

Nevada Sagebrush Ecosystem Program

Discussion and Consideration of the use of the
Proximity Factor in the Conservation Credit
System

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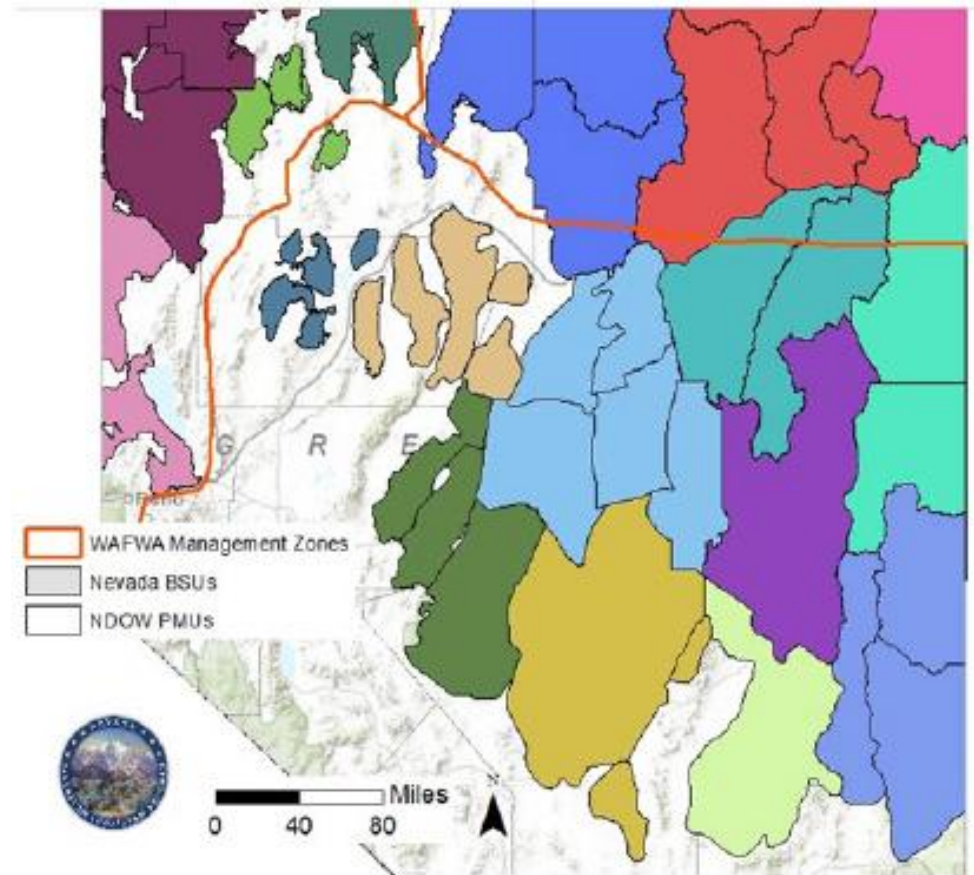
Goals

Today's Goals:

1. Share current metrics on proximity factor usage
2. Facilitate the Council's discussion if there is a desire to modify policies
 - A Council Member requested a discussion during the August 2025 meeting

Current Policies

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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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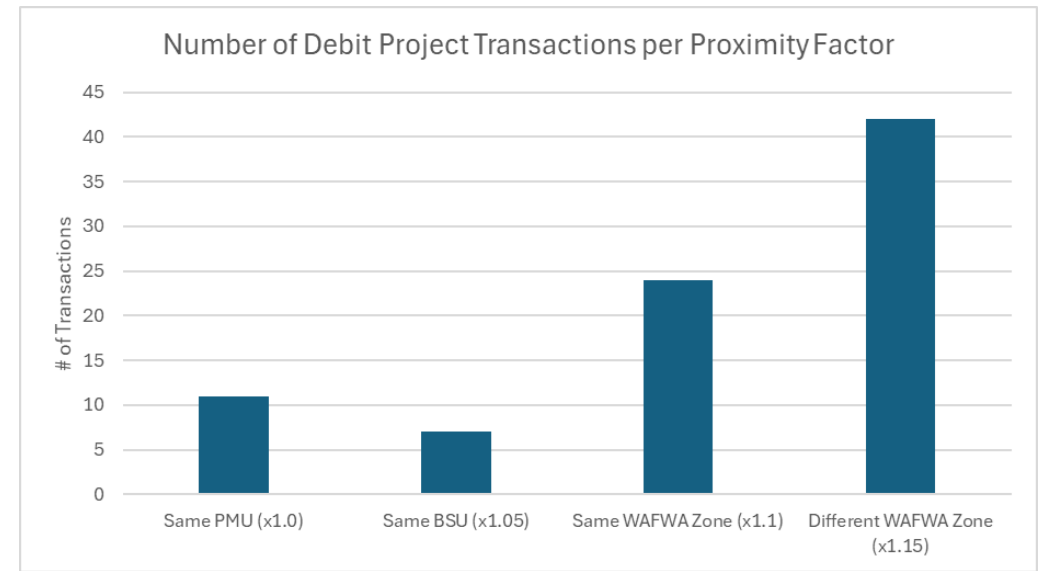
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How often are proximity factors used?

