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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of Forest Service Land Management Plans To Be Amended To Incorporate Greater Sage-Grouse Conservation Measures

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice, Request for Comments.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) published a Notice of Intent (NOI) on December 9, 2011 [76 FR 77008] to prepare environmental impact statements (EISs) and supplemental environmental impact statements to incorporate greater sage-grouse conservation measures into land use plans and land management plans. The BLM is the lead agency for this action and in the preparation of these EISs and Supplemental EISs and the Forest Service is participating as a cooperating agency. On February 10, 2012 [77 FR 7178] the BLM published a Notice of Correction that changed the names of the regions that are coordinating the Environmental Impact Statements and Supplemental EISs, extended the scoping period, and added 11 Forest Service Land Management Plans to this process. This notice has been published to ensure all stakeholders, interested in Forest Service activities, are aware of the Notice of Intent published by the BLM and are provided a complete list of potentially impacted forests and grasslands.

DATES: Consistent with the February 10, 2012, BLM Notice of Correction, comments on issues as part of the public scoping process for the EISs/SEISs may be submitted in writing until March 23, 2012.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments related to the greater sage-grouse planning effort by any of the following methods:

- *Rocky Mountain Region:* Web site: <http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/more/sagegrouse/eastern.html>. Email: sageeast@blm.gov. Fax: 307-775-6042. Mail: Eastern Region Project Manager, BLM Wyoming State Office, 5353 Yellowstone, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82009.

- *Great Basin Region:* Web site: <http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/more/sagegrouse/western.html>. Email: sagewest@blm.gov. Fax: 775-861-6747. Mail: Western Region Project Manager, BLM Nevada State Office, 1340 Financial Blvd., Reno, Nevada 89502.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information and/or to have your name added to our mailing list, contact:

- Johanna Munson, Rocky Mountain Region Project Manager, telephone 307-775-6329; address 5353 Yellowstone Road, Cheyenne, WY 82009; email jmunson@blm.gov, or

- Lauren Mermejo, Great Basin Region Project Manager, telephone 775-861-6400; address 1340 Financial Boulevard, Reno, NV 89520; email lmermejo@blm.gov, or

- Glen Stein, Forest Service Project Manager, telephone 801-625-5281; address 324 25th Street, Ogden, UT 84401; email gstein@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Although the majority of all scoping meetings have been completed, the date(s) and location(s) of any additional scoping meetings will be announced at least 15 days in advance through local media, newspapers, and the BLM Web site for the Rocky Mountain Region at <http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/more/sagegrouse/eastern.html>, and for the Great Basin Region at <http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/more/sagegrouse/western.html>. Comments that are specific to a particular area, Resource Management Plan, or Land Management Plan should be identified as such. The BLM will provide additional opportunities for public participation upon publication of the Draft EISs/SEISs.

Following are the list of National Forests and Grassland potentially impacted:

Within the Rocky Mountain Region

- *Colorado*
 - Routt National Forest
- *Utah*
 - Ashley National Forest
 - Manti-Lasal National Forest

- Wasatch-Cache National Forest
- Uinta National Forest
- *Wyoming*
 - Thunder Basin National Grassland
 - Bridger-Teton National Forest
 - Medicine Bow National Forest

Within the Great Basin Region

- *Idaho*
 - Boise National Forest
 - Salmon National Forest
 - Challis National Forest
 - Targhee National Forest
 - Curlew National Grassland
 - Caribou National Forest
 - Sawtooth National Forest
- *Montana*
 - Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest

Forest

- *Nevada*
 - Humboldt National Forest
 - Toiyabe National Forest
- *Utah*
 - Dixie National Forest
 - Fishlake National Forest

Dated: February 21, 2012.

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Associate Deputy Chief, NFS.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Inviting Applications for the Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2012

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice is to invite applications for loans and grants under the Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant (REDLG) program pursuant to 7 CFR part 4280, subpart A for Fiscal Year (FY) 2012. Funding to support \$33 million in loans and \$10 million in grants is currently available. The commitment of program dollars will be made to applicants of selected responses that have fulfilled the necessary requirements for obligation. Expenses incurred in developing applications will be at the applicant's risk.

DATES: The deadline for receipt of applications in the USDA Rural Development State Office is no later than 4:30 p.m. (local time) on the last business day of each month in FY 2012.

