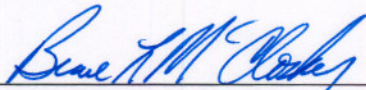


## CONSERVATION AGREEMENT

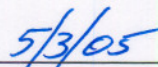
The Colorado Division of Wildlife hereby states its intent and commitment to assist with and participate in the implementation of the Gunnison Sage-grouse Rangewide Conservation Plan (RCP), prepared by the multi-agency Gunnison Sage-grouse Rangewide Plan Steering Committee. Specific commitments made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

1. To provide one staff person to coordinate the implementation of this plan and represent the Division on the Gunnison Sage-grouse Rangewide Plan Steering Committee, which consists of representatives from state (Colorado and Utah) and federal agencies. Functions of the Steering Committee continue after completion of the RCP.
2. To assume lead responsibility for inventory and monitoring of Gunnison Sage-grouse in Colorado and to annually compile and report inventory and monitoring information.
3. To assume lead responsibility for the reintroduction of Gunnison Sage-grouse into formerly occupied habitats in Colorado as well as augmentation of existing small populations for purposes and by means described in the plan.
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 land developers to avoid, minimize, or mitigate negative impacts of development and other land uses on Gunnison Sage-grouse populations and their habitats in Colorado.
6. To make recommendations to, provide some funding for, and cooperate with, other state and federal agencies, local governments, private landowners, local work groups and other conservation organizations to conserve and enhance Gunnison Sage-grouse habitats in Colorado.
7. To continue to support and conduct research on the populations dynamics, habitat relationships, and other aspects of Gunnison Sage-grouse conservation in Colorado.
8. To continue Colorado Division of Wildlife 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 Colorado Division of Wildlife. This agreement shall not prohibit the Colorado Division of Wildlife from engaging in management actions regarding Gunnison Sage-grouse beyond those described in this agreement and in the RCP. 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 Gunnison Sage-grouse Rangewide Conservation Plan Steering Committee.



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