



DIVISION 140

GREATER SAGE-GROUSE CONSERVATION STRATEGY FOR OREGON

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Purpose

These administrative rules establish the policy of the Commission for the protection and enhancement of Greater Sage-Grouse in Oregon. These rules incorporate and supplement portions of the "Greater Sage-Grouse Conservation Assessment and Strategy for Oregon" (2011) ("the Strategy") which sets population and habitat management objectives, and defines and governs the Department's core area approach to conservation of sage-grouse in Oregon, **and adopt and incorporate the revised "Oregon Sage-grouse Core and Low-Density Habitat Map" (2023) which upon its adoption is the best available science on Greater Sage-Grouse distribution, available habitat, and core area and low density areas and should function as a replacement to Figure 29 in the Strategy.** These rules also advance sage-grouse population and habitat protection through a mitigation hierarchy and the establishment of a mitigation standard for impacts from certain types of development actions in sage-grouse habitat. In the event of a conflict between the "Strategy" and these rules, these rules govern.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162, 498.500 & 498.502

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162, 498.500 & 498.502