



NEVADA CONSERVATION CREDIT SYSTEM

CREDIT PROJECT APPLICATION

This Credit Project Application is used to express interest in generating credits within the Nevada Conservation Credit System and provide basic information about a potential credit project in order to confirm the project is eligible to generate credits. The Credit Project Application is filled out by the Credit Developer or a knowledgeable Technical Support Provider to the best of their ability and submitted to the Sagebrush Ecosystem Technical Team (SETT). Should shapefiles or documents be missing, the submission will be deemed incomplete.

The SETT will evaluate the proposed project and may follow-up with the Credit Developer to collect additional information. If the Credit Project Application criteria are met, the SETT will issue a notice to proceed to indicate the proposed project will likely be eligible to sell or transfer credits and may move forward with project design.

SIGNATURE

I am submitting this Credit Project Application to indicate interest in generating credits within the Nevada Conservation Credit System. I recognize that not all projects may be eligible for participation. To be awarded credits under the Nevada Conservation Credit System, my project must fulfill all requirements described in the Nevada Conservation Credit System Manual. Credit estimates must be verified by the SETT. I attest that the information provided in this application is accurate to the best of my ability.

Credit Developer (or Authorized Agent)

Date

Project ID	Date Received	WAFWA Zone	PMU	BSU
OWNER OR CREDIT DEVELOPER CONTACT INFORMATION				
Credit Developer Name	Provide first and last name of Credit Developer.		Contact Person Name & Title	Provide first and last name of authorized agent and agent's title.
Mailing Address	Provide mailing address for Credit Developer.		Mailing Address	Provide mailing address for authorized agent.
Telephone	Provide telephone number where Credit Developer can be reached (home, work or cellular).		Telephone	Provide telephone number where authorized agent can be reached (home, work or cellular).
Email	Provide email address for Credit Developer.		Email	Provide email address for authorized agent.

For Internal Purposes only:

Issue Notice to Proceed?

☐ Yes☐ No

Sett Member Initials:

Notes:

PROJECT INFORMATION

Property Location

Specify the county in which the proposed project site is located and general road access and/or place names. Provide the Township, Range and Section if possible. Attach a map showing the proposed project boundaries and provide a shapefile of the boundary.

☐ Map or shapefile of proposed credit project area is included

Number of acres you are considering for enrollment in the Credit System

Provide the total number of acres of the proposed project site. An estimate or range is sufficient.

Surrounding Impacts

Is the land adjacent to Public land or Private land not managed by the Credit Developer?

☐ Yes, Public ☐ Yes, Private ☐ No

Is the proposed project separated from the neighboring properties by a fence?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Partially

If not, are there opportunities for activities on adjacent lands outside of the control of the Credit Developer to affect the proposed project?

☐ Yes What? _____ ☐ No

Briefly describe the current use of the land you are planning to restore, enhance or manage for credits under this program

Briefly describe the current use of the proposed project site.

Briefly describe the proposed credit project and anticipated benefits to greater sage-grouse

Briefly describe any possible uplift or restoration needs, proposed enhancements or changes in management activities, and the anticipated benefits to greater sage-grouse.

Would you have interest in a term or permanent commitment or both? And if so for how long?

Indicate preference to participate in permanent conservation or a term contract (minimum 30 years in increments of 5 years). This Response is NOT a binding commitment. If not known, check "unsure". Provide additional clarification here if needed.

☐ Permanent contract ☐ Term contract: _____ years ☐ Unsure

PROPERTY & OWNERSHIP QUESTIONS	
Is the proposed project within the Sage-Grouse Management Area?	Indicate whether the proposed project is within the Sage-Grouse Management Area. Credit projects must be located within the Sage-Grouse Management Area to be eligible to participate in the Credit System. ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure
What is the land ownership status of the area of the proposed project (check all that apply)?	Indicate the land ownership status of the area of the proposed project. ☐ Private ☐ State or Local Government ☐ Federal ☐ Tribal, Allotted, Ceded, or Indian Land
How will the Credit Developer certify control of the land of the proposed project area?	Indicate how the Credit Developer will certify control of the surface, water, and sub-surface (mineral) rights of the proposed project area. Please attach a copy of proof of control. ☐ I own the property and will provide proof in the form of an Owner's (Title) Policy (which includes and all water rights and subsurface rights) ☐ I do not have an Owner's (Title) Policy; I have control over the following and will provide copies of the appropriate documents showing proof of control ☐ Land Ownership (Deed) ☐ Water Rights ☐ Sub-surface/Mineral Rights (with permit #s) ☐ I have a written Lease Agreement for any of the above (describe, including start and end dates for the lease): ☐ Other agreement or legal conveyance for any of the above (describe):
Has the proposed project area ever received funding to implement a conservation project (e.g., Farm Bill funds) or participated in another credit market?	Indicate if you have ever received an outside source of funding to implement conservation on your proposed project area. If yes, describe the funding source. This includes Farm Bill (i.e. EQIP) funds. This will not preclude you from participation in the Credit System. If yes, please specify here. ☐ Yes (describe:) ☐ No ☐ Unsure
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?	Indicate whether there are any existing conservation easements or external conservation restrictions on the property. Please provide a copy of the Easement Documentation and provide additional clarification here if needed. ☐ Yes (describe:) ☐ No ☐ Unsure

