

*All projects must meet WLCI criteria to receive further consideration of Ruby participatory contributions.*

*Projects meeting Priority 1 requirements will rank higher than those fulfilling Priority 2 requirements.*

Sage-grouse and Pygmy Projects – Data Requirements

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| <p>Priority 1</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Habitat project will generate reportable sagebrush/grassland or salt desert shrub restoration benefits which yield habitat benefits for sage-grouse and/or pygmy rabbits.</li> <li>• Habitat project will provide a suite of information to further the knowledge base of the greater sage-grouse and/or pygmy rabbit and data to support/not support future similar habitat projects.</li> <li>• Pre-assessment work including: identification of target habitat and objectives for the habitat including species-specific benefit; initial data collection (should include more than one of the following components: historical/current data compilation, current habitat condition, habitat connectivity, habitat function information with regard to the surrounding landscape.)</li> <li>• Project description and location accurately reflects identified target habitat objectives.</li> <li>• Post-assessment work including all of the following but may include additional related information:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Data collection and monitoring over a scientifically supportable term (duration and focus of monitoring will be dependent upon the specific project);</li> <li>○ Annual results reporting including summary statistics and progress toward project objectives;</li> <li>○ Annual data transfer to WLCI/BLM/WGFD includes:                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Site-specific locations in GIS shape file(s);</li> <li>- Summary statistics;</li> <li>- Summary paragraph explaining results and preliminary conclusions</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ At project conclusion: complete suite of data and conclusions including:                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Compilation of all site-specific locations in a GIS file;</li> <li>- Final summary statistics;</li> <li>- Final conclusions and management implications;</li> <li>- Data sheets and notes.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
| <p>Priority 2</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Habitat project will generate reportable sagebrush/grassland or salt desert shrub restoration benefits which yield habitat benefits for sage-grouse</li> </ul>   |

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|  | <p>and/or pygmy rabbits.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pre-assessment work including: identification of target habitat and objectives for the habitat including species-specific benefit; initial data collection (should include at least one of the following components: historical/current data compilation, current habitat condition, habitat connectivity, habitat function information with regard to the surrounding landscape.)</li> <li>• Project description and location accurately reflects identified target habitat objectives.</li> <li>• Required post-assessment work: annual results reporting including data transfer (see Priority 1); At project conclusion: Compilation of all site-specific locations in a GIS file; Final summary; Data sheets and notes.</li> </ul> |
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Project Location – Sage-grouse

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| Priority 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project located in sage-grouse key habitat between I-80 and US Highway 30 in the Kemmerer Field Office</li> </ul>  |
| Priority 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project located in sage-grouse habitat between I-80 and US Highway 30 in the Kemmerer Field Office</li> </ul>  |
| Priority 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project located in sage-grouse habitat north of I-80 in the Kemmerer Field Office</li> </ul>   |
| Priority 4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Integrated activities in southwest Wyoming related to sage grouse that have a nexus in the first two priority areas and inform at the landscape level</li> </ul> |

Project Location – Pygmy Rabbit

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| Priority 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project located in pygmy rabbit habitat between I-80 and US Highway 30 in the Kemmerer Field Office</li> </ul>  |
| Priority 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project located in pygmy rabbit habitat in the Kemmerer Field Office</li> </ul>   |
| Priority 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Integrated activities in southwest Wyoming related to pygmy rabbit that have a nexus in the first two priority areas and inform at the landscape level</li> </ul> |

### Ruby Project Focus group

The focus group members are required to regularly participate in WLCI Local Project Development Team meetings. The focus group member (1 per entity) may use a proxy if they are unable to attend a meeting.

#### **Ruby Focus group Roles**

Participate as part of the WLCI Lincoln/Uinta local project development team

Provide information and expertise to project design and development

Review projects forwarded from WLCI CT ranking process for conformance with the Ruby Project Cooperative Conservation Agreement for the Greater Sage-Grouse and Pygmy Rabbit

Provide addendum to WLCI CT ranking results to include priorities for potential funding with monies

Provide any data and information necessary in relation to the recommended expenditures.

#### **Focus group Members**

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| Wyoming Game and Fish Department | Uinta County Conservation District |
| BLM Kemmerer Field Office        | Lincoln Conservation District      |
| Livestock Permittee              | Local Sage Grouse Working Group    |
| Industry Representative          |                                    |