



2020 Sage Grouse Stewardship Account Grant Opportunity

The Montana Sage Grouse Oversight Team announces the initiation of the 2020 Stewardship Account Grant cycle. The purpose of Stewardship Account is to maintain, enhance, restore, expand or benefit Greater Sage-grouse habitat and populations through competitive grants and to mitigate impacts of development. The Account was created by the 2015 Montana Legislature as a free market mechanism for voluntary, incentive-based conservation efforts that generate mitigation credits which can then be purchased by developers to offset impacts.

Basic information about the Sage Grouse Stewardship Account grants available at <https://sagegrouse.mt.gov/Grants#information>. At this time, MSGOT is not considering applications for term conservation leases.

Deadlines for the 2020 cycle have changed and are fast approaching:

- **September 23:** Pre-Application Proposal and preliminary spatial data due
- **October 19:** Complete Applications and final spatial data due
- **November 30:** MSGOT is expected select projects during their meeting. This will be a virtual meeting via Zoom Webinar, but arrangements will be made for applicants to present their projects remotely.

To learn more about the 2020 Stewardship Account grant opportunity and obtain the 2020 application materials, please contact the Sage Grouse Habitat Conservation Program directly by emailing Carolyn Sime at csime2@mt.gov.

Inquiries and all application materials can be emailed directly to sagegrouse@mt.gov or csime2@mt.gov.

The Montana Sage Grouse Habitat Conservation Program works to sustain viable sage grouse populations and conserve habitat, enabling Montanans to maintain control of their lands, wildlife, and economy by avoiding a listing of the greater sage grouse under the federal Endangered Species Act.