To date, we have completed 84 credit transactions

- Different WAFWA Zone (1.15): 42 transactions; 50% of total transactions
- Same WAFWA Zone (1.10): 24 transactions; 29% of total transactions
- Same BSU (1.05): 7 transactions; 8% of total transactions
- Same PMU (1.00): 11 transactions; 13% of total transactions

Approximately, 992 credits have been sold specifically to offset a proximity factor (6.9% of the total credits transactions)



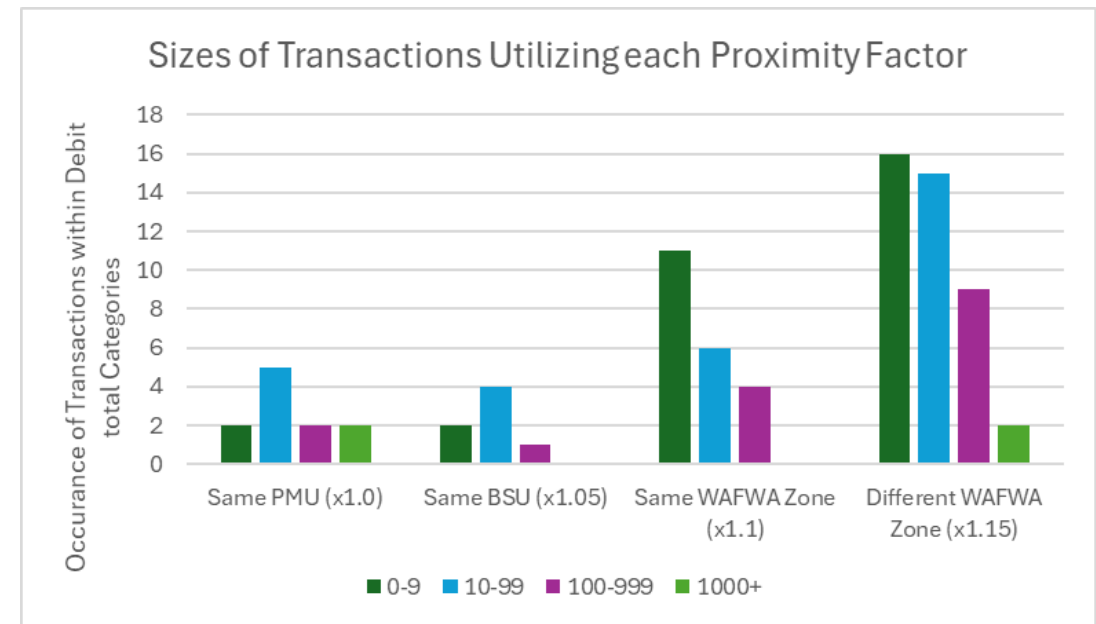
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How often are proximity factors used?

To date, we have transacted 15,343 debits

- Different WAFWA Zone (1.15): 49% of all transacted debits
- Same WAFWA Zone (1.10): 17% of all transacted debits
- Same BSU (1.05): 4% of all transacted debits
- Same PMU (1.00): 30% of all transacted debits

