

RESOURCE ASSESSMENTS AND CONSERVATION STRATEGIES FOR SPECIAL STATUS SPECIES - \$600,000

The President’s budget requested \$19 million to update land use plans to support sustainable resource decisions. As already noted, the Congress funded the entire \$19 million budget request. Within the budget request was \$600,000 for Resource Assessments and Conservation Strategies for Special Status Species (see the BLM Budget Justifications for FY 2001, Section I, pages 1-8). This line item, which was not a State or land use plan specific, requires additional information to allocate this funding to States.

Priority will be given to mapping and inventory work to develop regional assessments for future conservation plans. Please submit multi-State mapping or inventory proposals for habitats of species at risk that cover one of the following geographic areas:

- a. Sagebrush Ecosystem: Great Basin (NV, UT, ID)
- b. Sagebrush Ecosystem: Columbia Basin
- c. Sagebrush Ecosystem: Colorado Plateau and Wyoming Basin (CO, WY, MT)
- d. Prairie Grassland Ecosystem: Northern Shortgrass Prairie (MT, WY, ND, SD)
- e. Prairie Grassland Ecosystem: Southern Shortgrass Prairie (CO, AZ, NM)

Project proposals must be multi-state and supplement (not duplicate) existing map based information. Please describe existing map layers and data standards that will be used as baseline. Utilize the table provided below for feedback.

States Covered	Geographic Subregion	Size (Acres)	Baseline map layers	Partners (Agency & NGO's)	Species at risk	Planned Map Layers	Estimated Costs (\$000)
Example: UT, NV	Great Basin	4 MM acres	GAP veg map; soils, elev., precip.	USGS-BRD, USFS; UDWR; NDOW	sage grouse; N. shrike;	Leks; winter range, nesting, brood-rearing;	\$100