

PROGRAM SUMMARY

The Tribal Land Incentive Funds (TLIP) will enhance the ability of the Yakama Nation Wildlife Resource Management (YNWRM) Program to restore degraded shrub-steppe habitat, monitor habitat trends, and identify potential habitat for restoring sharp-tailed grouse populations. The goal of the YNWRM is to restore and protect shrub-steppe habitat for the benefit of obligate and facultative sagebrush wildlife species.

TLIP funds will be used by the YNWRM to:

- 1) Restore degraded sagebrush habitat to provide suitable habitat for sagebrush obligate and facultative species including greater sage-grouse, sage sparrows, and burrowing owls.
- 2) Monitor shrub-steppe vegetation to determine success of restoration efforts and to determine vegetation trends.
- 3) Evaluate habitat suitability to determine needs for future reintroductions of sharp-tailed grouse.
- 4) Evaluate the effectiveness of using translocated small mammals for restoration of forbs and grasses.