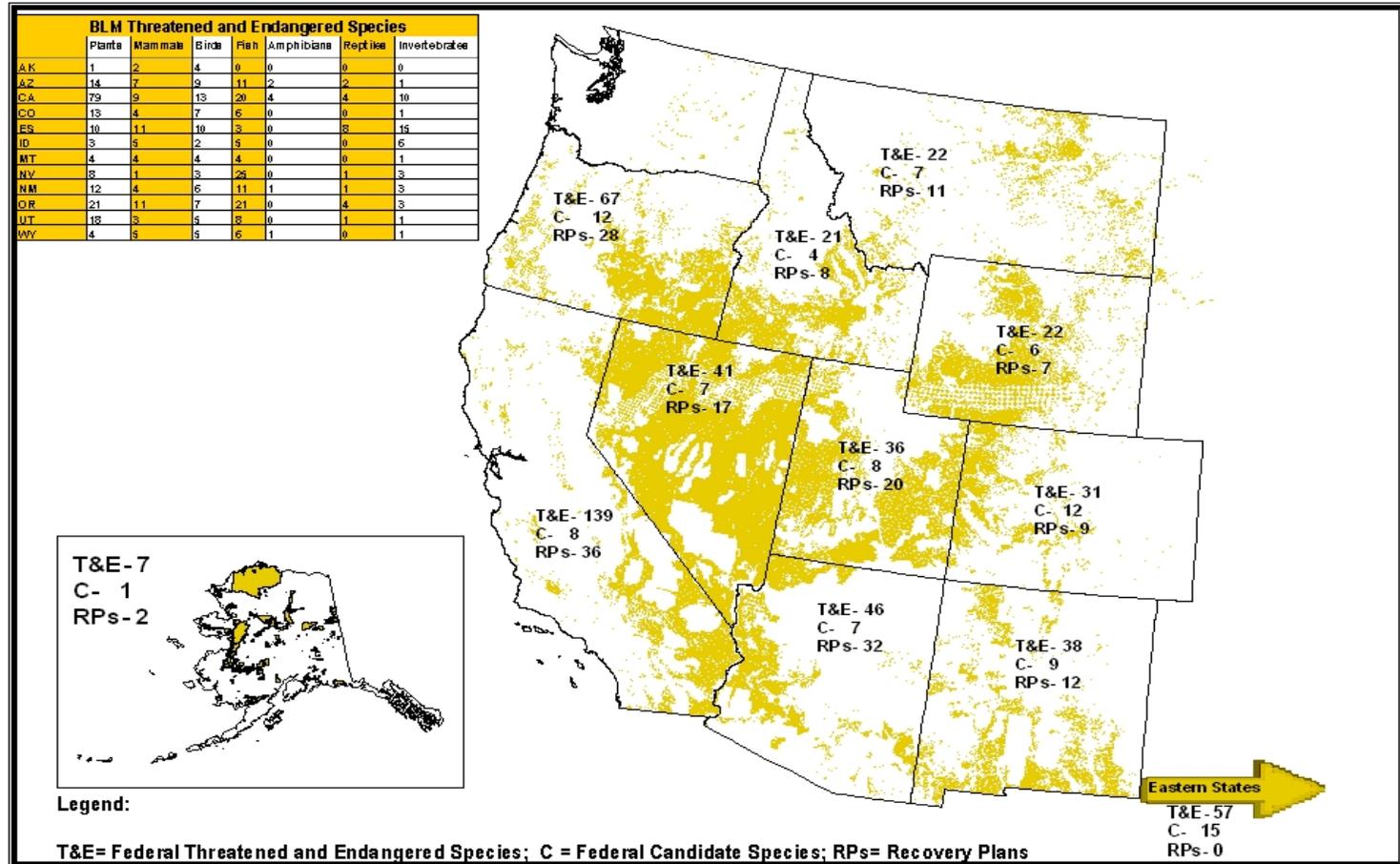
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Special Status Species on BLM lands

- ❖ Federally Listed 356
- ❖ Experimental Populations 5
- ❖ Proposed T&E 10
- ❖ Federal Candidate 59
- ❖ BLM Sensitive Species 1467



BLM FY03 Special Status Species

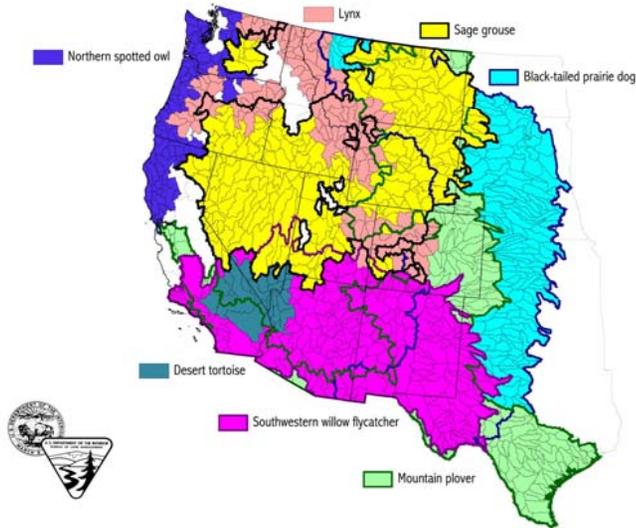


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Existing & Potential T&E Species

