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IWJV LAUNCHES 2010 CAPACITY GRANTS PROGRAM

The IWJV announces the availability of \$312,500 in Capacity Grants funding for the upcoming cycle. The Capacity Grants Program is intended to help agencies, nongovernmental organizations, and corporations build the capacity needed to effectively utilize significant federal, state, and private funding that is available for bird habitat conservation in the Intermountain West.

The Capacity Grants Program is designed to help the broad IWJV partnership put the right people in the right places to initiate projects and programs that achieve science-driven bird habitat conservation through access to funding from the Farm Bill conservation programs, North American Wetlands Conservation Act, and a host of other federal, state, and private conservation programs. Successful capacity grants will result in sustainable conservation partnerships organized around focus areas, priority habitats, promising funding sources, or community-based coalitions. These conservation partnerships, once supported with IWJV funds, work to strengthen partners' infrastructure and expand their ability to contribute to IWJV habitat objectives.

The 2010 IWJV Capacity Grants Guidelines are available on the IWJV website at: <http://iwjv.org/11/capacity-grants.html>. The deadline for proposals to be submitted is January 22, 2010 and the cap per grant has again been set at \$15,000. Strong partnerships and fund leveraging are encouraged. Grants will be awarded after the IWJV Spring Board Meeting, April 21-22, 2010.

"The IWJV is pleased to announce a second year of funding for the Capacity Grants Program," said Dave Smith, IWJV Coordinator. "We believe that these grants are promising vehicles for landscape scale habitat conservation through existing funding sources."

The primary IWJV contact for the program will be IWJV Assistant Coordinator, Ali Duvall, who was recently hired and starts work on January 19, 2010. For more information in the interim, contact IWJV Coordinator Dave Smith at 406-329-3120 or 406-370-7729. The IWJV also suggests contacting your IWJV State Steering Committee (SSC) Coordinator, listed in the 2010 Guidelines, if you are interested in submitting a proposal for the 2010 cycle.

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