



# Department of the Interior Recovery Investments *Investing in America's Economic Recovery*



## Lakeview Wind Energy Sage-grouse Study – #17

**Need:** As our nation searches for new sources of renewable energy, concern has been raised about impacts of energy development on Federally listed wildlife and plant species. There is a great deal of information available for many bat and birds species, however, not much information is available for sage-grouse. This project would seek to identify the impacts of wind power development upon sage-grouse and potentially determine how to avoid or mitigate these impacts.

**Recovery Act Funding:** Funding will be used for supplies and labor to radio mark sage-grouse within areas proposed for wind power development. Marked birds would be tracked for two years and movement patterns and use areas determined. Once developed, sage-grouse would be radio marked again to determine any resulting impacts.



**Benefits:** This project will increase our knowledge of the impacts of energy development on sage-grouse in general, however, it will also give us specific information on sage-grouse use of proposed windpower sites. This information will be extremely valuable for local mitigation and avoidance plans. Additional benefits will come from adjacent habitat restoration projects that may direct future mitigation projects as well.

### More Information:



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