

Acreage¹ of Greater sage-grouse Preliminary Priority Habitat (PPH) in BLM grazing allotments by Condition Class²

Table 1. More than 35 million acres of important sage-grouse habitat lie within allotments that have had an LHS assessment as of 2013. Of this, 57% is in allotments that have failed to meet fundamental land health standards, and 42% are in allotments where the failures are attributed to livestock. Thirty-five percent of habitat was within allotments that failed standards due to existing or ongoing livestock grazing management practices.

Allotments with PPH	Acres	Acres (%)
ALL STANDARDS MET	15,002,938	43%
NOT MET - EXISTING LIVESTOCK	12,419,369	35%
NOT MET - EXISTING & HISTORIC LIVESTOCK	974,622	3%
NOT MET - NOT CURRENT LIVESTOCK	153,530	0%
NOT MET - HISTORIC LIVESTOCK	1,281,756	4%
NOT MET - NOT LIVESTOCK	2,167,670	6%
NOT MET - INDICATORS ONLY	312,332	1%
NOT MET - STANDARDS ONLY	1,517,428	4%
NOT MET - PROGRESSING	1,424,147	4%
TOTAL	35,253,792	100%

Table 2. Collapsing the BLM's several categories for livestock impacts into one; it is readily apparent that the majority of land health standards failures are due to livestock grazing.

Allotments with PPH	Acres ¹	Acres (%)
ALL STANDARDS MET	15,002,938	43%
NOT MET - LIVESTOCK	14,829,277	42%
NOT MET - NOT LIVESTOCK	2,167,670	6%
NOT MET - INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION	3,253,907	9%
TOTAL	35,253,792	100%

Table 3. Showing only failing allotments where causes of failure are adequately reported, more than 85% of sage-grouse priority habitat lies within allotments failing due to livestock.

Allotments with PPH	Acres ¹	Acres (%)
NOT MET - LIVESTOCK	14,829,277	87%
NOT MET - NOT LIVESTOCK	2,167,670	13%
TOTAL	16,996,947	100%

¹ GIS-derived acreages

² Condition classes taken from BLM's comments in compiled 2008 and 2013 LHS datasets.
