

Project Summary

Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

Project Title: Implementing Landscape Scale Management to Sustain Endemic Grassland Birds in North Central Montana

Discipline: Natural
Type of Project: Research
Funding Agency: Bureau of Land Management
Other Partners/Cooperators: University of Montana
Effective Dates: 9/1/2010 - 9/30/2015
Funding Amount: \$68,000 [FY11: \$63,000; FY10: \$5000]

Investigators and Agency Representative:

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Project Abstract:

The objective of this project is 1) to identify environmental condition and management practices that will maintain habitat for grassland birds within a multiple use framework, 2) to identify areas on the landscape that have the greatest conservation potential for grassland birds, 3) initiate management actions to improve grassland bird habitat, and 4) evaluate the effects of management actions and compare to model predictions.

Outcomes: Final report - September 20, 2015

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