State of Nevada and Federal Agencies Signs
Conservation Credit System Agreement

The Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Nevada State Office, and the Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) recently finalized a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) outlining the use of Nevada's Conservation Credit System (CCS) to help improve sage-grouse habitat on U.S. Forest Service and BLM lands in the state.

"The ability to use the state's CCS to mitigate disturbances to sage-grouse habitat throughout Nevada greatly increases our ability to protect not just sage-grouse, but the entire sagebrush ecosystem," said Jim Lawrence, DCNR Deputy Director.

"We are very pleased to be working with the State of Nevada and BLM on the implementation of the CCS. This program enhances our ability to work together to conserve sagebrush ecosystems across all lands," said Bill Dunkelberger, Forest Supervisor for the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest. We applaud the State for developing and implementing this innovative credit system. We look forward to piloting the CCS on National Forest System lands."

The State of Nevada developed the CCS to preserve and maintain greater sage-grouse habitats on private and public lands. It is an innovative science base tool developed to quantify and account for impacts to sage-grouse habitat and the conservation actions put in place to off-set these impacts.

"Working collaboratively with all stakeholders, especially the state of Nevada, is the key to implementing our plan to improve sage grouse habitat," said John Ruhs, Director of the Nevada BLM. "This CCS is exactly in line with our number one priority to improve the health and productivity of the land to support BLM's multiple-use mission."

For more detailed information on the Credit System, please visit:

https://www.enviroaccounting.com/NVCreditSystem/Program/Home