

Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act of 1998, as Amended

Eastern Nevada Landscape Restoration Project - Project Summary

Round 15

Project Name: Atlanta Road Sage Grouse Habitat Improvement Project

Round: 15 **Tab #:** 2 **Priority #:** 1

County: Lincoln

Location: Lake Valley in northeastern Lincoln County, NV.

Nominating Agency/Entity: BLM

Funding Requested: \$433,000

Recommended Funding: \$433,000

Project Description:

The Ely District BLM is proposing to conduct vegetation restoration on approximately 1,500 acres within the Lake Valley Watershed to improve habitat for the Greater Sage-grouse by reducing conifer expansion within the Southern Great Basin Priority Area for Conservation (PAC), expanding Preliminary General Habitats into adjacent transitional habitat, and restoring and enhancing sagebrush ecological communities.

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Project Name: North Schell Restoration Phase II

Round: 15 **Tab #:** 5 **Priority #:** 2

County: White Pine

Location: Schell Range north of Ely, NV

Nominating Agency/Entity: USDA FS

Funding Requested: \$1,000,847

Recommended Funding: \$1,000,847

Project Description:

The U.S. Forest Service, Ely Ranger District, will treat approximately 4,500 acres of pinyon and juniper woodlands, sagebrush steppe and seral aspen communities to restore sagebrush ecosystems to improve habitat for the Greater Sage-grouse and other wildlife and to reduce the threat of catastrophic wildfire on the Schell Range of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest. This project will implement proposed treatments outlined in the Environmental Assessment (EA) that was completed with funding in the Round 9-North Schell Restoration Phase 1 project.

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Project Name: Currant-Ellison Landscape Restoration Project Implementation

Round: 15 **Tab #:** 3 **Priority #:** 3

County: White Pine

Location: 30 miles southwest of Ely, NV

Nominating Agency/Entity: USDA FS

Funding Requested: \$821,060

Recommended Funding: \$821,060

Project Description:

The U.S. Forest Service, Ely Ranger District, will treat approximately 3,000 acres of pinyon-juniper to restore sagebrush ecosystems, improve sage-grouse and other wildlife habitats, and reduce hazardous fuels to prevent catastrophic wildfire in the Currant-Ellison Project Area on the Ely Ranger District of the Humbolt-Toiyabe National Forest in White Pine County, Nevada.

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Project Name: A Wicked Problem: Improving restoration and fuels reduction through adaptive management

Round: 15 **Tab #:** 1 **Priority #:** 4

County: White Pine

Location: Great Basin National Park

Nominating Agency/Entity: NPS

Funding Requested: \$317,015

Recommended Funding: \$317,015

Project Description:

The National Park Service, Great Basin National Park, will treat approximately 258 acres of sagebrush, 15 acres of aspen, and 27 acres of riparian ecosystems and control annual grasses on approximately 400 acres to restore low resistant and resilient sagebrush vegetation to maintain naturally functioning, sustainable landscapes of healthy sagebrush rangelands and to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire.

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Project Name: Overland Pass

Round: 15 **Tab #:** 6 **Priority #:** 5

County: White Pine

Location: 50 miles northwest of Ely, NV

Nominating Agency/Entity: USDA FS

Funding Requested: \$1,284,240

Recommended Funding: \$1,284,240

Project Description:

The U.S. Forest Service (USFS), Mountain City, Ruby Mountains, and Jarbidge Districts, will implement vegetation treatments on approximately 3,000 acres of pinyon-juniper woodlands to restore sagebrush ecosystems within priority and general habitat for the Greater Sage-grouse, improve habitat for mule deer and pronghorn antelope, and reduce the risk of high severity wildfire by reducing fuel loading. The USFS will also improve up to 10 routes, approximately 20 miles, of Level II roads which are contributing to soil erosion or pose a safety risk to the public. Although the Overland Pass project area lies in both Elko and White Pine Counties, Elko County is not eligible for SNPLMA funding in the ENLRP category. Therefore, this request is only for the White Pine County portion of the project area.

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Project Name: Table Mountain Sage Grouse Corridor

Round: 15 **Tab #:** 7 **Priority #:** 6

County: Lincoln

Location: Lake Valley Watershed, Northeastern Lincoln County

Nominating Agency/Entity: BLM

Funding Requested: \$299,250

Recommended Funding: \$299,250

Project Description:

The BLM Ely District will treat approximately 150-200 acres of conifer trees in the Lake Valley Watershed to improve habitat for the Greater Sage-grouse and to provide a connecting route (corridor) between the leks, breeding, and nesting habitat in Lake Valley to the summer brood-rearing habitat on Table Mountain. Enhancing habitat for Greater Sage-grouse is a priority to BLM to help prevent listing of the species and to protect existing populations.

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Project Name: Develop State and Transition Models Specific to Ecological Site Descriptions for White Pine and Lincoln Counties - Phase 2 Major Land Resource Areas 29 and 30

Round: 15 **Tab #:** 4 **Priority #:** 7

County: White Pine and Lincoln

Location: Lincoln and White Pine Counties

Nominating Agency/Entity: BLM

Funding Requested: \$426,530

Recommended Funding: \$0

Project Description:

The BLM will develop state and transition models for Major Land Resource Areas (MLRAs) 29 and 30 within Lincoln and White Pine Counties to assist the public and Federal land managers by providing a set of ecological site specific models that inform decisions regarding vegetation management actions on public lands. With state and transition models land managers can determine what state the plant community is in and determine if the current state needs to be modified. This allows the BLM to put funding sources toward those plant communities that either will be enhanced by treatments or where a specific desired plant community, such as habitat for desert tortoise, needs to be managed for.