ADDRESSES: Submit applications in paper format to the USDA Rural Development State Office in the state where your project is located. A list of the USDA Rural Development State Offices addresses and telephone numbers are as follows:

Alabama

USDA Rural Development State Office,
Sterling Centre, Suite 601, 4121
Carmichael Road, Montgomery, AL 36106–
3683, (334) 279–3400/TDD (334) 279–3495

Alaska

USDA Rural Development State Office, 800
West Evergreen, Suite 201, Palmer, AK
99645–6539, (907) 761–7707/TDD (907)
761–8905

Arizona

USDA Rural Development State Office, 230
North First Avenue, Suite 206, Phoenix,
AZ 85003–1706, (602) 280–8702/TDD (602)
280–8705

Arkansas

USDA Rural Development State Office,
Federal Building, 700 West Capitol
Avenue, Room 3416, Little Rock, AR
72201–3225, (501) 301–3200/TDD (501)
301–3279

California

USDA Rural Development State Office, 430 G
Street, Agency 4169, Davis, CA 95616–
4169, (530) 792–5800/TDD (530) 792–5848

Colorado

USDA Rural Development State Office,
Denver Federal Center, Building 56, Room
2300, P.O. Box 25426, Denver, CO 80225–
0426, (720) 544–2903/TDD (800) 659–3656

Delaware-Maryland

USDA Rural Development State Office, 1221
College Park Drive, Suite 200, Dover, DE
19904–8724, (302) 857–3580/TDD (302)
857–3585

Florida/Virgin Islands

USDA Rural Development State Office, 4440
NW. 25th Place, P.O. Box 147010,
Gainesville, FL 32614–7010, (352) 338–
3400/TDD (352) 338–3499

Georgia

USDA Rural Development State Office,
Stephens Federal Building, 355 East
Hancock Avenue, Stop 300, Athens, GA
30601–2768, (706) 546–2162/TDD (706)
546–2034

Hawaii

USDA Rural Development State Office,
Federal Building, Room 311, 154
Waiuanuenue Avenue, Hilo, HI 96720–2486,
(808) 933–8302/TDD (808) 933–8321

Idaho

USDA Rural Development State Office, 9173
West Barnes Drive, Suite A1, Boise, ID
83709–1574, (208) 378–5601/TDD (208)
378–5644

Illinois

USDA Rural Development State Office, 2118
West Park Court, Suite A, Champaign, IL
61821–2986, (217) 403–6200/TDD (217)
403–6240

Indiana

USDA Rural Development State Office, 5975
Lakeside Boulevard, Indianapolis, IN
46278–1996, (317) 290–3100 ext. 4/TDD
(317) 290–3343

Iowa

USDA Rural Development State Office,
Federal Building, Room 873, 210 Walnut
Street, Des Moines, IA 50309–2117, (515)
284–4663/TDD (515) 284–4858

Kansas

USDA Rural Development State Office, 1303
SW. First American Place, Suite 100,
Topeka, KS 66604–4040, (785) 271–2700/
TDD (785) 271–2767

Kentucky

USDA Rural Development State Office, 771
Corporate Drive, Suite 200, Lexington, KY
40503–5439, (859) 224–7300/TDD (859)
224–7422

Louisiana

USDA Rural Development State Office, 3727
Government Street, Alexandria, LA 71302–
3327, (318) 473–7920/TDD (318) 473–7655

Maine

USDA Rural Development State Office, 967
Illinois Avenue, Suite 4, P.O. Box 405,
Bangor, ME 04402–0405, (207) 990–9160/
TDD (207) 942–7331

Massachusetts/Rhode Island/Connecticut

USDA Rural Development State Office, 451
West Street, Suite 2, Amherst, MA 01002–
2999, (413) 253–4300/TDD (413) 253–4590

Michigan

USDA Rural Development State Office, 3001
Coolidge Road, Suite 200, East Lansing, MI
48823–6350, (517) 324–5190/TDD (517)
324–5169

Minnesota

USDA Rural Development State Office, 410
Agri-Bank Building, 375 Jackson Street,
Suite 410, St. Paul, MN 55101–1853, (651)
602–7800/TDD (651) 602–3799

