Summary of Sage Grouse Petitions Submitted to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)[1]

(as of May 27, 2004)

Petition Date: May 14, 1999 (74 pages)	**Petition Date:** January 25, 2000 (254 pages)	**Petition Date:** December 28, 2001 (493 pages)
Species: Washington population of the Western Sage Grouse *Centrocercus urophasianus phaios*	**Species:** Gunnison Sage Grouse *Centrocercus minimus*	**Species:** Mono Basin population of the Greater Sage Grouse *Centrocercus urophasianus phaios*
Petition Request: List as threatened or endangered	**Petition Request:** List as endangered or threatened, emergency listing, and designation of critical habitat	**Petition Request:** Emergency list as endangered
Petitioners: Northwest Ecosystem Alliance and Biodiversity Legal Foundation	**Petitioners:** Mark Salvo, American Lands Alliance, Dr. Randy Webb, Net Work Associates, Andy Kerr, The Larch Company, Jasper Carlton, Biodiversity Legal Foundation, Susan Ash, Wild Utah Forest Campaign, Rob Edwards, Sinapu	**Petitioners:** Donald Randy Webb, Institute for Wildlife Protection
USFWS Determination: Both a 90-day finding (August 24, 2000) and a 12-month finding (May 7, 2001) published in the Federal Register. Outcome was that the petition presents substantial information and listing is warranted but precluded for the Columbia Basin Distinct Population Segment (occurs in WA and northern OR); became a candidate by default under USFWS policy.	**USFWS Determination:** The species was designated as a candidate by USFWS prior to receipt of the petition. The Listing priority number was elevated in a May 4, 2004 Federal Register Notice of Review to a 2. However the Service does not believe that emergency listing is warranted at this time.	**USFWS Determination:** Initial review indicated that the situation does not warrant an emergency listing. A 90-day finding was initiated August 1, 2002. The 90-day finding was published in the Federal Register December 26, 2002 with an outcome that the information presented in the petition is not substantial.
Legal Action: No Notice Of Intent (NOI**) to date	**Legal Action:** Court complaint dated September 29, 2000 from the American Lands Alliance et al. In summer 2003 the Court rules in the USFWS's favor. The ruling is that USFWS candidate process and the determination by USFWS that a species should be on the candidate list is equivalent to a 12-month finding. On March 16, 2004 the plaintiffs file a lawsuit in Washington D.C. District Court asking that Court to order the USFWS to emergency list the species as endangered.	**Legal Action:** A court complaint dated July 3, 2002 was received from the Institute for Wildlife Protection. On December 1, 2003 U.S. District Court judge issued an order in favor of the USFWS and dismissing the plaintiff's case. Plaintiffs have filed a notice that they intend to appeal the Courts decision. Another NOI, dated January 9, 2003, was filed by the plaintiffs regarding the merits of the USFWS's 90-day finding itself.
Lead USFWS Office: Upper Columbia Fish and Wildlife Office, Spokane, Washington (509) 891-6839	**Lead USFWS Office:** Western Colorado Field Office, Grand Junction, Colorado (970) 243-2778	**Lead USFWS Office:** Nevada Fish and Wildlife Office, Reno, Nevada (775) 861-6325
USFWS Contact: Chris Warren	**USFWS Contact:** Terry Ireland	**USFWS Contact:** Kevin Kritz

Petition Date: January 24, 2002 (468 pages)	**Petition Date:** June 18, 2002 (7 pages)	**Petition Date:** July 3, 2002 (524 pages)
Species: Western subspecies of the Greater Sage Grouse *Centrocercus urophasianus phaios*	**Species:** Greater Sage Grouse *Centrocercus urophasianus*	**Species:** Eastern subspecies of the Greater Sage Grouse *Centrocercus urophasianus urophasianus*
Petition Request: List the subspecies	**Petition Request:** List as endangered	**Petition Request:** List as endangered
Petitioners: Donald Randy Webb, Institute for Wildlife Protection	**Petitioners:** Craig Dremann	**Petitioners:** Donald Randy Webb, Institute for Wildlife Protection
USFWS Determination: A 90-day finding was initiated October 30, 2002. The 90-day finding was published in the Federal Register on February 7, 2003 with an outcome that the information presented in the petition is not substantial.	**USFWS Determination:** 90-day finding initiated December, 2003. USFWS published the 90-day finding in Federal Register on April 21, 2004. Outcome was a positive 90-day finding; information presented, and in USFWS files, was substantial. USFWS initiates a status review. Public input on status or threats to species should be submitted by June 21, 2004.	**USFWS Determination:** 90-day finding initiated on October 3, 2003 as per court order. The 90-day finding was published in the Federal Register on January 7, 2004 with an outcome that the information presented in the petition is not substantial.
Legal Action: NOI dated February 7, 2003 from the Institute for Wildlife Protection regarding the 90-day finding. Court complaint dated June 6, 2003 from the Institute for Wildlife Protection challenging the merits of the 90-day finding. Both parties waiting on outcome of the Courts decision on this case.	**Legal Action:** No legal action to date	**Legal Action:** Court complaint dated January 10, 2003 filed in the Western District Court of Washington by the Institute for Wildlife Protection for failure to do a 90-day finding. On October 3, 2003 the District Court judge ordered the USFWS to make a 90-day finding which is due by January 3, 2004.
Lead USFWS Office: Oregon Fish and Wildlife Office, Portland, Oregon (503) 231-6179	**Lead USFWS Office:** Wyoming Ecological Services Field Office, Cheyenne, Wyoming (307) 772-2374	**Lead USFWS Office:** Wyoming Ecological Services Field Office, Cheyenne, Wyoming (307) 772-2374
USFWS Contact: Jeff Dillon	**USFWS Contact:** Pat Deibert	**USFWS Contact:** Pat Deibert

Petition Date: March 19, 2003 (992 pages; combination of previous petitions for Western and Eastern subspecies)	**Petition Date:** December 22, 2003 (218 pages)
Species: Greater Sage Grouse *Centrocercus urophasianus*	**Species:** Greater Sage Grouse *Centrocercus urophasianus*
Petition Request: List as endangered	**Petition Request:** List as threatened or endangered
Petitioners: Donald Randy Webb, Institute for Wildlife Protection	**Petitioners:** Mark Salvo American Lands Alliance, Biodiversity Conservation Alliance, Center for Biological Diversity, Forest Guardians, The Fund for Animals, Gallatin Wildlife Association, Great Old Broads for Wilderness, Hells Canyon Preservation Council, The Larch Company, Northwest Ecosystem Alliance, Northwest Council for Alternatives to Pesticides, Oregon Natural Desert Association, Oregon Natural Resources Council, Predator Defense Institute, Sierra Club, Sinapu, Western Fire Ecology Center, Western Watersheds Project, Wild Utah Project, Wildlands CPR, and Center for Native Ecosystems
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Legal Action: No legal action to date	**Legal Action:** No legal action to date
Lead USFWS Office: Wyoming Ecological Services Field Office, Cheyenne, Wyoming (307) 772-2374	**Lead USFWS Office:** Wyoming Ecological Services Field Office, Cheyenne, Wyoming (307) 772-2374
USFWS Contact: Pat Deibert	**USFWS Contact:** Pat Deibert

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**** 60-day Notice of Intent to Sue (NOI)**