

Dream Tag Charitable Fund 2012 Request for Proposal
 Rock Spring and Meadow Habitat Improvement Project

Organization Name:	Nevada Department of Wildlife			
Organization Type:	501(c)(3) EIN#	Governmental entity? Yes State Government		
Address:	1100 Valley Road Reno, Nevada 89512			
Project Name:	Rock Springs Meadow Fencing and Sage Grouse Habitat Improvement Project			
Amount requested: \$4,900.00	Website: www.ndow.org			
This funding will be used to (complete this sentence with a max of 2 sentences):	This funding will be used to supply seeds and other plant materials for a meadow restoration project on the Winecup-Gamble Ranch's private land.			
Key People:	Director:	Ken Mayer		
	Board Chair:			
	Project Contact:	Name:	Dr. Lee Turner	
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Organization Mission:	The NDOW manages, protects, and restores Nevada's wildlife and its habitat, and promotes safe boating on Nevada waters.			
Project is on (check one) <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private land.				
Are government permits or decision documents needed for the project? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If so, are those permits and decision documents already secured? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If permits and decision documents are needed but not yet secured, in #4 of the Narrative Requirements provide a list of permits and documents needed and a schedule for securing them.				

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT UNDER CONSIDERATION

Indicate the description that best fits the project you are proposing. Mark no more than three categories:

- A. Projects that improve, protect, or restore habitat
- B. Projects that embrace unique opportunities for advancing the mission of wildlife conservation in Nevada
- C. Projects that address emergent needs
- D. Other projects that meet the evaluation criteria

Specific Project Goals and Measurable Outcomes

The main goal of the Rock Springs habitat project is to restore ecological function to a spring/meadow complex owned and managed by the Winecup-Gamble Ranch. The meadow has been heavily impacted by development and livestock grazing for many decades. The outflow channels from Rock Springs are downcut and the meadow has been overgrazed and has much reduced value for sage grouse and other wildlife species. The US Fish & Wildlife Service, NDOW and the Winecup-Gamble (WG) have entered into an agreement to fence Rock Springs, the meadow and approximately 500 acres of the surrounding sagebrush and stream channel habitat. Cattle grazing will be removed for the foreseeable future. The WG plans to graze domestic horses for two weeks each spring in the meadow then remove the domestic use.

In addition to the fencing, the plan includes a revegetation effort within the five acre meadow and surrounding sagebrush vegetation. The seeding effort will include native species such as forbs that are preferred by sage grouse and other wildlife, grasses and shrubs. The seed mix will include yarrow (*Achillea millefolium*), penstemon (*Penstemon sp*), globemallow (*Sphaeralcea ambigua*), bluebunch wheatgrass (*Pseudoroegneria spicata*), squirrel tail (*Elymus elymoides*), big sagebrush (*Artemisia tridentata*), bitterbrush (*Purshia tridentata* and *P. stansburyana*) and other species. Bare root shrubs will be installed along the margins of the meadow and the species are big sagebrush (*Artemisia tridentata*), bitterbrush (*Purshia tridentata* and *P. stansburyana*).

Measurable outcomes for the entire project will include the replaced fences and expanded grazing enclosure as well as increased abundance and cover of native plant species common to wet meadows. Additionally, sage grouse use of the habitat will be monitored by NDOW and the WG and an increase in bird use is anticipated as the vegetation becomes more desirable.

Project Location

The project is located on the Winecup-Gamble Ranch near Montello in Elko County, NV (Figure 1). Rock Springs is found on Elko County Road 763 approximately 55 miles northeast of Wells, NV. Rock Springs is found on T44N R67E, Sections 3, 4, 9, 10 and 15.

Project Description

Figure 1 shows Rock Springs and the fencing project outline and the meadow where the revegetation work will occur.

Principals Involved

James Rogers (Winecup-Gamble Ranch manager), Connie Lee (NDOW Private Lands Program Manager), Lee Turner (NDOW and NPCD,) Chris Jasmine (US Fish & Wildlife Service Biologist) are the primary leads for the Rock Spring/Meadow enhancement project. Since the work is entirely on private land, all final decisions will be made by the Winecup-Gamble manager James Rogers.

