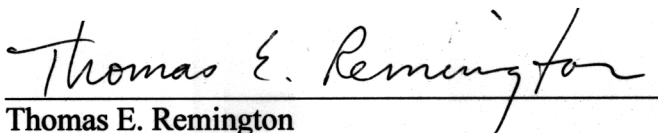


CONSERVATION AGREEMENT

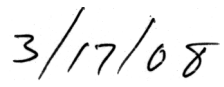
The Colorado Division of Wildlife (CDOW) states its intent and commitment to assist with and participate in the implementation of the Colorado Greater Sage-Grouse Conservation Plan (CCP), prepared by the multi-agency CCP Steering Committee. Specific commitments made hereby are as follows:

- To provide one staff person to coordinate the implementation of this plan and represent the Division on the CCP Implementation Team, which will consist of representatives from the signatory agencies.
2. To assume lead responsibility for inventory and monitoring of Greater Sage-grouse (GrSG) in Colorado and to annually compile and report inventory and monitoring information.
 3. To assume lead responsibility for any translocations, augmentation, or reintroduction of GrSG in Colorado for purposes described in the CCP.
 4. To implement and enforce specific State statutes (Colorado Revised Statutes, Title 33, Articles 2, 3, and 6).
 5. To make recommendations to, and cooperate with, other state and federal agencies, local governments, private landowners, local work groups, and other entities, to avoid, minimize, or mitigate threats to GRSG habitat or populations in Colorado.
 6. To make recommendations to, and cooperate with other state and federal agencies, local governments, private landowners, local work groups, and other conservation organizations to conserve and enhance GrSG habitats in Colorado.
 7. To continue to support and conduct research on GrSG in Colorado to enhance conservation knowledge and actions on behalf of the bird.
 8. To continue CDOW participation and support of local work groups, as appropriate.

Performance of the commitments described above is contingent on adequate funding being made available and allocated to the CDOW. This agreement shall not prohibit the CDOW from engaging in management actions regarding GrSG beyond those described in this agreement and in the CCP. This agreement shall become effective on the date of signing by the participating party and shall remain in effect until the signatory party chooses to terminate the agreement. The agreement may be terminated by providing 90 days written notice to the Colorado Greater Sage-grouse Implementation Team.


Thomas E. Remington

Director, Colorado Division of Wildlife


Date