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To: EQC Members
Fr: Hope Stockwell, Research Analyst
Re: Sage grouse conservation funding summary

In September, the EQC asked for a summary of all funding spent on sage grouse conservation across the country. Attached, please find a best guess.

Most of the data comes from the Western Governors' Association (WGA) Sage-Grouse Inventory, 2014 Initiatives. The exceptions are data for appropriations made by the Montana Legislature in 2015 and funding provided to the NRCS Sage Grouse Initiative in the most recent Farm Bill.

When added together, the funding totals \$1,123,897,500. The expenditures date as far back as the year 2000.

There are a couple of caveats. First, the WGA report may not reflect all funding sources.

Second, some of the reported funding benefited the Gunnison Sage-grouse (not a concern in Montana) in addition to the Greater Sage-grouse. The WGA report does not clearly delineate how much money was spent per type of sage grouse.

Lastly, it is unclear how partner matching funds tabulated prior to FY 2015 for the NRCS Sage Grouse Initiative might also be reflected in other federal, state, county, industry, and nonprofit contributions. If all of those partner matching funds were captured twice in this spreadsheet, the total sage grouse funding would decrease to \$999,397,500.

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Sage Grouse Conservation Funding Summary

Data compiled from Western Governors' Association Sage-Grouse Inventory, 2014 Initiatives

Note: Some funding benefits both the Greater Sage-grouse and the Gunnison Sage-grouse

	Time Period	Amount	Source/Purpose
NRCS Sage Grouse Initiative			
	FY 2015-2018	\$211,000,000	Farm Bill
	FY 2015-2018	\$124,500,000	Partner matching funds, estimated
	Prior to FY 2015	\$296,500,000	Farm Bill
	Prior to FY 2015	\$128,000,000	Partner matching funds*
	Total	\$760,000,000	
*It is unclear how partner matching funds contributed to the NRCS Sage Grouse Initiative prior to FY 2015 may otherwise be reflected in the figures below.			
Other Federal Agencies			
BLM		\$110,000,000 \$67,000,000	7 million acres post wildfire treatment 900 million acres treatment for fuel breaks, reduce conifer encroachment, invasive species
USFS	Past 5 years	\$1,200,000 \$1,400,000	90,000 acres habitat improvement USFS partner dollars
USGS		\$3,500,000	Research on sage grouse biology, habitat management, change agents, decision support
	Total	\$183,100,000	
States			
Montana	FY 2016-2017 FY 2016-2017 2000 to 2015	\$10,000,000 \$1,090,000 \$6,000,000	General Fund, SB 261 Oil and Gas Education and Research Fund, HB 2 Pittman-Robertson, general license funds, Upland Game Bird Enhancement funds
Colorado Parks and Wildlife	Since 2005 Since 2003	\$9,200,000 \$52,800,000	Conservation Fee title purchase or conservation easement for GRSG habitat
South Dakota		\$7,500	Updated conservation plan
North Dakota	Since 2004	\$400,000	
Nevada	Since 2012	\$7,400,000 \$3,900,000	State, federal, local funds Nevada Wildland Fire Protection Program
Idaho	2010 to 2014 FY 2014-2015	\$4,000,000 \$4,000,000 \$500,000	Various state and partner funds Idaho Dept. of Fish and Wildlife funds Lek monitoring, private land habitat restoration
California	Since 2010	\$800,000	
Wyoming	Since 2006	\$50,000,000	Legislature and state agency allocations
	Total	\$150,097,500	
Counties			
CO Jackson County	Past 5 years	\$230,000	Noxious weed control
CO Routt County		\$20,000,000	Mill levy, easements on 40,000+ acres
WY Sweetwater County Conserv. District		\$50,000	Weed removal coordination
WY Crook County Soil/Water Conserv. District	2010 to 2014	\$240,000	GRSG conservation
NV Paradise Sonoma Conserv. District	FY 2013 to 2015	\$65,000	Reseed, revegetate burned areas
	Total	\$20,585,000	
Industry and Nonprofits			
WY Marathon Oil	2008 to 2012 2004 to 2015	\$40,000 \$300,000	Juniper removal Conservation
WY M-I SWACO		\$60,000	Research on vegetation, soil-handling, weed control
WY FMC's Green River Facility		\$15,000	Wildlife-friendly fencing conversion and education
Western Energy Alliance	Since 2004	\$6,500,000	Conservation on 700,000+ acres
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation	2010 to 2014	\$600,000	Conservation
Nevada Mining Association	Past 5 years	\$1,800,000	Grazing inventories, habitat assessment, ecological system inventories, response treatment modeling
Noble Energy	Since 2012	\$800,000	Habitat studies, noise studies, monitoring, mitigation
	Total	\$10,115,000	