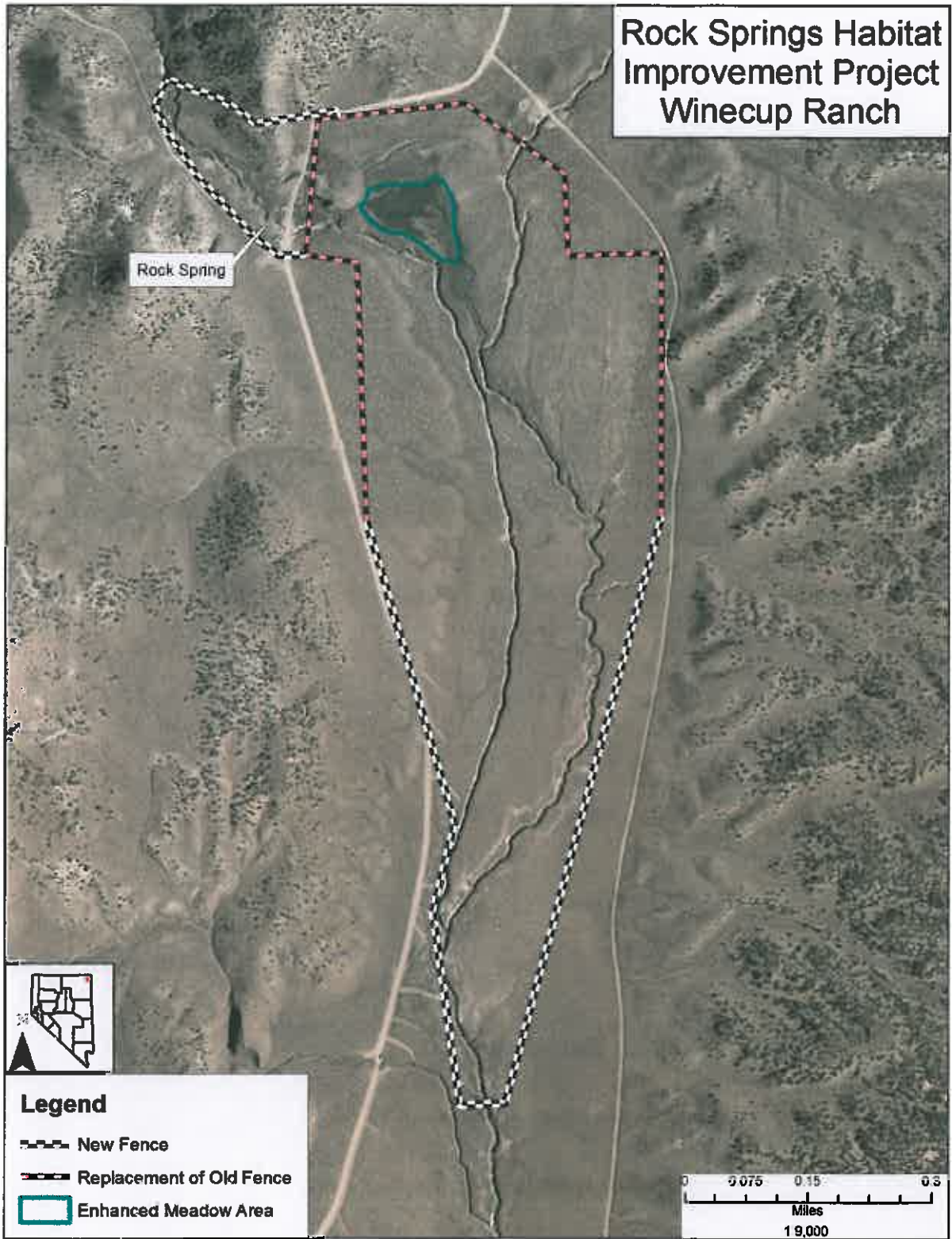


Figure 1. Map of Rock Spring/Meadow Habitat Improvement Projects.

Permitting

The work that this funding would support is being performed on private lands. The nature of the treatments does not require any National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) or State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) analyses. The Winecup-Gamble landowners initiated the project work and are actively and enthusiastically participating in all aspects of the habitat improvement projects.

