

# DT #123 Granite Range Mule Deer and Pronghorn Habitat Restoration and Improvement

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*Dream Tags Charitable Fund- Spring 2026*

## ***Nevada Department of Wildlife***

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# Application Form

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## *Grantee Requirements & Project Evaluation Criteria*

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### **GRANTEE REQUIREMENTS**

To be eligible for funding, grantees must adhere to the following requirements:

- Monies are to be used and/or disbursed exclusively for the charitable uses and purposes.
- The Dream Tags Fund shall be used exclusively to provide support for the preservation, protection, management or restoration of Nevada's big game and wildlife habitat
- The Charitable Beneficiaries may include 501(c)(3) organizations and governmental entities. Any grants to governmental entities must be made exclusively for public benefit purposes.
- All grantees will be required to sign a grant agreement stipulating their agreement with all of the terms, conditions, and reporting requirements.
- To maintain eligibility to receive grant funds, each Charitable Beneficiary must comply at all times with the following requirements:
  1. Charitable Beneficiaries must be exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code;
  2. Charitable Beneficiaries shall use all Fund distributions toward projects that are appropriate and legal public expenditures;
  3. Charitable Beneficiaries must provide financial details and/or reports of their organizations upon request;
  4. Charitable Beneficiaries must not use any Fund distributions for political contributions or political advocacy;
  5. Charitable Beneficiaries must implement the projects, activities, and/or programs for which they received Fund distributions as agreed upon in the grant acceptance agreement, or must return all such distributions to the Community Foundation forthwith;
  6. Charitable Beneficiaries must provide the Community Foundation with quarterly reports detailing the activities of their projects and/or programs; and
  7. Charitable Beneficiaries must sign an agreement regarding their compliance with the qualifications hereof.

### **PROJECT EVALUATION CRITERIA**

Each proposal will be evaluated on criteria that include but are not limited to:

- Measurable outcomes in accordance with the exclusive goal of the Dream Tags Charitable Fund.
- Monitoring and reporting to learn from the project and track project accomplishments.
- Closeness of project focus to areas of funding emphasis (on-the-ground habitat improvements).
- Readiness of sponsoring organization to undertake and complete project.
- Opportunities to partner with others to leverage funds and accomplish larger outcomes.
- Consistency with established Dream Tags Charitable Fund operations (timeline, match, etc.).
- Impact on preservation, protection, management, or restoration of Nevada's big game and wildlife habitat
- Absence of negative or unintended consequences.
- Solutions to known problems as identified through past research and monitoring.

## ***Organization Information***

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### **Organization Name\***

Nevada Department of Wildlife

### **Organization Type\***

Governmental Entity

### **EIN**

If the organization is a 501c3, please include the EIN#.

88-600022

### **Director of Organization\***

Alan Jenne

### **Project Contact Name\***

Cheyenne Trueblood

### **Project Contact Postion/Title\***

Western Region Supervising Habitat Biologist

### **Project Contact Email\***

cheyenne.trueblood@ndow.org

### **Project Contact Phone Number\***

775-688-1145

### **Organization Mission\***

To protect, conserve, manage, and restore wildlife and its habitat for the aesthetic, scientific, educational, recreational, and economic benefits to citizens of Nevada and the United States, and to promote the safety of persons using vessels on the waters of Nevada.

## ***Project Information***

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### **Project Name\***

Name of Project.

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### **Amount Requested\***

\$75,000.00

### **Project Start Date\***

08/01/2026

### **Project End Date\***

12/31/2028

### **This funding will be used to:\***

Complete this sentence with a max of 2 sentences.

This funding will be used to continue and complete part of a rangeland rehabilitation project on the eastern slopes of the Granite Range in Washoe County, aimed at benefiting mule deer and pronghorn antelope. It will support the implementation of an aerial herbicide application to treat invasive annual grasses, and an aerial seeding operation to enhance the seed bank and improve the forage base.

