



## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### **Dakota Prairie Grasslands; North Dakota; Environmental Impact Statement for the Greater Sage-Grouse Grasslands Plan Amendment; Withdrawal**

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, Agriculture (USDA).

**ACTION:** Notice; withdrawal.

**SUMMARY:** The Forest Service is withdrawing its notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement for the greater sage-grouse plan amendment to the Dakota Prairie Grasslands Land and Resource Management Plan.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Questions concerning this notice should be directed to LeAnn Colburn via U.S. postal mail at Dakota Prairie Grasslands Supervisors Office, 2000 Miriam Circle, Bismarck, ND 58501; via telephone at 701-989-7304; or via email at [leann.colburn@usda.gov](mailto:leann.colburn@usda.gov).

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Forest Service published a notice of intent prepare an environmental impact statement (NOI) in the **Federal Register** on May 21, 2014, 88 FR 29158.

Since that publication, there have been two significant changes in circumstance for the greater sage-grouse:

- In 2020 Oil and Gas Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement ([https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE\\_DOCUMENTS/fseprd1082964.pdf](https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd1082964.pdf))

created no-surface occupancy in greater sage-grouse habitat on the Dakota Prairie Grasslands removing one of the primary threats; and

- The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service determined in 2015 that protections under the Endangered Species Act were not needed for the species.

Therefore, the Forest Service is withdrawing the NOI.

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