Future Phases

The funding applied for in this Dream Tag request is to be allocated in FY13 and not intended to be used in phases. It is likely that the revegetation work in the meadow and surrounding sagebrush will be accomplished over several years. The initial plan is to remove heavy livestock use and once that is accomplished natural recovery combined with the seeding and bare root plantings will likely reveal situations that will require attention and input over the next few years. For example, it is not clear how much impact by noxious weeds can be anticipated given the heavy livestock use and it may take one or more growing seasons for weeds to begin to colonize the sites. Future work will be required to account for this sort of unknown.

Time Line

- Treatment areas (Rock Spring and meadow) located in 2012
- Initial funding sources secured and verified in spring and summer 2012
- Permanent plots located and vegetation sampled in July 2012
- It is anticipated that a fencing contractor and the WG staff will begin removing the old fence and installing new fencing in fall 2012 and will work until winter weather prevents continued activity
- Meadow will be seeded in early winter 2012
- Fires within the project sites may alter scheduled activities but as of August 18, 2012 none of the selected treatment sites had been impacted by wildfire

Success and Measuring Results

The Nevada Partners for Conservation and Development (NPCD) installed and sampled permanent vegetation sampling locations across the project site in 2012 prior to any vegetation treatments. The project area will be revisited by the NPCD two and four years following treatments to resample the permanent plots. Once treatments are begun the NPCD will revisit the permanent vegetation sampling locations, recollect the vegetation data then compare the results to the goals and aims of the project. This allows for project success or some deviation from success to be quantitatively determined. Should there be deviation from original project goals, adaptive management strategies may be employed. At this early stage in the process it is difficult to be explicit as to specific adaptive strategies however past experience with meadow restoration suggests that unforeseen noxious weed species and additional seeding of native species are often situations that require adaptive strategies.

Staff Positions

The US Fish and Wildlife Service, NDOW and NPCD biologists as well as the manager of the Winecup-Gamble Ranch are dedicated on a part-time basis to this project. No salary money is being requested via this Dream Tag proposal. All salary for state and federal employees is generated by other sources.

Volunteers Involved

The Winecup-Gamble Ranch is providing volunteers to work on various aspects of the fence removal and new fence installation. At this time it is not clear what the entire pool of additional volunteers will be and other local groups such as the Shoesole Group are being asked to provide volunteers to aid in the seeding and other project work.

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Grant Match

Grant Amount Provided: \$151,400

Match details:

This Dream Tag proposal is not intended to be the primary source of funding for the Rock Spring/Meadow Enhancement projects. The total match budget of secured funding (including in-kind) is \$151,400.00 and budget detail is provided. The total budget of non-federal monies necessary to satisfy the Dream Tag requirement of at least 25% match has been met and exceeded. The Dream Tag request is being made to allow for the overall effectiveness and collaborative nature of the project to be expanded.

For most habitat projects, numerous funding sources are necessary and each source applied for has a match requirement. Obtaining the \$4,900.00 requested here will allow leveraging of an additional \$15,000.00 in federal funds for habitat improvement work.

Existing Funding and In-Kind Breakdown (does not include Dream Tag request)

1. Cash Funding Sources

a. US Fish and Wildlife Service Grant	\$	25,000.00
b. Landowner Incentive Program (NDOW & NRCS)	\$	89,000.00
c. Nevada Partners for Conservation and Development	\$	3,500.00
d. Winecup-Gamble Ranch	\$	25,900.00
e. <i>Total Other Funding Sources</i>	\$	<i>143,500.00</i>

2. In-Kind Services and Donations for This Project

a. Volunteer Time	\$	8,000.00
b. TOTAL MATCH BUDGET (As of August 16, 2012)	\$	151,400.00

The funding that is being held by the applicant for this project applies to USFWS funding.

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Budget

Budget Item Description	DTS	Other Funding Name	Match \$	Project Total	Expenditure to Date DT	Expenditure to Date
Fence materials, new cattle guards and livestock drinkers	0.00	See note	120,900.00	120,900.00		
Seeds and bare root plants	4,900.00	See note	2,000.00	6,900.00		
NPCD Vegetation Monitoring	0.00	See note	3,500.00	3,500.00		
Fence Contractor (includes in-kind)**	0.00	See note	25,000.00	25,000.00		
TOTAL	4,900.00		151,400.00	156,300.00		

Note: Funding sources are mixed from the USFWS, NDOW, NRCS and Winecup-Gamble Ranch monies.

