

Wyoming Sage-Grouse Conservation Project Proposal Form 2015-2016

During its 2014 session, the Wyoming Legislature approved the Governor's budget request to support the local sage-grouse working groups and fund conservation projects benefiting sage-grouse and their habitat. Implementation of projects consistent with local sage-grouse conservation plans will reduce the likelihood of sage-grouse being listed under the federal Endangered Species Act.

PROJECT APPLICATION CRITERIA (please read before completing/submitting application):

- 1) All projects should be submitted on the Wyoming Sage-Grouse Conservation Project Proposal Form. Projects must be reviewed, approved by and submitted for funding by the affected Local Sage-Grouse Working Group (LWG).
- 2) Project funding is provided for the purpose of implementing projects that address the primary threats to sage-grouse as identified in local sage-grouse conservation plans. Applicants should read the appropriate plans and tailor projects accordingly.
- 3) Projects will be evaluated based on consistency with Wyoming's Core Area management strategy, local sage-grouse conservation plan, likelihood of success, project readiness, matching funds, multiple species benefits, significance at local/state/regional level, duration of benefits, and adequacy of monitoring.
- 4) Funds are distributed as reimbursable grants in most cases. This means the grantee must submit for reimbursement of expenses incurred as a result of the project. "Up front" funding is not allowed. Grantees (non-profit organization, government agency or private individuals) are required to enter into grant agreements and request reimbursement of expenditures made. For-profit entities are not eligible for grants but may be contracted by grantees to conduct actions prescribed by the grant.
- 5) Capital equipment such as vehicles, computers or GPS units is not allowed. Short-term lease of such equipment is acceptable.
- 6) For habitat improvement projects, including water developments, details of the post-treatment livestock grazing management plan must be included in the project description. Habitat treatment projects must also be consistent with Wyoming Game and Fish Department Protocols for Treating Sagebrush to Benefit Sage-Grouse.
- 7) Research projects, including all projects that involve radio telemetry, should be conducted with the rigor and intent to publish in peer-reviewed scientific press.
- 8) Habitat projects conducted on private lands should be partnered with programmatic sage-grouse efforts such as a U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances (CCAA), NRCS Sage-Grouse Initiative (SGI) or other landscape scale, sage-grouse specific, effort.
- 9) Funds must be expended July 1, 2014 – September 30, 2016. Do not submit for funding needed outside of these dates.
- 10) Overhead/administrative costs may not exceed 10% of the funding request.

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- 11) Semi-annual progress reports, a final report and a fiscal close-out report are required for each project to allow tracking of expenditures and document results.
- 12) Documents referenced in this form are available at: <http://wgfd.wyo.gov/web2011/wildlife-1000382.aspx>
- 13) Maps should be reduced in size and pasted into the application, not submitted as separate attachments.
- 14) The completed application should be submitted in WORD format only with the total file size not exceeding 2.5mb.

Submit completed application in WORD format only via e-mail to:

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Project Title:

This should be brief (less than 10 words) but descriptive.

Wyoming Sage-Grouse Conservation Funds (WSGCF) Requested: \$

Local Sage-Grouse Conservation Plan(s) being addressed:

Project Location:

UTM Easting: Northing: Zone: Datum:

County Township Range Section/s

Drainage(s):

Land Ownership- Private %, Federal %, State %, Local govt. %

Please insert maps as figures within, or as attachments to, this document. Do not submit maps as separate files.

Size of Project Area:

Acres within project boundary:

Acres of treatment (if applicable):

Grantee: Identify the person or organization with whom the grant agreement will be made.

Name:

Title:

Agency/Organization:

Street/P.O. Address:

City: State: Zip:

Phone #: FAX #:

E-mail:

Proposal Prepared by: Leave blank if same as Grantee.

Name:

Title:

Agency/Organization:

Street/P.O. Address:

City: State: Zip:

Phone #: FAX #:

E-mail:

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Landowner/agency contacts that have been made: List parties that have been contacted. All necessary contacts must be made prior to project approval.

Name	Organization	Phone #

Problem Analysis: Describe the issue being addressed by the project and why the project is necessary. Add additional space as needed.

Project Description: Describe what actions the project will undertake to address the problem(s) identified and meet the stated goals and objectives. For projects involving habitat manipulation/treatment identify the post-treatment management strategies to be implemented e.g. livestock grazing plans, weed control, infrastructure maintenance, etc. Add additional space as needed.

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Please read the Sage-Grouse Conservation Plan(s) of the affected Local Sage-Grouse Working Group(s) and list the plan-specific goals and objectives addressed by this project.

Scientific Merit/Management Relevance/Education/Conservation Benefit: Describe the benefits to be achieved if the project is implemented.

If this is a research project, describe plans for peer-reviewed publication and list the qualifications of the principal investigator (or attach curriculum vitae):

Other benefits: List and describe the benefits other wildlife species and other resources or users will achieve from the project.

Expected duration of effects from proposed project: Check the appropriate box.

☐ 1-5 years, ☐ 5-20 years, ☐ 20+ years

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Total Project Cost: Give total of the entire project including all matching/partner funds.

\$

Use of Wyoming Sage-Grouse Conservation Funds: Provide a budget for WSGCF dollars. Do not request funds for capital equipment such as vehicles, computers or GPS units. Short-term lease of such equipment is acceptable. *Overhead/administrative costs may not exceed 10% of the funding request.*

Description

Amount

Labor/Personnel/Fringe (Specify)	
Contract Services (Specify)	
Travel (Specify)	
Equipment (Specify; see note above)	
Supplies (Specify)	
Printing/Publishing/Postage	
Administrative overhead (not to exceed 10%)	
Other (Specify)	

Matching/Cooperator Funds:

Source

Amount

Applied for

Approved

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Project Readiness/Implementation Schedule: List time line including month and year when project is expected to be initiated and completed. Projects not ready for implementation will be rejected. **Funds must be expended July 1, 2014 – September 30, 2016. Do not submit for funding needed outside of these dates.**

Month/Year overall project begins:

Month/Year overall project ends:

Month/Year of WSGCF funding begins:

Month/Year WSGCF funding Ends:

Likelihood of Implementation: Have all necessary permits/approvals been obtained? Projects judged unlikely to be implemented will be rejected.

Permit or Authorization	Required		Submitted		Approved	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Cultural Resource Inventory						
COE Section 404 Permit						
Cooperative Agreement(s)						
NEPA Analysis						
Density/Disturbance Calculation Tool (DDCT)						
Pesticide Application Permit						
Private Landowner Agreement(s)						
Sensitive Species Clearance						
Surface/Groundwater Permits						
Other (explain below)						

Project Monitoring Plan: All projects require monitoring to determine effectiveness. Identify what monitoring program is in place or will be put in place to assess and quantify the results achieved by the project. Identify those responsible for monitoring. Include both short term and long term monitoring. A Project Close-out Report will be required for each project upon completion, to allow tracking of expenditures and attainment of results. Photos, summaries, etc. will be required to enhance media coverage on funded projects, and to promote the results achieved as a result of the Wyoming State Legislature's decision to allocate funds in this manner.