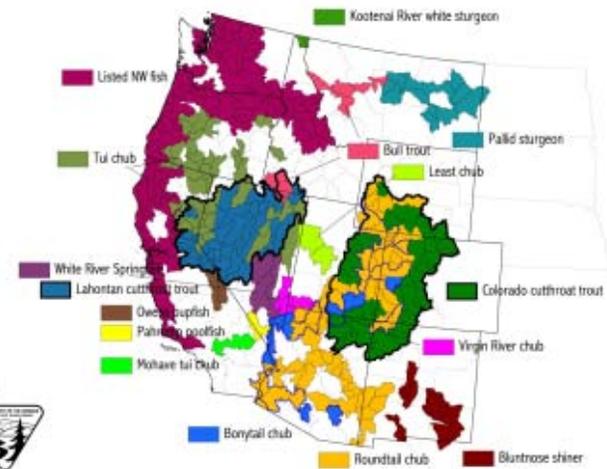
Selected Potential & Existing Listed Terrestrial Species on BLM Lands



Terrestrial

Aquatic

Selected Potential & Existing Listed Aquatic Species on BLM Lands



Where does BLM get the authority to manage special status species?

- The Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA)
- The Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA)
- Department of Interior Manual
 - Endangered Species Management
- BLM SSS Policy 6840 Manual



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Title 1, Section 102(8) of **FLPMA** states that ...
“the public lands be managed in a manner that will protect the quality of scientific, scenic, historical, ecological, environmental, air and atmospheric, water resource, and archeological values; that, where appropriate, will preserve and protect certain public lands in their natural condition; that will provide food and habitat for fish and wildlife and domestic animals; and that will provide for outdoor recreation and human occupancy and use...”



Where does BLM get the authority to manage special status species?

The Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA)

Section 7(a)(1) conservation program

Section 7(a)(2) consultation process

Section 7(a)(3) applicant driven consultation

Section 7(a)(4) proposed species



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Department of Interior Manual

– Endangered Species Management

All Federal agencies are charged under Section 7 of the Act with ensuring, in consultation with FWS or NMFS, that their actions are not likely to jeopardize listed species or adversely modify their critical habitat, and with carrying out actions to improve the status of T&E species.

...the BLM will also especially utilize their authorities to not only protect listed species but also to avoid precipitating the decline of other species to the point where listing would be appropriate.



BLM Special Status Species Management Policy

6840 Manual

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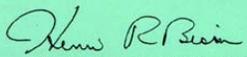
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BLM Policy Definitions

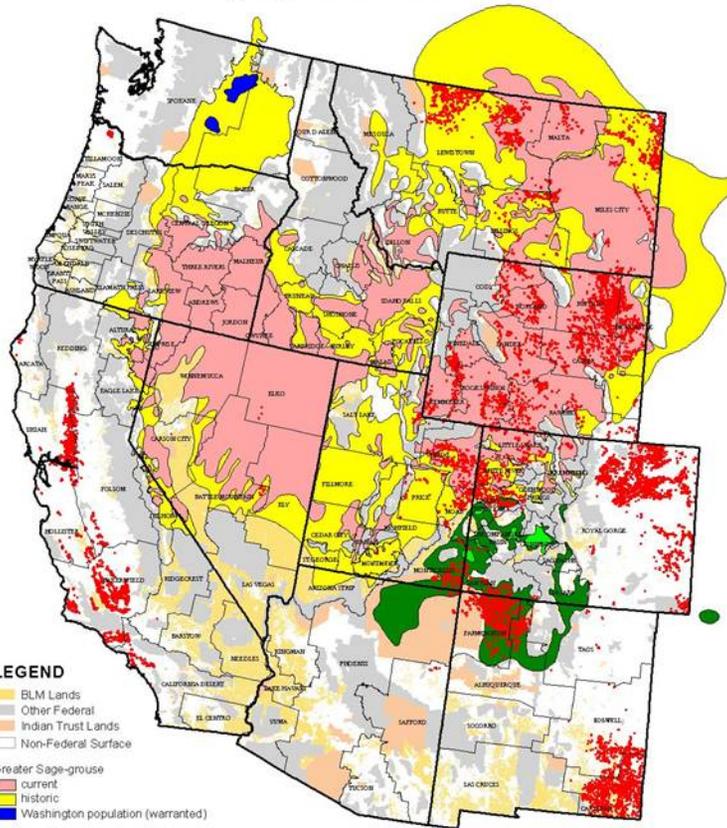
Special Status Species include:

- ❖ Species listed as threatened or endangered
- ❖ Species proposed for listing under ESA
- ❖ Candidates for listing under ESA
- ❖ State listed species
- ❖ BLM Sensitive species





Producing Oil/Gas Wells and Sage-grouse Occurrence



LEGEND

- BLM Lands
- Other Federal
- Indian Trust Lands
- Non-Federal Surface
- Greater Sage-grouse
 - current
 - historic
- Washington population (warranted)
 -
- Gunnison Sage-grouse (candidate)
 - current
 - historic
- Producing Oil & Gas Wells *

* Well locations based on 1995 USGS Oil & Gas Assessment. At least one well per square mile; includes Federal and Non-Federal wells.



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Pacific Rivers Council vs Thomas (1994)

- Land Use Plans are a federal action
- FS and BLM must consult on their land use plans
- 2000 MOU with FWS and NOAA Fisheries (NMFS) – interagency training
- Consultation Assistance Team – state strategies developed
- BLM/CBG Intern Program - 75 interns

