



EPLUS Habitat Incentive Program
Application and Agreement
April 1, 2023 – March 31, 2024 License Year

**INTRODUCTION:**

- The EPLUS Habitat Incentive Program is designed to incentivize and recognize participating EPLUS landowners who create and maintain significant habitat enhancements for elk on their private deeded property.
- Elk incentive authorizations are limited in number and are subject to annual availability in each Game Management Unit.
- Authorizations (number and type) awarded to each ranch may change from year to year based on availability.
- Authorizations are NOT guaranteed from year-to-year.
- All applications are evaluated and ranked through a competitive process by the Department.
- Applications are evaluated based on the scale of the habitat enhancement and their benefit to elk on the landscape.
- The Habitat Incentive program is not a compensation program for efforts or funds expended to improve habitat – only a limited way to recognize landowners for certain qualifying projects for a limited amount of time.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Properties must be currently enrolled in EPLUS with up to date ownership records on file.
- First year ranches are not eligible for the incentive program.
- Projects used to qualify for EPLUS are not eligible for incentive consideration.
- The Incentive program does not recognize routine ranch maintenance activities.
- Projects must be completed to be considered.
- Projects must have been completed within the past three years to be considered.
- If multiple properties are owned or managed by the same Authorized Ranch Contact, a separate application must be submitted for each property enrolled in EPLUS.
- Only projects on private deeded lands are eligible for the incentive program, projects on State or Federal leased lands are not eligible.

DEADLINES:

- Elk Incentive Applications must be submitted or postmarked by **January 5** to be considered for the next license year.
- **Late or incomplete applications will be rejected.**

INSTRUCTIONS (Read Carefully):

- Provide detailed specific information about each project you want considered for the Incentive Program.
- **Only information provided in the application form will be considered.**
- Two to three before and after photographs of each project and maps depicting project locations are **REQUIRED** and must be submitted at the time the application is submitted or those projects will not be considered.
- **DO NOT** send videos, pictures or trail camera photos of elk, elk tracks/droppings, or elk damage.
- Do not send slide shows, CD's, thumb drives or any alternate media in place of this application.
- Applications, information, or photos submitted from previous years **WILL NOT** be considered. A new application must be submitted each year for consideration.
- Starting and completion dates are required for each project to be considered.
- Projects planned for the future will not be considered.

For more information about EPLUS please visit our website at www.wildlife.state.nm.us. If you need help completing this application call toll-free 1-888-248-6866. Hours: Monday through Friday 8 AM – 5 PM

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***AUTHORIZED RANCH CONTACT INFORMATION:**

Name (First, M.I., Last)

Ranch Number

Mailing Address

Telephone number

City

State

Zip Code

Alternate telephone number

Email

***Application must be submitted by the Authorized Ranch Contact listed on file for the EPLUS Ranch.**

READ THE FOLLOWING TERMS OF AGREEMENT CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING

APPLICATION AGREEMENT:

- I have read this Habitat Incentive Application form and understand that participation is voluntary;
- I accept that this application is contingent upon my participation in EPLUS and is subject to the terms and conditions of my signed EPLUS agreement;
- I am the legal owner or have been assigned by the legal owner(s) as Authorized Ranch Contact to handle this application;
- I attest that the ranch information provided with this application is true and correct;
- I understand that habitat work initiated or completed does not guarantee application approval;
- I understand that application approval does not guarantee issuance of incentives;
- I understand that incentives are not guaranteed each year and are subject to availability and ranking against other projects;
- I understand that participating properties are not guaranteed to receive the same number and/or type of authorizations each year;
- I agree to allow prearranged access to the property for the purpose of on-site evaluations of habitat projects if necessary;
- I understand that habitat projects completed on the ranch and reflected in this application may not qualify for the habitat program;
- I understand that once the application is received by the department no changes will be allowed and additional supporting documentation will not be accepted;
- I agree that application approval and any incentive awards are at the sole discretion of the Department; Types and/or number of incentives authorized will be determined by the Department based on priority of the project and availability of authorization types;
- I understand that incentive applications must be submitted each year before the annual January 5th deadline.

