STATE WAP/INRMP PROJECT INFORMATION FORM

1 - Name and Description *Provide the name and a general description of the project*

Bonneville Basin Conservation Cooperative: DOD and partner agencies will develop a working group to address natural resource issues in the west desert of Utah through conservation efforts that preclude regulatory authority and maintain sustainability of future use for DOD. Strategies will include identifying high quality buffer areas, integrating survey and research efforts and improved ecosystem management.

2 - Goals and Objectives: Describe the goals and objectives of the project

Goals:

Develop an interdisciplinary working group to address common natural resource issues and integrate management plans.

Objectives:

Agree on a set of habitats and focal species within those habitats

Establish priority conservation focus areas (geographic)

Explore potential of conservation tools to implement both Utah WAP and DOD INRMP within those focus areas

3 - Geographic Location *Describe project location. Attach GIS if available*

Northwest quadrant of Utah to encompass 11 million-acre Utah Military Operating Area (including air space).

4 - Partners *Identify key project partners*

Partner	DoD	State	Local	NGO	Other
Marcus Blood, Hill Air Force Base	X				
Robbie Knight, Dugway Proving Ground	Х				
Utah Division of Wildlife Resources		Χ			
Bureau of Land Management					X
USFWS					X

5 – Potential Benefits to Partner Mission *Describe project potential for increasing partner mission support through species conservation, habitat corridor development, etc.*

The Military Operating Area in Utah encompasses some of the states most critical habitats and species distributions (i.e. west desert, spring species, kit fox). Integrated implementation of the Utah WAP, DOD INRMPs, as well as BLM resource management plans, will help avoid future listings, as intended by the WAP, as well as protect military readiness. In addition, it will garner broad agency and partner support of shared objectives and improve relationships in the state.

6 - Anticipated Tools or Products to Implement Project (check all that apply)

MOA/ MOU	Existing Program	Buffer Area Agreement	Education/ Outreach	Academia Involvement	State/Fed Legislation	Maps	Other
Х	X	Х	Х	Х		X	

7 - Funding and other Resources/Support *Provide any details on funding leverage and potential sources of support*

Funding may be available from DOD (Legacy Program) and may be diverted to specific projects from State Wildlife Grants Program and the Endangered Species Mitigation Fund (state funding). In addition, by involving additional partners, including non-governmental and tribes, on specific projects (i.e. acquisition of buffer space), funding may be leverage from other sources.

8 - List potential short term goals/products and estimated completion date(s)

Deliverable/Goal	Completion Date
Charter meeting (to set refined goals/objectives)	February 2, 2007
Spatial focus area map for working group	July 1, 2007

9 - Project POC Please provide full contact information for the Project POC(s)				
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