



NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

Broader Application of Working Lands for Wildlife

Overview:

The Working Lands for Wildlife (WLFW) partnership uses a targeted, win-win approach to improving agricultural productivity and enhancing wildlife habitat. Through the WLFW conservation model, USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has worked with agricultural producers and conservation partners to conserve more than 6.7 million acres of wildlife habitat on working lands for seven target species. To build on this success and benefit more species and ecosystems, NRCS is broadening this important partnership.



Building on Success

Beginning in fiscal year 2017, NRCS will encourage its state offices to use the proven WLFW model to identify more target species and priority landscapes. This change will enable state offices to merge their species conservation efforts into WLFW and attract more partners that share the agency's vision.

Proposing New Species

State offices that want to participate can submit their proposals by August 31, 2016. Multi-state projects are highly encouraged. Proposals should identify the priority landscape, target species, threats, goals, timelines, applicable Farm Bill programs, applicable conservation practices and a narrative on how the six critical elements of the WLFW conservation model will be addressed.

Partner Involvement

Conservation partners are an integral part of WLFW. NRCS highly encourages partners to get involved. Interested partners are asked to contact their NRCS state office to learn more and discuss how they can assist with building a state or multi-state proposal.

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For More Information

NRCS is hosting a teleconference on **June 20, 2016** from **2:00-2:30 PM EST** for all interested NRCS staff and conservation partners to provide additional information and answer questions. Call-in: **877-369-5243**; Password: **0575452#**. For more information on WLFW, including our new magazine, visit nrcs.usda.gov/wildlife.

WLFW's Six Critical Elements

- **Trust and Credibility:** Taking a community, grassroots approach to conservation that is based on the principles of neighborliness.
- **Shared Vision:** Finding the common link between wildlife and agriculture that invites cooperation over conflict.
- **Strategic Approach:** Directing resources where the biological returns are the highest.
- **Accountability:** Using science to measure conservation effectiveness and quantify resulting outcomes.
- **Leverage:** Multiplying investments through partnerships that achieve more conservation.
- **Regulatory Predictability:** Endangered Species Act predictability providing peace of mind to participating landowners that they can enact conservation without concern over additional regulations.