

Idaho and  
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Greater Sage-Grouse  
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# *Planning Issues to direct/ drive revision/amendment of an existing plan:*

## Example:

- How will the BLM and Forest Service address the potential expansion of nonnative annual grasses (i.e., cheatgrass) and associated loss of sagebrush habitats as a result of climate change?

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# Overarching Guidelines

- Local climate patterns of historic record and related conditions for plant growth **may change** with warmer, drier conditions **likely to occur over the life of this plan.**
- In the future, as tools for predicting climate changes in a management area improve and climate change affects resources and necessitates changes in how resources are managed, the BLM and Forest Service may be required to **reevaluate decisions** made as part of this planning process and **adjust management accordingly.**

**Alternative B. Preliminary priority management areas with highest conservation value to maintain or increase GRSG populations (e.g., sagebrush habitat)**

- Re-establish sagebrush cover & desirable understory plants - highest priority for restoration
- Native seed required for restoration treatments & establishment of designated seed harvest areas for sagebrush seed collection in fire prone areas.

## Alternative B.

- Climate change would be a consideration when proposing native seed collection.
  - Long-term availability of native seed
  - Resilience of native seed
- Management action: establish native seed harvest areas that incorporate climate change effects.
- BLM & Forest Service to consider climate change when determining species for restoration.