

Work Task C2: Sticky Buckwheat and Threecorner Milkvetch Conservation

FY13 Estimate	FY13 Actual Obligations	Cumulative Expenditures Through FY13	FY14 Approved Estimate	FY15 Proposed Estimate	FY16 Proposed Estimate	FY17 Proposed Estimate
\$11,000	\$11,341.43	\$83,354.37	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$11,000

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Start Date: FY06

Expected Duration: FY30

Long-term Goal: Support existing conservation programs for covered plant species.

Conservation Measures: STBU1 and THMI1.

Location: Reach 1, Nevada.

Purpose: Provide funding to support existing conservation programs for sticky buckwheat and threecorner milkvetch.

Connections with Other Work Tasks (past and future): These are stand-alone conservation measures described in the HCP.

Project Description: Sticky buckwheat and threecorner milkvetch are covered species within the LCR MSCP. Funding in the amount of \$10,000 per year will be provided to an ongoing conservation program or other entity approved by the USFWS to implement conservation activities for these two plant species. Funding may be advanced for up to five years, depending on availability, to keep administrative costs at a minimum.

Previous Activities: In FY10, \$10,000 was provided to the NPS via a five-year agreement between Reclamation and the NPS. Monitoring of select populations implemented in 2008 continued through 2009. Data were summarized and a report written summarizing results of two years monitoring sticky buckwheat and threecorner milkvetch. In 2010, 2011, and 2012, presence/absence surveys of sticky buckwheat and threecorner milkvetch were conducted at select sites.

A minor modification to the conservation measures for both plants was written and approved by USFWS on Jan. 4, 2011 following approval by the Steering Committee. The language was changed to state that funding would go “to an ongoing Conservation Program or other entity approved by the USFWS to implement conservation activities for the threecorner milkvetch and sticky buckwheat”.

FY13 Accomplishments: In FY13, \$10,000 was provided to the NPS via a one-year agreement between Reclamation and the NPS. Tasks included surveys and invasive species removal.

FY14 Activities: A new 5-year interagency agreement between Reclamation and NPS is being finalized. Funds in the amount of \$10,000 will be transferred to the NPS each year for 5 years (FY14-FY18) to support conservation activities for these two plant species. An annual report will be provided to Reclamation summarizing achievements towards conservation goals for threecorner milkvetch and sticky buckwheat.

Proposed FY15 Activities: Funds in the amount of \$10,000 will be transferred to the NPS per the above described agreement to implement conservation activities for these two plant species. An annual report will be provided to Reclamation summarizing achievements towards conservation goals for threecorner milkvetch and sticky buckwheat.

Pertinent Reports: Annual reports are available on the LCR MSCP website.