



## LETTER OF INTEREST - TO REQUEST CONSIDERATION FOR FUNDING

The *Letter of Interest* is organized into two sections:

- 1) Project Proponent and Partner Information, and
- 2) Property Information

Interested parties should complete the letter of interest using the adobe fillable form. Please respond to all questions, as it may not be possible to evaluate project eligibility if questions are left blank. If you are unsure how best to answer a question or you need additional information before responding, you are encouraged to first review the *Letter of Interest Instructions*, and if questions still remain contact Kelly McGowan ([kmcgowan@sagebrusheco.nv.gov](mailto:kmcgowan@sagebrusheco.nv.gov)) and attend the Question and Answer conference call and webinar in December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016, 11:00 a.m. PST.

Each question will allow only 300 words, but you are encouraged to submit additional supporting materials such as maps, management plans, and other materials along with your *Letter of Interest*. Complete the below questions and send to Kelly McGowan ([kmcgowan@sagebrusheco.nv.gov](mailto:kmcgowan@sagebrusheco.nv.gov)) with the *SUBJECT: 2017 Habitat Letter of Interest*, no later than **January 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 P.M. PST.**

**SECTION 1 - PROJECT PROPONENT & PARTNER INFORMATION**

1. Contact Person Name & Title	<i>Provide first and last name of authorized agent and agent's title</i>
2. Project Partners	<i>Please list all entities involved with the proposed project</i>
3. Mailing Address	<i>Provide mailing address for authorized agent</i>
4. Telephone	<i>Provide telephone number where authorized agent can be reached (home, work or cellular)</i>
5. Email Address	<i>Provide email address for authorized agent</i>
6. Other Projects	<i>If apply for more than one project, please list the mailing address and contact person for the other projects (s)</i>
7. Timeline	<i>Expected project start</i>
8. Statement of Recognition & Accuracy	<p>I am submitting this <i>Letter of Interest</i> to apply for the Sagebrush Ecosystem Program 2017 Habitat Funding. I recognize that not all projects may be eligible for participation, and not all eligible projects may be funded. I attest that the information provided in this form is accurate to the best of my ability and provide authorization to the Sagebrush Ecosystem Technical Team to contact me with questions or requests for further information.</p> <p align="center">             _____  <b>Authorized Agent</b> </p> <p align="center">             _____  <b>Date</b> </p>

**SECTION 2 - PROPERTY INFORMATION**

9. Number of Acres for Project		10. Township and Section		11. Map Delineating Project Area is Attached <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
12. What is the land ownership status of the project area? (check all that apply)	<p><i>Indicate the land ownership status of the area of the proposed project (select all applicable).</i></p> <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> State or Local Government <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal, Allotted, Ceded, or Indian Land			
13. Description of Project Area	<p><i>Please describe each discrete area defined on the required map of the project area submitted with the letter of interest, and specify the general road access to the property, and/or place names.</i></p>			
14. Is the proposed project within the Sage-Grouse Management Area?	<p><i>Indicate whether the proposed project is within the <a href="#">Sage-Grouse Management Area Map</a>. Projects must be located within the Sage-Grouse Management Area to be eligible to receive funding (select all applicable).</i></p> <p align="center">Yes <span style="margin-left: 200px;">No</span> <span style="margin-left: 200px;">Unsure</span></p>			
15. Which of the following are present on the property or within 6km of the project area?	<p><i>Please check and describe all that apply.</i></p> <input type="checkbox"/> Seeps and areas of wet meadows <i>Describe:</i>  <input type="checkbox"/> Anthropogenic disturbances (power lines, roads, mines, etc.) <i>Describe:</i>  <input type="checkbox"/> Pinyon-Juniper <i>Describe:</i>  <input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>Describe:</i>			

16. Briefly describe the current use of the land you are planning to restore, enhance or manage.

*Briefly describe the current use of the proposed project site.*

17. What habitat improvements / risk reduction activities will be implemented using the requested funds, and what is the amount of funding requested for each activity?

Please check, describe and provide the funding requested for all habitat improvement / risk reduction activities that apply.

Removing Existing Infrastructure

Describe:

Funding Requested:

Removing Pinyon-Juniper

Describe:

Funding Requested:

Protecting High Quality Habitat

Describe:

Funding Requested:

Adaptive Grazing Management

Describe:

Funding Requested:

Increasing/Protecting Forbs in Wet Meadows

Describe:

Funding Requested:

Seeding Sagebrush

Describe:

Funding Requested:

Other (please specify)

Describe:

Funding Requested:

Other (please specify)

Describe:

Funding Requested:

<p>18. What is the total amount of funding requested to implement habitat improvements / risk reduction activities?</p>	<p>Provide the total amount of funding requested, and if this number is different than the sum of funding requested under question 17, describe why it is different.</p>
<p>19. Have conservation funds ever been received to implement a conservation practice(s) within the proposed project area?</p>	<p>Indicate if you have ever received an outside source (federal, state, private or other) of funding to implement conservation on your proposed project area. If yes, provide funding source, uses of the funding and contract period for each funding source (select one).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes (describe below)                      <input type="checkbox"/> No                      <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure</p>
<p>20. Will there be any private investment contributing to habitat improvements/risk reduction activities as part of the project?</p>	<p>Indicate if you plan to match the funding request from the state with private investment. If yes, and you are willing to share this information, provide the approximate amount of investment planned, and the habitat improvement / risk reduction activities that will be implemented by this investment (select one).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes (describe below)                      <input type="checkbox"/> No                      <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure</p>
<p>21. Is any of the proposed project area covered by a conservation easement, held by a conservation organization or agency, or otherwise had conservation values protected?</p>	<p>Indicate whether there are any existing conservation easements or external conservation restrictions on the property. Provide additional clarification here if needed (select one).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes (describe below)                      <input type="checkbox"/> No                      <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure</p>
<p>22. Are you willing to participate in the Conservation Credit System?</p>	<p>Indicate your willingness to participate in the credit system and agree to maintain habitat for long-term credit generation (select one).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Not Willing    <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Willing    <input type="checkbox"/> Definitely Willing    <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know</p>
<p>23. Are you willing to provide additional site information and site access?</p>	<p>Indicate your willingness to participate in information verification discussions with the Sagebrush Ecosystem Technical Team and allow site access as needed (select one).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes                      <input type="checkbox"/> No                      <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure</p>