



APPLICATION FOR THE PARTNERS FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE PROGRAM IN NEW MEXICO

The goal of the Partners for Fish and Wildlife program is to improve fish and wildlife habitat on private, tribal, and State Land Office lands in New Mexico. The popularity of this program in New Mexico greatly exceeds our funding capabilities. We prioritize projects using the information on this form to rank projects and help determine which will receive funding. Please fill in the following information and send this application to the address listed at the end of this form. Refer to our separate how-to guide for help in filling out this application.

SECTION 1

Date _____

Telephone (Home) _____

Name _____

(Business) _____

Address _____

(Mobile) _____

(FAX) _____

(E-mail) _____

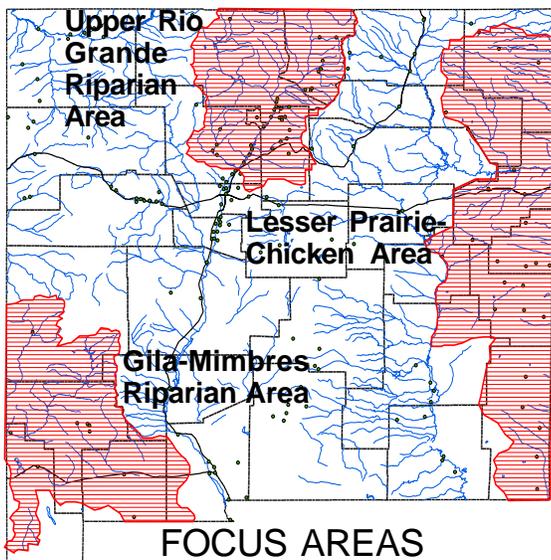
County(ies) of Project Site _____

Directions to project site from Albuquerque, NM _____

Nearest town and distance to it _____

Nearest highway and distance to it _____

Acreage available for project _____



Three geographical areas within the State have been identified based on habitat and fish and wildlife species needs to receive priority ranking for well-qualified projects. These Focus Areas are displayed on the adjacent map: Gila-Mimbres Riparian Area, Upper Rio Grande Riparian Area, and the Lesser Prairie-Chicken Area.

Is your project is located within a Focus Area? _____

If it is in the Gila-Mimbres Watershed Riparian Area or Upper Rio Grande Riparian Area answer questions in **SECTION 2** (in addition to SECTION 1).

If it is in the Lesser Prairie-Chicken Area answer questions in **SECTION 3** (in addition to SECTION 1).

Describe your project. Be sure to include any unique aspects of your project, your land, and management, your desires and goals for participating in the Partners Program. Clearly describe in this narrative what you are requesting the Partners Program to fund and what portion you will contribute, including portions considered “in-kind” services (e.g., your labor or equipment to install a practice). Please complete the accompanying cost-share table and indicate if you have other partners providing any cost-share. Attach additional pages if necessary. Refer to the how-to guide for examples.

COST-SHARE TABLE (Refer to the how-to guide to examples)

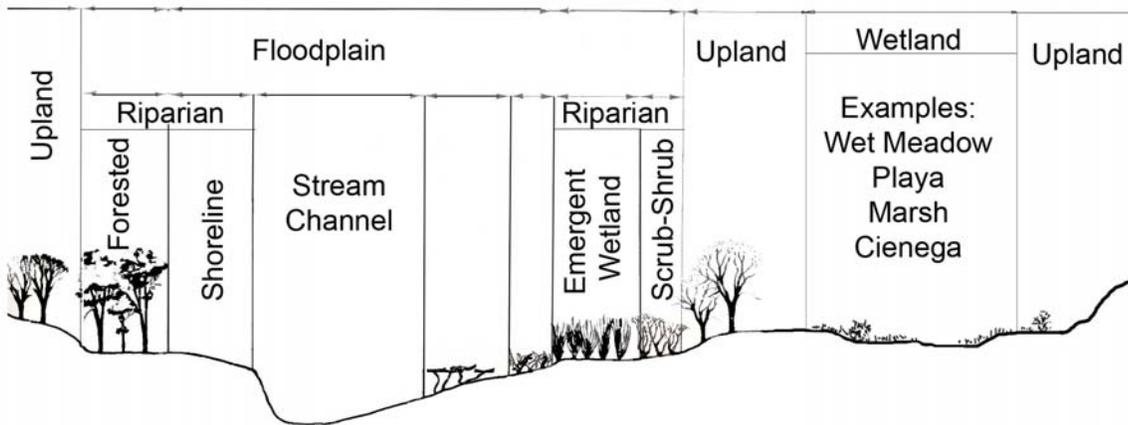
Practice	Cost	Service Share	Landowner/Other Partners Share
TOTAL			

Describe any habitat improvements planned that will benefit any federally threatened, endangered, or candidate species. Be specific about what you will do and how it will benefit any species you mention. Refer to the how-to guide for examples.

Describe any habitat improvements planned that will benefit other Federal trust species (migratory birds), species considered to be “at-risk,” State-listed species, and/or tribally significant species. Be specific as mentioned above. Refer to the how-to guide for examples.

Habitat improved by habitat type. Fill in all that apply.

Wetland (acres) _____
 Riparian (streamside) (length and average width) _____
 In-stream (length and average width) _____ Name of waterway _____
 Grassland (acres) _____
 Forest (acres) _____
 Shrubland (acres) _____
 Fish passage - barriers removed/installed/modified _____



Habitat improvement practice(s). Check all that apply to your project.