### **This project is on:\***

Check all that apply

Public land

### **Are government permits or decision documents needed for the project?\***

Yes

### **If so, are those permits and decision documents already secured?**

*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.*

Yes

## *Previous Funding from Dream Tags Charitable Fund*

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Has your organization received other grants from the Dream Tags Fund?\*

Yes

If yes, please include the following information for all previously funded projects:

- *Date awarded*
- *Project # and Title*
- *Amount of award*

*Please attach additional pages as needed to list ALL previously funded projects.*

# 115 Emergency Proposal - 2025 Drought Management of Water Developments and Bighorn Sheep

Grant Amount: \$100,000.00

Proposal Date: March 2025

# 113 Eastern Nevada Antelope Collaring Project

Grant Amount: \$50,000.00

Proposal Date: March 2025

# 112 Sheep Creek Range Restoration, Phase 2 - Facilitating Succession for Mule Deer Survival

Grant Amount: \$60,000.00

Proposal Date: March 2025

# 110 Management Area 10 Fence Modification and Removal in Mule Deer Migration Corridors

Grant Amount: \$60,000.00

Proposal Date: March 2025

# 109 Northwestern Nevada Large-Scale Rangeland Restoration

Grant Amount: \$60,000.00

Proposal Date: March 2025

# 107 Area 7 Mule Deer Winter Range Habitat Restoration

Grant Amount: \$60,000.00

Proposal Date: March 2025

#104 North Pequop Mountains & Murdock Mountain Habitat Enhancement

Grant Amount: \$50,000.00

Proposal Date: August 2024

#102 Management Area 7 Fence Removal and Modification in Mule Deer Migration Corridors

Grant Amount: \$30,000.00

Proposal Date: August 2024

#95 Granite Range Mule Deer Habitat Restoration

Grant Amount: \$75,000.00

Proposal Date: March 2024

#92 2024 Wildlife Habitat Restoration & Treatment Effectiveness Monitoring

Grant Amount:\$250,000.00  
Proposal Date: March 2024

#90 NDOW Parrado Purchase- Emergency Proposal  
Grant Amount: \$50,000  
Org. Match: \$550,000  
Proposal Date: May 2023

#89 NDOW Pole Canyon Easement Access- Emergency Proposal  
Grant Amount: \$75,000  
Org. Match: \$833,465  
Proposal Date: May 2023

#88 NDOW Walking Spring Project- Emergency Proposal  
Grant Amount: \$50,000  
Org. Match: \$175,000  
Proposal Date: May 2023

#87 NDOW 2023 Wildfire Habitat Restoration Projects & Treatment Effectiveness Monitoring- Emergency Proposal  
Grant Amount: \$250,000  
Org. Match: \$1,500,000  
Proposal Date: May 2023

#86 NDOW FY24 Wildcat Fire Bitterbrush Planting Project- Emergency Proposal  
Grant Amount: \$35,000  
Org. Match: \$132,726  
Proposal Date: July 2022

#84: Pole Canyon Conservation Easement  
Grant Amount: \$100,000  
Org. Match: \$1,280,000  
Proposal Date: July 2022

#82 Walker Basin Conservancy See Orchard to Support Habitat Restoration in Priority Mule Deer Migration Corridors  
Grant Amount: \$26,320  
Org. Match: \$53,385  
Proposal Date: Feb. 2022

#81: NDOW Dry Valley Rim and Parsnip Fire Seeding Project  
Grant Amount: \$75,000  
Org. Match: \$695,000  
Proposal Date: Feb. 2022

#80: NDOW 2022 Wildfire Habitat Restoration Projects and Treatment Effectiveness Monitoring  
Grant Amount: \$250,000  
Org. Match: \$1,500,000  
Proposal Date: Feb. 2022

#76: NDOW Smith Valley 2021  
Grant Amount: \$50,000  
Organization Match: \$75,000

#75: NDOW Douglas Canyon 2021

Grant Amount: \$40,000  
Organization Match: \$152,000  
Proposal Date: July 2021

#74: NDOW Whistler Mountain Pinyon Juniper Hand Thinning Project  
Grant Amount: \$100,000  
Organization Match: \$60,000  
Proposal Date: July 2021

