

Jonah Interagency Mitigation Reclamation Office
March 2007 Approved Project Proposals

Type Project	Project Name	Contact	Amount Requested	Amount Approved	Approval Status	Description of Project
Wildlife	Tibbals Reservoir & Vegetative Enhancement	Cotton Bousman	\$115,200	\$115,200	Approved	Project to enhance sage-grouse brood rearing habitat. New well will provide of-site livestock water and reservoir will be fenced to provide sanctuary to sage-grouse. Approximately 10 acres around the reservoir will be fenced and seeded with forbs. Vegetative enhancements may also be used on the state section to further improve habitat for wildlife, specifically sage-grouse and pronghorn.
Wildlife	Cottonwood Ranch Bench Corral Conservation Project	Freddie Botur, Luke Lynch, Steve Laster, Scott Yates	\$1,173,650	\$978,650	Approved with Contingencies	Conservation easement on 1110 acres to preserve pristine wildlife habitat from residential development. Water efficiency project that will allow improved grazing management on 25,000 acres. Funding for intensive grazing management on a large scale (25,000 acres) that will address BMP's for sagebrush obligates.
Wildlife	MJ Ranch Sagebrush Conservation and Mitigation Project	Mark and Renee Jones, Luke Lynch, Kerry Olson, Glenn Pauley	\$1,920,000	\$1,309,000	Approved with Contingencies	Conservation easement on 2052 acres to preserve valuable wildlife habitat. Project holds potential for a forage reserve and/or habitat plan, indirectly benefiting 80,000 acres. Future planning to meet JIO mitigation goals.
Wildlife	Elk Mountain/Red Canyon Prescribed Burn	BLM KFO, Gavin Lovell	\$90,000	\$90,000	Approved	Improvement of upland plant communities for various wildlife species, including sage-grouse with prescribed burning of 20,000 acres (approximately half black) in a mosaic pattern in the Elk Mountain area. Approval of the Proposed Action is the most environmentally acceptable method of stimulating regeneration of desired plant communities (aspen, mountain shrubs and grasses).
SUBTOTAL - Wildlife			\$4,383,357	\$2,492,850		
Other	Wardell Buffalo Trap	Sam Drucker, Dave Vlcek & David Crowley	\$40,000	\$40,000	Approved	Establishment of a drainage system to protect the Wardell Buffalo Trap site for preservation of an important archaeological site.
Other	Stud Horse Butte Livestock Mitigation	Donald Rogers	\$147,200	\$73,200	Approved with mods: 2 Chalk Butte wells, fence seep, generator at Cowboy Well in Stud Horse Butte.	Project mitigates livestock impacts and supports reclamation success. 2 water sources to be developed in north end of stud horse butte to attract livestock away from infill. Develop water in Chalk Butte to temporarily reduce time cattle are in stud horse butte thus reducing livestock/gas development conflicts.
SUBTOTAL - Other			\$624,581	\$113,200		
Both	A Project to Mitigate Direct Impacts to Wildlife and Grazing in the Immediate Area South of the Jonah Field	Steve Reynolds & Project Team	\$181,000	\$181,000	Approved	Provide wildlife drinking water by drilling 2 new wells and upgrading 2 wells south of Jonah. Repair/extend wildlife approved fencing between two allotments to reduce livestock drift from Jonah. Fence will also allow for grazing rotation which may improve habitat values.
SUBTOTAL - Both			\$181,000	\$181,000		
TOTAL FUNDING REQUESTED			\$5,188,937	\$2,787,050		