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Wyoming Private Grazing Lands Program Accepting Grant Applications

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The Executive Committee of the Wyoming Private Grazing Lands Team (WyPGLT) is now accepting grant applications for projects focused on grazing lands. Again this year, grants are primarily directed toward innovative educational projects that will demonstrate and describe the importance and sustainability of livestock grazing to the environment. One “innovation” grant award is available, which will be directed towards an “on-the-ground project” that will demonstrate new, improved or applied techniques as relates to enhancement of sage grouse habitat through the grazing of livestock. The innovation grant is available for up to \$3,000. Educational grants are intended and geared for all levels, and are available up to \$1,000. In addition, grant monies in the amount of \$2,000 per grant will be made available for “on-the-ground projects” that will demonstrate new, improved or applied techniques which result in enhancement or increased production and stewardship of private grazing lands.

“The educational grants are for any kind of education about natural resources with a grazing component,” said Larry Bentley, Chairman of the WyPGLT. “The one innovation sage grouse grant can be used for some type of “on-the-ground” project which uses livestock grazing as a tool to enhance or improve sage grouse habitat. The \$2,000 grants are intended for projects which will demonstrate techniques that enhance or benefit grazing lands.”

The projects must be initiated and sponsored through grassroots local individuals and/or groups. In addition, grants must be sponsored and endorsed by a WPGLT Executive Committee member. Grant monies must be applied towards grazing on private lands and can not be used for projects situated only on federally-managed lands.

“Any landowner or organization can apply,” said Bentley, noting that any tour or educational effort on the benefits of livestock grazing or protection of grasslands important to livestock grazing are eligible.

A one page written final or interim report, which includes pictures, that demonstrates the level of success of the project to which the grant is directed is due by December 31, 2010. A final report that evaluates the success of the project is due upon completion of the project.

Projects must relate to the local area, but information derived from them should be applicable throughout a larger area. Projects must have methods for evaluation and for sharing information derived from them (tours, written materials, etc.) and must fit with the mission and by-laws of the Wyoming Private Grazing Lands Team.

All projects must be started or ongoing during the year of grant funding. The deadline for grant applications is **May 7, 2010**. Grants to be funded will be selected and grant monies awarded by May 17, 2010.

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Interested applicants should contact one of the Executive Committee members in order to request endorsement and support for the project application.

To request a grant application or for additional information, go to the WyPGLT’s website at www.wyoprivategrazinglands.org, or contact: Bryce Reece at 307-265-5250 (e-mail= b_reece@wyowool.org), Larry Bentley at 307-921-9665 (email= lb5cows@tctwest.net) or Dennis Sun at 307-234-2700 (e-mail= dennis@wylr.net).