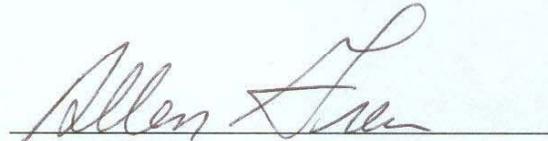


CONSERVATION AGREEMENT

The USDA/Natural Resources Conservation Service hereby states its intent to assist with and participate in the implementation of the Gunnison Sage-Grouse Rangewide Conservation Plan, as prepared by the Gunnison Sage-Grouse Rangewide Steering Committee. Specific commitments are as follows:

1. To give high priority to sage grouse project applications for Farm Bill funds.
2. To cooperate with other government agencies and NGOs to conserve and enhance Gunnison sage grouse habitats in Colorado.
3. To continue NRCS participation and support of the Rangewide Steering Committee and local work groups as appropriate.

Performance of all activities described in the Plan pertaining to the NRCS is contingent on adequate funds and staff being made available and allocated to the agency. This agreement shall become effective on the date of signature by the participating parties, and shall remain in effect until the parties choose to terminate the agreement, or the agreement is terminated by consent with the Gunnison Sage-Grouse Rangewide Steering Committee.



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4/19/05
Date