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Upland Account Grant Proposal

1. Grant Name: Desert Wildlife Unlimited, Inc.  
Project Title: Upland Game Bird Habitat Development
  
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3. There is no detrimental issue; we want to continue our development of upland game bird wildlife habitat.
  
4. 1,773 acres of farm land distributed in the north end of Imperial Valley will be made available for public hunting opportunities. To minimize expense and water use, only strips will be planted with a grain crop (wheat being the crop of choice) in each field. Normally 10% of each field will be planted; irrigation is necessary to germinate the seed but further irrigation will only be used if precipitation cannot mature the crop. Sprinkling systems will

occasionally be used to further conserve water. Water conservation is very important, some fields have been completely fallowed to assist with this conservation.

5. c.5. Of the 1,773 acres of available acreage approximately, (177 acres plus or minus) are farmed with a grain crop to provide bird game habitat. This project is dedicated to maximize hunter opportunities in our area.
  - d.1. For the past 15+ years Desert Wildlife has been involved in habitat development , whether it was done independently or with the assistance of California Department of Fish & Wildlife. Desert Wildlife is currently working in the third year of a three year contract with CDF&W with great success in performance.
  - d.2. All of the work that is done to develop & provide the service is done on a volunteer basis. We have a substantial membership involved in two important programs; in addition to developing game bird habitat we also develop and install game guzzlers in our local desert and mountain areas for all animals large and small. There will never be a problem supplying volunteer staff to start and complete a project.
  - d.3. Some equipment is owned by our organization and some by our members, Any additional equipment needed is rented from rental companies as deemed necessary.
- e.2. Over the years we have developed important hunting opportunities. As game bird hunting in Imperial Valley became more and more popular with many hunters coming from the coastal metropolitan areas, local farmers had noticed hunters walking the fields and inadvertently causing crop damage. Unfortunately, this led to the posting of a large majority of hunting area, leading to a sharp decline in hunting opportunities. Since we have begun our program we have been doing aerial and on the ground population surveys during dove and pheasant hunting season. Opening day of dove season experiences hunter counts of between 2500 and 4000 *in our area*, which greatly diminishes the pressure in other areas of the Valley. During the full season of dove and pheasant between 15,000 and 20,000 hunters participate in the area that we provide.

6. Budget:

Fields	Acres Planted
M Lateral Gate 15	14
M Lateral Gate 17	12
M Lateral Gate 18	4
N Lateral Gate 19	7
Q Lateral Gate 4 North	7
Q Lateral Gate 6 North	7
Q Lateral Gate 16	7
Q Lateral Gate 17	7
Q Lateral Gate 22	14
Q Lateral Gate 25	14
R L:ateral 13, 14	12
U Lateral Gate 2	14
U Lateral Gate 4	10
U Lateral Gate 6	10
W Lateral Gate 8	7
ND3 Lateral Gate 310	7
ND4 Lateral Gate 410	14
ND4 Lateral Gate 412	<u>8</u>
Total	175

Equipment Rental:

Tillage, Listing, Planting, Flailing, Backhoe, & Grading	\$32,000.00
Seed	9,000.00
Fertilizer	7,000.00
Fuel	5,000.00
Water	<u>9,500.00</u>
Total	\$62,500.00
Overhead @ 25%	<u>15,625.00</u>
Project Cost	\$78,125.00