

Project Summary

Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

Project Title: Ecological Evaluation of the NRCS Sage-Grouse Initiative

Type of Project: Technical Assistance

Project Discipline: Natural

Funding Agency: NRCS

Other Partners/Cooperators: University of Montana

Effective Dates: 9/23/2010 - 12/31/2013

Funding Amount: \$700,000 [FY11: \$250,000; FY10: \$450,000]

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Project Abstract: Conduct a wide-range assessment of greater sage-grouse habitat and population response to NRCS conservation efforts associated with its sage-grouse conservation initiative being implemented in the western states.

Benefits - This partnership will provide the USDA and NRCS with tools necessary to develop sustainable agricultural policies that protect natural resources, particularly sage-steppe ecosystems and associated wildlife resources including sage-grouse.

Outcomes with completion dates: December 31, 2013

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