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IPAMS Statement on the Sage Grouse Decision

(DENVER) - The Independent Petroleum Association of Mountain States (IPAMS) released the following statement regarding today's announcement by the Department of Interior (DOI) concerning the sage grouse.

"IPAMS is encouraged that it's not a listing decision, and that there was recognition of the multi-year efforts of local communities, the states, ranchers, industries, and environmental groups to protect the sage grouse. We're concerned that land managers will nevertheless implement this decision by introducing very restrictive policies that prevent companies from investing and creating high-paying jobs in local communities within core areas, but it appears that Interior plans to balance implementation so that restrictions on energy development do not apply with a broad brush across the entire region," said IPAMS Director of Government Affairs Kathleen Sgamma.

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The Independent Petroleum Association of Mountain States (IPAMS), founded in 1974, is a non-profit trade association representing more than 400 independent natural gas and oil producers, service and supply companies, banking and financial institutions and industry consultants committed to environmentally responsible energy development in the Intermountain West. More information on IPAMS and its members is available at www.ipams.org