

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council
FROM: Steve Westbay
DATE: February 21, 2012
RE: Packet Information for the Gunnison Sage Grouse Discussion

The materials being presented in the Council packet include a memorandum describing the details of the Endangered Species Act and the potential consequences that will result if the Gunnison Sage Grouse is listed. This memorandum will be the focus of the staff report to council.

City staff has also been involved with a process initiated by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to develop a *Gunnison Sage Grouse Candidate Conservation Agreement (CCA)*. The CCA is management plan that must be approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. If the CCA is approved it will serve to guide activities such as grazing and recreation on federal lands managed by the BLM

Your packet also includes two reports addressing land use control and utility services that are under the direction of the City of Gunnison. These reports were developed by City staff at the request of BLM representatives. These two reports will **not** be the primary focus of discussion with the Council, but we wanted you to be aware of their content and that they will be forwarded to the BLM after the staff presentation to the City Council.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding the packet contents.