



Rocky Mountain Rangelands

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Sage thrasher

OVERVIEW

The Intermountain West is a vast area, stretching from the Colorado Rockies to the Sierra Nevada, and includes much of the states of Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah and Wyoming. The Rocky Mountains Rangeland program was established in 2019 to support conservation efforts in the human-wildlands interface of the region that maintain robust wildlife populations in a working landscape.

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), Bureau of Land Management, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Darden Foundation, and Cargill announced the second round of funding for Rocky Mountain Rangelands projects. Five (5) grants were awarded for \$1.5 million, which generated \$2.5 million in match from the grantees, providing a total conservation impact of \$4 million.

The following five (5) projects address three key categories identified as a priority by the Rocky Mountain Rangelands Program: 1) mesic wet meadow habitat restoration; 2) management/local eradication of invasive annual grasses on sagebrush rangelands; and 3) technical assistance to conserve habitat through easements. This slate will:

- Remove or improve 28 miles of fencing
- Restore 19,356 acres of rangelands with native grasses, forbs and brush
- Improve grazing management on 37,500 acres of land
- Treat 53,000 acres to remove annual invasive plant species
- Install six water tanks to provide alternate water sources for livestock and improve livestock management

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Phase III of the Migration Corridors and Winter Range Initiative (CO, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WY)

Grantee: The Mule Deer Foundation
 Grant Amount: \$491,800
 Matching Funds: \$865,400
 Total Project: \$1,357,100
 Enhance rangeland habitat across the Rocky Mountain Region to benefit mule deer, sage-grouse, and other native wildlife species. Project will improve 10 miles of fencing to wildlife-friendly specifications, remove 10 miles of wildlife-unfriendly fencing, manage 4,500 acres for invasive annual grasses, remove invasive juniper from 500 acres of rangeland, and replant 3,000 acres of fire-damaged rangeland with sagebrush and bitterbrush.

Bruneau-Owyhee Sage-Grouse Habitat (BOSH) Restoration (ID)

Grantee: Pheasants Forever
 Grant Amount: \$313,400
 Matching Funds: \$611,300
 Total Project Amount: \$924,700
 Remove invasive western juniper in southwestern Idaho to restore greater sage-grouse habitat. Project will restore 2,453 acres of sagebrush steppe.

Continuing Idaho Cheatgrass Challenge Team Efforts to Combat Invasive Grasses (ID)

Grantee: Pheasants Forever
 Grant Amount: \$159,700
 Matching Funds: \$160,000
 Total Project Amount: \$319,700
 Restore rangelands in southern and central Idaho by removing invasive annual cheatgrass and reseeding native grasses to benefit sage-grouse and other native species. Project will use herbicides to remove invasive grasses from 5,000 acres of rangelands and reseed 949 acres of private and public lands.



Greater sage-grouse



Elk clear a fence in Colorado

Enhancing Sagebrush Habitat Through Audubon's Conservation Ranching Initiative (UT, WY)

Grantee: National Audubon Society
 Grant Amount: \$412,000
 Matching Funds: \$415,000
 Total Project Amount: \$827,000
 Implement replicable grazing/seeding techniques and infrastructure to increase native forage and protect riparian habitat to benefit greater sage-grouse and other native species in Utah and Wyoming. Project will manage 37,500 acres for invasive annual grasses and grazing techniques, install 8 miles of wildlife-friendly fencing, install 6 livestock water tanks, and reseed 200 acres with native forbs and grasses.

Restoring the Kelly Hayfields of Grand Teton National Park (WY)

Grantee: Grand Teton National Park Foundation
 Grant Amount: \$150,000
 Matching Funds: \$405,000
 Total Project Amount: \$555,000
 Restore a previously cultivated section of the Kelly Hayfields in Grand Teton National Park to benefit bison, elk, pronghorn, sage-grouse, songbirds, and other native wildlife. Project will restore 50 acres of sagebrush grassland with native grasses, forbs, and shrubs, and prepare an additional 25 acres for future restoration and replanting.