

**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Division of Refuges, CO, KS, NE Zone**

Colorado Wetlands Enhancement
Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 15.623

Notice of Funding Availability and Application Instructions

I. Single Source Information

This is a Notice of Intent to award a Single Source Grant agreement to Ducks Unlimited, Inc for the purpose of Colorado Wetlands Enhancement, Conservation and Rehabilitation at the Richard State Wildlife Area, Lake Creek Wetlands and Prewitt State Wildlife Area.

The tasks to be performed under this agreement are as follows:

Richard State Wildlife Area – Ulrich Ditch Rehabilitation – replacement of the existing, dilapidated head gate with a structure engineered to be more efficient at capturing decreed water rights while decreasing the amount of maintenance needed to prepare the structure for annual diversion of water.

Lake Creek Wetlands Enhancement - manipulation of water levels in an on-channel impoundment created by placing a levee across the course of Lake Creek. An estimated 4,057 cubic yards of fill will be placed across Lake Creek, creating a levee that can impound water to the preferred depths while still allowing Lake Creek to flow unimpeded.

Prewitt Reservoir State Wildlife Area (SWA) Wetlands –

- 1.) The restoration of existing shallow-water basins associated with Prewitt (downstream of the dam) whose season-long saturated hydrology has resulted in a shift in plant communities to late successional, monotypic stands of emergent vegetation and, therefore, in a degradation in habitat quality for most migratory birds and other wildlife species;
- 2.) The identification of areas marginal to the reservoir that may be enhanced through the careful excavation of material impeding the natural back-flooding of shallow basins providing the best habitats to birds, other wetland wildlife, as well as fish; and,
- 3.) The design and installation of small levees placed (sometimes temporarily) on the margins of the reservoir that would serve both to protect existing infrastructure as well as provide additional flooded shallows. Prewitt Reservoir SWA has not been surveyed and mapped.

This Single Source Award is being awarded in accordance with Department of the Interior Policy 505 DM 2.14 B 2) Continuation, and 4) Unique Qualifications, which allows for award without competition to an applicant. Ducks Unlimited (DU) has been substantially involved in the planning phase of these projects and developed the scope of work for them. They have detailed knowledge of the areas involved and a strong established working relationship with Colorado Parks and Wildlife. DU is providing funds to this project in addition to the in kind work they have already completed.

II. Award Information

A single award will occur of approximately \$141,000. The funding mechanism will be a grant agreement. The period of performance for the projects funded under this program will not exceed June 30, 2016 and will begin on the date the award is signed by the USFWS.

III. Basic Eligibility Requirements

Cost Sharing or Matching:

There is no cost sharing or matching requirements.

IV. Agency Contacts

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