

Mitigation Program Draft Work Plan

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- Setting Criteria for Avoidance
- Practices for Minimizing Impacts
- Measuring Unavoidable Project Impacts
- Identifying Offset Actions
 - Eligibility criteria
 - Criteria to set additionality
 - Service territories
 - Provisions to ensure durability
 - Methods for Certifying and Verifying credits
 - Methods for calculating credits
 - Priorities for Investments

Overview

Four Key Work Elements

- Program Goals, Governance and Adaptive Management
- Mitigation Program Protocols or “Operating Manual”
- Adaptive landscape assessment tools and maps
- Implementation procedures/systems/templates

Who Does What

Decision Makers (GO/BLM/USFWS)

Governor's Office (State, Local Governments)

Bureau of Land Management

US Fish and Wildlife Service

Role of Mitigation Stakeholder Team – Input on

Program goals

Scope – geographic, regulated resources, covered activities

Eligible mitigation program types,

Program governance structure

Policy and program recommendations

Role of ALAT Technical Team

Summarizes biological and ecological information to inform program structure and policies.

Develops adaptive landscape assessment tools and maps

Provides technical input and review of the draft Version 1 Protocol Document for the Program.

Tentative Milestones

- Define scope, frame direction for the program – ASAP
- Text describing the direction, key elements of the program – December 2013
- Version 1 Draft Protocol Document – March 2014
- Governance documents and implementing documents – August 2014

Key Early Decisions

- Geographic Scope
 - In Oregon
 - Across management units
 - Across the range?
- Regulated Resources Covered
 - Sage grouse
 - Sagebrush habitat
 - Other (Deer & Elk winter range; Migratory Bird Act; Golden & Bald Eagle Act, Wetlands, etc.)
- Covered Activities
- Governance
 - Who and how well its integrated
 - Mitigation or mitigation and conservation