#73: NDOW Nelson Creek Habitat Improvement Project  
Grant Amount: \$25,000  
Organization Match: \$76,500  
Proposal Date: July 2021

#72: NDOW 2021 Emergency Fire Rehab  
Grant Amount: \$250,000  
Organization Match: \$2,000,000  
Proposal Date: July 2021

#68: NDOW Emergency Proposal- Southern Nevada Guzzler Fill  
Grant Amount: \$50,000  
Proposal Date: September 2020

#67: NDOW Emergency Proposal- 2020 Wildfire Habitat Restoration Projects and Treatment Effectiveness Monitoring  
Grant Amount: \$250,000  
Organization Match: \$2,000,000  
Proposal Date: August 2020

#61: NDOW for White Pine County Conservation District Cave Valley Ranch Pinyon & Juniper Removal Project  
Grant Amount: \$30,000  
Organization Match: \$10,000  
Proposal Date: February 2019

#58: NDOW Emergency Proposal for 2018 Wildfire Habitat Restoration Projects- add'l funding  
Grant Amount: \$100,000  
Organization Match: \$2,106,000  
Proposal Date: February 2019

#58: NDOW Emergency Proposal for 2018 Wildfire Habitat Restoration Projects  
Grant Amount: \$250,000  
Organization Match: \$894,000  
Proposal Date: August 2018

#55: NDOW Acquisition of Replacement Helicopter for NDOW  
Grant Amount: \$25,000  
Organization Match: \$2,925,000  
Proposal Date: June 2018

#45: NDOW 2017 Wildfire Habitat Restoration Projects  
Grant Amount: \$250,000  
Organization Match: \$450,000  
Proposal Date: August 2017

#42: NDOW Wildfire Habitat Restoration Emergency

Grant Amount: \$125,000  
Organization Match: \$450,000  
Proposal Date: December 2016

#41: NDOW Seeds for 2016 Wildlife Habitat Restoration Projects  
Requested Amount: \$100,000  
Organization Match: \$95,000  
Proposal Date: August 2016

#40: NDOW 2015 Emergency Fire Rehabilitation  
Grant Amount: Project cancelled by NDOW.  
Organization Match: \$100,000+  
Proposal Date: December 2015

#36: Mud and Upper and Lower Scott Springs Habitat Enhancement Project  
Grant Amount: \$50,000  
Organization Match: \$138,191  
Proposal date: April 2015

#34: NDOW Smith Ranch Fire  
Grant Amount: Project cancelled by NDOW  
Organization Match: \$33,000  
Proposal Date: September 2014

#33: NDOW Seed Proposal Complete  
Grant Amount: Project cancelled by NDOW  
Organization Match: \$300,000  
Proposal Date: September 2014

#28: Nevada Department of Wildlife  
Grant Amount: \$25,000  
Organization Match: \$193,500  
Proposal Date: January 2014

#27: Nevada Department of Wildlife  
Grant Amount: \$150,000  
Organization Match: \$250,000  
Funding Date: August 2013

#11: NDOW Rock Spring Habitat Improvement  
Grant Amount: Project cancelled by NDOW  
Organization Match: \$151,400  
Funding Date: September 2012

#8: NDOW Paradise Valley Medusahead Treatment  
Grant Amount: \$4,500  
Organization Match: \$205,000  
Funding Date: September 2012

#7: NDOW Overland Big Pass habitat improvement  
Grant Amount: \$12,500  
Organization Match: \$660,000  
Funding Date: September 2012

#4: NDOW Eureka County Habitat Project

Grant Amount: \$12,000  
 Organization Match: \$145,296  
 Funding Date: September 2012

#3: NDOW Duck Creek Habitat Improvement  
 Grant Amount: Project cancelled by NDOW  
 Organization Match: \$186,000  
 Funding Date: September 2012

#2: NDOW 2012 Wildfire Restoration  
 Grant Amount: \$50,000  
 Organization Match: \$650,000  
 Funding Date: September 2012

## *Description of Project Under Consideration*

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**Indicate the description that best fits the project you are proposing\***

