



The Future and Proactive Collaboration

Where do we go from here?

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A landscape photograph showing a sunset over a body of water. The sky is filled with vibrant orange and yellow clouds, reflecting on the water's surface. In the background, a range of mountains is visible under the colorful sky. The foreground shows a marshy area with tall grasses partially submerged in the water.

The Future

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The Future



- Focused on what's Ahead
- Keenly Aware of the Present
- Looks Back for Grounding
- Committed Partner, Steady
- Even Tempered, Forgiving



Artemisia de Galena

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Sage Grouse Initiative

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A Cooperative Conservation Win for Nevada/California Sage Grouse

When historic conservation news hit the headlines, the players who made it happen quietly kept on working. The Bi-State Local Area Working Group serves as a shining example of cooperation and a long-term commitment to effective action. The stakeholders found common ground, focused on what they agreed on, and put all egos aside to unveil a brilliant plan for conserving sage grouse on the Nevada-California border. Their ongoing efforts are continuing to pay dividends.

In June of 2014, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Land Management and other Bi-State partners announced



Meet the Bi-State Local Area Working Group

About

On the Nevada-California state line, a geographically distinct population of sage grouse once faced a precarious future. Today, that's changed. A forward-thinking group of people

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Bi-State Action Plan



- **Science-Based, Adaptive**
- **Engaged Stakeholder Foundation**
- **Coordinated Interagency Approach**
- **Sustained Collaborative Effort, Mature**
- **“Roadmap to Conservation” - FWS 2013**

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Strategic Implementation

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- **Science Provides the Underpinnings, but**
- **Applied Conservation is an Art**
- **Implemented in a Social & Regulatory Context**
- **Be Hard on the Problem, Easy on the People**
- **Develop a Shared Vision, Look for Common Ground**

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- **Be Patient, Manage Expectations**
- **Take a Surgical Approach, Consider Other Values**
- **Ground Truth, Go to the Field**
- **Monitor Implementation, Grow Knowledge Base**
- **Learn from Mistakes, Adjust & Move Forward**

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Long-Term Commitment



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- **No One Here Gets Out Alive**
- **Not Steady State Systems, Manage for R&R**
- **Sage Hens are Only the Catalyst**
- **Far Reaching Conservation Implications**
- **Think About the Legacy**

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- **Proposed Rule to List as Threatened - FWS 2013**
- **The “Fear Factor”**
- **Stay Above the Fray**
- **Focus on Conservation**
- **Make Listing Irrelevant**

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Questions/Discussion?



“All ethics so far evolved rest upon a single premise: that the individual is a member of a community of interdependent parts.” Aldo Leopold