Draft Individual Review Form

Proposal number: 2001-G201-3   **Short Proposal Title:** Wildlife-friendly
Farming Demo

1a) Are the objectives and hypotheses clearly stated?
Provide detailed comments in support of your conclusion [Note: in the electronic version, this will be an expandable field]
Objectives of increasing diversity of habitat and evaluating effects of water management and waterfowl use on carbon and nutrient levels in water are clearly stated. Their hypothesis dealing with the sandhill cranes/waterfowl and the carbon/nutrients are clearly stated on pages 7 and 8.

1b1) Does the conceptual model clearly explain the underlying basis for the proposed work?
Provide detailed comments in support of your conclusion [Note: in the electronic version, this will be an expandable field]
The thought process behind the written and diagram conceptual model is clear and well documented- making the model clear and valid. The model interconnects on several levels, making it thorough but not complicated.

1b2) Is the approach well designed and appropriate for meeting the objectives of the project?
Provide detailed comments in support of your conclusion [Note: in the electronic version, this will be an expandable field]
Yes-The construction of the levee and pump station sounds like a lot of work but "do-able". These things will make manipulation of the flood conditions easy and yield clear data.

1c1) Has the applicant justified the selection of research, pilot or demonstration project, or a full-scale implementation project?
Provide detailed comments in support of your conclusion [Note: in the electronic version, this will be an expandable field]
Yes- this would be a great place for this type of research! Variables could be controlled and the research methods would give clear data. A demonstration would give BLM some direction as to how to implement larger scale projects.

1c2) Is the project likely to generate information that can be used to inform future decision making?
Provide detailed comments in support of your conclusion [Note: in the electronic version, this will be an expandable field]
Yes-There is a good adaptive management strategy defined in this proposal. The information that would be produced and collected can definitely be used in future decision making for this type of farming in this region. The best part about the adaptive management plan described is that other species can be taken into consideration at a later time and add a whole new perspective to the research.

2a) Are the monitoring and information assessment plans adequate to assess the outcome of the project?
Provide detailed comments in support of your conclusion [Note: in the electronic version, this will be an expandable field]
Yes-It seems like they cover all bases with bird counts and water quality. This should lead to a lot of data with good statistical backing.

2b) Are data collection, data management, data analysis, and reporting plans well-described, scientifically sound and adequate to meet the proposed objectives?
Provide detailed comments in support of your conclusion [Note: in the electronic version, this will be an expandable field]
Data collection was well defined in the proposal; however, no details were given as to how it would be managed. Collection is thorough. There is no mention of analysis, which will definitely be necessary. Reporting plans were poorly described.

3) Is the proposed work likely to be technically feasible?
Provide detailed comments in support of your conclusion [Note: in the electronic version, this will be an expandable field]
Yes-BLM definitely has the backing of other groups and agencies to complete the project. Time shouldn't be a problem- each year that is added to this project just means that there is more data and a better understanding of wildlife-friendly farming.

4) Is the proposed project team qualified to efficiently and effectively implement the proposed project?
Provide detailed comments in support of your conclusion [Note: in the electronic version, this will be an expandable field]
Yes- they have more than enough background and experience to complete this project.

Miscellaneous comments
[Note: in the electronic version, this will be an expandable field]
-Great project
-Seems well thought out- once it gets going, they will have the ability to add on to the project rather than just having data and a dead end.

Overall Evaluation Summary Rating	**Provide a brief explanation of your summary rating**
☐ Excellent ☐ Very Good ☐ Good that, it's a great ☐ Fair ☐ Poor	**Rating**- very good I would like to know what they will do with the data once they have it- other than project.