OWEB Sage-grouse: Crystal Palace

Area Description:
Project area is located north of Keating, approximately 18 miles east of Baker City. The project area is 2,350 acres, with approximately 100 net treatment acres. Whitetop and rush skeletonweed are the target species, however there are thistles in the riparian areas. The project is located on private property (four different landowners) and will require that the contractor work closely with the landowners and Tri-County to coordinate treatment areas. Since the adjacent BLM was treated in 2016-2019, the project will start just on the eastside of Sparta Road and work west, treating mostly whitetop. Tri-County staff has treated rush skeletonweed on the BLM near Crystal Palace since 2017 and it is likely on the adjacent private lands. Rush skeletonweed will need to be inventoried and treated as part of this project. Tri-County is working with the NRCS to secure additional funding for whitetop treatment in this project area, which would likely occur in the fall of 2020. If additional funds are secured, the contractor awarded this project will have priority for fall treatments in this area. Please fill out the hourly bid rate sheet attached in you are interested in this project.

Approved Herbicides:
Tri-County will provide all herbicides, surfactants, and dyes needed to complete this job

Treatment Timing: May 2020 and possibly fall 2020

Budget: not to exceed $17,000

Contractor’s Responsibilities:
- Identification of rush skeletonweed, whitetop, and thistles
- Supplying all personnel and equipment necessary for the job to be completed.
- At least a 90% treatment (dead or blue) of all weeds identified within the project area.
- Provide all treatment records, invoice, track logs, point, and/or polys need to be submitted to Tri-County post treatment for approval prior to payment.
- Any photo points requested by Tri-County CWMA should be submitted within a timely manner following project completion.

Tri-County’s Responsibilities:
- Acquire landowner permission for entering property.
- Upload or send to contractor’s GPS all required points and track logs, along with any maps requested by contractor.
- Provide all herbicide, surfactant, and dye.
- Inspect project just prior to completion to allow the contractor to correct any missed plants before the contractor leaves the site.
- Contractor will be paid in full within 60 days of project completion approval by Tri-County staff.