- Livestock management** (e.g., livestock exclusion fencing, deferred grazing) _____
- Invasive and non-native plant/animal species management** (e.g., remove salt cedar, thin juniper, remove bull frogs) _____
- Plant native plant species** (e.g., plant cottonwood/willow poles, native grasses, and forbs) _____
- Increase stream channel stability** (e.g., add structures that induce stream meanders, decrease upland sediment input, reduce bank and channel erosion) _____
- Other practice(s)** (e.g., establish or widen buffer zone in upland or riparian area, prescribed burn in an established native grassland community) _____

List other practices: _____

Distance (in miles or fraction of a mile) of your project to permanently protected lands or other restoration projects. (e.g., National Wildlife Refuges, State wildlife areas, land trusts such as The Nature Conservancy lands, other PFW projects, or other habitat restoration projects on Federal, State, Tribal, or private lands where one of the primary purposes of the protected lands is for fish and wildlife resources). _____

List any lands as described above within 5 miles of your property. _____

Are water rights available? (Y, N or N/A) _____

Have all necessary water rights change of use permits been obtained? (Y, N, or N/A) _____

Is there an existing well to be used for the project? (Y, N, or N/A) _____

Do you have invasive plants on your project site? (e.g., salt cedar, Russian olive, Siberian elm, cholla, juniper, mesquite) If yes, describe: _____

Are there any known archaeological sites (Y or N) _____ Explain: _____

Has an archaeological survey been conducted for your project? (Y or N) _____

Are trespass livestock a problem? (Y or N) _____ Explain: _____

Are you willing to maintain this project for 10 years? (Y or N) _____ (All Partners Program agreements must be maintained for a minimum of 10 years to be funded.)

Other unique or special qualities of your project. (Describe any other unique features, complementary uses of your project (e.g., Tribal project, outdoor classroom or well-developed educational component to project, introduction/reintroduction of threatened or endangered species) _____

SECTION 2

If your project is located within either the Gila-Mimbres Riparian Area Focus Area or the Upper Rio Grande Riparian Area Focus Area, please provide the following information.

Does the project include the restoration of missing/altered habitat components? (e.g., natural stream channel, native plant community, floodplain wetlands, oxbows) Y or N _____ If yes, list: _____

Does the project include habitat improvement of a buffer adjacent to the riparian area? Y or N _____
If yes, buffer width: _____ ft.

Is your project located within a tributary of the mainstem rivers (Gila, Mimbres, Upper Rio Grande) and will it reduce erosion and siltation? Y or N _____ Please explain. _____

SECTION 3

If your project is located within the Lesser Prairie-Chicken Focus Area, please provide the following information.

Distance of your project site to a known prairie chicken lek. _____ miles or fraction of a mile
(A lek is a male courtship and displaying area. The lek must be active within the past 5 years.)

Will your project rest grazing within suitable or potentially suitable habitat for 12 consecutive months? Y or N _____ If yes, how many acres will be rested for a 12-month period? _____

Prairie chicken nesting habitat improvements. Check all that apply.

Removal of obsolete vertical structures. (e.g., powerlines and poles, fences) _____

Interseed/reseed native grasses, forbs, and/or beneficial legumes
(Priority will be given to native species if available, e.g., sand bluestem, giant dropseed, little bluestem, provides cover and feeding areas for chicks) _____

Shrub management (e.g., mesquite control, mechanical thinning of dense stands of shinnery oak, prescribed burning) _____

List activity(ies): _____

Removal of other structures (e.g., roads, oil well pads) _____

List structure(s): _____

Additional Instructions for all Applications

If you are receiving other funding sources for your project (e.g., Natural Resources Conservation Service, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, National Wild Turkey Federation, Ducks Unlimited, EPA 319) please attach copies of any funding agreements with cost share information.

Include a copy of a U.S. Geological Survey topographic map, any/or any other map you have with your property boundaries and clearly showing all features of your proposed restoration. Provide the name of the USGS quadrangle, Section, Township, and Range, and/or latitude and longitude of the project site.

Include any photographs of the project site, if available.

Additionally, contact your local U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service office (there's one in each county) and inquire about their conservation programs, including: Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP), Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP), and Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). We try to coordinate conservation efforts between Federal agencies to benefit landowners and our fish and wildlife resources.

Natural Resources Conservation Service
6200 Jefferson, NE
Albuquerque, NM 87109
(505) 761-4400

The Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program generally receives funding once each year. Therefore we have instituted a Request for Proposals that generally opens in early September of each year and closes at the end of December. For Fiscal Year 2007, which begins October 1, 2006, the Request for Proposals will be available by September 18, 2006, and applications must be postmarked by Friday, January 19, 2007, to be considered for funding. Review and ranking of applications will occur in January-February 2007, and funding decisions will be made when annual funds become available. Should additional funding become available later in the year, unfunded projects will be reconsidered for funding at that time.

My staff and I are available to answer questions, discuss potential projects, provide technical assistance, and potentially visit your project throughout the year. If you need additional information or have any questions, please call. The Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program Staff in New Mexico can be reached at the following address and phone numbers:

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Website: http://www.fws.gov/ifw2es/NewMexico/PFW_home.cfm

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