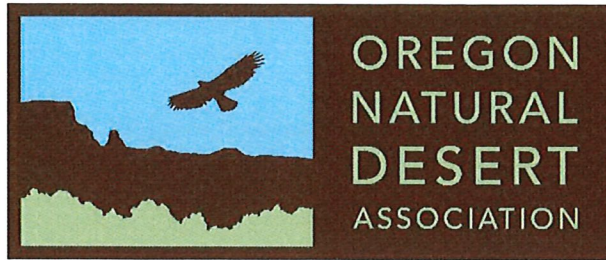


# **Exhibit B**

**Supplemental Public Correspondence  
Received as of December 12, 2023**



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December 11, 2023

Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission  
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife  
4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE  
Salem, Oregon 97302

Re: Final Draft Core and Low-Density Sage-Grouse Habitat Map

Dear Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission:

Oregon Natural Desert Association (“ONDA”) is pleased to submit this letter in support of Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife’s (“ODFW”) “Final Draft Core and Low-Density Sage-Grouse Habitat” map (dated November 17, 2023).

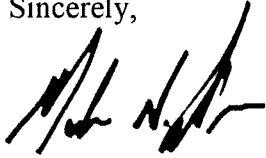
ONDA is a public interest conservation organization with a mission to protect, defend, and restore Oregon’s high desert for current and future generations. We are the only organization dedicated exclusively to conserving Oregon’s native desert lands, waters and wildlife. With offices in Bend and Portland, we represent more than 18,000 members and supporters in Oregon and from across the United States.

Our organization brings to bear more than 45 years of combined experience working to conserve and restore greater sage-grouse and their habitats. In our comments on ODFW’s sage-grouse habitat mapping, we urged the agency to analyze and identify important areas of connectivity between sage-grouse populations. We also hoped the agency would not constrain itself to other assessments and prognostications of sagebrush habitats in the state and rather conduct its own analysis of where sage-grouse occur on the landscape and identify those areas accordingly.

We were impressed by ODFW’s methodology for developing the new map. The process was scientifically comprehensive and inclusive of public input. The new core and low-density sage-grouse habitat designations will be essential to planning, managing and recovering sage-grouse populations throughout eastern Oregon.

ONDA urges the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission to adopt the Final Draft Core and Low-Density Sage-Grouse Habitat Map.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark N. Salvo', written in a cursive style.

Mark N. Salvo  
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Mr. Curt Melcher, Director  
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife  
4034 Fairview Industrial Drive, SE  
Salem, OR 97302

December 7, 2023

Subject: 2023 Updated Greater Sage-Grouse Habitat Maps

Dear Mr. Melcher,

I am writing to express the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's support for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's (ODFW) updated greater sage-grouse habitat maps, which will be presented to the Fish and Wildlife Commission on December 15<sup>th</sup>. The updated maps have been in development for nearly two years and represent a collaborative effort involving invested parties throughout the state. Staff from the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Office participate in annual lek surveys and have contributed to this effort from the start.

These maps represent the current state of the science regarding greater sage grouse habitat in Oregon. They were built using the best available information interpreted from how greater sage-grouse interact with their environment over time. This includes how the birds react to disturbance, such as wildfire, as well as seasonal effects, including changing weather and snowpack. The updated habitat maps provide up-to-date information which can be immediately used to deliver meaningful conservation for greater sage-grouse in key places and at the most beneficial times.

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Thank you very much for the initiative and effort the Department of Fish and Wildlife invested in updating the maps, and for the opportunity to be a part of this collaborative project. If you have any questions, please contact myself or Jackie Cupples on my staff at 541-962-8593.

Sincerely,

KESSINA LEE

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Curt Melcher, Director  
Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife  
4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE  
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Dear Mr. Melcher

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has appreciated the opportunity to fully engage with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) as you update the Oregon Greater Sage-grouse (GRSG) core and low-density habitat map. The BLM utilized new information during its participation in the interactive mapping and review process, which resulted in updated geospatial data related to GRSG distribution and habitat use in Oregon. The BLM submitted detailed comments to the ODFW on the draft map, including comments from our local field offices. We understand that the ODFW has considered all our comments and incorporated many of them.

We appreciate that the ODFW used their previously published GRSG habitat mapping process while incorporating new science and emphasizing biological information in a clear, understandable manner while documenting their reasoning. The BLM looks forward to continuing to work with the ODFW as you complete the process of updating the GRSG habitat maps and the GRSG Conservation Assessment and Strategy.

Sincerely,

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**BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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*Dear Skyler,*

*The East Cascades Audubon Society thanks you and your colleagues at ODFW for implementing a well conceived, landscape-scale, comprehensive map of Oregon's Greater Sage-grouse habitat. Your presentations to agencies and the public were clear and candid. The technical methodology is rigorous, practicable, and repeatable. The online public delivery and documentation of the habitat maps will promote their immediate use. They should serve to objectively advance necessary public discourse about ways to conserve the Sage-grouse and other natural resources of the Northern Great Basin, now and into the future.*

Josh Collins, PhD  
Mary Shivell, President  
ECAS Board of Directors