

United States Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service



The Natural Resources Conservation Service

Helping people help the land.

Our major programs...

- **Environmental Quality Incentives Program**
 - **Energy Initiative**
 - **Sage Grouse Initiative**
- **NEW Conservation STEWARDSHIP Program**
- **Wetlands Reserve Program**
- **Farm and Ranch Land Protection Program**

2011 Application Summary

Applications (Douglas Co)	Funded	Treated Acres	Dollars \$	% Funded
EQIP-				
7- Dryland	3	5,500 ac	\$31,000	42.8%
2- Forestry	2	33.9 ac	\$10,632	100%
Sage Grouse Initiative-				
4	3	5,000 ac	\$133,000	75%
CSP-				
14	8	28,500 ac	\$905,000	57%

2012 Application Summary

Applications (Douglas Co)	Funded	Treated Acres	Dollars \$	% Funded
EQIP-				
4- Dryland	3	5,600 ac	\$44,750	100%
3- Irrigated	0	0ac	0\$	0%
3- Forestry	2	65ac	\$19,100	67%
9- Grazing	0	0ac	\$0	0%
Sage Grouse Initiative*-				
3	\$500,000 For the state	6900 ac	?	?
CSP-				
16		22,575 ac	?	?

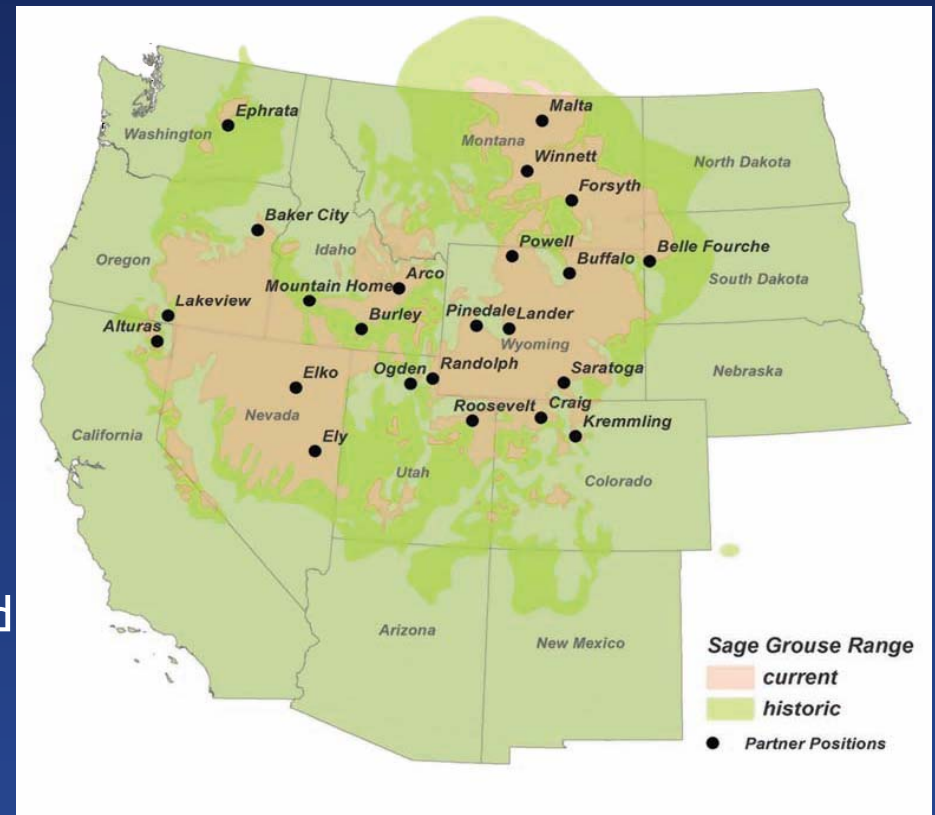
Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)- Energy Initiative

- Approx. \$3 mil available nationally
- Available practices include:
 - Residue Mngm't, Crop Rotation, Windbreak/Shelterbelts, & others
- Landscape Audit
 - Agriculture Energy Mngm't Plan
 - May be required in future sign-ups
- 3 Application Cut-off Periods in 2012
 - February 3, March 30, June 1



Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)- Sage Grouse Initiative

- Launched in 2010 by NRCS
2011-teamed up with more than 30 partners
- Using NRCS programs such as EQIP and WHIP
 - Focused on practices which benefit Sage Grouse (i.e. fence marking, obstruction removal, range planting, prescribed grazing)
- What's good for Sage Grouse is good for ranching
- Sign-up deadline: mid-march??



Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)

CSP encourages producers to address resource concerns in a comprehensive manner by undertaking additional conservation activities; and improving, maintaining, and managing existing conservation activities.

- Continuous sign up but 1st cut off is January 27





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Our promise.

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