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**Subject:** Administrative Change to Land Management plans for Greater Sage-Grouse

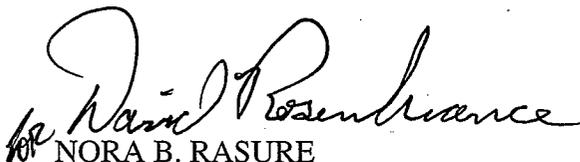
**To:** All Region 4 National Forests, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest, Curlew National Grassland and Thunder Basin National Grassland

A decision to administratively change the timeframe sent out on the Greater Sage-Grouse for the Great Basin and Rocky Mountain Records of Decision (ROD), was signed by the Northern Intermountain and Rocky Mountain Regional Foresters on December 18, 2017. The effective date for this change is December 28, 2017.

On September 16, 2015, the Northern Intermountain and Rocky Mountain Regions of the Forest Service added direction through the Rocky Mountain and Great Basin ROD for the conservation of greater sage-grouse to 20 land management plans. As required by 36 CFR 13 (c), a public notice of the administrative change was published November 27, 2017.

Attached is the Administrative Change decision and updated RODs with the administrative changes. These changes can be found on p. 65 of the Rocky Mountain ROD and pp. 71-72 of the Great Basin ROD. I am directing the Forests to replace all electronic copies of their current RODs with the attached RODs. If the Forests find it necessary to make administrative changes to forest plans for consistency, I recommend using the same strikethrough and underline formatting as found in the attached RODs.

If you have any questions, please contact John Shivik, National Sage-Grouse Program Lead, at 801-625-5667.

  
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