Nevada Conservation Credit System

**Goal:** impacts from anthropogenic disturbances are offset by enhancement and protection that results in a net conservation gain for greater sage-grouse habitat in the State of Nevada

**Future:** support the stewardship and restoration of Nevada's sagebrush ecosystem overall and other sagebrush obligate species

Figure 3: Operational structure of the Nevada Conservation Credit System

Figure 5: Habitat Suitability Index
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Functional Acres
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Management Challenges

- Provide conservation certainty and inform ESA review
- Provide business certainty to participants
- Integrate with BLM (permit authority) and NEPA
- Increase conservation effectiveness
- *Generate supply during significant regulatory uncertainty*
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Seed Funding to Enable Pay for Success

1. Letters of Interest are solicited
2. Conservation Buyer provides capital
3. Producer implements project
4. Outcomes are achieved
5. Credits verify conservation outcomes
6. Mitigation Buyer purchases credits
7. Producer pays Conservation Buyer
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2016 Seed Funding Solicitation Results

$1M available

21 applications received

5,000 anticipated credits generated from 4 funded projects