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Re: Financial request for partial support for printing costs of Wet Meadow Restoration brochure

Dear Gunnison Basin Sage-grouse Strategic Committee members,

Please consider the following request for $526 to pay for 50% of the printing costs of the Wet Meadow Restoration brochure. If appropriate, we intend to coordinate with the County to provide the brochure to people and business entities applying for building permits in Gunnison sage-grouse's habitat. Additionally, the brochure will be distributed to local land management agencies and others interested in the riparian and meadow restoration work.

The brochure is an eight-page document highlighting critical wildlife habitat and threats to natural resources. Additionally, the brochure summarizes restoration work completed in the Gunnison basin and includes numerous pictures and inspirational quotes. The brochure was developed by The Nature Conservancy in 2017 and was thoroughly vetted and reviewed by local land management agencies and partners, including Gunnison County. The initial print run of 150 copies was paid for by The Nature Conservancy and BIO-Logic Inc. The remaining printing costs will be paid for by existing funds from the US Bureau of Land Management and the US Forest Service. The majority of original brochures were distributed to attendees of the NRCS's Sage Grouse Initiative workshop held in Gunnison in June of 2017.

Printing Cost Estimate:
B&B Printers of Gunnison Colorado = $1052

- 500 color copies of brochures printed using an offset printer and saddle stitched
- 100# Endeavor paper (50% recycled, 30% post-consumer)

Given land use restrictions related to Gunnison sage-grouse, the Wet Meadow Restoration brochure provides complementary information about the species and collaborative efforts to improve habitat for the rare species, while promoting sound resource management practices that support local land-based livelihoods. The brochure does not address specific land-use or zoning restrictions in the Gunnison basin, but provides some information that supports the need for existing zoning and review of building permits.

Thank you for considering this request for funding. Please contact me with any questions or comments. I hope to attend the May 16th Strategic Committee meeting, but may be working with Gunnison Middle School students on a Watershed Health field trip and therefore unavailable for questions during the meeting.

Sincerely,

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