

Powder River Basin Interagency Working Group Wildlife Taskforce June 2005



CBNG Wildlife Taskforce



Buffalo Field Office
Casper Field Office
Miles City Field Office



Sheridan Region



Billings Field Office



Custer National Forest
Thunder Basin Nat. Grasslands



Billings Field Office
Wyoming Field Office



Miles City Region

MONITORING SCALES

- Project Level – Individual PODs
 - Responsibility largely transferred to proponents
 - Coordinated, individual agency authority
- Basin Level
 - Emphasis of taskforce
 - Coordinated amongst agencies



PROJECT SCALE

- Objectives
 - Baseline inventory
 - Monitor occupied habitat
- Focus Species
 - ESA listed, proposed, or candidate
 - Sensitive species
 - Other species of concern



PROJECT SCALE TIMELINE

- Taskforce sponsors two coordination meetings annually.
- Taskforce has produced guidance documents.
 - Consultant checklist
 - Habitat decision trees
 - Survey protocols



BASIN SCALE EIS REQUIRED

Task	Freq.	Status	Cost	Priority
Bald Eagle Mortality	Cont.	Ongoing	None	None
Bald Eagle Roosting	10 yrs	Ongoing	\$25,000	Low
Bald Eagle Nesting	5 yrs	Ongoing	Base funding	Low
Bald Eagle Productivity	Annual	Ongoing	Base funding	Low
Bald Eagle Habitat	2 yrs	New	Landcover change	High

BASIN SCALE EIS REQUIRED

Task	Freq.	Status	Cost	Priority
Big Game Winter	As available	Pre-CBNG	\$15,000	High
Black-footed Ferret	10 yrs	Ongoing	Prairie dogs	Low
Landcover Change	2 yrs	New	\$15,000	High MT-1, WY-1
Mtn. Plover Nesting	5 yrs	Ongoing	\$15,000	High MT-3
Mtn. Plover Habitat	2 yrs	New	Landcover change	High

BASIN SCALE EIS REQUIRED

Task	Freq.	Status	Cost	Priority
Noxious Weeds	3 yrs	New	\$100,000	High
Prairie Dog Colonies	10 yrs	Ongoing	\$100,000	None
Prairie Dog Habitat	2 yrs	New	Landcover Change	High
Raptor Nesting	5 yrs	Ongoing	\$100,000	Low
Roadside Carcasses	Continuous	Ongoing	Base	None

BASIN SCALE EIS REQUIRED

Task	Freq.	Status	Cost	Priority
Sage Grouse Breeding	3 yrs	Ongoing	\$30,000	Low
Sage Grouse Winter	3 yrs	New	\$30,000	High MT-2, WY-6
Ute Ladies Tresses	Baseline	2005	\$20,000	High WY-4
Ladies tress. Habitat	2 yrs	New	Landcover	High



BASIN SCALE ADDITIONAL

Task	Freq.	Status	Cost	Priority
Infrastruct.	2 yrs	New	Landcover Change	High
Migratory Birds	5 yrs	Partial Ongoing	\$65,000	High MT-5, WY-2
Herptile Trend	5 yrs	Partial Ongoing	\$15,000	High MT-4, WY-5
Small Mammal	5 yrs	New	\$25,000	Low



FY 2005 Funding/Activities

Buffalo Field Office

- Bald Eagle Winter Roosting
- Elk Habitat Use
- Ladies'-tresses Survey/Modeling

Miles City Field Office

- Bald Eagle Winter Roosting
- Sage Grouse Lek Inventory
- Big Game Spring Distribution

Custer National Forest

- Aquatic Macroinvertebrates
- Reptile/Amphibian Surveys
- Rare Plant Surveys



FY2006 Requests

Task	BLM Buffalo	BLM Miles City
Bald Eagle Roosting		\$5,000
Big Game Winter	\$10,000	
Herptiles	\$20,000	
Migratory Birds	\$20,000	
Sage Grouse Winter	\$10,000	\$10,000
Small Mammal	\$20,000	

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