

Appendix A

**CERTIFICATION OF INCLUSION
in the
Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances
for the Gunnison Sage-grouse in Colorado
Between Colorado Division of Wildlife and
the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service**

This certifies that the enrolled property owner described below is included within the scope of Permit No. **(INSERT PERMIT NO.)**, issued on **(INSERT DATE)** to the Colorado Division of Wildlife under the authority of Section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 1539(a)(1)(B). Such permit authorizes incidental take of the Gunnison sage-grouse as part of a Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances. This incidental take is allowed due to conservation measures incorporated on the owner's property that will benefit the Gunnison sage-grouse and/or its habitat within its range in Colorado. These conservation measures are listed below. Pursuant to that permit and this certificate of inclusion, the holder of this certificate is authorized to engage in any otherwise lawful activity on the described property that may result in the incidental taking of Gunnison sage-grouse, as appropriate, subject to the terms and conditions of the permit and the CCAA. Permit authorization is subject to carrying out the conservation measures described below and the terms and conditions of the permit and the CCAA. By signing this certification of inclusion, the property owner agrees to carry out all of the conservation measures described.

During the life of this CI, changes in the understanding of sage-grouse management and sage habitat management are anticipated. Additionally, changes in events that lead to changes in habitats or uses can not be ruled out. Therefore, the property owner is advised that there is a possibility that circumstances may create a need to modify aspects of conservation measures if the circumstances show the measures to be ineffective or needing improvement to insure the purpose of the CCAA. Currently the circumstances that are believed to have the most potential to change from the current assumptions or conditions and which may impact survival of the Gunnison sage-grouse on a rangewide or population level, are from new findings on habitat management or species needs, wildfire, drought, West Nile Virus, and energy development that does not follow conservation strategies and best management practices stated in the CCAA. In the event that these circumstances do occur the CDOW and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will use adaptive management to address the circumstances in order to avoid impacts to survival of the species throughout its range or in critical populations as identified in the Rangewide Conservation Plan. Further needs to modify existing best management practices applied to a CI issued under this CCAA will occur through consultation and agreement between with the property owner and the CDOW. The umbrella CCAA between the CDOW and Service may be referenced for additional information on recommendations to address these issues.

Participating Property Owner's Name and Address:

Legal Description of Enrolled Properties or Attach Detailed Map with Enrolled Properties Identified:

Total Acres of Enrolled Properties (all properties covered by permit): _____

Is there a Conservation Easement that would provide protection of the sage grouse habitat on the property? _____ If so, attach a copy of the easement if applicable.

Description of existing Gunnison sage-grouse habitat (include photos and/or a map):

Duration of Certificate of Inclusion (years): _____ (From date of last signature)

Gunnison sage-grouse Conservation Measures to be Taken on the Enrolled Property:

[For the conservation properties, indicate the specific conservation measures the property owner and/or Colorado Division of Wildlife will take to benefit Gunnison sage-grouse conservation (protection of existing habitat, grazing modifications, habitat improvement projects, etc.), and the conservation benefits expected from these measures. Conservation measures should be no less restrictive than those described in the Conservation Measures section of the umbrella CCAA.]

The property owner agrees to allow the Colorado Division of Wildlife employees or its agents with reasonable prior notice to the property owner of record on this Certificate of Inclusion, to enter the enrolled properties to complete the monitoring disclosed in the CCAA. Additionally the property owner agrees to allow the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service employees or its agents with reasonable prior notice to the property owner of record in the Certificate of Inclusion to enter the enrolled properties to complete monitoring activities necessary to maintain or enforce the CCAA.

The property owner agrees to give 60 days written notice to the Colorado Division of Wildlife of its intent to terminate the certificate of inclusion, and must give the Division or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service an opportunity to relocate affected sage-grouse within 45 days of the notice.

The property owner agrees to give 30 days notice to the Colorado Division of Wildlife of its intent to sell the enrolled property so the Division or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service can offer the new owner the option of receiving CCAA assurances by signing a new CI.

Property Owner

Date

Colorado Division of Wildlife

Date

FWS Concurrence

Date