

## Appendix 16. Conservation Efforts Database

### i. Conservation Efforts Database

The Conservation Efforts Database (CED) is an online geodatabase developed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). The CED was specifically designed for use during the USFWS status review to gather information about projects and programs state by state in order to quantify and summarize conservation activities implemented since 2010. The request for data focused on the following:

1. Information about the implementation of plans and projects to document the expected conservation benefit at different scales
2. Sage-grouse population status, trend, and available threat information

The CED provided a format for characterizing project location, geographic scale, and the phase and outcomes of implementation for each project or activity entered. Data could be quantitative or qualitative and include tabular data, spatial data, and/or conservation plans. The USFWS provided considerable guidance for submitting plan information to the Sage-Grouse Conservation Partnership in December 2014<sup>1</sup> (<http://orsolutions.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/Overview-of-the-Conservation-Efforts-Database-for-OR-SageCon.pdf>). Among the key requests for information were:

1. how the Action Plan addresses the objectives described in the COT Report {USFWS, 2013 #67}
2. policies, regulations, and ordinances to prevent, minimize, and/or ameliorate specific threats
3. funding source(s) and funding plan
4. obstacles to full implementation of the Plan
5. successes in implementing the Plan to date
6. implementation plan for the next 5 years
7. plans for monitoring effectiveness
8. supporting relevant documents

For more information about the CED, including tool updates and data call. Please visit the website: <https://conservationefforts.org/>.

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<sup>1</sup> Guidance was provided directly to SageCon in a presentation that is available for download: <http://orsolutions.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/Overview-of-the-Conservation-Efforts-Database-for-OR-SageCon.pdf>.

ii. Oregon Summary

Many Oregon organizations answered the data call including ODFW, OWEB, The Nature Conservancy, NRCS as well as counties and private landowners. Hundreds of projects for addressing threats from conifers, invasive plant species, and wildfire were conducted in Oregon, resulting in thousands of acres worth of accomplishment, and reported to USFWS through the CED. A preliminary table summarizing data submitted from Oregon is provided in Table 1.

Please note, this table summarizes data provided for the initial data submission deadline for of January 2015. Subsequent data has been submitted and will be analyzed by the USFWS, but is not available for inclusion in the Plan at this time. Information from the CED will become public record and subject to FOIA requests following the September 2015 Endangered Species Act listing decision.

Table 1. Oregon CED Summary Table (current to January 2015; more recent data will be available after September 2015)

Threat	Management Zone	Area/Distance Covered	Number of Projects	Project Notes
Noxious Weeds	4	179,910 ac	200	
Urbanization	4	0	0	
Infrastructure	4	17 miles	2	Fences marked
Fire	4	0	0	
Conifers	4	30,348 ac	122	
Conifers	5	113,677 ac	170	Includes 2911 acres of conifer removal in 7 projects for fire breaks
Fire	5	257.1 miles	4	fire break construction
Infrastructure	5	17 miles	11	Fences were marked/removed in 10 projects plus 1 project burying 3 miles of power line
Mining	5	0	0	
Noxious Weeds	5	431,562 ac	190	
Urbanization	5	0	0	