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Small Game Release Plan

For

State Fiscal Years 2022 & 2023



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SUMMARY OF PROPOSED PROJECTS		
Species	# Proposed Introductions	# Proposed Augmentations
California quail	TBD	TBD
Mountain Quail	2	-
Rio Grande Turkey	1	3
Merriam's Turkey	3	1
Gray Partridge	1	-
<i>Sharp-tailed Grouse</i>	-	<i>1</i>
Ruffed Grouse	1	1
American Beaver	-	TBD
Total:	8	5

Proposed Releases

Columbian Sharp-tailed Grouse

Location	Co.	Type
Introductions – priority for first available donor stock		
Augmentations – priority after introductions		
<i>Bull Run Basin (Elko County)</i>	<i>EL</i>	<i>A</i>



Small Game Release Site Planning and Approval Summary

5-2020

Date: 5/6/22

Region: ER

Name: Matt Jeffress and Shawn Espinosa

Office: Elko

Species or Subspecies: Columbian Sharp-tailed grouse

Introduction: or Augmentation:

Fiscal Year of Planned Release: 2022

Release Site Site Name: Bull Run Basin, Bull Run Mountains

County: Elko

Legal Description:

Transplant Stock: Northwestern Colorado near Craig, CO

Cooperating Land Management Agencies: USFS

Land Management Agency Approval Document: Unnecessary (Private)

Other Documents and their Status:

Nevada Upland Game Species Management Plan.

Notification of User Groups (include methods and dates):

The Elko County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife and NBU Midas will be notified of the augmentation. Press releases post augmentation may be developed to highlight the ongoing success of this population.

Habitat Evaluation:

A comprehensive habitat suitability analysis of the release site was conducted in 2011 and published as a "Data Summary" by the USGS (Coates et al. 2011). The data collection and analysis found that microhabitat features at the release site were not significantly different than that of the Curlew Valley in Idaho and, in some cases, the habitat characteristics important for sharp-tailed grouse were greater at the Nevada release site. Sharp-tailed grouse continue to persist at this site.

Predator Evaluation:

Raven removal has been conducted in this area.