

Dream Tags Charitable Fund
Open Request for Proposal
Cover Sheet

Organization Name: Nevada Department of Wildlife				
Organization Type: 501(c)(3) EIN# _____ Governmental entity? Yes				
Address: 6980 Sierra Center Parkway, Suite 120, Reno Nevada 89511				
Project Name: Seeds for 2016 wildfire habitat restoration projects				
Amount requested: \$100,000		Website: www.ndow.org		
Project start date 11/2016		Project completion date 05/2017		
This funding will be used to supplement seed mixes the federal agencies are putting on high priority wildlife habitat burned in 2016 wildfires.				
Key People:	Director:	Tony Wasley		
	Board Chair:			
	Project Contact:	Name:	Dr. Lee Turner	
		Position:	Habitat Ecologist	
		Phone:	775-688-1542	
		Fax:	775-688-1595	
Email:		leeturner@ndow.org		
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 all that apply) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private land.				
Are government permits or decision documents needed for the project? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If so, are those permits and decision documents already secured? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" 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.				
Has your organization received other grants from the Dream Tags Fund? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (See Attachment A)	If yes,			
	Date awarded:			
	Project # & title:			
	Amount of Award:			
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Amount of Award:				



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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

NARRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Provide answers for all sections below; use the numbers and topics (in bold) to label each section in your response. Your application is limited to 5 narrative pages, including the cover sheet. Your budget is page 6. All projects are required to have measurable outcomes:

1. **Specific project goals and measurable outcomes. How do these tie to the project description?**
The monies from this funding request will be used to apply seed to for use in the rehabilitation of the 2016 fires across high priority sage grouse and mule deer habitat across the state of Nevada. The seed will augment the amount and diversity of species that will be applied to key burned habitats on public and private lands.

The primary goal will be to work with Nevada BLM to supplement fire rehabilitation efforts. Seeding efforts will be focused on high priority sage grouse and critical mule deer habitat.

2. **Project location.**
The seed proposed within this funding request could be applied across Nevada Department of Wildlife's (NDOW) eastern and western regions. As of the writing of this application approximately 190,000 acres of Nevada has been burned by the 2016 wild land fires (see figure 1). There are fires burning currently and it is difficult to estimate total acreage burned.
3. **Project description.**
NDOW will work with the BLM to apply seeds to several fires in the eastern and western regions of NDOW.
4. **Permitting.**
All national environmental policy act (NEPA) activities fall under BLM's emergency stabilization and rehabilitation (ES&R) program and all necessary compliance with NEPA is complete.
5. **If future phases of the project will be needed, identify anticipated sources of funding.**
Future wildfire rehabilitation efforts will be handled as independent efforts.
6. **Principals involved in leading or coordinating the project or activity.**
Dr. Lee Turner, NDOW Habitat Ecologist
Alan Jenne, Habitat Division Chief
Steve Foree, Supervising Habitat Biologist Eastern Region
Mark Freese, Supervising Habitat Biologist Western Region
7. **Number of staff positions involved in project: Fulltime_____Part-time_____** ("Fulltime" means 100% of their staff position will be dedicated to this project; "part-time" means only a

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portion of their staff position will be dedicated to this project)
Regional Supervising Habitat Biologists will be the NDOW staff dedicated to facilitating the purchase and incorporation of this seed within the statewide rehabilitation efforts. Other NDOW personnel will be involved in the application of the seed through either aerial or drill seeding efforts. No salary money is being requested through this Dream Tag proposal as all NDOW salaries are generated by other sources.

7. Number of volunteers involved in project and an estimated number of volunteer hours.
The number of volunteers that may be involved in the 2016 fire rehabilitation effort is unknown at this time but NDOW is already trying to schedule volunteer seed collection efforts throughout the state. The seed collected during these volunteer projects will be used to additionally augment the wildfire rehabilitation efforts. We have a long history of volunteer assistance in fire restoration efforts and it is not uncommon to have 30 to 40 volunteers show up a day of seed collection.
9. Time Line of Project. List key dates and include project milestones. Note: Be realistic in your estimate of dates and milestones. List any factors that may cause a delay in implementing and/or completing the project.²
 - January to March – Drill and aerial seeding of plant species including but not limited to sagebrush.
10. Success.
Monitoring will be necessary to document recovery and will help in evaluating treatment techniques, allowing for adaptive changes of future restoration efforts. On public lands BLM recovery criteria will be used to evaluate success. In the Elko District this means:
 - A minimum of three seeded perennial grasses per square meter rooted firmly in the soil, with consideration to site selection factors such as soils, topography, native release of desirable species, and the potential for seedling establishment.
 - A qualitative assessment of soil and site stability, and hydrologic function, that results in ratings of none to slight departure from that expected from the same kind of ecological site considered to be in stable condition.
 - Bitterbrush (native release or artificially planted) and Sagebrush
 - For the bitterbrush sites the objective is, a minimum of 50% of live plants sampled directly within the burn area will have third year's woody stem leader growth as measured on established or new monitoring transects.
 - Private lands will be monitored through the establishment of long term photo points to track community establishment through time.
11. Grant match.
Currently NDOW has approximately \$95,000 from Habitat Conservation Fee, Question 1 funding and NGO donations committed for fire rehabilitation with additional support being sought from a multitude of sources including sportsman's and conservation organizations to private contributions. It should also be noted that the land management agencies will also be providing the majority of the fire rehabilitation funds and that this proposal simply captures the NDOW related expenditures and efforts.
12. Project budget (see Sample Budget Template on page 5 of this RFP). Provide detail on line-item expenditures and show which costs are to be paid for by the Dream Tags Charitable Fund grant, which expenses will be paid by other sources of funding, and which will be paid for with in-kind

