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Colowyo Mine
South Taylor/Lower Wilson EA
Threatened and Endangered Species

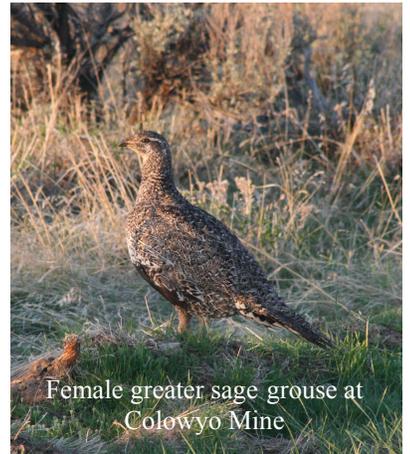


U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Consultation

- Threatened and Endangered species consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) as required under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) was completed on March 9, 2007.
- Additional information obtained since completion of USFWS consultation will be considered in developing this environmental assessment, and additional consultation with the USFWS will occur, if appropriate.

ESA Species Listed as Threatened or Endangered

- Listed species adversely affected include Colorado River fish (Colorado pikeminnow, razorback sucker, humpback chub, and bonytail). In 2007, USFWS concluded that with the implementation of mitigation measures the project would not jeopardize the continued existence of these species or harm critical habitat.



Female greater sage grouse at Colowyo Mine

ESA Candidate Species

- Candidate species potentially impacted - the greater sage-grouse.
- Sage-grouse leks (i.e. strutting grounds) do not occur in the vicinity of the project.
- Colowyo supports ongoing greater sage-grouse lek counts conducted by the Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife.
- Sage-grouse conservation measures approved by the state in the Colowyo Permit Application Package include:
 - Reestablish sagebrush during reclamation.
 - Focus on establishing suitable habitat for sage grouse, in particular brood rearing habitat.
 - Construct power lines with raptor deterrents.



Strutting dusky grouse at Colowyo Mine