

HSP CAC Subcommittee Rangeland Habitat Proposal Recommendations

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The HSP CAC Subcommittee recommends that project proposals to be submitted for review with the goal of being funded by the HSP shall consist of but are not limited to:

1. Project must contain specific details that clearly define any prior and future mitigation that addresses the project degradation.
2. Provide details of prior funding for the degraded habitat restoration.
*If there were no funds implemented by the range biologist or from the permittee please explain why.
3. Provide what the permitted stocking rate and pasture rotation on the degraded area of the allotment has been.
*Is there any livestock presently on the allotment or degraded area? if so, provide all pertinent information
4. Provide the adapted management plan that was implemented in the effort to contain the degradation.
* If there were no mitigation efforts please explain why.
5. Provide any future adapted management plans to maintain future grazing and vegetation restoration of the degraded area so that the rangeland habitat can function properly and be used by local wildlife.
*Information should include but is not limited to : what livestock will be permitted on the degraded allotment, stocking rate, pasture rotation, and who will be responsible for monitoring.
6. Are there any agreements to help protect and monitor fences and vegetative restoration? Provide details of a monitoring plan. Plan should include but is not limited to: adequate inspections and who is responsible for inspections. Inspections should include photo verification of restoration progress and a detailed description of restoration photos.
* An agreement in place for the restoration and monitoring process will tend to provide a higher degree of restoration success benefiting all vested parties.
7. Riparian areas that are dependent on upland watershed to maintain its viability must include a mitigation plan for both the watershed and the riparian area.
*Some riparian areas may be able to be fenced without a watershed plan as long as the amount of fenced area encompasses enough habitat to sustain its viability. Provide all details justifying the amount of habitat to be encompassed.
8. Provide comprehensive itemized use of funds.
9. Project details should define direct benefits to the public, permittee and wildlife.

Citizen Advisory Committee recommendation:

It is recommended that the full CAC explore and develop respectful relationships with USFS and BLM rangeland biologist and to encourage rangeland biologists to be active partners with the NMG&F Habitat Stamp Program in protecting range habitat for the Public, Permittees and Wildlife.