GUNNISON BASIN SAGE-GROUSE STRATEGIC COMMITTEE
POLICY ON STANDING AND AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEES

(Adopted 3/18/2010)

Purpose: Subcommittees will be utilized to address topics that need more attention than can be provided in the scope of regular Gunnison Basin Sage-grouse Strategic Committee (Committee) meetings. Subcommittees will bring recommendations on topics they have addressed to the Committee to help the Committee bring about efforts that help to conserve Gunnison Sage-grouse within the Gunnison Basin.

General Subcommittee Guidelines

1. **Standing and Ad hoc subcommittees may include input from outside sources to provide necessary knowledge from interested stakeholders as needed.**

2. **Standing and Ad hoc subcommittees will attempt to reach consensus on the assigned topic(s). If consensus is not possible, a vote will be taken with a majority and a minority report given to the Committee, which will reflect all views presented.**

3. **The Committee shall conduct a review of Standing and Ad hoc subcommittee membership at the first meeting of the Committee after March 1st of each calendar year.**

Standing Subcommittees

1. **The Gunnison Basin Sage-grouse Strategic Committee will recognize and utilize three standing subcommittees: The Executive Subcommittee – Membership to this subcommittee will be limited to the Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary to the Committee. The Gunnison Basin Sage-grouse Technical Subcommittee – Membership to this subcommittee will include interested stakeholders with technical expertise related to sage-grouse conservation. The Gunnison Basin Sage-grouse Information and Education Subcommittee – Membership to this subcommittee will include interested stakeholders with expertise associated with communications, media, education, and other aspects related to the mission of the Information and Education Subcommittee. The Technical and Information and Education Subcommittees will develop an annual plan of work that includes the Action Item addressed or aligned with the Action Activity, Measureable Results, Schedule/Target Dates, and Resource Requirements, and submit that to the Committee.**

2. **Technical and Information and Education Subcommittees are Chaired by a Committee member who is appointed by the Committee Chair with concurrence by the Committee as a whole. Other membership to these**

subcommittees will be solicited from the membership defined above, and approved with concurrence of the Committee as a whole.

3. **Standing subcommittees are empowered to communicate to the Committee recommended changes and additions to the Gunnison County Sage-grouse Conservation Action Plan.**

4. **Standing subcommittees are empowered to identify needed resources and funding in order for the subcommittee to implement actions.**

Ad hoc Subcommittees

1. **Ad hoc subcommittees are formed to address a specific topic(s) with a designated purpose and timeframe, as determined necessary by the Committee.**

2. **Appointment to an Ad hoc subcommittee is made by the Committee Chair with concurrence of the Committee as a whole. Regular or alternate Committee members, not both, from any entity may be appointed to Ad hoc subcommittees. In the event of dissension and/or lack of consensus regarding an appointment, nominations from the Committee will be accepted. A majority vote shall determine the appointments.**

3. **Ad hoc subcommittees that are project based will expire at the completion of the project. It shall be incumbent upon the Committee to define "completion" at the time the ad hoc subcommittee is formed.**

4. **Ad hoc subcommittees extending beyond the beginning of the calendar year shall be re-authorized at the first meeting of the Committee after March 1st of each calendar year.**