Mississippi

USDA Rural Development State Office,
Federal Building, Suite 831, 100 West
Capitol Street, Jackson, MS 39269–1608,
(601) 965–4211/TDD (601) 965–5850

Missouri

USDA Rural Development State Office, 601
Business Loop 70 West, Parkade Center,
Suite 235, Columbia, MO 65203–2579,
(573) 876–0987/TDD (573) 876–9480

Montana

USDA Rural Development State Office, 2229
Boot Hill Court, P.O. Box 850, Bozeman,
MT 59718–4011, (406) 585–2580/TDD
(406) 585–2562

Nebraska

USDA Rural Development State Office,
Federal Building, Room 152, 100
Centennial Mall North, Lincoln, NE 68508–
3803, (308) 632–2195/TDD (402) 437–5093

Nevada

USDA Rural Development State Office, 1390
South Curry Street, Carson City, NV
89703–5146, (775) 887–1222/TDD (775)
885–0633

New Jersey

USDA Rural Development State Office, 5th
Floor North, Suite 500, 8000 Midlantic
Drive, Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054–1522, (856)
787–7700/TDD (856) 787–7784

New Mexico

USDA Rural Development State Office, 6200
Jefferson Street, Room 255, Albuquerque,
NM 87109–3434, (505) 761–4950/TDD
(505) 761–4938

New York

USDA Rural Development State Office, The
Galleries of Syracuse, 441 South Salina
Street, Suite 357, Syracuse, NY 13202–
2541, (315) 477–6435/TDD (315) 477–6447

North Carolina

USDA Rural Development State Office, 4405
Bland Road, Suite 260, Raleigh, NC 27609–
6293, (919) 873–2015/TDD (919) 873–2003

North Dakota

USDA Rural Development State Office,
Federal Building, Room 208, 220 East
Rosser, P.O. Box 1737, Bismarck, ND
58502–1737, (701) 530–2037/TDD (701)
530–2113

Ohio

USDA Rural Development State Office,
Federal Building, Room 507, 200 North
High Street, Columbus, OH 43215–2418,
(614) 255–2400/TDD (614) 255–2554

Oklahoma

USDA Rural Development State Office, 100
USDA, Suite 108, Stillwater, OK 74074–
2654, (405) 742–1000/TDD (405) 742–1007

Oregon

USDA Rural Development State Office, 1201
Northeast Lloyd Blvd., Suite 801, Portland,
OR 97232–1274, (503) 414–3305/TDD (503)
414–3387

Pennsylvania

USDA Rural Development State Office, One
Credit Union Place, Suite 330, Harrisburg,
PA 17110–2996, (717) 237–2262/TDD (717)
237–2261

Puerto Rico

USDA Rural Development State Office, IBM
Building, Suite 601, 654 Munos Rivera
Avenue, San Juan, PR 00918–6106, (787)
766–5095/TDD (787) 766–5332

South Carolina

USDA Rural Development State Office, Strom
Thurmond Federal Building, 1835
Assembly Street, Room 1007, Columbia, SC
29201–2449, (803) 765–5163/TDD (803)
765–5697

South Dakota

USDA Rural Development State Office,
Federal Building, Room 210, 200 Fourth
Street SW., Huron, SD 57350-2461, (605)
352-1100/TDD (605) 352-1147

Tennessee

USDA Rural Development State Office, 3322
West End Avenue, Suite 300, Nashville,
TN 37203-1071, (615) 783-1300

Texas

USDA Rural Development State Office,
Federal Building, Suite 102, 101 South
Main, Temple, TX 76501-7651, (254) 742-
9700/TDD (254) 742-9712

Utah

USDA Rural Development State Office,
Wallace F. Bennett Federal Building, 125
South State Street, Room 4311, Salt Lake
City, UT 84138, (801) 524-4321/TDD (801)
524-3309

Vermont/New Hampshire

USDA Rural Development State Office, City
Center, 3rd Floor, 89 Main Street,
Montpelier, VT 05602-4449, (802) 828-
6080/TDD (802) 223-6365

Virginia

USDA Rural Development State Office,
Culpeper Building, Suite 238, 1606 Santa
Rosa Road, Richmond, VA 23229-5014,
(804) 287-1552/TDD (804) 287-1753

