

2019 CCS Credit Project Solicitation Webinar

Purpose:

- **To fund projects that will enhance or restore and protect high quality greater sage-grouse habitat in Nevada that will also create a supply of compensatory credits to be used in the Nevada Conservation Credit System.**
- **The funds available can be used for:**
 - **Habitat enhancement or restoration**
 - **Running the Habitat Quantification Tool to develop sellable credits**
 - **Developing a long-term management plan to maintain the habitat**



Nevada Conservation Credit System

- Innovative, science-based mitigation program created by Nevada, for Nevada, to provide incentives for landowners and managers to enhance and protect greater sage-grouse habitat.
- For more information on the Conservation Credit System, visit sagebrushco.nv.gov/CCS/ConservationCreditSystem/.



Eligibility Criteria

- **Location - within mapped habitat management categories.**
- **Timeline - funded actions to be implemented over next 24 months**
- **CCS Participation - must be willing to sell credits developed and commit to long-term project maintenance, as defined in the CCS**
- **Willingness to provide site information and access**
- **Habitat Quality and Quantity**
- **Enhancement or restoration actions to be implemented**

GRSG Habitat Management Category Map

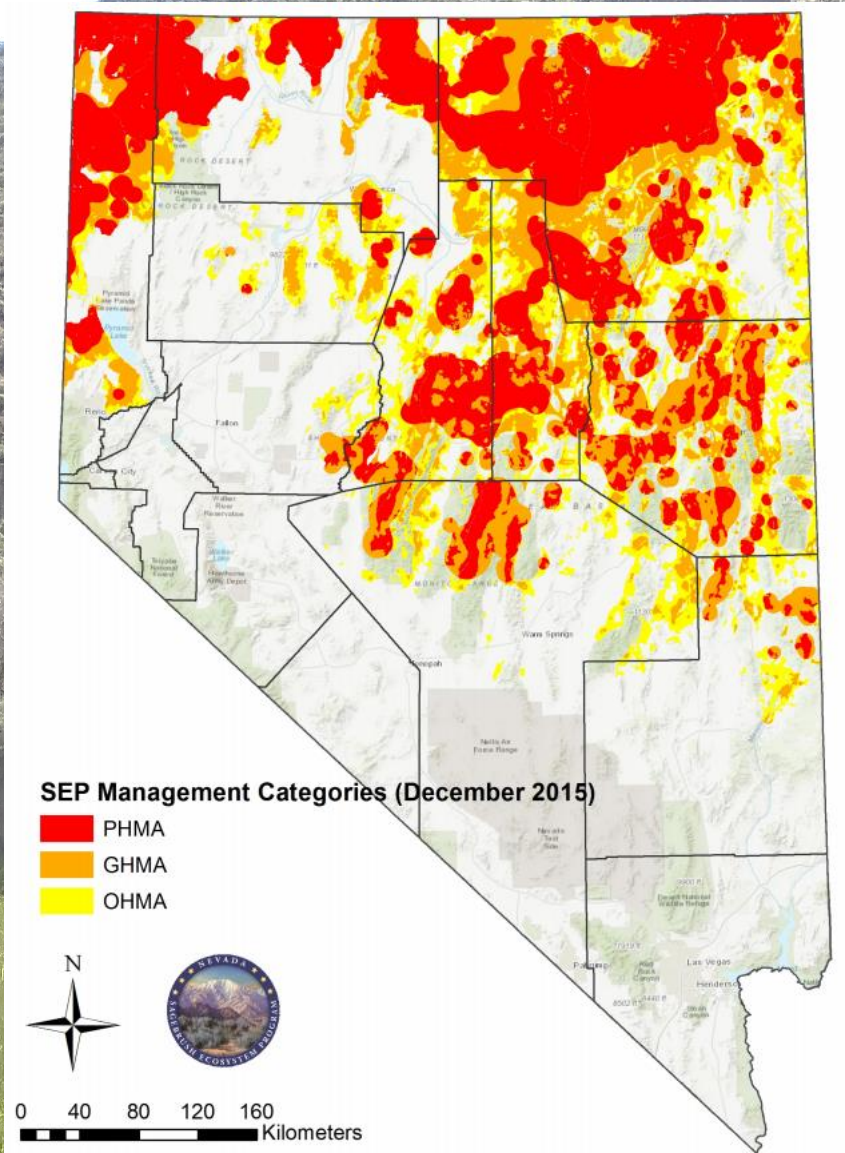
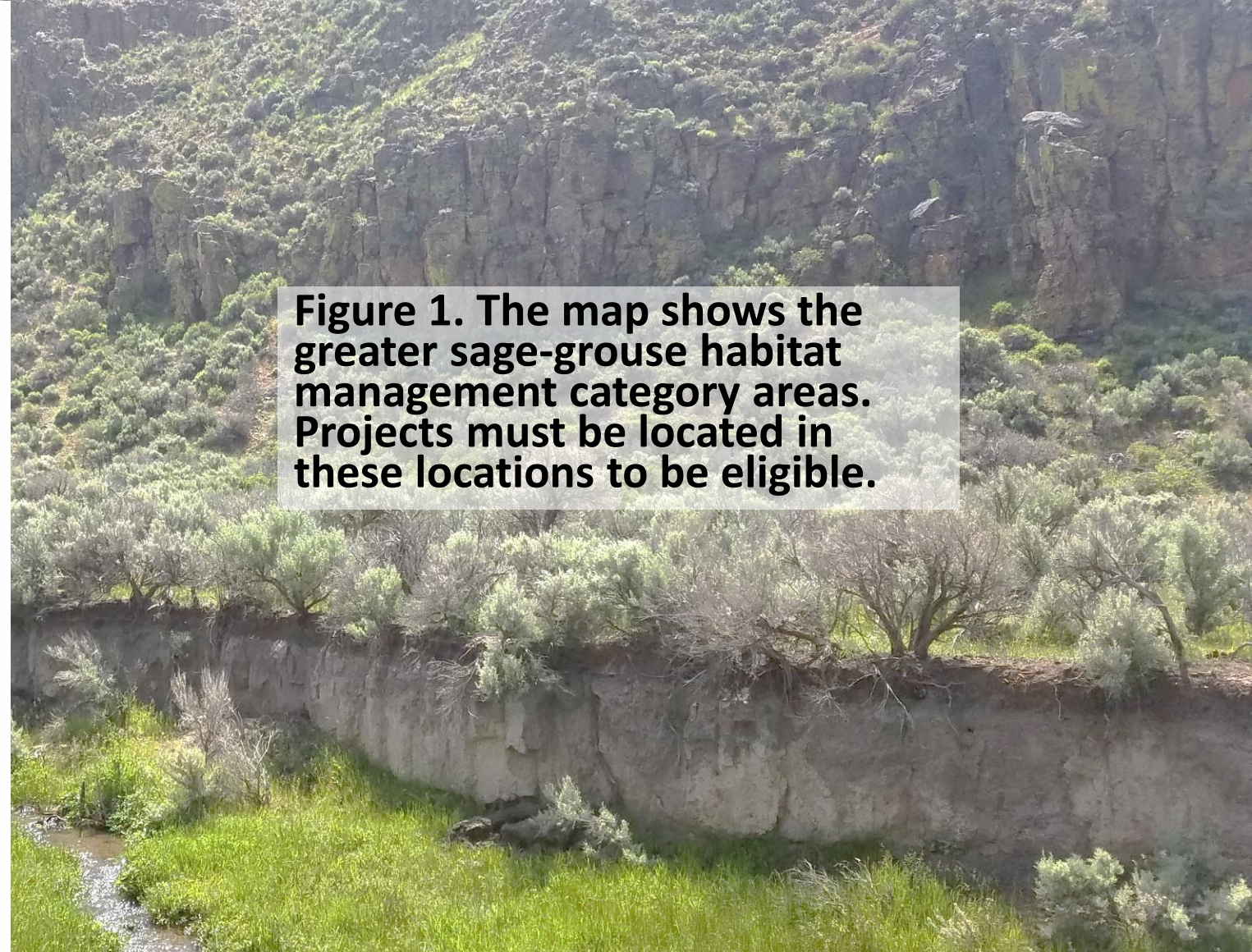


