



Sage Grouse Habitat & Landowner Assistance

Do you have sage grouse on your property?

If so, and you are interested in helping protect sage grouse and its habitat, there are several agencies and organizations that can help. Some offer technical advice, some also offer financial assistance. The locations of sage grouse areas on your property and any assistance provided will be kept confidential.

Technical Assistance

Obtain free advice about what you can do if sage grouse are on your private or tribal land. Contact the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), the Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW), or the US Fish and Wildlife Service. Biologists will evaluate the areas with you and help you identify simple measures you can do, such as maintaining a water supply and improving meadow and nesting habitat or even purchasing flushing bars to prevent mortality from hay production.

Financial Assistance

If you'd like financial assistance with the measures that are suggested, there are several from which to choose.

The Landowner Incentives Program (LIP) offered by NDOW funds projects for sage grouse -and other species of concern - such as restoring native vegetation, grazing management, brush and weed management, and stream restoration, even purchasing conservation easements. The Federal LIP contribution for these private projects is 75% with a non-federal match of 25%. The non-federal portion can be fulfilled through a variety of mechanisms; through "in-kind" contributions by the landowner that can include such things as labor, the use of equipment or materials, or volunteer time to monitor the success of projects, or through state funding, if available.

The Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program offered by NRCS provides both technical assistance and up to 75% cost-share assistance to establish and improve fish and wildlife habitat.

The US Fish and Wildlife Service also offers several cost-share programs, including the Tribal Landowner Incentive Program, the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program, and the Cooperative Conservation Program.

All of these agencies have offices throughout Nevada. Pick up a copy of our fact sheet "Helpful Contacts," or visit www.ndow.org.

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