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# NRCS on Public Lands

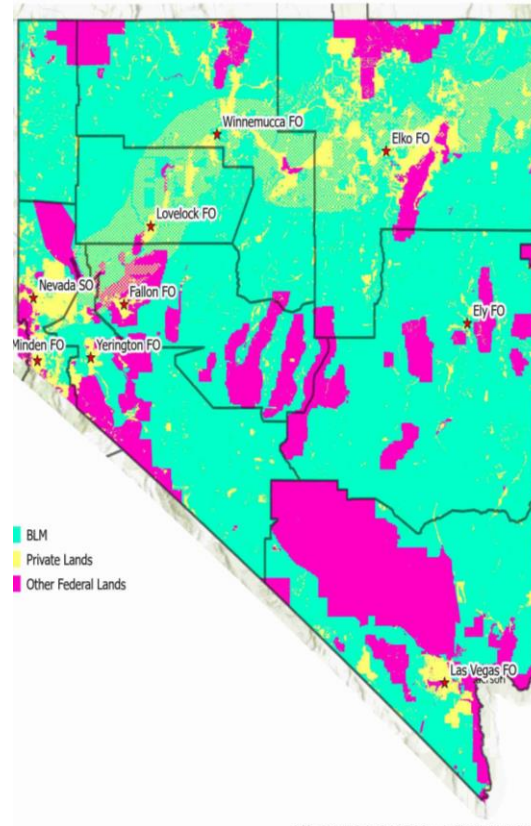
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# Public/Private Lands in Nevada

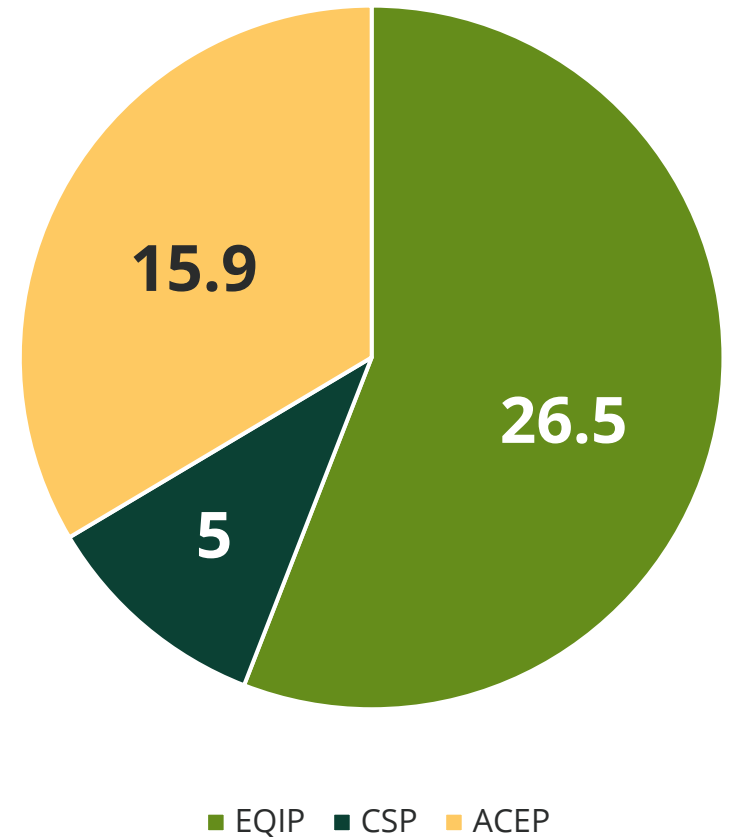


# Overview



# Inflation Reduction Act

- Provides an additional \$47 million to Nevada
- Climate smart mitigation categories
  - Soil Health
  - Nitrogen Management
  - Livestock Partnership
  - Grazing and Pasture
  - Agroforestry, Forestry and Wildlife habitat
  - Restoration of Disturbed Lands
  - Energy, Combustion and Electricity Efficiency



# Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

- Helps producers implement practices and activities that can lead to cleaner water and air, healthier soil and better wildlife habitat, and improved agricultural operations.
- Can be used for replacement of existing range improvements



# EQIP on Public Lands

- Regular application process applies
- A grazing permit from the BLM or Forest Service satisfies the “Effective Control” provision
- Can be used for replacement of existing range improvements

# EQIP Eligibility and Payments

- Three parts
  - Applicant eligibility
  - Land eligibility
  - Resource concern eligibility
- Payments limited to \$450,000 for life of 2018 Farm Bill
- Historically underserved producers, including tribal members, may be eligible for increased payment rates or advance payments

# Control of the Land

- To document 'Control' or 'Effective Control' of the public land, ALL the following conditions must be met and supporting documents provided by applicant:
  - Grazing Permit and/or lease with a clearly identified grazing term covering the entire contract period.
  - Documentation identifying all permittees on a given allotment
  - Landowner Concurrence Form, email message, or letter from the appropriate signee which lists the activities to be planned and stated concurrence of those activities.
    - Signees can be BLM Field Managers or US Forest Service District Rangers



# Typical Conservation Practices on Public Land

- 314- Brush management (Pinyon/Juniper Removal etc)
- 315- Herbaceous Weed Treatment
- 382- Fence
- 516- Livestock pipeline
- 528- Prescribed Grazing
- 533- Pumping plant (solar pump etc)
- 550- Range planting
- 574- Spring development
- 614- Watering facility (water troughs, storage tank)
- 642- Water well (livestock well)
- 649- Structure for wildlife (fence markers, escape ramps in troughs, etc)

# Projects on Public Lands #1





# Projects on Public Lands #2





# Projects on Public Lands #3



# Fire Related Practices

- Can be used to improve resiliency and protect against the threat from wildland fires
- Can be used on public or private lands
- Same eligibility criteria applies (needs to be ag producer, etc.)
- Can be applied through EQIP



# Fire Related Conservation Practices

- 314 Brush Management
- 315 Herbaceous Weed Treatment
- 338 Prescribed burning
- 383 Fuel Break
- 384 Woody Residue Treatment
- 394 Firebreak
- 528 Prescribed Grazing
- 560- Access Road
- 666 Forest Stand Improvement

# Putting it all together

1

- Think about what the issues and resource concerns are for your operation

2

- Contact your local NRCS office to get an application

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- Conservation Plan development and site visit

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- Contract



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