Signature of ARC: _____

Date: _____

MAIL APPLICATION PACKET TO:

EPLUS Coordinator
NM Dept. of Game and Fish – WMD
One Wildlife Way
Santa Fe NM 87507

Agreements may be Emailed to: DGF-EPLUS@state.nm.us

Submit ONLY one copy of your application
Via either mail or email – DO NOT send multiple copies



WATER INSTRUCTIONS & PROJECT CONSIDERATIONS

- Development of water projects in parts of the state where water is scarce or sparsely distributed will constitute a higher priority than water development in areas where water is more abundant or widely distributed.
- Seasonal duration of available water will affect consideration of the water project. Water projects that provide water year-round will constitute a higher consideration.
- Water projects within ½ mile of existing water (on or off deeded property) will only be considered on a case by case basis.
- There may be a point where multiple water developments on a ranch may not improve the application.
- Only projects completed within the previous three-year window will be considered.
- Labeled photographs and maps of all water projects must be attached to the final application. Late submissions will not be accepted.

INELIGIBLE PROJECTS:

- Projects completed over three years ago will not be considered.
- Projects listed lacking a start and completion date will not be considered.
- Projects not completed by the application deadline will not be considered.
- Using “ongoing”, “in progress” or similar answer on date completed will result in the project not being considered.
- Projects such as cleaning dirt tanks or fixing floats are considered general maintenance and will not be considered.
- Projects conducted on Forest Service, BLM or State Trust grazing allotments will not be considered.

The Department reserves the right to verify all projects.

<u>Claiming Water Development as a practice:</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
Is this work STRICTLY on deeded land?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
Are Photographs Included?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
Are Maps of the Improvement locations included?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
Water section fully completed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
<p>Must Include <u>before</u> and <u>after</u> photographs along with maps with properly labeled locations of each project.</p> <p>Do not send videos or jump drives. Do not send trail camera pictures of elk, or pictures of elk tracks, elk droppings or elk damage.</p>				

PROVIDE A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF EACH PROJECT

• WATER: Each project will be evaluated independently.		
Project Type:	<input type="checkbox"/> New Well <input type="checkbox"/> New Drinker <input type="checkbox"/> New Storage Tank <input type="checkbox"/> New Guzzler	<input type="checkbox"/> New Dirt Tank
Project 1: (Describe) _____		

Distance from Existing Water:	How Often is Water Available:	If this is a Guzzler:
<input type="checkbox"/> Less than ½ Mile <input type="checkbox"/> 1/2 to 1 Mile <input type="checkbox"/> Greater than 1 Mile	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 – 2 Months <input type="checkbox"/> 2 – 6 Months <input type="checkbox"/> 6 – 11 Months <input type="checkbox"/> Year Round	Apron Size _____ Storage Gal. _____
Date This Project Started:	Is Project Complete:	Date Complete
<input type="checkbox"/> 2020 or Before <input type="checkbox"/> 2021 <input type="checkbox"/> 2022	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> 2020 <input type="checkbox"/> 2021 <input type="checkbox"/> 2022

Project Type:	<input type="checkbox"/> New Well <input type="checkbox"/> New Drinker <input type="checkbox"/> New Storage Tank <input type="checkbox"/> New Guzzler	<input type="checkbox"/> New Dirt Tank
Project 2: (Describe) _____		

Distance from Existing Water:	How Often is Water Available:	If this is a Guzzler:
<input type="checkbox"/> Less than ½ Mile <input type="checkbox"/> 1/2 to 1 Mile <input type="checkbox"/> Greater than 1 Mile	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 – 2 Months <input type="checkbox"/> 2 – 6 Months <input type="checkbox"/> 6 – 11 Months <input type="checkbox"/> Year Round	Apron Size _____ Storage Gal. _____
Date This Project Started:	Is Project Complete:	Date Complete
<input type="checkbox"/> 2020 or Before <input type="checkbox"/> 2021 <input type="checkbox"/> 2022	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> 2020 <input type="checkbox"/> 2021 <input type="checkbox"/> 2022

Project Type:	<input type="checkbox"/> New Well <input type="checkbox"/> New Drinker <input type="checkbox"/> New Storage Tank <input type="checkbox"/> New Guzzler	<input type="checkbox"/> New Dirt Tank
Project 3: (Describe) _____		

Distance from Existing Water:	How Often is Water Available:	If this is a Guzzler:
<input type="checkbox"/> Less than ½ Mile <input type="checkbox"/> 1/2 to 1 Mile <input type="checkbox"/> Greater than 1 Mile	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 – 2 Months <input type="checkbox"/> 2 – 6 Months <input type="checkbox"/> 6 – 11 Months <input type="checkbox"/> Year Round	Apron Size _____ Storage Gal. _____
Date This Project Started:	Is Project Complete:	Date Complete
<input type="checkbox"/> 2020 or Before <input type="checkbox"/> 2021 <input type="checkbox"/> 2022	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> 2020 <input type="checkbox"/> 2021 <input type="checkbox"/> 2022

