

**Natural Resources Conservation Service**

**Application Ranking Summary**

**Greater Sage Grouse WLFW**

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

**National Priorities Addressed**

<b>Issue Questions</b>	<b>Responses</b>
Healthy Plant & Animal Communities - Wildlife Habitat Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the applicant implement practices which:	
1. a. Retain wildlife and plant benefits on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. b. Support existing or new national or landscape initiatives that support State, National or tribal fish or wildlife plans such as: Working Lands for Wildlife	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 State WHIP Plan (SWP) 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 SWP prioritized noxious or invasive plant species on non-cropland?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. g. Benefit declining or important aquatic wildlife species prioritized in the SWP?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. h. Benefit SWP 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 SWP 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 SWP 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. Implement wildlife habitat practices scheduled in the Schedule or Plan of Operations (NRCS-CPA-1155) within the first two years of date of obligation of the agreement?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

**State Issues Addressed**

<b>Issue Questions</b>	<b>Responses</b>
Species Presence (Max points = 300)	
1. Based upon available species occurrence data and information, is the target species assumed to occur within the offered area?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Enrolled Acreage - answer only one of questions 2 - 5. (Max Points = 100 Points).	
2. Is the offered area adjacent to areas with known populations?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Is the offered area within 1/4 mile or less to areas with known populations?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Is the offered area within 1/4 mile - 1/2 mile to areas with known populations?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Is the offered area more than 1/2 mile to areas with known populations?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Documentation (Max Points = 75 Points)	
6. Is there credible verification of species occurrence (for example - photos; Heritage Database; USFWS or NRCS or other state or local fish and wildlife agency documentation)? Field visits not required to verify species occurrence.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Focal Areas (Max Points = 25 points)	
7. Will 75% or more of the practices be located within the 'focal area'?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

**Local Issues Addressed**

Issue Questions	Responses
Identified Threats Treated - At least one threat must be addressed to be eligible for the initiative. (Max Points = 250)	
1. Will the planned practices address the threat of fence strikes by sage grouse? Either by removing it completely or making it more visible by installing fence markers?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Will the proposed conservation treatment address the threat of drowning in livestock watering tanks by installing escape ramps?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Will the proposed conservation treatment restore natural hydrology to wet meadow/riparian systems?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Will the proposed conservation treatment rest 20% of nesting habitat each year?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Will the proposed conservation treatment allow for sustainable range conditions to persist?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Will the proposed conservation treatment increase plant diversity?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Will the proposed conservation treatment treat noxious and/or invasive weeds?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

**Land Use:**

Resource Concerns	Practices
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**Ranking Score**

<p>Efficiency:</p> <p>Local Issues:</p> <p>State Issues:</p> <p>National Issues:</p> <p><b>Final Ranking Score:</b></p>
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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:

<p><b>NRCS Representative:</b></p>  <p><b>Signature Date:</b></p>	<p><b>Applicant Signature Not Required on this report for Contract Development unless required by State policy:</b></p>  <p><b>Signature Date:</b></p>
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