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services.

⓪ Note: Project budget must be on its own on page 6.

Grants from the Dream Tags Charitable Fund are typically paid on a reimbursable basis for actual expenditures only. Craft your budget in such a way that requests for reimbursement correspond to the original budget.

² Funding will not be provided for work performed prior to grant approval.

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Grant Match

Match amount to be provided:	\$Over \$95,000				
Match details:	<p>Please provide the form of your matching funds. If match is made up of both cash and in-kind, fill in both sections.</p> <p>Match is:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 20%;">Cash</td> <td>\$ 95,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>In-kind</td> <td>\$</td> </tr> </table> <p>Note: Provide an itemized breakdown of volunteer match in your budget with rationale.</p> <p>For the cash portion of your match, is the funding already being held by the applicant for this project? Yes XXX</p>	Cash	\$ 95,000	In-kind	\$
Cash	\$ 95,000				
In-kind	\$				
Description of matching funds/in-kind donations:	<p>Matching funds will be comprised of Question 1 fire rehabilitation funds, Heritage Trust Fund, Habitat Conservation Fee, and NGO donations.</p> <p>The in-kind donations will be created through the volunteer work force that will assist in harvesting sagebrush seed this fall.</p>				

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

Submit the following attachments via email. Clearly label each file with your organization's name.

Nonprofits submit:

- Last audited financial statements if your organization has been audited
- List of Board of Directors
- Copy of agency's IRS 501(c)(3) Tax Determination Letter
- Copy of the agency's most recent IRS Form 990

Governmental entities submit:

- Departmental budget in lieu of audited financial statements



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SAMPLE BUDGET TEMPLATE

Budget Item Description*	ORIGINAL PROJECT BUDGET			REIMBURSEMENT		
	DT \$	Other Funding Name**	Match \$	Total	Expenditures to date DT	Expenditures to date (other)
Design/Engineering	\$xx,xxx	Agency X	-	\$xx,xxx	\$xx,xxx	
Permitting	\$xx,xxx	Agency X	\$x,xxx	\$x,xxx		\$x,xxx
Labor—paid	\$x,xxx	Agency X	\$x,xxx	\$x,xxx	\$x,xxx	
Labor—		Own people	\$xx,xxx	\$xx,xxx	\$x,xxx	
Construction	\$xx,xxx	Agency Y	\$xx,xxx	\$xx,xxx		
Materials	\$		\$	\$		
Contracting for seed application	\$100,000	NDOW, Heritage Trust Fund, Q1, Habitat Conservation Fee	\$95,000	\$195,000		
Overhead	\$xx,xxx	Own agency	\$xx,xxx	\$xx,xxx		
TOTAL	\$100,000		\$<95,000	\$<195,000	\$0	\$0

*These are sample descriptions.

**Explain status of other funding if not in hand.

***Provide an itemized breakdown by skillset per hour.

If project is to be implemented in phases, please separate budget into each phase.

Date Awarded: September 21, 2012

Project # and Title: DT #3: Duck Creek Valley Sage Grouse/Wildlife Habitat Improvement Project

Amount of Award: \$12,500.00

Date Awarded: September 21, 2012

Project # and Title: DT #4: Southern Eureka County Mule Deer and Sage Grouse Habitat Enhancement Project

Amount of Award: \$12,000.00

Date Awarded: September 21, 2012

Project # and Title: DT #7: Overland Pass/Big Wash Sage Grouse and Mule Deer Habitat Improvement

Amount of Award: \$12,500.00

Date Awarded: September 21, 2012

Project # and Title: DT #11: Rock Springs Meadow Fencing and Sage Grouse Habitat Improvement Project

Amount of Award: \$4,900.00

Date Awarded: September 21, 2012

Project # and Title: DT #8: Paradise Valley Medusahead Grass Control Project for Habitat Protection and Improvement