RANGE MANAGEMENT INSTRUCTIONS & PROJECT CONSIDERATIONS

- Projects considered for range management could include planting/restoration of native forage, removal of invasive plants, general thinning/clearing projects or controlled burning to improve pasture production for livestock or wildlife.
- Food plots may be considered in this category however they are a low priority and will not compete as well as native forage projects.
- Labeled photographs and maps of all range management projects must be attached to the final application. Late submissions will not be accepted.

INELIGIBLE PROJECTS:

- Projects completed over three years ago will not be considered.
- Projects listed lacking a start and completion date will not be considered.
- Projects not completed by the application deadline will not be considered.
- Using “ongoing”, “in progress” or similar answer on date completed will result in the project not being considered.
- Projects conducted on Forest Service, BLM or State Trust grazing allotments will not be considered.

The Department reserves the right to verify all projects.

<u>Claiming Range Management as a practice:</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Is this work STRICTLY on deeded land?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Are Photographs Included?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Are Maps of the Project locations included?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Range Section Fully Completed?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>Must Include <u>before</u> and <u>after</u> photographs along with maps with properly labeled locations of each project.</p> <p>Do not send videos or jump drives. Do not send trail camera pictures of elk, or pictures of elk tracks, elk droppings or elk damage.</p>		

PROVIDE A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF EACH PROJECT**Range Project Management:** Each Project will be evaluated independently.

Are you claiming food plot planting as a practice?

☐ Yes☐ No

Is this an annual planting?

☐ Yes☐ No

Is this area irrigated:

☐ Yes☐ No

If irrigated, type of irrigation system:

☐ Sub-Irrigated☐ Flood Irrigated☐ Sprinkler System

List Forage Planted: _____

Acres Planted: _____

Show any months this food plot is grazed by cattle:

☐ January☐ April☐ July☐ October☐ February☐ May☐ August☐ November☐ March☐ June☐ September☐ December

Are you claiming Native Forage planting as a practice?

☐ Yes☐ No

Is this area irrigated:

☐ Yes☐ No

If irrigated, type of irrigation system:

☐ Sub-Irrigated☐ Flood Irrigated☐ Sprinkler System

Date this project started:

☐ 2020 or Before☐ 2021☐ 2022

Is this project complete: Date complete:

☐ Yes☐ No☐ 2020☐ 2021☐ 2022

List Forage Planted: _____

Acres Planted: _____

Are you claiming Invasive Species management or thinning/clearing of woody vegetation as a practice?

☐ Yes☐ No

Management Technique:

☐ Grubbing☐ Mowing☐ Burning☐ Cutting☐ Chemical☐ Other (Describe) _____

Date this project started:

☐ 2020 or Before☐ 2021☐ 2022

Is this project complete: Date complete:

☐ Yes☐ No☐ 2020☐ 2021☐ 2022

List Plants Being Managed: _____

Acres managed for
invasive species: _____Acres managed for
woody vegetation: _____

STOCK MANAGEMENT INSTRUCTIONS & PROJECT CONSIDERATIONS

- A structured stock management plan which includes reduced numbers or complete elimination of livestock may be considered.
- To be considered for grazing deferment or livestock reduction, the property must have a recent history of continual grazing and the deferment or reduction of cattle implemented within the past three years.
- Grazing deferment does not include moving cattle from deeded land to a grazing lease for a portion of the year. A deferment must be the total removal of cattle from deeded land for a period of at least one calendar year.
- The more calendar years cattle are deferred will result in increased consideration for this practice.
- To be considered for stock reduction, reduction numbers must be below the recommended stocking rate for the area of the state in which the deeded land is located.
- Reduction of numbers must be significant enough to impact forage quality on the property.

INELIGIBLE PROJECTS:

- Projects completed over three years ago will not be considered.
- Projects listed lacking a start and completion date will not be considered.
- Projects not completed by the application deadline will not be considered.
- Using “ongoing”, “in progress” or similar answer on date completed will result in the project not being considered.
- Projects conducted on Forest Service, BLM or State Trust grazing allotments will not be considered.

The Department reserves the right to verify all projects.

