*Private Lands Enhancement Program*

***2023 Eligibility Questionnaire & Application***

*SCCD is partnering with the Upper Green River Basin Sage Grouse Local Work Group to implement and administer the Private Lands Enhancement Program. This is a grant funded initiative designed to increase cover and forage availability for sage-grouse and other species while also helping landowners in Sublette County increase agricultural and/or rangeland productivity through planting or interseeding projects. Successful applicants will be reimbursed 50% for seed costs up to $2,500.00.*

*2023 Eligibility Criteria:*

1. *Land must be zoned AGRICULTURAL*
2. *Seed mixes must include plant species beneficial to Greater sage-grouse conservation such as forbs and grasses (different mixes are acceptable for different uses, e.g., pasture, hay, range). Seed mixes must also be compliant with Wyoming state weed seed laws and “cheatgrass free”.*
3. *Landowners agree to a pretreatment plan to increase the probability of success. Pretreatment would be focused on reducing seed competition with existing plant species through practices such as herbicide treatments, mowing, tillage, aerating, etc.*
4. *Landowners agree to a weed management plan including landowner completed annual weed checks. (SCCD is available to help identify any existing weed species prior to treatment and will be available to help identify weeds post-treatment.)*
5. *Landowners are willing to defer haying or grazing, or rest treated areas for a minimum of one growing season post-treatment if determined that this action will facilitate optimum conditions for seed establishment.*

*If you are interested in applying, fill out Section A on the following page.*

**Section A: 2023 Eligibility Questionnaire:**

1. Is the land you would like to enroll zoned agricultural?

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_No

1. While you are free to determine your own seed mix, do you understand and accept that it must be pre approved by SCCD in order to be eligible for any reimbursement?

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_No

1. Do you agree to develop and execute a pretreatment plan if SCCD deems it necessary?

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_No

1. Do you agree to perform annual weed checks and address any major weed concerns post planting?

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_No

1. Do you agree to defer haying or grazing for a full growing season post treatment, if necessary, for seeding success?

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_No

**If you answered “Yes” to each question above, please continue to *Section B* of the application process on the following page. If you answered “No” to any of the questions, unfortunately, you do not qualify for the program at this time. If you have any questions regarding your eligibility or about your application, please contact Keller Hyde with SCCD at (307) 367-2364.**

**Section B: 2023 Application**

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| **Private Landowner/Company Name:** | |
| **Phone Number:** | |
| **Mailing Address:**  **City: State: Zip:** | |
| **Physical Address of Land to Enroll:**  **City: State: Zip:** | |
| **Physical Description:**  **Sec: Township: Range:** | |
| **Current land use where you want to plant:**  **Pivot Irrigated Hay Meadow Irrigated Pasture Dryland Pasture Rangeland** | ***For Internal Use Only\**** |
| **Total Acres to Enroll:** |  |
| **Proximity to Nearest Occupied Lek:**  **≤ 0.6 mi 0.61-2.0 mi > 2 mi** |  |
| **Sage Grouse Habitat Type:**  **Breeding (Spring) Nesting & Broodrearing (Summer) Winter N/A** |  |
| **In core area:**  **Yes: No:** |  |

*\*please leave gray areas blank for SCCD staff to complete*