# GUNNISON SAGE-GROUSE REVIEW FEES

## STAFF RESOURCE ALLOCATION - COST ANALYSIS 2017

# Staff Resource Allocation

- Currently, there is no fee for Sage-grouse reviews.
- Community Development contracts with NRCS, for sage-grouse reviews by their Wildlife Biologist, at a cost to the taxpayer.
- All permits within sage-grouse occupied habitat are reviewed by NRCS for potential impacts to sage-grouse.
- Pre-application reviews are optional, but still incur a cost for review.
- The County wishes to recoup the cost of NRCS/County staff time for Sage-grouse reviews.
- Staff estimated the review time required for Sage-grouse reviews.
- The estimates are conservative, based upon a minimum allocation of County resources.
- Sage-grouse reviews involve the following Community Development staff:
  - **Administrative Assistant**
  - **Assistant Director**

# Staff - Hourly Labor Rate*

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|---|---|
| Administrative Assistant | $35.00/hr. |
| Assistant Director | $46.00/hr. |
| NRCS Wildlife Biologist – contract | $50.00/hr. |

*(Hourly Labor Cost 2017 – provided by Human Resources, rounded to the nearest dollar)

# Sage-grouse Reviews

**Types of review:**

- **Desk Review** – assessment performed in office by NRCS Wildlife Biologist
- **Onsite, with CPW consultation** – higher level onsite assessment performed by NRCS Wildlife Biologist, with consultation with representatives from CPW, which typically includes terrestrial wildlife biologist, wildlife managers, and County staff

# Desk Review
# Staff Resource Allocation

**Staff Time:**

**Administrative Assistant: .25 hour**

**NRCS Wildlife Biologist: 1 hour**

**Admin Assistant - intake; create file, scan documents; forward to NRCS**

**NRCS Wildlife Biologist – review of location, potential impacts, determination of whether to require onsite consultation, preparation of report**

# Desk Review
## Cost Allocation

**Staff Cost:**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Administrative Asst. | .25 hour x $35.00 = | $ 8.75 |
| NRCS Wildlife Biologist | 1 hour x $50.00 = | $50.00 |
| | Total | $58.75 |

# Onsite Consultation
# Staff - Resource Allocation

**Staff Resource:**

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|---|---|
| Administrative Assistant: | .25 hour |
| Assistant Director | 2 -4 hours |
| NRCS Wildlife Biologist: | 2 - 4 hours |

Admin Assistant - intake; create file, scan documents; forward to NRCS

NRCS Wildlife Biologist – prep for onsite review, coordination of onsite, attend onsite, consultation with CPW Staff, preparation of report

Assistant Director– attend site visit, provide land use regulation consultation

# Onsite Consultation
# Staff – Cost Allocation

**Staff Cost:**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Administrative Asst.** | **.25 hour x $35.00 =** | **$ 8.75** |
| **Assistant Director** | **2 hours x $46.00 =** | **$ 92.00** |
| **NRCS Wildlife Biologist** | **2 hours x $50.00 =** | **$100.00** |
| | **Total** | **$200.75** |

NRCS estimated an average of 2 hours for onsite review.

Plus vehicle mileage cost – varies depending upon location, usually within 15 miles of Gunnison

# Summary of Sage-Grouse Review
# Staff Allocation Costs

- Desk Review $ 58.75
- Onsite Consultation $ 200.75

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# Staff Allocation Costs

In 2016 there were 9 site visits and 55 desk reviews. NRCS billed Gunnison County $5,575.38 for those reviews. The above projections are short ($5037.95) of covering the NRCS cost—likely due to fluctuations in time for reviews. These fees only cover the cost of reviews and mileage and do not cover the cost of NRCS billed time for the Sage-grouse Strategic Committee ($800 in 2016).

# SAGE-GROUSE REVIEW FEES

**Recommended Fees:**

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|---|---|
| **Desk Review** | **$ 65.00** |
| **Onsite Consultation Review** | **$225.00** |

(Based on 2016 reviews total revenue would be $5,600)

# BROOKE VASQUEZ - NRCS BILLING BREAKDOWN - 2016

| MONTH | SAGE-GROUSE REVIEWS | STRATEGIC COMMITTEE | MILEAGE | TOTAL |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| January | 0 | 0 | | |
| February | 0 | 0 | | |
| March | 0 | 0 | | |
| April | 325 | 0 | | 325 |
| May | 1175 | 100 | | 1275 |
| June | 1175 | 75 | | 1250 |
| July | 1100 | 25 | 25.38 | 1150.38 |
| August | 350 | 225 | | 525 |
| September | 225 | 250 | | 475 |
| October | 450 | 0 | | 450 |
| November | 675 | 50 | | 725 |
| December | 75 | 75 | | 150 |
| **TOTALS** | **5550** | **800** | **25.38** | **6325.38** |