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SUBJECT: Informational Update on 2017 State Solicitation Credit Projects

SUMMARY

The purpose of this item is to provide an update to the SEC on the projects which submitted a letter of interest for the 2017 State Solicitation. State funded projects enable credit generation through Conservation Credit System (CCS).

PROJECTS FOR WHICH LETTERS OF INTEREST WERE RECEIVED FOR FUNDING

The spreadsheet below is a preview of the 11 projects for which a letter of interest was submitted for the 2017 State Solicitation CCS funding round.

ID	County	Mgmt Category	Proposed Actions	Acres	Funds Requested¹
1	Humboldt	PHMA, GHMA, OHMA	Protecting high quality habitat, adaptive grazing management, increasing forb/protecting forbs in wet meadows, seeding sagebrush.	8,320	\$281,667.00
2	Lander	PHMA, GHMA, OHMA	Protecting high quality habitat, adaptive grazing management, removing PJ.	100	\$20,000.00
3	Humboldt, Elko, White Pine	PHMA, GHMA	Remove fencing, protecting high quality habitat, adaptive management, increasing & protecting forbs in wet meadows.	3,216	\$77,500.00
4	Lander	Unknown. Mgmt Cats & shapefiles not provided	Protecting high quality habitat, adaptive grazing management	1,650	\$64,000.00

5	Humboldt	GHMA	Protecting high quality habitat, adaptive grazing management, increasing forb/protecting forbs in wet meadows.	7,050	\$315,000.00
6	Humboldt	GHMA	Remove fencing, protecting high quality habitat, and adaptive grazing management.	650	\$224,544.00
7	Elko	PHMA	Protecting high quality habitat, adaptive grazing management, increasing/protecting forbs in wet meadows, seeding sagebrush.	7,714	\$139,000.00
8	Humboldt	Unknown. Map/GIS shapefile not provided.	Maintenance of pipeline for riparian habitat and similar work.	50,000	\$255,200.00
9	Humboldt and Elko	GHMA and OHMA	Protecting high quality habitat, adaptive grazing management, increasing/protecting forbs in wet meadows, seeding sagebrush.	5,674	\$768,907.00
10	Humboldt	Some PHMA	Remove fencing, protecting high quality habitat, adaptive grazing management, increasing/protecting forbs in wet meadows.	1,150	\$399,088.00
11	Nye	Mostly GHMA	Protecting high quality habitat, increasing/protecting forbs in wet meadows, seeding sagebrush.	257	\$96,400.00
				85,781	\$2,641,306.00

Name	County	Management Category	Proposed Actions
Crawford Cattle Co.	Humboldt, (some parcels in Elko Co.)	PHMA, GHMA, OHMA, and some SFA. Approx. half of the private land appears to be in non-habitat. Unsure if included in acreage.	Protecting high quality habitat, adaptive grazing management, removing fencing, increasing forb/protecting forbs in wet meadows, stream channel work, seeding sagebrush.
Daisy Creek	Lander	PHMA, GHMA, OHMA	protecting high quality habitat, adaptive grazing management, removing 30 acres of PJ, 20 acres of meadow restoration, stream channel work?, 25 acres of brush treatment near meadows, mark 3 miles of fence

Earthtoon Coogan	Humboldt, Elko, White Pine	All within PHMA, GHMA	remove fencing and old telephone poles and raptor perches, adding marked fencing, protecting high quality habitat, adaptive grazing management, increasing forb/protecting forbs in wet meadows, interseeding, aeration
Eureka Livestock, LLC	Lander	Unknown. Map with Mgmt Cats and GIS shapefile were not provided.	protecting high quality habitat, adaptive grazing management, increasing forb/protecting forbs in wet meadows, grazing in may and june, four miles of fencing and a cat (\$44K)
Gretch Lands	Humboldt	GHMA	protecting high quality habitat, adaptive grazing management, increasing forb/protecting forbs in wet meadows, \$120K, fencing springheads and adding water tanks, 2 miles of fencing, subdivide main meadow for rotational grazing.
Happy Creek	Humboldt	GHMA	remove 6 miles of fencing, protecting high quality habitat, adaptive grazing management (\$20K)
Heguy Ranch	Elko	PHMA	protecting high quality habitat (\$47K), adaptive grazing management including nesting areas, increasing/protecting forbs in wet meadows, seeding forns & sagebrush, riparian fencing, installation of bird deflectors/piped fencing, liberty fencing
Jordan Meadows	Humboldt	No shapefile provided but project location appears to be in PHMA and SFA.	Maintenance of pipeline, springs, ponds, tanks for riparian fencing, well development. Difficult to discern whether these things directly benefit gsg.
Oro Vaca	Humboldt and Elko	GHMA and OHMA	protecting high quality habitat, adaptive grazing management, increasing/protecting forbs in wet meadows, seeding sagebrush on 3000 acres (100K), fencing (\$389K)

RDD	Humboldt	Some PHMA, GHMA, much of the land owned is outside habitat.	remove 12 miles of fencing (\$95K), protecting high quality habitat, new proj. area fence (\$114K), adaptive grazing management, increasing/protecting forbs in wet meadows
Turk Ranch	Nye	mostly GHMA and a little OHMA	protecting high quality habitat, removal of salt brush species, lowering elev. And pumping water to new areas to expand meadow, new stock wells, increasing/protecting forbs in meadows, seeding sagebrush, approx. 3 miles of fencing on rip roads, seed and apply alfalfa mulch.

¹ Original project estimates include HQT and monitoring, some may be an overestimation.

Next Steps

The SETT is conducting the eligibility screening for the 2017 solicitation letters of interest. This process involves:

- Calculating acres in each management category within the Project Area;
- Validating the Project has the authority to create credits;
- Assessing the willingness of the Project to use the CCS;
- Comparing the dates of implementation for each Project;
- Reviewing each Project’s location;
- Evaluating strengths and weaknesses for each Project; and
- Addressing any concerns.

Current Timeline

The timelines were estimates at the time of releasing the announcement and some dates may need be adjusted accordingly.

January 20, 2017: Projects selected for full proposal development

February 28, 2017: Full proposals due

March or April 2017: The Sagebrush Ecosystem Council will approve project awards, and agreements between selected project proponents and the State will be initiated.

March - December 2017: Project implementation period

The SETT will provide a list of proposed projects to the SEC for approval at an upcoming Council meeting.