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Greater Sage-Grouse Bi-state Distinct Population Segment Forest Plan Amendment Final EIS Notice of Availability

The Greater Sage-grouse Bi-state distinct Population Segment Forest Plan Amendment Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest (H-TNF) of the USDA Forest Service is available and a notice has been published in the Federal Register. A Revised Draft EIS was published in July 2014. The Final EIS and draft Record of Decision (ROD) were published in February of 2015. The publication of the FEIS in February 2015 marked the beginning of the pre-decisional administrative review process known as the objection period. Members of the public who had previously submitted substantive comments had standing to file an objection during the 60 days following publication. Seven valid objections were received and reviewed by a team of Forest Service resource specialists. The Reviewing Officer, Deputy Regional Forester George Iverson, held three meetings at the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest Supervisor's Office to discuss the results of the objection review with objectors and interested persons, and to attempt resolution of the objection issues. After these meetings, the H-TNF was formally instructed to make specific changes to the FEIS and Amendment. The current FEIS incorporates these changes and comprise the final version of the FEIS. Thirty days after the Notice of Availability for this FEIS is published in the Federal Register, the final ROD may be signed. Signing the ROD will be noticed in the Federal Register and Newspaper of Record, and copies of the ROD will be made available at that time. The plan amendment will become effective 30 days after the ROD is signed.

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