*Mark no more than three categories.*

A. Improve, protect, or restore habitat, especially big game habitat

## *Narrative Requirements*

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**1.) How do the specific project goals and measurable outcomes tie to the project description?\***

*All projects are required to have measurable outcomes.*

The requested funds will support an ongoing, multi-year rangeland restoration project on the lower eastern slopes of the Granite Range in Washoe County, Nevada. This project builds on restoration treatments implemented in previous years and is designed to incrementally improve and maintain high-quality mule deer and pronghorn habitat by reducing invasive annual grasses, restoring native plant communities, and increasing landscape resilience to wildfire. These objectives are being achieved through a phased, integrated treatment approach that includes pre-emergent herbicide application, aerial seeding to supplement the native seedbank, and planting bitterbrush seedlings to enhance shrub structure and forage availability. This project is scalable in acreage.

Funds requested through this application will be used specifically to support the aerial herbicide application component of the project, scheduled for fall 2026. This treatment represents a critical next phase in the ongoing restoration effort and is directly tied to the project's measurable outcomes, including treatment of at least 3,500 acres of valuable mule deer and pronghorn habitat. The requested funds will cover application contracting costs, while the NV BLM Good Neighbor Authority funds will provide herbicide materials. Completion of the fall 2026 herbicide treatment will connect herbicide applications conducted in fall 2024 and fall 2025 with seeding efforts completed in winter 2025/2026, resulting in a continuous treated corridor, or "green strip." This connected treatment area is intended to reduce fine-fuel continuity and protect upper-elevation habitats from wildfires originating near County Road 34, a known high-risk ignition source.

The planned treatment area has previously been impacted by the 2000 and 2010 Rock Creek fires, which facilitated the establishment and spread of non-native annual grasses. This invasion has degraded mule deer and pronghorn habitat by reducing native perennial plant cover, diminishing forage availability, and increasing susceptibility to future fires. Pre-emergent herbicide application will further suppress invasive annual grass cover, improve vigor and persistence of existing perennial vegetation, and prepare the site for continued seeding treatments in subsequent years.

This project is scalable in scope and acreage. If full funding is not awarded, project implementation can be adjusted by reducing the total number of acres treated while maintaining the same treatment design, timing, and performance standards. Available funds will be strategically allocated to priority areas to ensure all completed treatments are implemented to a high standard and deliver measurable habitat and wildfire-resilience benefits. This scalable approach allows NDOW to effectively leverage available funding while ensuring that each phase of work is completed successfully and contributes meaningfully to the overall restoration objectives.

## 2.) Describe the project location.\*

The planned treatment area is located on federal (Bureau of Land Management) on the lower slopes of the Granite Range near Gerlach, NV, in Washoe County.

## 3.) Project Description\*

*Include site map and aerial photos if applicable/possible as an attachment.*

Treatment Area\_GranitesSeeding2026.pdf

NDOW regularly conducts rangeland restoration targeting invasive annual grasses across infested areas of the state. These projects are carried out in cooperation with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), private landowners, and other groups as needed. The projects involve herbicide application, a year of fallow, followed by seeding, and are often paired with seedling planting. For this project, the target area is the lower slopes of the Granite Range with a high prevalence of invasive grasses, connecting previous treatment areas. The map shows the target areas for herbicide and seeding, along with the previous treatments. Aerial herbicide application will connect the previous treatment areas, creating a continuous treatment zone. NDOW will maximize the effective use of funds for the fall 2026 herbicide application by being strategic and ensuring the necessary chemicals are supplied.

## 4.) Permitting\*

*Provide a permitting schedule for your project along with your plan for getting the required permits and decision documents. Be sure to include the cost of permitting/decision documents as a line item in your budget.*

This project is entirely within the BLM Black Rock Field Office, which adopted DOI-BLM-NV-W030-2025-0001-DNA in October 2024. The goal of the DNA is to reduce annual invasive grass cover and restore wildlife habitat with perennial plant communities to promote these areas with their landscape health, and resistance and resilience to wildfire impact.

