

I wrote in [the fall](#) about the Trump Administration's efforts to weaken protections for sage grouse on federal public lands. The next step in that process is currently ongoing - draft environmental impact statements (EIS) for revisions to land management plans for BLM and Forest Service lands. Those EISs are required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) before the relevant management plans can be revised - only after the plans are revised can the agencies then open up these sage-grouse habitat areas for additional oil and gas development. The notices for the EISs are available [here](#), and the public can comment on those documents at that website. (There are links for the revisions for each of the six states covered by the revised plans: Oregon, Colorado, Idaho, Utah, Nevada/northeastern California, and Wyoming). The comment periods are open until August 2, 2018.