<u>Claiming Stock Management as a practice:</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Is this work STRICTLY on deeded land?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Are Photographs Included?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Are Maps of the Project locations included?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Stock Management Section Fully Completed?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Must Include before and after photographs along with maps with properly labeled locations of each project.

Do not send videos or jump drives. Do not send trail camera pictures of elk, or pictures of elk tracks, elk droppings or elk damage.

PROVIDE A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF EACH PROJECT

• **Stock Management:** Each project will be evaluated independently.

Are you claiming grazing deferment as a practice?		Only Deferments of one calendar year or more will be considered.
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
<input type="checkbox"/> No		If claiming a permanent deferment, please provide the rationale below
Date Last Grazed:	Was this a result of a decrease in allowed allotment numbers:	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2020	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2021	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2022		
Are you claiming a permanent deferment on grazing?		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
<input type="checkbox"/> No		Number of cattle last stocked:

Are you claiming stock reduction as a practice?	Species Stocked:
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Stocking Levels	
2022 Stocking Level _____	
2021 Stocking Level _____	
2020 Stocking Level _____	
Was this a result of a decrease in allowed allotment numbers:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
<input type="checkbox"/> No	

Permanent Deferment Rationale: _____

FOREST MANAGEMENT INSTRUCTIONS & PROJECT CONSIDERATIONS

- Projects that improve forest management/health by select cutting/thinning which reduces canopy cover and encourages grass and forb growth in the understory are examples of projects that can be considered.
- Fuel load reduction projects along with thinning to re-establish or establish an open pine savannah like environment are typical projects considered.
- Increasing the total number of acres affected may increase the consideration of these projects.
- Most qualifying projects in the category will have either a USDA or a New Mexico Forestry Division management plan.
- Labeled photographs and maps of all Forest Management projects must be attached to the final application. Late submissions will not be accepted.

INELIGIBLE PROJECTS:

- Projects completed over three years ago will not be considered.
 - Projects listed lacking a start and completion date will not be considered.
 - Projects not completed by the application deadline will not be considered.
 - Using “ongoing”, “in progress” or similar answer on date completed will result in the project not being considered.
 - Projects conducted on Forest Service, BLM or State Trust grazing allotments will not be considered.
- **General thinning or clearing projects directed at woody vegetation such as pinon/juniper to improve pasture production for livestock or wildlife or lower limb removal should be submitted as a rangeland improvement project.**

The Department reserves the right to verify all projects.

<u>Claiming Forest Management as a practice:</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Is this work STRICTLY on deeded land?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Are Photographs Included?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Are Maps of the Improvement locations included?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Forest section fully completed?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Must Include before and after photographs along with maps with properly labeled locations of each project.

Do not send videos or jump drives. Do not send trail camera pictures of elk, or pictures of elk tracks, elk droppings or elk damage.

PROVIDE A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF EACH PROJECT

- **Forest Management:** Each Project will be evaluated independently.

Project 1: (Describe) _____

Acres Improved: _____

Is this project part of a written Management Plan:

- ☐ Yes (If Yes, Provide a copy of the Plan)
- ☐ No

Date This Project Started:

- ☐ 2020 or Before
- ☐ 2021
- ☐ 2022

Is Project Complete:

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Date Complete

- ☐ 2020
- ☐ 2021
- ☐ 2022

Project 2: (Describe) _____

Acres Improved: _____

Is this project part of a written Management Plan:

- ☐ Yes (If Yes, Provide a copy of the Plan)
- ☐ No

Date This Project Started:

- ☐ 2020 or Before
- ☐ 2021
- ☐ 2022

Is Project Complete:

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Date Complete

- ☐ 2020
- ☐ 2021
- ☐ 2022

Project 3: (Describe) _____

Acres Improved: _____

Is this project part of a written Management Plan:

- ☐ Yes (If Yes, Provide a copy of the Plan)
- ☐ No

Date This Project Started:

- ☐ 2020 or Before
- ☐ 2021
- ☐ 2022

Is Project Complete:

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Date Complete

- ☐ 2020
- ☐ 2021
- ☐ 2022

AGRICULTURE INSTRUCTIONS & PROJECT CONSIDERATIONS

- For the purposes of the Habitat Incentive Program agriculture is defined as a mechanically harvested field crop either for sale or utilization directly on the ranch.
- Crops (pasture) grazed by livestock and not mechanically harvested do not qualify as production agriculture in this program.
- Crops such as alfalfa will score higher than those made up of native or introduced grasses. Marginally productive crops will not score as well.
- Applications lacking information on the type of crop, the type of irrigation system, and harvest regime will not be scored.
- Labeled photographs and maps of all agricultural projects must be attached to the final application. Late submissions will not be accepted.

