

Sage grouse plan touted as workable

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CARSON CITY – A final plan to conserve and restore sagebrush habitat critical to a distinct population of sage grouse found along the Nevada-California line was announced Friday by the Bureau of Land Management.

“This plan strikes a balance among public land uses and users and offers a workable solution to protect natural and cultural resources as well as the socio-economic fabric of the bi-state region,” John Ruhs, Nevada state director for the Bureau of Land Management, said in a statement.

Under the record of decision and amendment to the existing resource management plan for the 280,000-acre area, no changes are made to activity or projects within sage grouse habitat. Instead, any such decisions will be subject to further analysis under National Environmental Policy Act guidelines.

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