

Working with the State of Nevada on the Greater Outcomes for Greater Sage Grouse RCPP

The Sagebrush Ecosystem Program (SEP), in coordination with several partners, is seeking producers interested in receiving financial and technical assistance through RCPP and also developing credits in the Nevada Conservation Credit System (CCS). This is a tremendous opportunity to implement valuable conservation practices that address landowner needs and the needs of sage-grouse and to generate sellable credits that could further enhance a landowners long-term goals of preserving working lands for future generations.

These RCPP funds were awarded to the State through a regional competitive grant process. Awardees are strongly encouraged to contribute 5.15% of their awarded cost-share to allow the partners to conduct a workshop and to fulfill the reporting requirements to NRCS on the deliverables achieved. The State intends to assist producers in making projects CCS ready by offering the following services:

- Staff assistance in the development of CCS management plans.
- Staff assistance in CCS annual monitoring and annual reporting efforts for a 5 year period.

* Staff assistance may also be available to assist with the initial Habitat Quantification Tool (HQT) assessment to determine pre-project habitat function and CCS credit potential. Benefits:

- Cost-shared Conservation Practices
- Technical Assistance in Conservation Planning
- Assistance in Conducting a Habitat Assessment
- Reduced Costs in Developing a Management Plan Related to the CCS
- Annual Monitoring Assistance
- Credits that can be sold by applicant

Part of Eligibility

Requirement

To Qualify, Applicants are expected to:

- Fill out a CCS Credit Site Validation Checklist with the RCPP Addendum for the potential project for the Sagebrush Ecosystem Technical Team (SETT) and have a credit estimate completed to assess credit potential.
- Ensure the HQT is completed prior to implementing on-the-ground practices to be reimbursed with Federal funds to reduce the potential for additionality issues within the CCS.
- Attend the RCPP workshop and make project information available to the State and its partners.
- Assist CD staff in developing a CCS management plan and implement it for at least a period of five years with verification to ensure habitat is maintained and/or improved.

For more information on the NV CCS, visit <u>www.sagebrusheco.nv.gov</u> or <u>www.enviroaccounting.com</u> For more information contact Dan Huser of the Nevada Sagebrush Ecosystem Technical Team at <u>dhuser@sagebrusheco.nv.gov</u> or (775) 684-8600 x22