INELIGIBLE PROJECTS:

- Orchards are not considered as agriculture in this program.
- Food plots will not be scored as agriculture. Projects of this type should be submitted as rangeland projects.
- Projects conducted on Forest Service, BLM or State Trust grazing allotments will not be considered.

The Department reserves the right to verify all projects.

Claiming Agriculture as a practice:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Is this work STRICTLY on deeded land?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Are Photographs Included?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Are Maps of the Project locations included?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Agriculture section fully completed?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Must Include before and after photographs along with maps with properly labeled locations of each project.

Do not send videos or jump drives. Do not send trail camera pictures of elk, or pictures of elk tracks, elk droppings or elk damage.

PROVIDE A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION**• Agriculture (Accessible to elk):**

Is this crop mechanically harvested:

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Frequency of Harvest:

- ☐ Once/Year
☐ Twice/Year
☐ 3+ Times/Year

Primary use of Crop:

- ☐ Commercial Sale
☐ Personal Farm Use

Is this crop irrigated:

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

If Irrigated, Type of Irrigation:

- ☐ Sub-Irrigated
☐ Flood Irrigated
☐ Sprinkler System

Is this crop fertilized:

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

What is the primary plant species in this crop:

- ☐ Alfalfa
☐ Improved Grasses
☐ Native Grasses

Acres in Production: _____

Is this an annual crop?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Which 3 months are elk on your property the most often:

- | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> January | <input type="checkbox"/> April | <input type="checkbox"/> July | <input type="checkbox"/> October |
| <input type="checkbox"/> February | <input type="checkbox"/> May | <input type="checkbox"/> August | <input type="checkbox"/> November |
| <input type="checkbox"/> March | <input type="checkbox"/> June | <input type="checkbox"/> September | <input type="checkbox"/> December |

General numbers of elk present during those three months:

- ☐ 1 – 5
☐ 6 – 15
☐ 16 – 30
☐ 30 +

FENCE MODIFICATION INSTRUCTIONS & PROJECT CONSIDERATIONS

- Standard Fence Modifications that may be considered include: elk crossings, addition of high visibility material to existing fence, installation of smooth wire on top and bottom, wildlife friendly fence, and removal of sheep fencing or old fencing materials no longer in use.
 - https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/nrcs142p2_026389.pdf
 - https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/nrcs142p2_026480.pdf
 - <https://cpw.state.co.us/Documents/LandWater/PrivateLandPrograms/FencingWithWildlifeInMind.pdf>
- Scale and scope of these projects will be considered.
- Laydown fencing is also considered as a fence modification that is beneficial for elk.
- Laydown fencing consists of either 4 or 5 wire fencing that can be laid down as a unit to allow wildlife movement.
- Consideration will be given for the linear distance of laydown fencing utilized on the ranch, the timing and duration of the fence being down, and the frequency of elk presence, movement and/or migration through the ranch.
- Labeled photographs and maps of all fence modification projects must be attached to the final application. Late submissions will not be accepted.

INELIGIBLE PROJECTS:

- Routine maintenance of fences will NOT be considered.
- Projects lacking a start and completion date will not be considered.
- Projects not completed by the application deadline will not be considered.
- Using “ongoing”, “in progress” or similar answer on date completed will result in the project not being considered.
- Projects completed over three years ago will not be considered.
- Projects conducted on Forest Service, BLM or State Trust grazing allotments will not be considered.

The Department reserves the right to verify all projects.

<u>Claiming Fence Modifications as a practice:</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Is this work STRICTLY on deeded land?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Are Photographs Included?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Are Maps of the Project locations included?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Fence section fully completed?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>Must Include <u>before</u> and <u>after</u> photographs along with maps with properly labeled locations of each project.</p> <p>Do not send videos or jump drives. Do not send trail camera pictures of elk, or pictures of elk tracks, elk droppings or elk damage.</p>		

PROVIDE A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF EACH PROJECT**• Laydown Fence:**

Are you claiming laydown fence as a project:

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Is this fence interior or exterior:

- ☐ Interior
☐ Exterior
☐ Both

Type of Laydown Fence:

- ☐ Adjustable Height
☐ Lay-down on the ground

Is this an annual project?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Total linear measure of laydown fence: _____

