



# U.S. Forest Service

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**Summary:** Sage-Grouse Bulletin #16 provides an update on the Forest Service objections process.

### **The Objections and Resolution Process – Next Steps.**

- The Reviewing Officer, Allen Rowley, Associate Deputy Chief for National Forests Systems from the Washington Office, is working on concerns identified in the objection letters and as clarified in discussions with objectors and interested persons during the December in-person meeting.
- A follow-up call with the objectors is being planned during May or June.
- The process will conclude when Allen Rowley provides written guidance to the Responsible Officials (the Regional Foresters in Regions 2 and 4) with any required changes to the greater sage-grouse plans based on what was learned during the objections process.
- The timeline for final decisions is uncertain until the scope and scale of changes to the plans are determined.