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To: Field Managers, Nevada

From: State Director, Nevada

Subject: Prototype Regional Assessments of Habitats for Species of Conservation Concern in the Great Basin Ecoregion of Nevada

Attached is the "Prototype Regional Assessments of Habitats for Species of Conservation Concern in the Great Basin Ecoregion of Nevada". This report summarizes the extent of sagebrush and other cover types, and risks that these cover types will be displaced by cheatgrass, and by pinyon-juniper, by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) field offices in Nevada. Also contained are summaries for sage-grouse habitats. These field office summaries will be included in the larger, prototype assessment of habitats for sagebrush-associated species of concern in the Great Basin Ecoregion and Nevada, that will be available later this spring or early summer from Dr. Mike Wisdom and Mary Rowland.

We are providing these summaries to the field offices so that results could start to be considered in the BLM's land use planning processes. The larger report of the entire prototype assessment will contain all other species summaries beyond sage-grouse, and many other summaries for the Great Basin Ecoregion, for the State of Nevada, and for other hydrologic extents within the Great Basin and Nevada.

This document will be posted on the SAGEMAP website soon, as will the larger assessment when it is completed.

If you have any questions pertaining to the development of the assessment, please contact Mary Rowland (541-962-6582) or Dr. Mike Wisdom (541-962-6532).

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1 Attachment

1 – NV BLM Summary March 2003 (34 pp)