Figure 1. The map shows the greater sage-grouse habitat management category areas. Projects must be located in these locations to be eligible.



Selection Criteria

- **Project Area Habitat Quality**
- **Surrounding Habitat Suitability**
- **Risk Assessment – Invasive Annuals**
- **Risk Assessment – Wildfire**
- **Project Size**
- **Surrounding Land Ownership**
- **Active Sage-Grouse Leaks**
- **Anthropogenic Disturbance**
- **Habitat Improvement and Risk Reduction**
- **Cost Effectiveness**
- **Relevance to Areas of Elevated Priority for Mitigation**
- **Other**



Areas of Elevated Priority for Mitigation

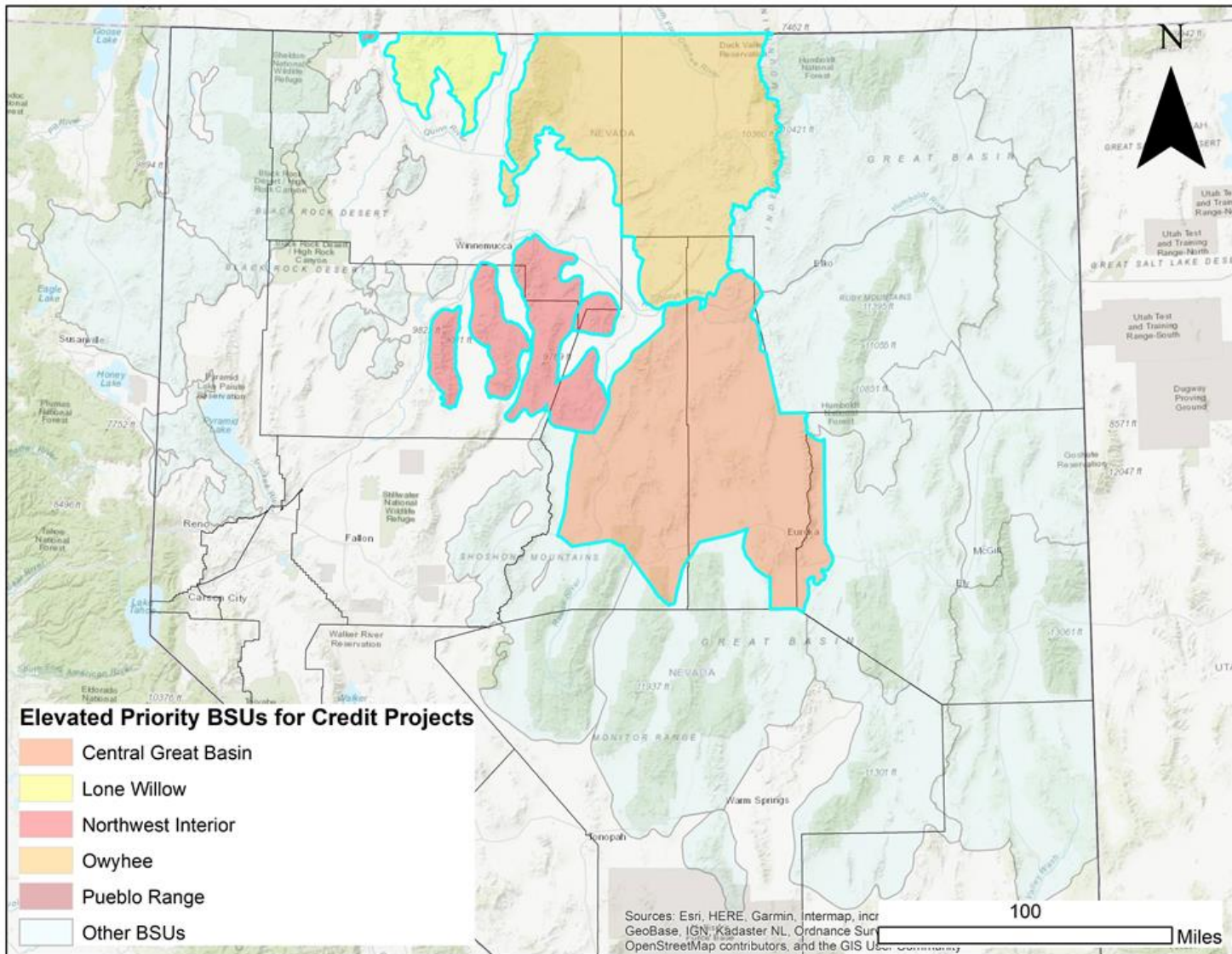


Figure 2. The map shows the Biologically Significant Areas (BSUs) most in need of credits to offset disturbances locally. Projects in these locations will receive a bonus in the ranking process.

Timeline

- **Friday, October 18th, 2019 at 10:00 am PST:** Question and Answer conference call and webinar will be held. See how to register below.
- **Friday, November 1st, 2019 at 5:00 pm PST:** Letters of Interest due.
- **Friday, November 8th, 2019 at 5:00 pm PST:** Projects selected to move forward in the process.
- **Monday, December 2nd, 2019 at 5:00 pm PST:** Final Proposals due.
- **Late December of 2019 or Early January of 2020:** Seed grant awardees announced with agreements expected to be finalized shortly thereafter.
- **April 15th to June 30th of 2020** – Habitat Quantification Tool (HQT) implementation period to determine credits available.
- **July of 2020 to spring of 2022** – Develop and finalize Management Plan development and implement habitat improvement actions.
- **Until 2030** – Implement management plan, submit annual management and monitoring reports, and if credits are not sold at an earlier date, maintain credits available for sale at a price suitable to you.

Re-Payment to the State

- **The State will recapture awarded funds as credits are sold on a per credit basis.**



Next Steps

- Contact Dan Huser at dhuser@sagebrusheco.nv.gov or Kathleen Petter at kpetter@sagebrusheco.nv.gov or call the SETT at 775-684-8600 with questions.
- Go to sagebrusheco.nv.gov/CCS/ConservationCreditSystem/ to learn more about the CCS.
- For application materials, visit sagebrusheco.nv.gov/CCS/Program_Documents/
- Complete LOI by Nov 1st.

Questions