## 5.) If future phases of the project will be needed, identify anticipated sources of funding.\*

This project will consist of aerial herbicide application of at least 3,500 acres. The funding requested in this application will be allocated to aerial contracting costs under a state-administered contract. NDOW will supply herbicide materials necessary for treatment, which will be obtained using the Department's Federal Aid to Wildlife Restoration Fund allocation.

This project will also include aerial seed application within a previous 2,500-acre herbicide treatment (fall 2025) that had a year of fallow, with seeding needs evaluated in the field. During the year of fallow on the fall 2026 treatment, the project site will be evaluated for seeding needs. There is existing perennial vegetation within the treatment area, and herbicide treatment of invasive annual grass is expected to release the existing plants from suppression. However, roughly half of treated acres will likely require seeding. Funds for aerial contracting via a state-administered contract will be supplied by the Department's Federal Aid to Wildlife Restoration Fund allocation. Funds for seed materials will be supplied by the Nevada BLM through an existing Good Neighbor Authority agreement with the Department.

## 6.) Identify the principals involved in leading or coordinating the project or activity.\*

Cheyenne Trueblood, Habitat Biologist IV  
Graham Mills, Habitat Biologist III

## 7.) Number of staff positions involved in project.\*

*Identify how many staff will be full-time and how many will be part-time.*

*"Fulltime" means 100% of their staff position will be dedicated to this project; "part-time" means only a portion of their staff position will be dedicated to this project.*

No salary money is being requested through this Dream Tags Charitable Fund proposal as all NDOW salaries are generated by other sources. All funds requested as part of this proposal will be applied directly toward on-the-ground restoration work.

## 8.) Number of volunteers involved in project and an estimated number of volunteer hours.\*

The number of volunteers that may be involved in this rangeland rehabilitation project is currently unknown, however volunteer support through our NGO partners will be sought as needs arise.

## 9.) Timeline 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.*

*\*\*Note: Funding will not be provided for work performed prior to grant approval.*

Herbicide Treatment:

September - October 2026: Implementation of herbicide application via a state-administered contract during a favorable weather window in the Fall 2026 Treatment area (red polygon on the map).  
November 2026 - July 2027: Project site monitoring and future planning.

#### Seeding Treatment:

September - October 2025: Implementation of aerial seed application occurred via a state-administered contract during a favorable weather window. Herbicide treatment was applied over the Fall 2025 treatment area (orange polygon on the map).

October - December 2026: Implementation of aerial seed application via a state-administered contract during a favorable weather window. Seeding application in the Fall 2025 Herbicide/Proposed Fall 2026 seeding area (orange polygon on the map).

November 2025 - July 2027: Project site monitoring and future planning.

NEPA is ready for these projects, so the application will commence during the period of highest herbicide and seed effectiveness. Work may commence as soon as funding is acquired.

### 10.) What factors will indicate a successful project?\*

Rangeland restoration work in Nevada is a complicated process, and success is often weather-dependent. NDOW staff conducting the project will target the most favorable conditions for implementation and, ideally, achieve strong project success. NDOW has extensive experience with projects like these and can apply lessons learned from past projects to increase the likelihood of success. A successful project will be indicated by effective suppression of invasive annual grass within the treatment area during the March - June 2027 monitoring window and by the release of perennial vegetation during the May - August 2027 growing season.

## Grant Match

*All applicants must provide a match of at least 25 percent for dollars requested. The match may be with funding and/or in-kind services.*

*If Volunteer Labor is used, it must be documented and valued at a maximum of \$35.00 per hour.*

### Total grant match to be provided.\*

Total Match = Cash + In-Kind

\$146,000.00

### Cash

\$146,000.00

## For the cash portion, is the funding already being held by the applicant for this project?

Yes

### In-kind

**\*\*Note:** Provide an itemized breakdown of volunteer match in your budget with rationale.

### Description of matching funds/in-kind donations.\*

Matching funds will be sourced from the NV BLM Good Neighbor Authority. Another funding source that may be used, if necessary, is NDOW's Special Reserve Accounts. The NV BLM Good Neighbor Authority funds come from the Bureau of Land Management and can be applied on a variety of projects, including restoration. NDOW's Special Reserve Account funds come from fees for tags, stamps, and licenses, and can also be applied to restoration projects.

