



## National Wildlife Federation

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Brian Steed, Acting Director  
Bureau of Land Management  
1849 C Street NW  
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Mr. Steed,

I write to express National Wildlife Federation's grave concern that tens of thousands of our supporters' comments are not reflected in the Scoping Report that assesses potential amendments to land use plans regarding greater sage-grouse conservation, which is dated January 2018 and was posted to the Bureau of Land Management's website on March 2, 2018.

During the comment period for the scoping report in November and December, 24,960 supporters of the National Wildlife Federation submitted letters to Interior, asking the agency not to amend the sage grouse plans and to instead give the hard-forged plans time to work on the ground. The letters were sent to [blm\\_sagegrouseplanning@blm.gov](mailto:blm_sagegrouseplanning@blm.gov), as directed by the BLM in its Notice of Intent regarding the scoping process. In those same months, 12,372 supporters also signed a petition asking Interior not to amend the sage grouse plans, and those petitions were also directed to that address.

Neither the letters nor the petition are reflected in Table 1-2 Form Letter Submissions or Table 1-3 Petition Submissions in the scoping report. If over 37,000 comments from NWF's supporters and members have gone missing, what other voices spoke up and went unheard and unaddressed by Interior?

Our nation's public lands are owned by all Americans and are managed by the federal government on our behalf. We have a rich history in having a say in how those lands are managed. It's deeply concerning that Interior appears to be turning its back on both that legacy and the law that informs it.

The National Wildlife Federation is printing hard copies of each of the comments, which we will deliver to the BLM by hand. We respectfully request that the scoping report be amended to reflect these comments.

Sincerely,

Tracy Stone-Manning  
Associate Vice President for Public Lands