Washington

USDA Rural Development State Office, 1835
Black Lake Boulevard SW., Suite B,
Olympia, WA 98512-5715, (360) 704-
7740/TDD (360) 704-7760

West Virginia

USDA Rural Development State Office, 1550
Earl Core Road, Suite 101, Morgantown,
WV 26505-7500, (304) 284-4860/TDD
(304) 284-4836

Wisconsin

USDA Rural Development State Office, 4949
Kirschling Court, Stevens Point, WI 54481-
7044, (715) 345-7600/TDD (715) 345-7614

Wyoming

USDA Rural Development State Office, P.O.
Box 11005, 100 East B Street, Room 1005,
Casper, WY 82601-5006, (307) 233-6703/
TDD (307) 233-6733

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The
Rural Development State Office
identified in this Notice where the
project will be located.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Overview**

Federal Agency: Rural Business-
Cooperative Service.

Funding Opportunity Type: Rural
Economic Development Loans and
Grants.

Announcement Type: Initial
Announcement.

*Catalog of Federal Domestic
Assistance Number:* 10.854.

Dates: Application Deadline:
Completed applications must be
received in the State Office by 4:30 p.m.
(local time) on the last business day of
each month in FY 2012.

I. Funding Opportunity Description

The regulations for these programs are
at 7 CFR part 4280, subpart A. The
primary objective of the program is to
promote rural economic development
and job creation projects. Assistance
provided to rural areas, as defined,
under this program may include
business startup costs, business
expansion, business incubators,
technical assistance feasibility studies,
advanced telecommunications services
and computer networks for medical,
educational, and job training services
and community facilities projects for
economic development. Awards are
made on a competitive basis using
specific selection criteria contained in 7
CFR part 4280, subpart A. Information
required to be in the application
includes an SF-424, "Application for
Federal Assistance;" a Resolution of the
Board of Directors; AD-1047,
"Debarment/Suspension Certification;"
Assurance Statement for the Uniform
Act; Restrictions on Lobbying, AD 1049,
"Certification Regarding Drug-Free
Workplace Requirements;" Form RD
400-1, "Equal Opportunity Agreement;"
Form RD 400-4, "Assurance
Agreement;" Seismic Certification (if
construction); Form RD 1940-20,
"Request for Environmental
Information;" RUS Form 7, "Financial
and Statistical Report;" and RUS Form
7a, "Investments, Loan Guarantees, and
Loans," or similar information; and
written narrative of project description.
Applications will be tentatively scored
by the State Offices and submitted to the
National Office for review.

Definitions

The definitions are published at 7
CFR 4280.3.

II. Award Information

Type of Awards: Loans and Grants.
Fiscal Year Funds: FY 2012.

Maximum Anticipated Award:
Loans—\$1,000,000; Grant—\$300,000.

Anticipated Award Dates: The last
day of the month following the month
in which application was received.

III. Eligibility Information**A. Eligible Applicants**

Loans and grants may be made to any
entity that is identified by USDA Rural
Development as an eligible borrower
under the Rural Electrification Act. In
accordance with 7 CFR 4280.13,
applicants that are not delinquent on

any Federal debt or otherwise
disqualified from participation in these
programs are eligible to apply. An
applicant must be eligible under 7
U.S.C. 940c.

B. Cost Sharing or Matching

For loans, either the Ultimate
Recipient or the Intermediary must
provide supplemental funds for the
project equal to at least 20 percent of the
loan to the Intermediary. For grants, the
Intermediary must establish a Revolving
Loan Fund and contribute an amount
equal to at least 20 percent of the Grant.
The supplemental contribution must
come from Intermediary's funds which
may not be from other Federal Grants,
unless permitted by law.

C. Other Eligibility Requirements

Applications will only be accepted for
projects that promote rural economic
development and job creation.

D. Completeness Eligibility

Applications will not be considered
for funding if they do not provide
sufficient information to determine
eligibility or are missing required
elements.

IV. Fiscal Year 2012 Application and Submission Information**A. Address to Request Application Package**

For further information, entities
wishing to apply for assistance should
contact the Rural Development State
Office identified in this Notice to obtain
copies of the application package.

Applicants are encouraged to submit
applications through the Grants.gov
Web site at: <http://www.grants.gov>.
Applications may be submitted in either
electronic or paper format. Users of
Grants.gov will be able to download a
copy of the application package,
complete it off line, and then upload
and submit the application via the
Grants.gov Web site. Applications may
not be submitted by electronic mail.

