Grant Opportunity – Mountain quail and Ruffed Grouse Capture in Oregon

The Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) has received Upland Game Stamp funding for the capture and translocation of mountain quail and ruffed grouse. Coordination with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) has provided an opportunity to utilize areas in Oregon as a source stock for these species. The project site is located in western Oregon within Douglas, Jackson and Josephine Counties.

Proposals are due no later than August 30, 2013. Grant proposals and any questions should be submitted to the Nevada Department of Wildlife’s Upland Game Staff Specialist, Shawn Espinosa at sespinosa@ndow.org.

Grant Application Instructions
Please find below a Scope of Work detailing capture and retention of wild caught mountain quail and ruffed grouse for use in translocation to Nevada for augmentation and/or introduction purposes. Birds will be utilized to either establish or increase existing populations of mountain quail or ruffed grouse in suitable habitats. The proposal must include:

- Identification of the project manager and supporting staff (if applicable) along with a brief description of qualifications;
- Description of how the scope of work will be performed;
- A proposed cost estimate with detail to include cost per bird or anticipated number of labor hours and travel and material costs;
- A schedule of activities;

Grant Eligibility (must meet all of the following criteria)

- Must be permitted by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to capture and temporarily hold wild upland game birds including mountain quail and ruffed grouse;
- Specific experience with capture of wild animals and equipment to conduct this type of work;
- Demonstrated ability to successfully capture mountain quail and/or ruffed grouse in western Oregon habitats;
- Specific experience with and understanding of how mountain quail and ruffed grouse utilize habitat in western Oregon;
- Preferably resides in southwestern Oregon

Scope of Work
NDOW is seeking a qualified vendor to effectively capture and temporarily retain mountain quail and ruffed grouse for translocation purposes. The vendor is required to be permitted by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to conduct such activities.

1. Objectives:
   The major objectives of this effort include the following:
   
a) capture approximately 100 mountain quail for transplant into the State of Nevada; and
b) capture approximately 10 ruffed grouse for transplant into the State of Nevada.
In addition to capture, the vendor, or his designee, shall house and care for the birds until picked up by an official representative of the Nevada Department of Wildlife; or any captured birds shall be transported to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife mountain quail holding pens located in Roseburg, Oregon. The pick-up date will be no later than 10 days after the full complement of birds has been captured and notification is provided.

2. Location and Description
The majority of capture work will take place in Douglas County, Oregon; however, trapping efforts may also take place in the following areas:

a) Douglas County (southern portion of the Southwest ODFW Wildlife Region);

b) Jackson County (northwest portion of the Southern ODFW Wildlife Region);

c) Josephine County (northeast portion of the Southern ODFW Wildlife Region);

3. Contractor Furnished Property and Services
a) The contractor shall furnish all labor, equipment and supplies necessary to perform all work as set forth in the specification.

4. Government furnished property and Services
a) No government furnished property is being provided by NDOW. Personnel from NDOW will provide transportation of wild caught mountain quail or ruffed grouse from Oregon to Nevada.

5. Specific Tasks
a) Locate and monitor viable source stock of mountain quail for capture.

b) Set up capture devices and check traps on a regular basis.

c) Capture and secure up to 100 mountain quail utilizing various capture methods as prescribed by the vendor.

d) House and care for mountain quail at ODFW approved facilities until transfer to NDOW personnel (within 10 days of notification by vendor).

e) Locate and monitor viable source stock of ruffed grouse for capture.

f) Set up capture devices and check traps on a regular basis or attempt to “net gun” ruffed grouse in certain situations.

g) Capture up to 10 ruffed grouse utilizing various capture methods.

h) Vendor will be responsible for housing and care of up to four to six ruffed grouse on a temporary basis. At a point where between 4-6 ruffed grouse have been captured, the vendor shall contact NDOW personnel so that arrangements can be made to pick up and translocate the birds to a release site in Nevada. This will decrease the likelihood of disease agents affecting the birds and reduce the risk of mortality.

6. Expected Delivery or Performance Times
a) Mountain Quail: The Nevada Department of Wildlife realizes that animal capture efforts are dependent upon many factors including availability of birds, weather, certain natural occurrences, predators, vandalism, etc. We expect mountain quail to be available to NDOW by January 31, 2014, but also know that certain factors could delay this.
b) Ruffed Grouse: See above. Expected delivery will vary, but we hope to receive birds no later than January 31, 2014 if possible;
c) The Nevada Department of Wildlife has received a Letter of Authorization from the Oregon Department of Wildlife that stipulates the following for ruffed grouse:

1) NDOW will be responsible for required care, disease testing, and import/export requirements while birds are in NDOW’s possession or transport.
2) For each bird trapped, the vendor must maintain a record that contains the date of capture, capture location (UTMs), age, gender, results of disease testing, and disposition of the bird (e.g. export date, mortality, etc.).
3) The vendor must submit a report by April 30, 2014 that lists the number and location of each bird trapped and removed.
4) The vendor shall have in its possession this letter (or a copy) while conducting trapping activities.
5) Prior to capture attempts, NDOW and/or their contractor will inform the Umpqua Wildlife District about proposed capture areas and periodically update ODFW about capture success.

7. Contract Monitor
   a) Contract Monitor: Shawn Espinosa  
      Nevada Department of Wildlife  
      1100 Valley Road  
      Reno, NV 89512  
      Phone: (775) 688-1523  
      e-mail: sespinosa@ndow.org

8. Invoicing
   a) All invoices shall be sent to the contract monitor listed above.
   b) Invoices shall be submitted for the number of birds captured.
   c) Invoices can be submitted separately for each species captured.
   d) If the full compliment objective is not met, and the vendor deems that capture efforts are no longer feasible or worthwhile for the term of the contract, then an invoice should be submitted for the number of birds captured up to that point for which NDOW has not already been invoiced.