**In-kind volunteer time is added to the fence contractor so that as much as possible of the fencing work will be accomplished via volunteer labor.

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Budget Status Report - Receipts/Funding

Fiscal Year: 2013

Fund: 101 GENERAL FUND

Agency: 702 WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT

Budget Account: 4467 HABITAT

Organization: 0000 WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT

	YTD Actual	Work Program	Difference
Total Receipts/Funding	409,440.47	4,493,630.00	-4,084,189.53

Code	Description	YTD Actual	Work Program	Difference
3500	FEDERAL RECEIPTS	.00	.00	.00
3501	FEDERAL RECEIPTS-A	.00	.00	.00
3502	FED WILD RESTORATION FW3T	.00	686,306.00	-686,306.00
3503	FED WILD RESTORATION FW4D	.00	1,061,433.00	-1,061,433.00
3504	FED WILD RESTORATION W61	.00	152,496.00	-152,496.00
3505	FED WILD RESTORATION W58	.00	506,085.00	-506,085.00
3510	FED WILD RESTORATION FW24	.00	414,515.00	-414,515.00
3520	FED SPORTFISH FW3T	.00	245,890.00	-245,890.00
3521	FED SPORTFISH FW4D	.00	224,425.00	-224,425.00
3524	FED SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM	.00	.00	.00
3525	FED NAT'L COOP STATS SYS	.00	.00	.00
3594	STATEWIDE WILDLIFE GRANT	.00	.00	.00
3595	FED BLM GRANT	.00	.00	.00
3597	FED DINGELL JOHNSON AID	.00	.00	.00
4760	TRANS UNRESTRICTED REVENUE	374,130.97	761,701.00	-387,570.03
4763	TRANS HABITAT CONSERVE FEE	15,464.63	113,446.00	-97,981.37
4765	TRANS DUCK STAMP	.00	95,246.00	-95,246.00
4767	TRANS MINING ASSESSMENT	6,931.13	86,344.00	-79,412.87
4768	TRANS UPLAND GAME STAMP	12,913.74	145,743.00	-132,829.26

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	YTD Actual	Work Program	Difference
Total Expenditures	349,552.18		
Total Encumbrances	.00		
Total Pre-encumbrances	.00		
Total Obligations	349,552.18	4,493,630.00	4,144,077.82

Category	Description	Expended	Encumbered	Pre-encumbered	Obligated	Work Program	Difference
01	PERSONNEL SERVICES	213,848.58	.00	.00	213,848.58	2,347,788.00	2,133,939.42
04	OPERATING	.00	.00	.00	.00	4,211.00	4,211.00
10	CARSON WETLANDS	1.09	.00	.00	1.09	126,184.00	126,182.91
11	TECHNICAL GUIDANCE	910.12	.00	.00	910.12	14,774.00	13,863.88
12	WMA SYSTEM	98,929.14	.00	.00	98,929.14	442,939.00	344,009.86
13	SAGEBRUSH ECOSYSTEM RESTORATN	13,768.24	.00	.00	13,768.24	413,331.00	399,562.76
14	HABITAT REHAB/RESTORATION	1,973.35	.00	.00	1,973.35	136,381.00	134,407.65
15	UPLAND GAME	1,266.77	.00	.00	1,266.77	29,384.00	28,117.23
16	WILDLIFE WATER DEVELOPMENT	18,506.86	.00	.00	18,506.86	110,594.00	92,087.14
17	WILDLIFE MINING REHABILITATION	168.19	.00	.00	168.19	24,325.00	24,156.81
18	DUCK STAMP PROJECTS	179.84	.00	.00	179.84	69,125.00	68,945.16
20	TRANSFER VEHICLES	.00	.00	.00	.00	769,346.00	769,346.00
26	INFORMATION SERVICES	.00	.00	.00	.00	5,248.00	5,248.00

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