

Wyoming Sage-Grouse Conservation Project Proposal Form

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. Spending against the grant may not begin until the last required signature is affixed to the grant agreement.
5. Capital equipment such as vehicles, computers or handheld 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 July 2019.
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. The grant will have a start date of July 1 or as soon as the last signature is affixed to the grant (i.e., effective date) after July 1, whichever comes last. The grant will have an end date of

September 30 the year after the effective date. Wyoming Game and Fish is able to extend the end date if a valid, written request for extension is received with sufficient time prior to the initial end date.

10. Overhead/administrative costs may not exceed 10% of the project funds being requested.
11. 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: <https://wgfd.wyo.gov/Habitat/Sage-Grouse-Management>
13. Maps should be reduced in size and pasted into the application, not submitted as separate attachments.
14. The completed application total file size should not exceed 2.5mb. Word or pdf format only.

Submit completed applications via e-mail to:

Nyssa Whitford

WGFD Sage-Grouse/Sagebrush Biologist

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WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

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APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Complete all applicable sections of the application. If grant is awarded, spatial data shall be submitted if applicable to the project. Applications are due on **January 31st** and must be submitted to Nyssa Whitford, Sage-grouse/Sagebrush Biologist, at nyssa.whitford@wyo.gov.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant name:

Title:

Agency/Organization:

Street/P.O. Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Phone number:

Fax number:

E-mail:

Signatory authority for the agency/organization:

Title:

PROJECT INFORMATION

Project title (limit to 10 words or less):

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

<input type="checkbox"/>	Bates Hole/Shirley Basin	<input type="checkbox"/>	Big Horn Basin
<input type="checkbox"/>	Northeast Wyoming	<input type="checkbox"/>	South-Central
<input type="checkbox"/>	Southwest	<input type="checkbox"/>	Upper Green River Basin
<input type="checkbox"/>	Upper Snake River	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wind River/Sweetwater River

Project phase: _____ of _____

Acres within project boundary:

Acres of treatment (if applicable):

Project timeline and estimated completion date:

Expected duration of effects from proposed project:

OWNERSHIP OF AREA

	Federal	State	Private	Total

PROJECT LOCATION

General project location description (describe the proximity to landmarks, major roads, towns, counties, drainages, etc.):

By checking this box, applicant is acknowledging that spatial data (.shp, .gdb, etc.) will be provided if project is funded.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Please read the Sage-Grouse Conservation Plan(s) of the affected Local Sage-Grouse Working Group(s) found at <https://wgfd.wyo.gov/Habitat/Sage-Grouse-Management/Sage-Grouse-Local-Working-Groups> and list the plan-specific goals and objectives addressed by this project.

List and describe the other wildlife species and other resources or users will achieve from this project.

PROJECT NARRATIVE

Describe the methods for implementing the project. The narrative should concisely describe **who** is involved, **what** actions will be taken, **when** actions or work will occur, **where** the project is located, **why** the project will benefit sage-grouse, and **how** the work or actions will be performed. For project involving habitat manipulation/treatment, identify the post-treatment management strategies to be implemented (e.g. livestock grazing plans, weed control, infrastructure maintenance, etc.).

Describe the scientific merit/management relevance/education/conservation benefits to be achieved if the project is implemented:

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

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. Photos, summaries, etc. will be required to enhance media coverage on funded projects and to promote the results.

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						

If NEPA has not yet been approved, what is the ETA for approval?

PROJECT FUNDING

Total Wyoming Sage-Grouse Conservation (WSGC) Funds request:

Total cash contributions from other funding partners:

Total in-kind contributions:

Total project cost:

WSGC percentage of total cost:

DATABASE ENTRY

Select all databases the project will need to be entered in:

Strategic Habitat Plan Habitat Viewer (SHP)

Wyoming Conservation Efforts (WyCED)

Conservation Efforts Database (CED)

Person(s) responsible for entering data:

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information for consideration: