

Fact Sheet

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Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program

What Is WHIP?

The Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP) helps private and Tribal landowners and Tribes implement practices to maintain or establish wildlife habitat. WHIP is a financial assistance program that reimburses participants up to 75% of the average cost for installing planned and approved conservation practices. Typically, contracts are 5-10 years in length. At least one cost-share practice must be started within the first 12 months after signing the contract. Contract payments are capped at \$50,000 annually. Applications are funded on a competitive basis, statewide, and are dependent upon available funding.

What Type of Areas Qualify?

- Rangeland
- Cropland/Hayland
- Pastureland
- Riparian Areas
- Streams and Rivers
- Wetlands
- State Identified Imperiled Habitats
- Shallow and Deep Water Habitats

How Do I Sign Up?

NRCS is now taking applications. *The deadline for consideration of Fiscal Year 2010 applications has not yet been determined.* Interested applicants should:

- Sign up using Conservation Agreement Form CCC-1200
- Work with NRCS and Farm Service Agency (FSA) staff to identify property to be developed
- Work with NRCS and FSA to determine participant eligibility
- Work with NRCS staff to evaluate the proposed property and develop a Wildlife Habitat Plan of Operations

Application Considerations:

- Compliance with USDA Farm Bill provisions is required
- A certified Forest Stewardship Plan must be in place for all woodland clearing applications
- Average Adjusted Gross Income compliance is required
- Funds cannot be used for mitigation.

Who Do I Contact for More Information?

This fact sheet is intended to provide an overview of Farm Bill programs. For more complete information, please contact your local USDA Service Center or NRCS Office:

Caliente USDA Service Center
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Caliente, NV 89008-0008
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744 E. North Industrial Way
Ely, Nevada 89315
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Elko USDA Service Center
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Elko, NV 89801
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(775) 273-2134, 7949

Minden USDA Service Center
Hickey Building
1702 County Road, Suite A1
Minden, NV 89423-4460
(775) 782-3661

Winnemucca USDA Service Center
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215 West Bridge St., Suite 11-A
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