

**Status Review and Petition to List the Greater Sage Grouse  
(*Centrocercus urophasianus*) as Threatened or Endangered  
under the Endangered Species Act**

**PETITIONERS**

**American Lands Alliance**

American Lands works with grassroots groups and individuals to protect forest, grassland, desert and aquatic ecosystems; preserve biological diversity; restore landscape and watershed integrity; and promote environmental justice in connection with these goals.

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**Biodiversity Conservation Alliance**

Biodiversity Conservation Alliance (BCA) is a Laramie, Wyoming based conservation organization dedicated to protecting and restoring native plants and animals in the Rocky Mountain Region and Northern Great Plains. Using outreach, education, science, comments, administrative appeals, and litigation, BCA works to protect and restore biodiversity, prevent the loss of native species and their habitat, and raise the threshold of public knowledge and appreciation of biodiversity and ecological health.

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**Center for Biological Diversity**

The Center for Biological Diversity is a national conservation organization based in Tucson, Arizona with over 7,500 members. Combining conservation biology with litigation, policy advocacy, and an innovative strategic vision, the Center for Biological Diversity is working to secure a future for animals and plants hovering on the brink of extinction, for the wilderness they need to survive, and by extension for the spiritual welfare of generations to come.

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### **Center for Native Ecosystems**

Center for Native Ecosystems (CNE) is an advocacy organization dedicated to conserving and recovering native and naturally functioning ecosystems in the Greater Southern Rockies and Plains. CNE values clean water, fresh air, healthy communities, sources of food and medicine, and recreational opportunities provided by native biological diversity. CNE uses the best available science to forward its mission through participation in policy, administrative processes, legal action, public outreach and organizing, and education.

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### **Forest Guardians**

Forest Guardians seeks to preserve and restore native wildlands and wildlife in the American Southwest through fundamental reform of public policies and practices. Forest Guardians' endangered species campaign prioritizes the protection of focal species to maximize biodiversity protection. Forest Guardians has 1,250 members, who recreate, photograph wildlife, and support and benefit from environmental conservation throughout the western United States.

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### **The Fund for Animals**

The Fund for Animals was founded in 1967 by prominent author and animal advocate, Cleveland Amory. Created to “speak for those who can’t,” The Fund is one of the most active organizations dedicated to the cause of animals throughout the world. The Fund pursues a varied agenda that includes legal action, humane education and legislative efforts.

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### **Gallatin Wildlife Association**

The Gallatin Wildlife Association (GWA) is a wildlife conservation organization that represents concerned hunters and anglers in southwest Montana and elsewhere. An affiliate of the Montana Wildlife Federation, GWA is comprised of dedicated volunteers working to protect fish and wildlife habitat in order to conserve hunting and fishing opportunities for present and future generations.

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### **Great Old Broads for Wilderness**

Great Old Broads for Wilderness (GOB) is a nationwide public lands, public interest group dedicated to the preservation and protection of wildlife habitat and roadless public lands in America. Bringing the voices of elders to the conservation debate, GOB members use wisdom, passion and humor to work for a legacy of protected wild places for future generations.

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### **Hells Canyon Preservation Council**

Hells Canyon Preservation Council (HCPC) is a rurally-based environmental organization that works to protect and restore the Hells Canyon-Wallowa and Blue Mountain ecosystems, including the plants and animals that depend on the varied habitats of this region of northeast Oregon, southeast Washington, and east-central Idaho. HCPC has existed for over 35 years and represents members from across the United States. HCPC uses a variety of advocacy tools to educate the public and advance sound policy as well as legal compliance for the benefit of natural ecosystem values.

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### **The Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides**

The Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides (NCAP) is dedicated to protecting people and the environment from hazardous pesticides. NCAP has been a strong progressive force since 1977, promoting alternatives to pesticide use by government agencies on public forests, grasslands and deserts.

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### **Northwest Ecosystem Alliance**

Northwest Ecosystem Alliance (NWEA) and its 8,000 members are dedicated to the protection and restoration of biological diversity in the northern Pacific region. NWEA conducts research and advocacy to promote the conservation of sensitive and endangered wildlife and their habitat in the region.

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## **Oregon Natural Desert Association**

Oregon Natural Desert Association is a public interest organization with approximately 1500 members. ONDA's mission is to promote the preservation, protection, and restoration of Oregon's deserts and the native fish and wildlife species that depend on those ecosystems, and to educate the general public on the values of preserving natural arid-land environments.

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## **Oregon Natural Resources Council**

Oregon Natural Resources Council (ONRC) is a regional conservation organization centered in Oregon, and with a membership of more than 5000. ONRC is involved in federal lands issues with an emphasis on forests, old growth, wilderness and wildlife habitat. ONRC aggressively defends and restores wildlands, wildrivers, and wildlife to be an enduring legacy.

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## **Predator Defense Institute**

Predator Defense is a conservation organization founded by professionals from the business and scientific community who are concerned about the humane treatment of wildlife, and the effective management of public and private ecosystems that support wildlife and provide clean air, water and soil for Americans.

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## **Sierra Club**

The 750,000 members of the Sierra Club make up America's oldest and largest grassroots conservation organization. Founded in 1892, Sierra Club's mission is to explore, enjoy and protect the wild places of the Earth; practice and promote the responsible use of the Earth's ecosystems and resources; educate and enlist humanity to protect and restore the quality of the natural and human environment, and; use all lawful means to carry out these objectives.

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## **Sinapu**

Sinapu, named after the Ute word for wolves, is dedicated to the restoration and protection of native carnivores and their wild habitat in the Southern Rockies, and connected high plains and deserts. Sinapu is based in Boulder, Colorado and has approximately 1,000 members.

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## **Western Fire Ecology Center**

The Western Fire Ecology Center, a project of the American Lands Alliance, works to protect public wildlands, conserve native biodiversity, and restore forest ecosystems through research, analysis, and education advocating the restoration of wildland fire ecology processes, and the reform of federal fire management policies and practices.

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### **Western Watersheds Project**

The mission of Western Watersheds Project (WWP) is to protect and restore western watersheds and wildlife through education, public policy initiatives and litigation. In 10 years, the progressive conservation group has greatly expanded the scope of its efforts and geographic range of its work, with offices in Idaho, Montana, Utah, and Wyoming, and activities in eight western states.

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### **Wild Utah Project**

The Wild Utah Project provides biological analysis and computer mapping support for the conservation community in the intermountain region. Experts in regional ecosystem planning, Wild Utah Project also develops habitat assessment methods for rangelands based on the best conservation biological knowledge.

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### **Wildlands CPR**

Wildlands CPR revives and protects wild places by promoting road removal, preventing new road construction and limiting off-road vehicles. Wildlands CPR serves as a national network and clearinghouse, providing scientific, strategic and legal information about road and off-road vehicle impacts as well as road removal opportunities. Wildlands CPR is based in Missoula, Montana, and has 500 members.

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