- When you enter the Grants.gov Web
site, you will find information about
submitting an application electronically
through the site as well as the hours of
operation. USDA Rural Development
strongly recommends that you do not
wait until the application deadline date
to begin the application process through
Grants.gov. To use Grants.gov,
applicants must have a Dun and
Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering
System (DUNS) number which can be
obtained at no cost via a toll-free request
line at 1-866-705-5711 or at <http://www.dnb.com>.

- You may submit all documents
electronically through the Web site,

including all information typically included on the application for REDLGs and all necessary assurances and certifications.

- After electronically submitting an application through the Web site, the applicant will receive an automatic acknowledgement from Grants.gov that contains a Grants.gov tracking number.
- USDA Rural Development may request that the applicant provide original signatures on forms at a later date.
- If applicants experience technical difficulties on the closing date and are unable to meet the deadline, you may submit a paper copy of your application to your respective Rural Development State Office. Paper applications submitted to a Rural Development State Office must meet the closing date and local time deadline.

Please note that applicants must locate the downloadable application package for this program by the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number or FedGrants Funding Opportunity Number, which can be found at <http://www.grants.gov>.

B. Content and Form of Submission

An application must contain all of the required elements. Each selection priority criterion outlined in 7 CFR 4280.42(b), must be addressed in the application. Failure to address any of the criteria will result in a zero-point score for that criterion and will impact the overall evaluation of the application. Copies of 7 CFR part 4280, subpart A, will be provided to any interested applicant making a request to a Rural Development State Office listed in this notice.

C. Submission Dates and Times

Application Deadline Dates: 4:30 p.m. (local time) on the last business day of each month.

Explanation of Deadlines: Applications must be in the Rural Development State Office by the deadline dates as indicated above.

V. Application Review Information

The National Office will score applications based on the grant selection criteria and weights contained in 7 CFR part 4280, subpart A, and will select an Intermediary subject to the Intermediary's satisfactory submission of the additional items required by 7 CFR part 4280, subpart A, and the USDA Rural Development Letter of Conditions.

VI. Award Administration Information

A. Award Notices

Successful applicants will receive notification for funding from the Rural Development State Office. Applicants must comply with all applicable statutes and regulations before the loan/grant award will be approved. Provided the application requirements have not changed, an application not selected will be reconsidered in three subsequent funding competitions for a total of four competitions. If an application is withdrawn, it can be resubmitted and will be evaluated as a new application.

B. Administrative and National Policy Requirements

Additional requirements that apply to Intermediary's selected for this program can be found in 7 CFR part 4280, subpart A. Applicable provisions of 7 CFR parts 3015, 3019, and 3052 also apply.

VII. Agency Contacts

For general questions about this announcement, please contact your Rural Development State Office identified in this Notice.

VIII. Paperwork Reduction Act

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the information collection requirement contained in this Notice is approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under OMB Control Number 0570-0024.

Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act

All grant applicants, in accordance with 2 CFR part 25, must have a Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Number System (DUNS) number, which can be obtained at no cost via a toll-free request line at 1-866-705-5711 or online at <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webor>. Similarly, in accordance with 2 CFR part 25, all applicants must be registered in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) prior to submitting an application. Applicants may register for the CCR at <http://www.ccr.gov>, or by calling 1-866-606-8220 and press "1" for CCR. All recipients of Federal financial grant assistance are required to report information about first-tier sub-awards and executive total compensation in accordance with 2 CFR Part 170.

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February 23, 2012.

Judith A. Canales,

Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Agency: U.S. Census Bureau.

Title: 2008 Panel of the Survey of Income and Program Participation, Wave 13 Topical Module.

OMB Control Number: 0607-0944.

Form Number(s): SIPP 281305(L), Director's Letter: SIPP 281305(L)SP, Director's Letter (Spanish); SIPP/CAPI Automated Instrument.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden Hours: 143,303.

Number of Respondents: 94,500.

Average Hours per Response: 30 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The U.S. Census Bureau requests authorization from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to conduct a topical module during the Wave 13 interview for the 2008 Panel of the Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP). The core SIPP and reinterview instruments were cleared under Authorization No. 0607-0944.