

Implementation of Secretarial Order 3336

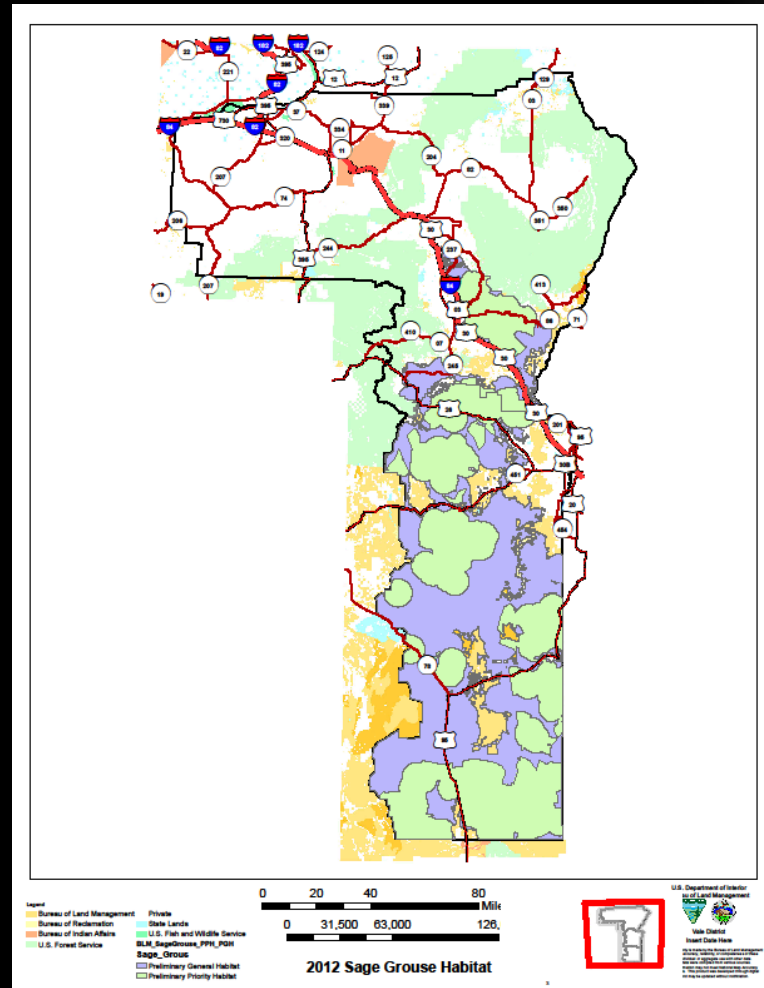
What Changed

What Worked

What Can Be Improved

Before 2016 we were in sage grouse business

- Utilize all resources available to suppress fires in Greater Sage Grouse Habitat at the least acreage burned possible (Holloway Fire Delegation of Authority, 2012)



2015 Preparation

- Next Steppe Conference
- FIAT Team Workshops
- Internal development or review of required documents
- Review plans with Eastern OR sage grouse coordinator
 - Fire danger operating plan, run cards, step-up plan, prevention plan....

Some results in 2015&16

- French Glen Helicopter
- New dozers in Burns and Vale (end of 2015 season delivery); equipment awesome; staffing money even better
- Smokejumpers in Burns
- Emphasis on using large airtankers and very large airtankers earlier
- Higher severity authorizations for districts and generally more resource availability



