

# Sage Grouse Funding Programs

## Natural Resources Conservation Service

- **Conservation Stewardship Program**- rewards agricultural producer who have already adopted conservation strategies on their property
- **Environmental Quality Incentives Program** – offers conservation practices for ag producers with existing resource concerns to install permanent measures, adopt new management strategies or develop activity plans for a wide range of resource concerns
- **Agricultural Easement Program (ACEP)** – provides funding to purchase conservation easements on eligible agricultural lands and wetlands.
- **Sage Grouse Initiative** – a partnership of ranchers, agencies, universities, non-profit groups, and businesses that embrace a common vision: wildlife conservation through sustainable ranching

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## **Farm Service Agency**

- **Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)** – In exchange for a yearly rental payment, farmers and ranchers enrolled in the program agree to remove environmentally sensitive land from agricultural production and plant species that will improve environmental health and quality

## **USFWS**

- **Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program** – offers cost share opportunities to agricultural producers to match support from other Farm Bill Programs, NGO's or landowner match, to enhance wildlife opportunities on private lands.

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## Colorado Parks and Wildlife

- **Colorado Wildlife Habitat Program** – designed to offer permanent conservation easements, or in some cases, fee title purchase of agricultural land that offer critical habitat for species of concern. An annual Request For Proposals is announced and applications are selected through a rigorous ranking process. Funding may be acquired through landowner match, conservation land trust organizations and other funding agencies.
- **Land Trust Organizations** – several land trust organizations exist to place easements on important landscapes in Colorado . Funding is acquired through the efforts of the Land Trust which may or may not include the same funding sources utilized in the Colorado Wildlife Habitat Protection Program