

Nevada Alliance 4 Wildlife and Hunter's Alert Modified Proposals

1. SAGE GROUSE ENHANCEMENT PROJECT: AREAS 6 and 7

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| Heritage Proposal number: | 10-27 |
| Original proponent: | Nevada Alliance 4 Wildlife (Pat Laughlin) |
| Proposed project inception: | 2010 |
| Total Heritage Trust Fund requested: | \$250,000 for 5 years |
| Total Heritage Trust Fund approved: | \$50,000 (Fiscal Year 2010) |

This proposed project was compiled from basic criteria presented to the Department of Wildlife (NDOW) and based Heritage Proposal 10-27 submitted by the Nevada Alliance 4 Wildlife. Additional suggestions by the submitting party were also included. The original Heritage Proposals are provided in the support material package for reference.

2. MULE DEER ENHANCEMENT PROJECT: AREA 6

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| Heritage Proposal number: | 10-26 |
| Original proponent: | Nevada Alliance 4 Wildlife (Pat Laughlin) |
| Proposed project inception: | 2009 (July 1, 2009) |
| Total Heritage Trust Fund requested: | \$566,000 for 5 years |
| Total Heritage Trust Fund approved: | \$112,000 (Fiscal Year 2010) |

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3. MULE DEER ENHANCEMENT PROJECT: STATEWIDE

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| Heritage Proposal number: | 10-23 |
| Original Proponent: | Hunter's Alert Inc. (Cecil Fredi) |
| Proposed Project Inception: | 2009 (July 1, 2009) |
| Total Heritage Trust Fund requested: | \$50,000 |
| Total Heritage Trust Fund Approved: | \$50,000 (Fiscal Year 2010) |

This proposed project was compiled from basic criteria presented to the Department of Wildlife (NDOW) from Heritage Proposal 10-23 submitted by Hunter's Alert Incorporated. No comments from the submitting party were received. The original Heritage Proposals are provided in the support material package for reference.

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Project Description: A predation management project is proposed for the enhancement of sage grouse nesting success, recruitment and survival in Management Areas 6 and 7. Known sage grouse predators (i.e. raven) will be targeted for lethal control where they occur relative to specific lek sites in Areas 6 and 7 during the spring period of active nesting behavior. In particular, lek sites in the vicinity of land-fill locations near Jackpot, NV (Unit 076) will be targeted for intensive predator control. Predation management activities will be performed by contracted personnel (USDA-APHIS WS) using currently approved techniques, under the direction of and in cooperation with, the Nevada Department of Wildlife.

Project Area: Areas 6 and 7
Targeted Species: Raven
Control Period: March 1, 2010 - June 30, 2010

Projected Expenditures:

| Category | Estimated expenditure |
|---------------|-----------------------|
| USDA-APHIS WS | 50,000.00 |
| Total | 50,000.00 |

Control Effort and Techniques: Control efforts will target predatory ravens during sage grouse spring nesting activity (March 1st through June 30th 2010) in and around designated leks in an attempt to promote sage grouse survival, nesting success and recruitment. Methods of take may include distribution of chicken eggs treated with DRC-1339. Lethal control of raven may only be performed under permit from the US Fish and Wildlife Service; the permittee is legally required to abide by the conditions of the permit.

Monitoring: Comprehensive, pre- and post-treatment monitoring will not be feasible for this one-year project.

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Project Description: A predation management project for the enhancement of mule deer fawn survival and recruitment in Management Area 6 is proposed. Coyotes are to be targeted for lethal control where they occur relative to remaining identified mule deer winter range in Area 6. Predation management activities will be performed by contracted personnel (USDA-APHIS WS) using currently approved techniques, under the direction of and in cooperation with, the Nevada Department of Wildlife.

Project Area: Area 6 (Lander and Elko County)

Targeted Species: Coyote

Control Period: July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010

Projected Expenditures:

| Category | Estimated expenditure |
|---------------|-----------------------|
| USDA-APHIS WS | 112,000.00 |
| Total | 112,000.00 |

Control Effort and Techniques: Control efforts will target coyote and mountain lion in Area 6 in an attempt to promote mule deer population success by improving fawn survival and recruitment. Control methods may involve aerial hunting, houndsmen, snares, and leg-hold traps, call boxes, denning, calling and shooting.

Monitoring: Comprehensive, pre- and post-treatment monitoring will not be feasible for this one-year project.

3. MULE DEER ENHANCEMENT PROJECT: STATEWIDE

Heritage Proposal number: 10-23
Original Proponent: Hunter's Alert Inc. (Cecil Fredi)
Proposed Project Inception: 2009 (July 1, 2009)
Total Heritage Trust Fund requested: \$50,000
Total Heritage Trust Fund Approved: \$50,000 (Fiscal Year 2010)

Project Description: A predation management project for the enhancement of mule deer fawn survival and recruitment in Nevada is proposed. Coyotes will be targeted for lethal control at critical times of the year in multiple units, including but not limited to the following management units: 031, 141 – 145, 111 – 115 and 241 – 244. Treatment efforts will target coyotes for removal on select wintering grounds and summer ranges considered critical habitat for mule deer (however, several other game species are likely to benefit from such a program). Predation management activities will be performed by contracted personnel (USDA-APHIS WS) using currently approved techniques, under the direction of and in cooperation with, the Nevada Department of Wildlife.

Project Area: Units 031 (Humboldt County), 141 – 145 (Lander and Eureka County), 111 – 115 (White Pine County) and 241 – 244 (Lincoln and Clark Counties).

Targeted Species: Coyote

Control Period: July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010

Projected Expenditures:

| Category | Estimated expenditure |
|---------------|-----------------------|
| USDA-APHIS WS | 50,000.00 |
| Total | 50,000.00 |

Control Effort and Techniques: Control efforts will target coyote in multiple but carefully selected units throughout Nevada in an attempt to promote mule deer population success by improving fawn survival and recruitment. Control methods may include, but are not limited to, aerial (fixed and rotary wing) hunting, denning, calling and shooting.

Monitoring: Comprehensive, pre- and post-treatment monitoring will not be feasible for this one-year project.