

Overview of the Activities of SANE

The Stewardship Alliance of Northeast Elko, SANE is a collaborative, consensus based, local working group. In response to the potential listing of the GRSG under the Endangered Species Act, this rancher-organized initiative came together voluntarily in 2012 with state and federal management agencies to find allotment level solutions to landscape scale management. Developed from the ground up, the group strives to maintain the ecological integrity and the economic viability of the livestock operators on the SANE team.

The SANE member ranches and member agencies with regulatory and management authority represent approximately 1.7 mill acres of private and federal BLM and USFS lands. SANE is sheltered under the Northeast Elko Conservation District, NEECD, who serves as the group's fiduciary agent.

SANE Ecosystem Management Plan

Three key components of the plan are:

- 1. The SANE group worked together to analyze and refine the 2010 FWS threat assessment to specifically apply to the 1.7 million acre SANE Plan Area.
- Development of two goals that address a triple bottom line of ecological, economic and social cultural factors. The goals recognize the interdependence of these three pillars that support enduring success.
- 3. Development of a Technical Advisory Committee, TAC, of specialists who organized the project list, ranked projects according to what Sage grouse threat assessment was addressed, NEPA readiness, funding, ownership, scale of the project and water quality.

Project History: 2012-today, 36 of 128 projects completed.

Funding for SANE:

- 1. SANE landowner assessment on each allotments individual Active Preference AUMs
- 2. NDOW, BLM, USFWS and Intermountain West Joint Venture commitment for salary, administrative and operational costs for the organization
- 3. Funding requests were presented as a three-year request.

Where we are today?

In August of 2017, SANE hired Rainy Lawson, as Organizational Coordinator to build capacity of the organization, manage and assist in implementing the project list, and further represent SANE and maintain relationships with decision makers.

Conservation Funding Models from Surrounding States

Utah's Watershed Restoration Initiative

https://watershed.utah.gov/
https://wri.utah.gov/wri/

SANE Area Map