## Attachments

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### Project Budget\*

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 services. **Note: Indirect/overhead expenses cannot exceed 25 percent.**

Grants from the Dream Tags Charitable Fund are 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. **Please contact Lauren Sgandurra, Director of Donor Services at CFNN, at [laurens@nevadafund.org](mailto:laurens@nevadafund.org) for a Sample Budget Template if needed.**

Final Budget - NDOW 2026 Granite Range Mule Deer and Pronghorn Habitat Restoration Budget.pdf

### Supplemental Attachments

Please upload any additional attachments here.

Treatment Area\_GranitesSeeding2026.pdf

## File Attachment Summary

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### *Applicant File Uploads*

- Final Budget - NDOW 2026 Granite Range Mule Deer and Pronghorn Habitat Restoration Budget.pdf
- Treatment Area\_GranitesSeeding2026.pdf

**NDOW 2026 Granite Range Mule Deer and Pronghorn Habitat Restoration Budget**

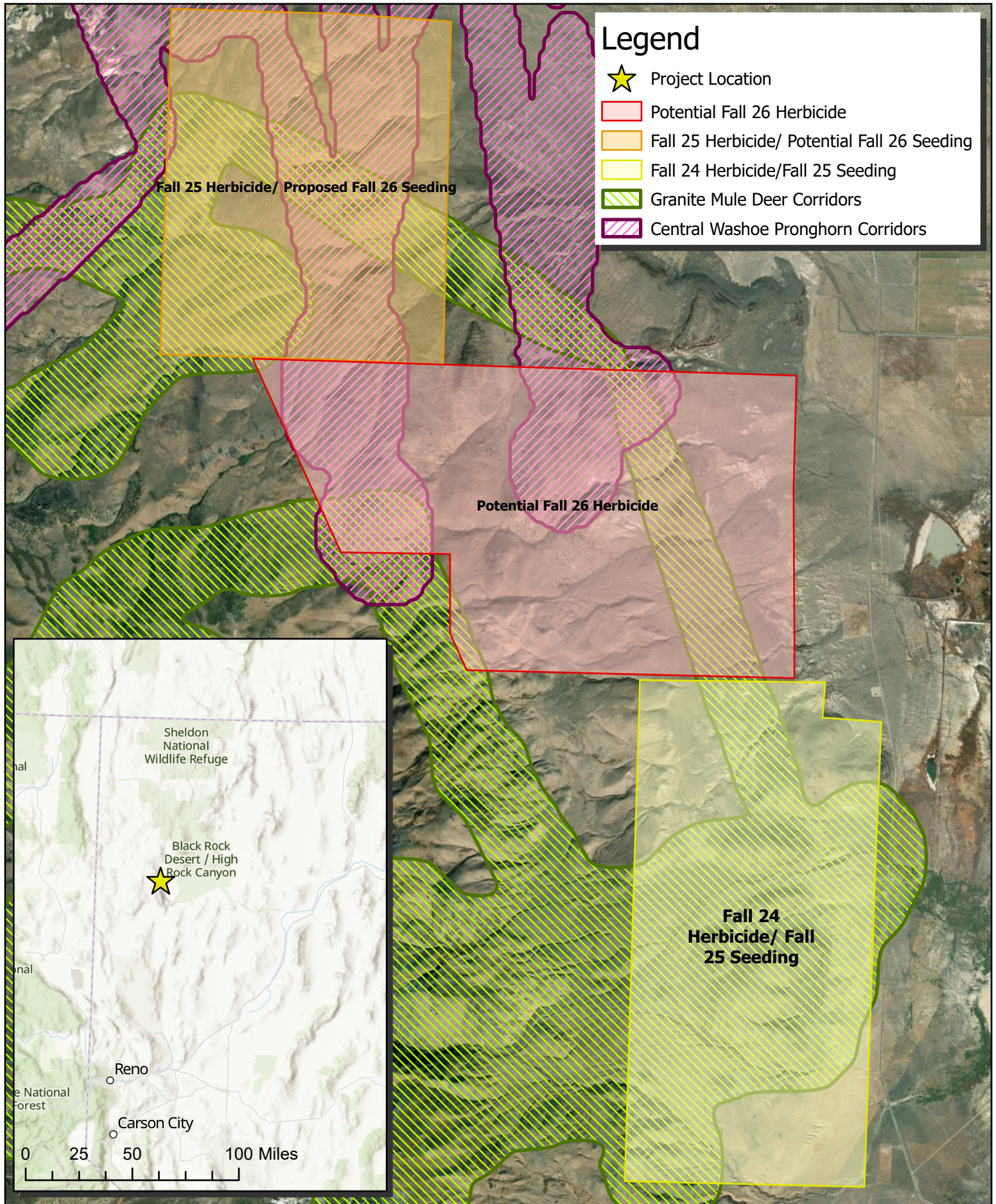
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	DT \$	Other Funding Name**	Match \$	Total	Expenditures to date DT	Expenditures to date (other sources)
Contracting (herbicide and seeding)	\$75,000					
Materials (herbicide and seed)		NV BLM Good Neighbor Authority	\$146,000			
Overhead (max. 25%)						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>		<b>\$146,000</b>	<b>\$221,000</b>		