Amount of Award:\$4,500.00

Date Awarded: August 26, 2013

Project # and Title: DT #27: Seeds for 2012-2013 wildfire habitat restoration projects

Amount of Award:\$150,000.00

Date Awarded: August 22, 2012

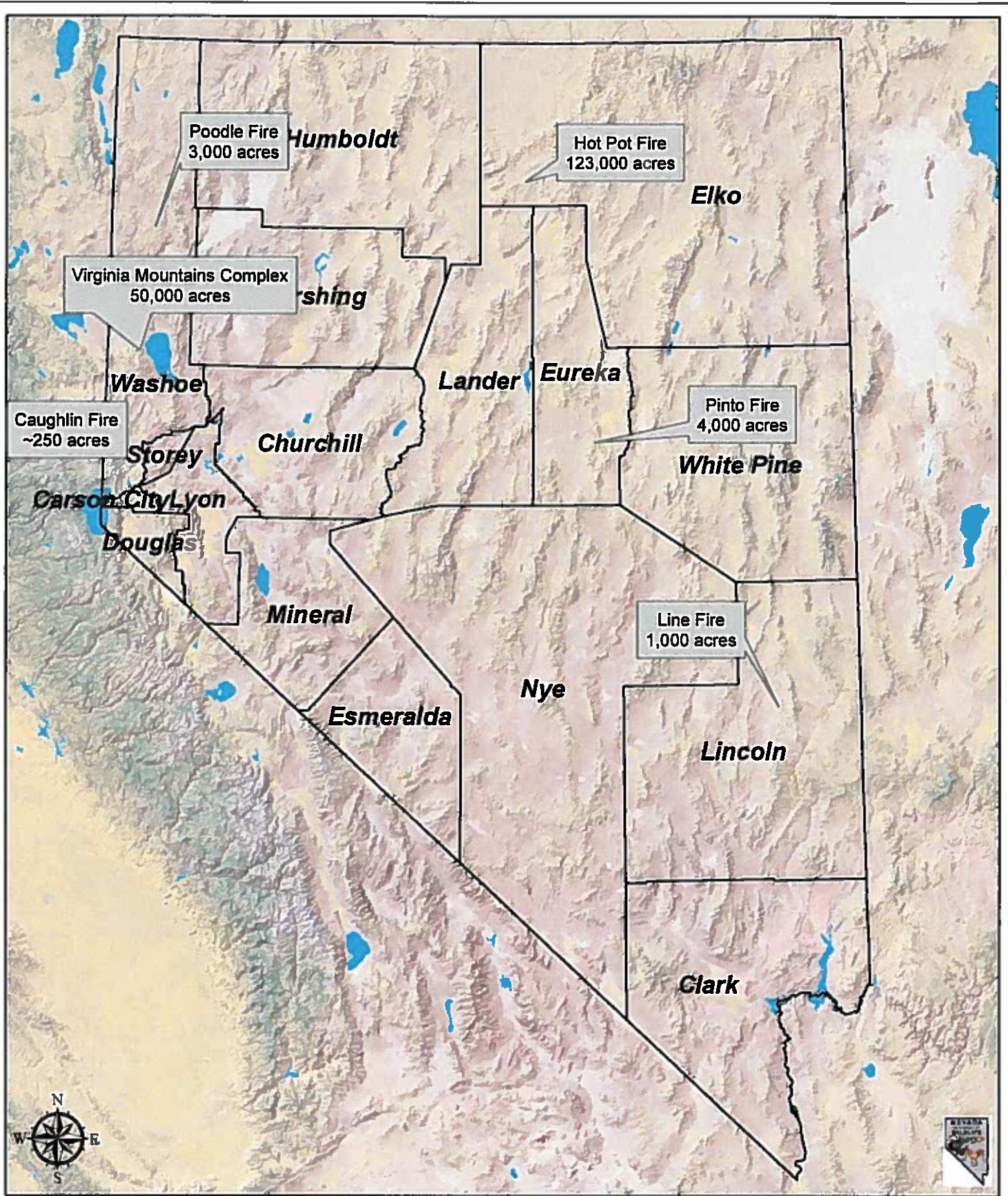
Project # and Title: DT #2: 2012 Wildfire Reclamation Seed Supply

Amount of Award:\$50,000.00

Date Awarded: December 11, 2015

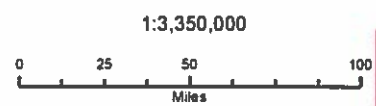
Project # and Title: DT#40 Seeds for 2015 Wildfire Habitat Restoration Projects

Amount of Award: \$75,000



**2016 Dream Tag
Fire Emergency Seeding
Locations**

□ Nevada Counties



NAD 1983 UTM Zone 11N