Uplift and Maintenance Acknowledgements

All projects will be required to conduct some form of uplift and implement new management actions and maintenance of such, depending on the results of the HQT field data. Required management actions that could be addressed are listed below. Plans can be simple or complex, depending on individual situations. The only exemption to this is if the field results show pristine habitat that cannot be improved in any way. Implementation of these actions may be contingent upon sale of credits and will be planned collaboratively with the land manager to ensure feasibility and affordability. Depending on funding and staff availability, assistance may be available to cover the upfront costs of supplies and labor for certain actions. Additional credits may also be generated depending on the success of these actions.

- If Proper Functioning Conditions show a degradation of riparian health in the stream or meadow systems: Implementing a plan to trend towards Proper Functioning Condition.
- If noxious weeds or invasive annual grasses are present: Implementing a planned noxious weed treatment and invasive annual grass strategy. Flexibility on the type of treatment is allowed for Certified Organic Ranching depending on the severity of the invasion.
- If a map unit shows little to no habitat function and has the ecological potential to be improved: Implementing a restoration strategy to return it to higher-quality habitat (e.g. noxious or invasive plant treatments, seeding, sagebrush planting, soil amendments, fencing) etc.
- If Phase I or II Pinyon or Juniper stands (PJ) are located on the project site: PJ will be removed.
- Implementing a grazing management plan. The guideline for an approved grazing management plan is located on the Sagebrush Ecosystem Program website [here](#).
- Implement wildlife friendly haying methods. The guideline for approved haying methods is located on the Sagebrush Ecosystem Program website [here](#).
- New permanent or temporary fencing to provide adequate rest/recovery of restoration areas as applicable.

Do you understand the requirements and are you agreeable to them?

- ☐ Yes, I agree to work with the SETT to improve degraded areas or those of diminished quality within the project area.
- ☐ No, I do not agree to implement uplift or to change management on the project area.

Please state why:

Do you agree to maintain the work set forth by these requirements for the duration of the project?

- ☐ Yes, I agree to maintain the actions taken to improve the habitat within the project area.
- ☐ No, I do not agree to maintain these actions.

Please state why:

Upon sales of credits, all projects will be required to set aside a sum of money in an account for financial assurance of the continual maintenance and monitoring of the project or the areas relevant to the transaction for its duration. These assurances will be agreed upon by both the project proponent and the SETT and may vary from project to project based on factors such as maintenance and monitoring costs, and the interest percentage of the chosen financial assurance instrument, among others. On average, the amount required for continual maintenance and monitoring of the project is equal to about 1/3 of the sale price. However, maintenance and monitoring of the Project Area are the fiscal responsibility of the Participant if the funds established in the Financial Assurance instrument are depleted prior to the end of the project duration.

Do you understand the requirement and are you agreeable to it?

- ☐ Yes, I agree to set aside a sum of money for the maintenance and monitoring of the project for its duration.
- ☐ No, I do not agree to set aside a sum of money for this purpose.

Please state why:



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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF USE

I acknowledge that the Sagebrush Ecosystem Program (SEP, Program) requires the submittal of various forms of documentation pertaining to my project(s). I also acknowledge that the members of the SEP may take photos during scheduled visits for their own records. Accordingly, I acknowledge that all of the files and information I submit to the SEP and that the SEP collects becomes available for use by the SEP for the purposes of implementing the Program. Program implementation includes, but is not limited to, necessary registry, educational, promotional, and/or other lawful activities. I will hold the SEP free of liability for the exchange of this information and any other reasonable and necessary information incident to the requirements of the Program.

Name of Owner (Print): _____ Date: _____

Name of Authorized Agent (Print): _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Project: _____