Show specific months or timing when fence is down:

- | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> January | <input type="checkbox"/> April | <input type="checkbox"/> July | <input type="checkbox"/> October |
| <input type="checkbox"/> February | <input type="checkbox"/> May | <input type="checkbox"/> August | <input type="checkbox"/> November |
| <input type="checkbox"/> March | <input type="checkbox"/> June | <input type="checkbox"/> September | <input type="checkbox"/> December |

Standard Fence Removal:

Are you claiming fence removal as a project:

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Is this fence removal:

- ☐ Interior
☐ Exterior
☐ Both

Fence Removal Project: (Describe) _____

Length of fence removal: _____

Was the fence removed:

- ☐ Standing fence in decent repair
☐ Historic fence in disrepair

Removed fence consisted of:

- ☐ Barbed Wire
☐ Net Wire
☐ Other

Date removal started:

- ☐ 2020 or Before
☐ 2021
☐ 2022

Is this project completed:

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Date project completed:

- ☐ 2020
☐ 2021
☐ 2022

New or Modified Wildlife Friendly Fence:

Are you claiming Wildlife Friendly Fencing as a project:

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Are Fence Modifications:

- ☐ Interior
☐ Exterior
☐ Both

Wildlife Friendly Fence: (Describe) _____

Length of fence Modifications: _____

Was the fence:

- ☐ New fence installation
☐ Historic fence modified

Date project started:

- ☐ 2020 or Before
☐ 2021
☐ 2022

Is this project completed:

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Date project completed:

- ☐ 2020
☐ 2021
☐ 2022

Gate Manipulation:

Are you claiming gate manipulation as a project:

☐ Yes☐ No

Are gate openings located primarily in:

☐ Corners☐ Sides of Fence

Is this an annual project?

☐ Yes☐ No

Show specific months these gates are open:

☐ January☐ April☐ February☐ May☐ March☐ June

Do gate openings consist of:

☐ Single swing gate openings☐ Double swing gate openings

Number of gate openings being manipulated:

☐ 1 – 5☐ 6 – 10☐ 10 +

Of the openings listed above, how many are

< 16 Feet _____

16 – 24 Feet _____

> 24 Feet _____

☐ July☐ October☐ August☐ November☐ September☐ December

STREAM/SPRING INSTRUCTIONS & PROJECT CONSIDERATIONS

- Stream Projects for this program will only be considered for permanent or intermittent streams/rivers with reliable seasonal water flow. This does not include rain runoff channels or arroyos.
- Projects considered can include spring rehabilitation, adjacent erosion control, protection (exclusionary fencing for cattle), bank stabilization (plantings), and catchments (pools/ponds or spring boxes).
- Labeled photographs and maps of all stream/spring projects must be attached to the final application. Late submissions will not be accepted.

INELIGIBLE PROJECTS:

- Road ditch modifications will not be considered.
- Modifications or maintenance on acequias will not be considered.
- Use of old tires, pallets or other materials for stabilization and similar projects will not be considered.
- Projects lacking a start and completion date will not be considered.
- Projects not completed by the application deadline will not be considered.
- Using “ongoing”, “in progress” or similar answer on date completed will result in the project not being considered.
- Projects completed over three years ago will not be considered.
- Projects conducted on Forest Service, BLM or State Trust grazing allotments will not be considered.

The Department reserves the right to verify all projects.

Claiming Stream/Spring Work as a practice:

- | | | |
|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Is this work STRICTLY on deeded land? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Are Photographs Included? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Are Maps of the Project locations included? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Spring/Stream section fully completed? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

Must Include before and after photographs along with maps with properly labeled locations of each project.

Do not send videos or jump drives. Do not send trail camera pictures of elk, or pictures of elk tracks, elk droppings or elk damage.

PROVIDE A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF EACH PROJECT

Stream/River Project:		
Stream Project: (Describe) _____		
Miles of stream bank impacted: _____		
Date Project Started:	Is this project complete:	Date Completed:
<input type="checkbox"/> 2020 or Before	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> 2020
<input type="checkbox"/> 2021	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> 2021
<input type="checkbox"/> 2022		<input type="checkbox"/> 2022

Spring Project:		
Spring Project : (Describe) _____		
Is this spring:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Year Round	Are cattle excluded from spring:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Date this project started:	Is this project complete:	Date Completed:
<input type="checkbox"/> 2020 or Before	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> 2020
<input type="checkbox"/> 2021	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> 2021
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