



# The Nevada Conservation Credit System (CCS)



## Proximity Factor Discussion

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- The proximity ratio incentivizes Debit Projects to purchase credits in close proximity to the debit site to increase the likelihood that the mitigation serves the same populations of birds that are adversely impacted by the debit site

Table 10. Proximity ratio values

Category	Factor Value
No population connection between credit and debit sites (different WAFWA Management Zone)	1.15
Credit and debit sites connected through population dispersal (same WAFWA Management Zone)	1.10
Credit and debit sites located within a regional population (same BSU, even if in different WAFWA Management Zones)	1.05
Credit and debit sites located within a single population (same PMU, even if in different WAFWA Management Zones)	1.00

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  - Preferred conservation areas are expected to be defined and incorporated into the State of Nevada Strategic Action Plan. After preferred conservation areas are defined, waiving the proximity ratio for Debit Projects that acquire credit offsets from these areas but outside of the PMU or WAFWA zone for which the debit is located will be considered. This exception will be considered as an additional method to prioritizing mitigation in areas that best serve the GRSG at a landscape-scale instead of focusing exclusively on the individual population level.



# Proximity Factor Removal

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- SAP in process
  - Looking at a combination of
    - Sage Grouse Initiative's Sagebrush Core Areas
    - USGS's Priority and Priority Plus Habitat
    - NDOW's Connectivity Corridors
  - Request to remove proximity ratio in Public Lands projects that occur in high quality habitat until the SAP maps can be finalized and then follow the directive in the manual

QUESTIONS?

THANK YOU!