As a landowner, you are acutely aware of the challenges you face to make a living off the land. “Working landscapes” host ranching and agriculture in a way that is economically viable, while conserving habitat for wildlife.

Through federal and state collaboration, the Nevada Landowner Incentive Program provides assistance in protecting and restoring wildlife habitat on private land, while maintaining and enhancing working ranches and agricultural operations.
WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LANDOWNER INCENTIVE PROGRAM?

The goal of the program is to work cooperatively with private landowners to restore and protect habitat for sensitive wildlife species.

The program is federally funded through the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, however the Department of the Interior recognized that states may be better equipped to implement the program with a “place based approach” that fits the individual needs and concerns of the residents within each state.

The Nevada Department of Wildlife has implemented the Landowner Incentive Program in order to work proactively and cooperatively with landowners and working ranches.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

The focus of the LIP is private lands restoration and protection for species of conservation concern. Therefore, any private landowner is eligible to apply for technical & financial assistance.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Landowners can submit an application or request assistance any time of the year.

The LIP Coordinator will be happy to meet and discuss habitat issues and develop project ideas with you. Several features make some private lands more appropriate for funding, for example (but not limited to):

- Number of acres involved overall— for instance connectivity with other important habitat
- Species focus
- Potential for success and maintenance
- Participation in existing planning efforts, such as Safe Harbor or Conservation Agreement focus areas

WHAT IS THE COST?

The program can pay up to 75% of project costs for the landowner. The balance of the project cost can be paid by the landowner through financial, time and labor, equipment, or materials contributions.

WHAT KIND OF PROJECTS CAN BE FUNDED?

A variety of projects may be funded depending on the habitat needs and landowner objectives. Each landowner project will be different.

Examples include:

- Removal of non-native plant and animal species
- Restoration of native species
- Installation of fencing to protect habitat
- Livestock management: hiring riders to control the duration and intensity of grazing in sensitive areas
- Agricultural easements
- Spring restoration
- Off-site watering devices