



The Nevada Conservation Credit System (CCS)

NRCS Resource Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) Funding Relevant to the Nevada CCS

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Overview

- RCPP is a new program created by the 2014 Farm Bill.
- It focuses on funding partner-driven, locally led conservation efforts specific to local conservation issues.
- It allows partners to propose innovative changes to current NRCS programs (e.g.,EQIP) to maximize on-the-ground conservation efforts.



Greater Outcomes for Greater Sage Grouse Project

- A joint effort in the States of Colorado and Nevada.
- Partners include Partners for Western Conservation (PWC), Colorado Cattlemen's Association, Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR), Nevada Conservation Districts Program, Colorado Department of Natural Resources, and Environmental Incentives, LLC.
- Includes \$1.9 million dollars in USDA funding.



What It Means to the CCS

- Approx. \$800K in conservation project funds for potential credit projects will be available in 2017 and 2018.
- SETT to assist with project selection, implementation, the HQT process, and project monitoring.
- A contract between the applicant and the State will ensure the HQT is run prior to expenditure of awarded funds and that the applicant agrees to attend a workshop and utilize project partners to provide technical services.
- To date, SETT staff have attended multiple meetings on rolling out the project and drafted project announcements, screening tools, and ranking questions to select applicants for awards.
- A formal announcement is expected soon to precede this year's 30 day application window.