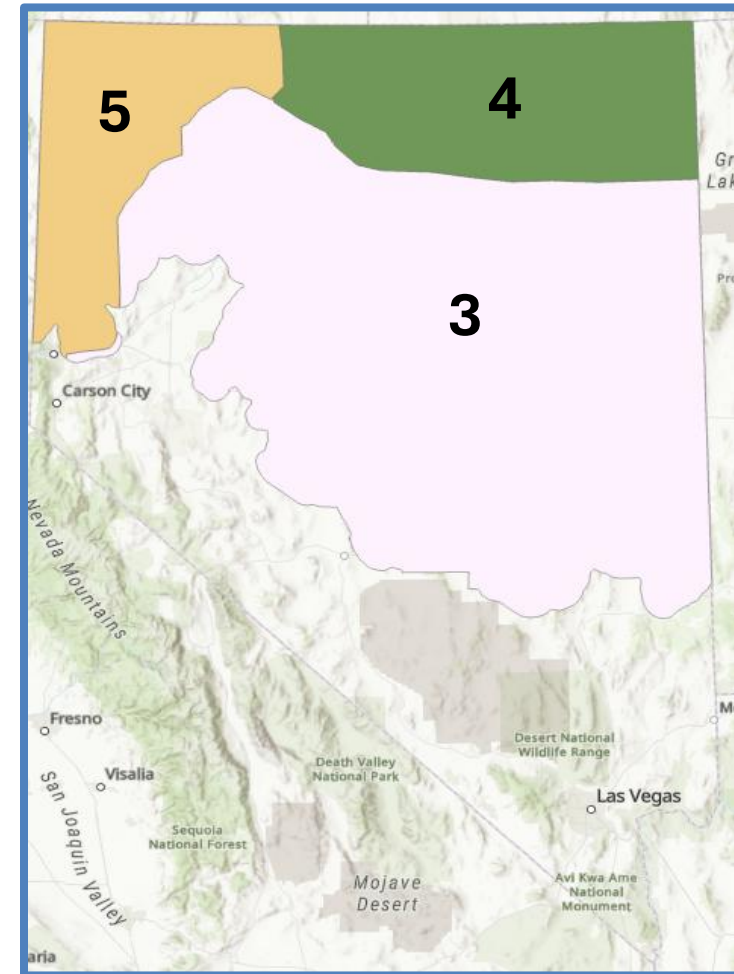
In general, no relationship seems to exist between debit amount and proximity factor.



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CCS Credit Projects Per WAFWA

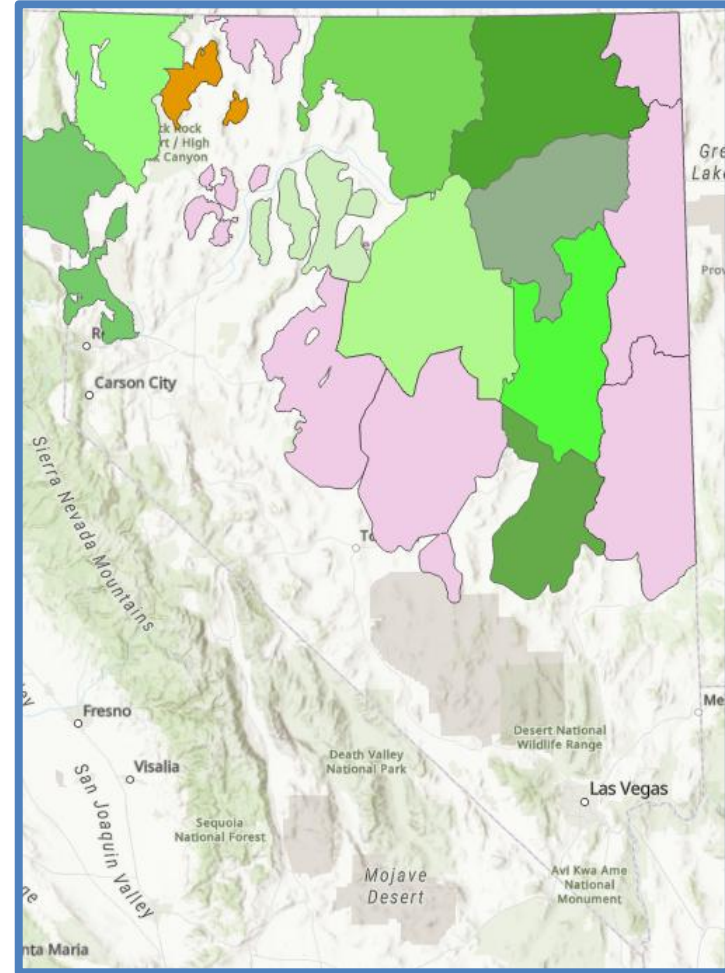
WAFWA Zone 3: 11 Projects; 10,452 credits
WAFWA Zone 4: 20 Projects; 48,396 credits
WAFWA Zone 5: 8 Projects; 2,629 credits