\*These are sample descriptions.

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

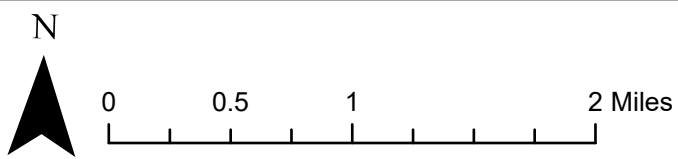
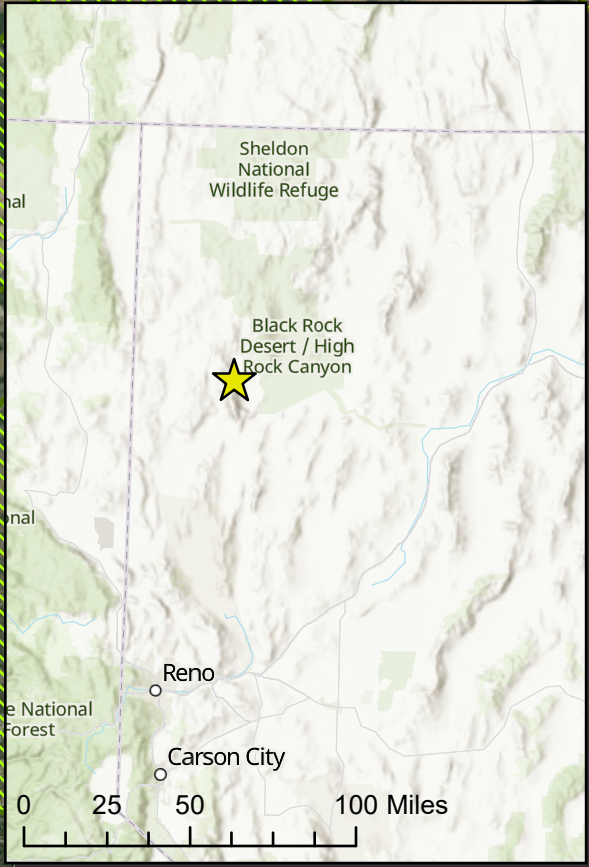
\*\*\*Provide an itemized breakdown by skillset per hour.

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



### Legend

- ★ Project Location
- Red Outline Potential Fall 26 Herbicide
- Orange Outline Fall 25 Herbicide/ Potential Fall 26 Seeding
- Yellow Outline Fall 24 Herbicide/Fall 25 Seeding
- Green Diagonal Hatching Granite Mule Deer Corridors
- Purple Diagonal Hatching Central Washoe Pronghorn Corridors



# Granites Seeding 2026 Project Area