

**ARIZONA GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT
HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM
HABITAT ENHANCEMENT AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PROPOSAL**

PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Title: Elk Stewardship Program	Project No. 11-703
Region/GMU: Regions 1 and 6	HPC:
Project Type: Elk winter forage habitat improve projects	
Project Description: This is an ongoing program within the Landowner Relations Program that provides funding to ranchers that contain a significant amount of winter forage used by elk. This program is designed to alleviate some of the pressure some pastures may receive from wintering herds of elk. The program provides ranchers with either seed, fertilizer, salt blocks, and elk jumps to be used in pastures used by elk as winter forage habitat. In return, the rancher agrees to allow elk to use the pastures and the improve elk habitat.	
Wildlife Species to Benefit: Elk	
Possible Funding Partners:	
Implementation Schedule: Annual Program	
Beginning: February 1st, 2012	
Completed: September , 2012	

PROJECT FUNDING

SBG Funds Requested: up to \$39,966 (this will supplement remaining \$10,034.89 funding already approved)
Cost Share Funds: \$0
Total Project Costs: up to \$50,000

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Applicant: Al Eiden (please print) Telephone: 623-236-7624	Address: 5000 W. Carefree Highway Phoenix, AZ 85086
AGFD Contact and Phone No. (If applicant is not AGFD personnel)	
Coordinated with:	Date:
Applicant's signature:	Date:

**SEND COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO:
Game Branch
5000 W. Carefree Highway
Phoenix, AZ 85086**

NEED STATEMENT/PROBLEM ANALYSIS:

This project will address the condition of winter forage habitat available to elk in the northeast portion of the state, and alleviate landowner concerns related to elk use. The winter forage habitat available to elk herds is vital to ensuring elk populations remain healthy and stable. This program addresses this issue by partnering with landowners to improve available winter forage habitat by providing fertilizer and seed to landowners to use to manage pastures to maintain high quality winter forage for elk. The Department staff will rank the applicants, and funds are allocated based on how **individual proposals scored**.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

-To improve quality winter forage for elk in Regions 1 and 6

PROJECT STRATEGIES:

- Through a stewardship agreement, partner with landowners containing winter forage habitat to improve this habitat for elk.
- Habitat will be improved using fertilizer to increase production of forage or seed to plant new forage habitat.
- Landowners will plant seed or fertilize pastures used by wintering elk herds, and together this program will provide high quality winter forage habitat for elk.
- Landowners will use salt blocks and elk jumps to alleviate elk use

PROJECT LOCATION:

Multiple ranchers located in Regions 1 and 6.

LAND OWNERSHIP AT PROJECT SITE (Please state specifically if PRIVATE PROPERTY and provide landowner's name):

Multiple Ranches on Private, and US Forest Service Property

IF PRIVATE PROPERTY, IS THERE A STEWARDSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LANDOWNER AND THE DEPARTMENT?

All landowners will be required to sign a stewardship agreement before receiving fertilizer, grass seed, salt blocks, or elk jumps

HABITAT DESCRIPTION:

Elk range throughout Regions 1 and 6.

ITEMIZED USE OF FUNDS:

\$50,000 purchase and delivery of materials

LIST COOPERATORS AND DESCRIBE POTENTIAL PARTICIPATION:

Multiple landowners in Regions 1 and 6
Landowner Relations Program, AZGFD

PROJECT MONITORING PLAN:

The Wildlife Manager for the Game Management Unit containing each ranch selected for the Elk Stewardship Program will complete monitoring. Monitoring will consist of site visits to ensure the materials provided through this program are used on areas containing winter forage for elk, and that these areas are accessible and available to elk herds throughout the winter.

PROJECT MAINTENANCE:

The maintenance of all projects will be written into the stewardship agreement as the responsibility of the landowner. To ensure compliance with this requirement, the Wildlife Manager will determine if the project area is maintained to meet the requirement of providing winter forage for elk during the site visits.

PROJECT COMPLETION REPORT TO BE FILED BY:

Al Eiden

WATER DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS (see attached worksheet):

N/A

TREE SHEARING (AGRA-AXE, PUSH) PROJECTS (see attached worksheet):

N/A