

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

Greater Sage Grouse WLFW

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: Greater Sage Grouse WLFW		Applicant:
Final Ranking Score:		Address:
Planner:	Telephone:	
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Wildlife Habitat Conservation – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
1. a. Retain wildlife and plant benefits on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. b. Address and support existing conservation initiatives such as but not limited to the following or new conservation initiatives that support State, National or tribal fish or wildlife plans: Sage Grouse, Lesser Prairie Chicken, Longleaf Pine, New England-New York Forestry	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. c. Benefit federally listed threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, fish or wildlife species of concern?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. d. Benefit prioritized native habitat critical to a fish or wildlife species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. e. Increase, improve or establish pollinator habitat?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. f. Eradicate or control prioritized noxious or invasive species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. g. Benefit declining or important aquatic wildlife species prioritized in the State WHIP Plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. h. Implement conservation practices which benefit prioritized fish or wildlife species in forested areas?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. i. Establish habitat on pivot corners and irregular areas on agricultural land?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. j. Provide self-sustaining habitat for prioritized fish and wildlife while reducing net carbon emissions or boosting carbon storage (e.g., warm season perennial grasses, trees or shrubs)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. k. Benefit migration and other movement corridors for prioritized wildlife?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Business Lines – Conservation Implementation - Additional Ranking Considerations – Will the applicant in the proposed project:	
2. a. Complete habitat development within the first two years of the agreement?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
Will the project improve existing or potential habitat for;	
1. a. Gunnison sage-grouse in the Gunnison Basin or, for Greater sage-grouse within identified core population area boundaries.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. b. Gunnison sage-grouse in the Cerro Summit/Cimarron/Sims Mesa, Poncha pass, Crawford, Dove Creek, Pinyon Mesa, or San Miquel basin population areas?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. c. Greater sage-grouse habitat outside of identified core population area boundaries but within the overall sage-grouse range?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Amount of habitat under control of the applicant that will be treated by the proposed project;	
2. a. Does the project treat 100% of the existing or potential sage-grouse habitat under control of the applicant?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. b. Does the project treat 50-99% of the existing or potential sage-grouse habitat under control of the applicant?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. c. Does the project treat less than 50% of the existing or potential sage-grouse habitat under control of the applicant?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Percent of identified threats treated by the project;	

3. a. Does the project address 100% of the threats identified for sage-grouse in the project location? (Refer to Colorado Threats Cheacklist that is applicable to the priority area the project is in).	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. b. Does the project address 75-99% of the threats identified for sage-grouse in the project location? (Refer to Colorado Threats Cheacklist that is applicable to the priority area the project is in).	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. c. Does the project address 50-74% of the threats identified for sage-grouse in the project location? (Refer to Colorado Threats Cheacklist that is applicable to the priority area the project is in).	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. d. Does the project address less than 50% of the threats identified for sage-grouse in the project location? (Refer to Colorado Threats Cheacklist that is applicable to the priority area the project is in).	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. a. Will implementation of the planned project increase the overall Habitat Suitability Index (HSI) by .7-1.0 habitat factor points?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. b. Will implementation of the planned project increase the overall Habitat Suitability Index (HSI) by .6 habitat factor points?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. c. Will implementation of the planned project increase the overall Habitat Suitability Index (HSI) by .5 habitat factor points?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. d. Will implementation of the planned project increase the overall Habitat Suitability Index (HSI) by .4 habitat factor points?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. e. Will implementation of the planned project increase the overall Habitat Suitability Index (HSI) by .3 habitat factor points?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. f. Will implementation of the planned project increase the overall Habitat Suitability Index (HSI) by .2 habitat factor points?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. g. Will implementation of the planned project increase the overall Habitat Suitability Index (HSI) by .1 habitat factor points?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Will the planned project remove invading pinyon/juniper trees that are having negative impacts on sage grouse in the project area?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Will the planned project alleviate any documented collision or predator problems caused by fences?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Will the proposed project restore previously converted (pasture, hay, cropland etc) sage brush habitat back to sage brush habitat?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Has the project been reviewed and ranked with this ranking tool by an NRCS or NRCS/Partner biologist that is familiar with sage-grouse habitat in the area, and, does the biologist agree that the project will benefit sage-grouse?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Are there partners involved (other than the applicant and NRCS) that will contribute money (not in-kind) to the project?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Has a comprehensive conservation plan been completed on all lands in the tract with the same land use the proposed practices(s) will be applied to?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. Will the project provide markings and predator deterrents on all existing or new fences within 1/4 mile of existing or historic leks?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. Will the project provide effective escape ramps in all existing and new watering facilities within all of the area planned for sage-grouse habitat management (standard codes 645 or 644)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices
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Ranking Score

Efficiency:
Local Issues:
State Issues:
National Issues:

Final Ranking Score:

This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

NRCS Representative:**Signature Date:****Applicant Signature Not Required on this report for
Contract Development unless required by State policy:****Signature Date:**