

THE WESTERN QUAIL MANAGEMENT PLAN

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ABSTRACT

The Western Quail initiative was first proposed at Quail III in 1993. The reasons for creating this group were to improve management of western quail, assess populations range-wide, identify current threats, improve habitat, and identify research needs. The Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (WAFWA) approved creation of the Western Quail Working Group (WQWG) in July 2009. The purpose of the group is to implement the habitat objectives and management recommendations outlined in the Western Quail Management Plan, published by the Wildlife Management Institute in January 2010. Membership in the WQWG includes representatives from state and federal wildlife agencies and non-governmental organizations involved in wildlife habitat improvement. The first meeting of the group was at the January 2011 meeting of WAFWA in Tucson, Arizona where Memoranda of Understandings (MOUs) among the states and federal land management agencies were crafted and then signed by WAFWA states and Federal agencies at the July 2011 WAFWA meeting. The WQWG is poised to re-energize habitat restoration, research, and management of species of western quail throughout the Western United States. We welcome all partners who wish to be a part of this effort.

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