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Wildlife Heritage Account Project Proposal Form

APPLICANT INFORMATION

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NDOW Monitor (if the project would be managed by someone other than a NDOW employee):

PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Title: Wildfire-Related Restoration and Seed Purchase

State Fiscal Year(s) Wildlife Heritage Account Funds are Needed: FY20

Project Location: At locations across northern Nevada where wildfires burned during 2018, 2019 and 2020. Fire season in 2019 was small. Fires from 2020 will likely happen in the fall of 2020, this proposal will address funding needs for restoration resulting from both past and future fires; please see attached map.

Amount of Funds Requested from Heritage Account: \$100,000

Is a Project Map Attached? Yes No

(a map **must** include the project title, map scale, date map was created, and a north arrow)

Purpose of the Project:

The primary goal of this project is to work with the Nevada BLM to supplement their fire rehabilitation efforts. Funds awarded for this project will be used to purchase seeds, apply seed, and conduct other seed bed preparation during the rehabilitation of the 2018, 2019 and 2020 fires across high priority sage grouse and mule deer habitat across the state of Nevada (see the attached map). The seeding and other



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activities will augment the amount and diversity of plant species that will be applied to key burned habitats on public and private lands across Nevada. As noted above, the seeding and other treatment efforts included in this project will be focused on high priority sage grouse and critical mule deer habitat.

Detailed Description of Project (include any development plans such as vegetation removal, planting, seeding, or installation of structures; also include the schedule for obtaining any necessary permits, completing NEPA compliance, etc.):

NDOW will work with the BLM to apply seeds to the 2018, 2019 and 2020 fires. The Nevada BLM applies for Emergency Stabilization and Rehabilitation (ES&R) funds and was granted ~\$3,900,000 toward fire rehabilitation. The funding granted to BLM covers only a portion of the acres burned. BLM has requested that NDOW secure funding to purchase seeds, apply seeds and conduct seed bed preparation to the remaining acreage and to partner with the BLM to leverage funding and contracting abilities so that the largest acreage and most effective treatments can be put on the ground.

The NV BLM districts have been funded for rehabilitation work on portions of the Martin East and West, and other fires and NDOW is seeking funding to provide assistance in two main ways. First, NDOW can add important species to seed mixes. Second, NDOW can seed and provide additional restoration activities on areas the BLM may not have received funding for. As noted above, the seeding and other treatment efforts included in this project will be focused on high priority sage grouse and critical mule deer habitat.

How Would this Project Help with “the protection, propagation, restoration, transplantation, introduction and management of any game fish, game mammal, game bird or fur-bearing mammal in this State; or the management and control of predatory wildlife in this State”? (See NRS 501.3575)

The wildfire restoration activities to be funded by this grant are focused largely on the rehabilitation of big game habitat. Each of the fire rehabilitation projects would benefit sage grouse habitat as well.

Legal Description of the Property on Which the Proposed Project is to be Located (must include the property address, access roads, township, range and section):

Multiple fires across northern Nevada. See attached map.

Does this Project Have Additional Funding Sources Other than Your Wildlife Heritage Account Request? Yes No

Does this Project Involve Habitat Restoration and Improvement of a Long-term or Permanent Nature? Yes No



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Please Describe in Detail the Reason Why You Need Wildlife Heritage Account Funding to Fund this Project:

Wildfires in Nevada have had an enormously detrimental impact to big game and non-game wildlife habitat over recent decades. Heritage funding is key to providing real dollars for habitat restoration and to provide matching funds for many grant sources in efforts to restore game habitat.

Project Duration: one year two years three years more

Estimated Start Date: August 1, 2020

Estimated End Date: April 30, 2021



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PROJECT FUNDING

The funding breakdown below should cover the total funding needs of the project. While projects may be extended beyond the fiscal year for which money was awarded, such an extension must be due to unusual circumstances and be approved by the Wildlife Commission (see NAC 501.340). Double click on the table to activate the embedded spreadsheet.

1. Amount of Heritage Account Funds Being Requested	\$ 100,000.00
2. Other Cash Funding Sources for this Project	
a. Dream Tag	\$ 150,000.00
b. NDOW's Federal Wildlife Habitat Restoration Grant	\$ 1,000,000.00
c. NGO Contributions	\$ 450,000.00
d. BLM Grants	\$ 150,000.00
e. Ruby Pipeline Mitigation Fund	\$ 300,000.00
f. Total Other Cash Funding Sources (lines a - e)	\$ 2,050,000.00
3. In-kind Services for this Project	
a. Volunteer Time	_____
b. Equipment	_____
c. Materials	_____
d.	_____
e.	_____
f.	_____
g.	_____
h. Total Donations/In-kind Services (lines a - g)	\$ -
4. Total Project Funding	\$ 2,150,000.00
(add lines 1, 2e,3h)	



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PROJECT COSTS

The cost breakdown below should cover the total costs of the project you are seeking funding for. NOTE: THE HERITAGE ACCOUNT CANNOT BE USED TO PAY INDIRECT COSTS. Double click on the table to activate the embedded spreadsheet.

	Heritage Costs	All Other Costs
1. Land Acquisition		
2. Personnel (NDOW employee costs can't be included in the Heritage column)		
3. Travel (NDOW travel costs can't be included in the Heritage column)		
a. Per diem		
b. Mileage		
c. Total Travel Costs (lines a & b)	\$ -	\$ -
4. Equipment Items		
a.		
b.		
c.		
d. Total Equipment Costs (line a - c)	\$ -	\$ -
5. Materials		
a. Seed Purchases	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 1,725,000.00
b. Weed treatment Chemicals		\$ 100,000.00
c.		
d.		\$ -
e. Total Material Costs (lines a - d)	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 1,825,000.00
6. Miscellaneous Costs		
a. Contracts for weed treatments and seeding		\$ 225,000.00
b.		
c.		
d.		
e. Total Miscellaneous Costs (lines a - d)	\$ -	\$ 225,000.00
7. Total Heritage Costs Only (add lines 1, 2, 3c, 4d, 5e, 6e)	<u>\$ 100,000.00</u>	
8. Total All Other Costs (add lines 1, 2, 3c, 4e, 5e, 6e)		<u>\$ 2,050,000.00</u>



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Are There Going to be Any Ongoing Costs for This Project? Yes No

If There are Ongoing Costs Associated with This Project, is There an Anticipated Funding Source for These Costs? Yes No

Do You Anticipate Needing Additional Wildlife Heritage Account Funds Beyond the Upcoming Fiscal Year? If So, Please Describe What You Think Your Funding Requirements will be and for What Purposes (As noted above, extensions beyond the first fiscal year must be due to unusual circumstances and approved by the Wildlife Commission.):

None anticipated

How Will You Give Credit to the Wildlife Heritage Account and Other Funding Sources?

During all press releases, on-air productions and all other communications with the public, the Heritage program will be named as an important contributor toward wildfire rehabilitation across Nevada.

Authorizing Signature:

Review Date: 4/10/2020