

Regional Conservation Partnership Program

Investing in Nevada



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Created by the 2014 Farm Bill, the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) is a partner-driven, locally-led approach to conservation. It offers new opportunities for USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to harness innovation, welcome new partners to the conservation mission, and demonstrates the value and efficacy of voluntary, private lands conservation.

In 2017, NRCS is investing up to \$225 million in 88 projects that impact nearly every state in the nation, including one in Nevada. Since 2014, NRCS has invested more than \$825 million in 286 high-impact projects, bringing together more than 2,000 conservation partners who have invested an additional \$1.4 billion. By 2018, NRCS and partners will have invested at least \$2.4 billion. These projects are leading to cleaner and more abundant water, better soil and air quality, enhance wildlife habitat, more resilient and productive agricultural lands and stronger rural economies.

Nevada Projects to Date

Projects by Resource Concern



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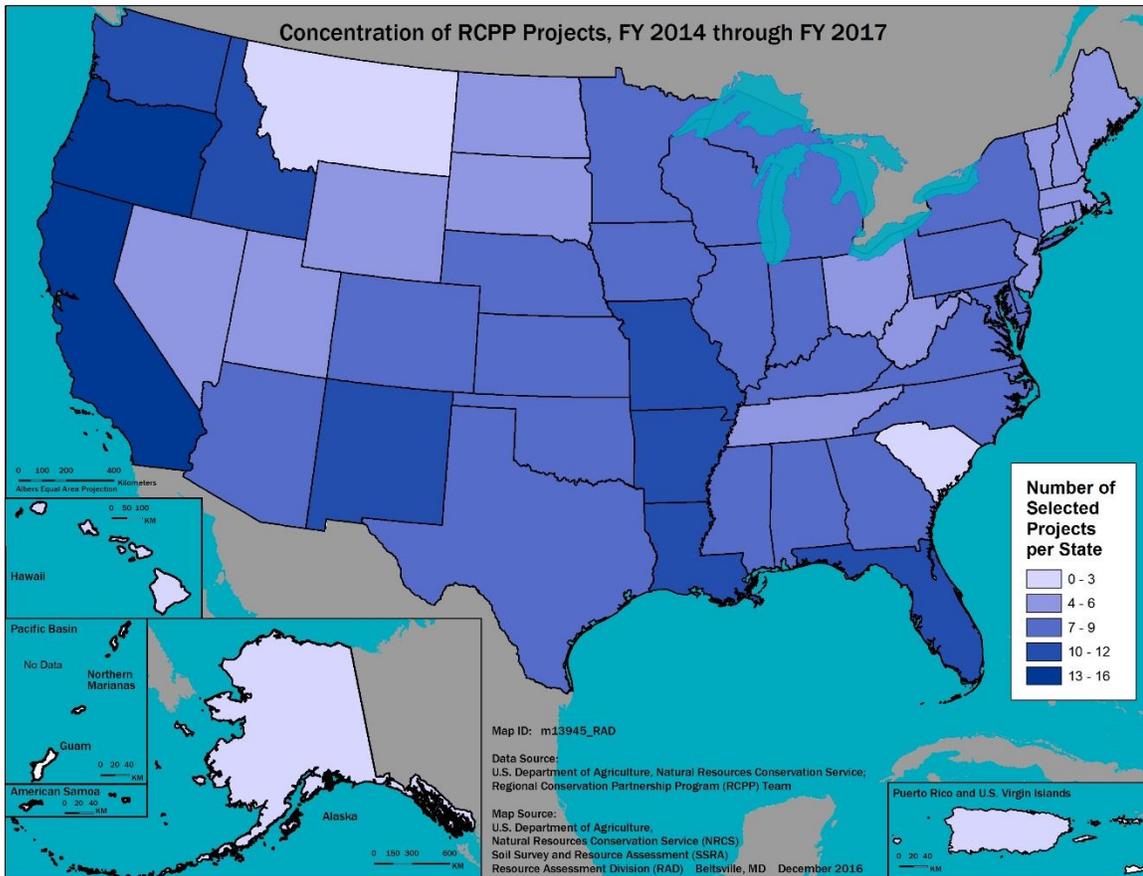
Projects

\$14.2 million

NRCS Investment

35

Partners



Existing RCPP Projects

Year	Title	Funding Pool	Lead Partner	Number of Partners	NRCS Investment
2016	Greater Outcomes for Greater Sage-Grouse	National	Partners for Western Conservation	6	\$1.9 million
2016	High Desert Drought Resilient Ranching	National	Trout Unlimited	17	\$1.3 million
2014/2015	Duck Valley Reservation Irrigation Improvement Project	National	Water Resource Board of the Duck Valley Indian Reservation	1	\$3 million

2017 RCPP Projects

Livestock in Harmony with Sage-Grouse

Proposed NRCS Investment: \$8,000,000 (National)

Lead Partner: Eastern Sierra Land Trust

Number of Initial Partners: 11

Participating States: California and Nevada (Lead State)

In 2012, private landowners, non-profits, and federal, state and local government partners developed the 2012 Bi-State Action Plan for Greater Sage-Grouse to proactively conserve key habitat and significantly reduce long-term threats to the Bi-State greater sage-grouse population in Nevada and California. Through the Livestock in Harmony with Sage-Grouse project, 11 collaborating partners will implement recommended water quality, rangeland and soil health conservation practices and monitoring on grasslands of special significance in Nevada and California; partners will secure conservation easements on at least 11,000 acres of sage-grouse habitat on working ranches. The project intends to protect and measurably enhance sage-grouse habitat on working ranchlands, improve water quality, and to assist producers in meeting or avoiding the need for natural resource regulatory requirements.