Vale resources 8/4/15

Vale BLM Daily Staffing Date: 8/4/15											
North FDRA				West FDRA				East FDRA			
Officer	RL	ERC	On	Off	Notes	Officer	RL	ERC	On	Off	Notes
North Zone FOS - Crouch			On	X		North Zone FOS - Derling			On		
Vale Guard Station			In Service	Day Off	Notes:	Baker Guard Station			In Service	Day Off	Notes:
E-3441 (Bates)		X			ON FIRE	E-3442 (Holiday)					W/Q
E-3440 (Wilson)		X			OFF DISTRICT	Unky Guard Station			In Service	Day Off	Notes:
E-3431 (Hornhead)					ON FIRE	E-3435 (Palwyler)			X		IN VALE
E-3445 (L. Gubser)						SR Guard Station			In Service	Day Off	Notes:
E-3651						E-3436 (Tucker)			X		ON FIRE
Tatra 3101 (Cannon)		X				E-3647 (Johnson)					ON FIRE
Dozer 3701 (Fridry)		X				Aircraft					
Aumara Guard Station			In Service	Day Off	Notes:	Type	Resource	In Service	Day Off	Notes:	
E-3437 (Spelman)		X			8263	AA-3PB	Air Attack	X			
E-3440 (Fenton)		X				H 84H	Type 3	X			+9
South Zone FOS - Skoggs			On	X		T-824	SEAT	X			
JV Guard Station			In Service	Day Off	Notes:	T-850	SEAT	X			
E-3439 (Gubser)		X				T-873	SEAT	X			McDermott
E-3432 (Holmes)		X				Overhead					
E-3438 (Chamberlain)		X				On	Off	On	Off		
B1 Guard Station			In Service	Day Off	Notes:	Murut	X		Rottel	X	
E-3433 (Robertson)		X				Skerjanec	X		Robinson	X	
E-3447 (Oklessehlen)		X				Delong	X		English	X	
E-3649 (Nowell)		X				Simmons					
Fire Investigator		On	Off		Notes:	Additional Resources					
Morcin		X				In Service	Day Off	Notes:			
Fischer											
Crouch											
Robinson											
Young (T)											
J. Herrera (T)											

TASK FORCE A
IN JV
21 type 6
1 type 4
Dozer
Water tender
TFLD (+)
TFLD

Engines 26
Dozers 3
Tenders 3
SEATS 3
Helicopter 1
Overhead
(TFLD or higher) 8
INVF 1
(6 more engines committed)

TASK FORCE C 4 type 4, WT
TASK FORCE B BACK FROM ROAD IN YARD
(4 ENGS, WT) DOZER

AZ-2641 (ON FIRE)
CO 621
NA 5463

Continuing results 2016

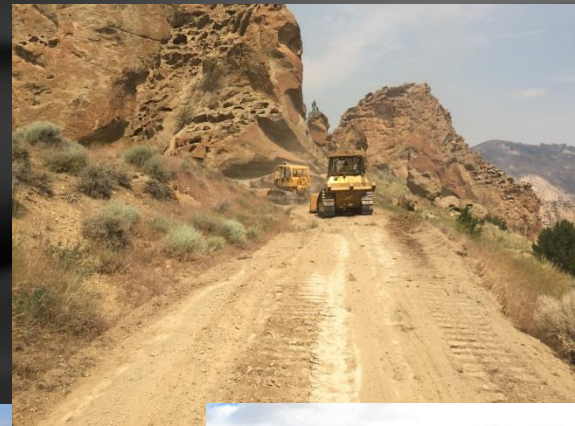
- RFPA liaison position
- Lookout cameras plan
- Plan for Crane School as eastern OR staging
- FA IM-2016-020, Annual Preparedness Actions in Support of the Interior Order No. 3336 Rangeland Fire Prevention, Management, and Restoration
- IM's 2016-038 and 039 Agreements with RFPA's and Local Fire Cooperators

Continuing Challenges

- Multiple Fire Days in high response, not enough resources to deploy a full run card to every fire
- Fully staffing IA resources (engines, dozers, helitack, water tenders) within authorized preparedness funding
- Large fire support (develop firefighters)
- Facilities
 - District IA resources
 - Incoming severity resources
 - Adequacy to house men and women at stations

Continuing Challenges

- Allocation of best tools for sage grouse habitat response
 - BLM 4-wheel drive engines
 - Agency IA dozers
 - SEATS
 - Water tenders
 - Overhead



Future Fuels Projects

- Funding
- Planning
- These efforts are not just about fire we need support from BLM resource staff and cooperators for fuel breaks and other treatments on a scale larger than we have done in the past if we are going to impact the small percentage of fires that become the “mega-fires”

Large Fire Assessments



Bendire Fire August 2015

Thanks for your attention



Leslie Gulch Fire June, 2015