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CCS Projects Per BSU

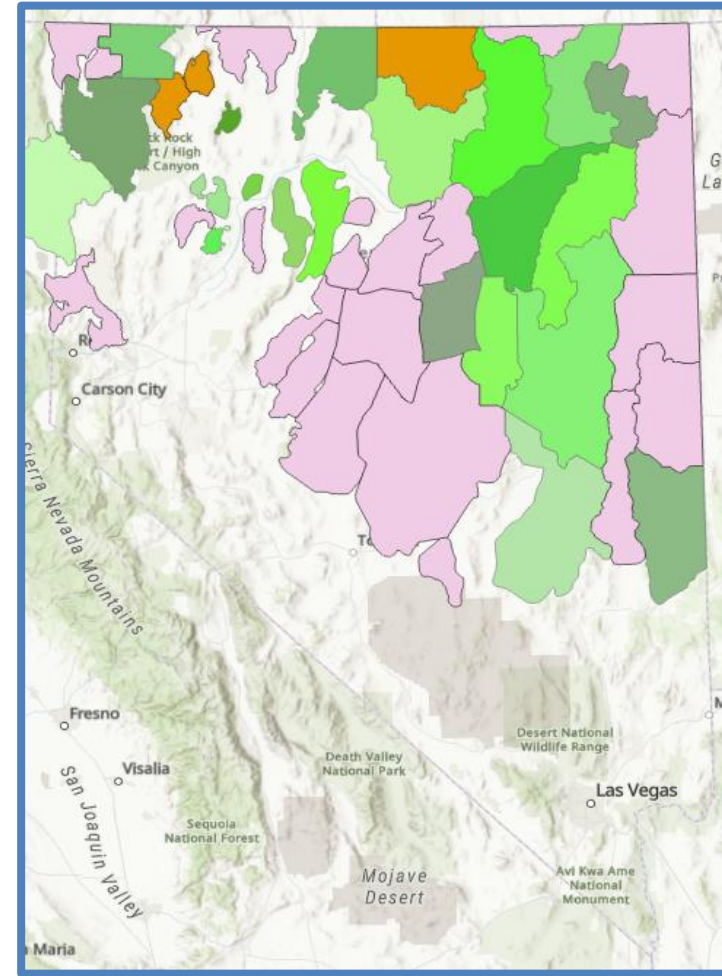
- 7 BSUs host a Debit Project but no Credit Project
 - Pink = Debits exist but no Credits
 - Orange = Credits exist but no Debits



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CCS Projects Per PMU

- 18 PMUs host a Debit Project but no Credit Project
 - Pink = Debits exist but no Credits
 - Orange = Credits exist but no Debits



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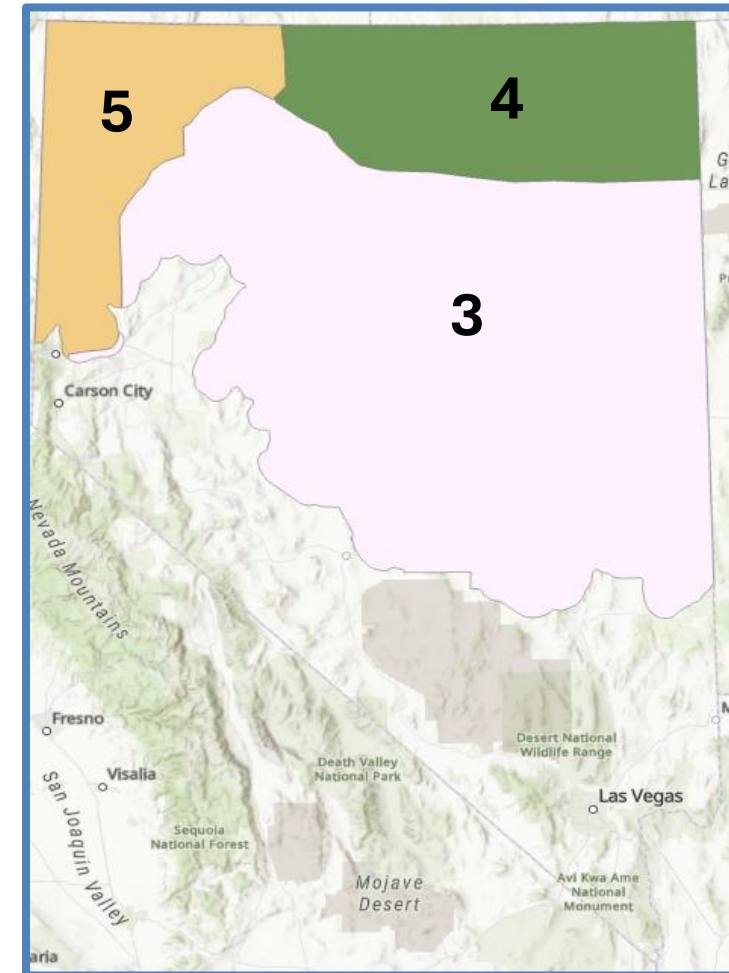
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Summary

- In summary
 - Proximity factor does not seem to dissuade purchasing outside of the affected GRSG population
 - The debit projects purchase what is overall cheapest by market prices and what is available.



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