

# History of Rocky Flats NRD

- **FY 2006 Defense Reauthorization Act**
  - \$10 million to settle Rocky Flats claims for Natural Resource Damages
- **DOE required to:**
  - 1) Purchase “essential mineral rights,” or
  - 2) Pay \$10 million to Trustees, or
  - 3) Some combination of 1) and 2)



# Rocky Flats Natural Resources Trustees

- **Federal Trustees:**

- 1) U.S. Dept. of Energy
- 2) U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

- **State Trustees:**

- 3) Colorado Attorney General
- 4) Exec. Director, Dept. of Public Health & Environment
- 5) Exec. Director, Dept. of Natural Resources

# Use of NRD Funds to Date

1. Purchased 3 or 4 targeted “essential mineral rights” parcels [ \$5.5 million]
2. 2008 Request for Proposals [\$1.5 million]
  - Acquired mineral rights at NREL site
  - Weed control/seed collection
  - Seed collection and propagation
  - Open space acquisition
3. 2010 Request for Proposals  
[\$3.0 million remains]

# RFP Process

- Public information meeting
- Sketch plan presentation
- Draft proposal
- Public presentation of draft proposal
- Final proposal
- Public comment period
- Trustee Council decision and contract award

# Proposal Screening Criteria

- Compliance with –
  - Laws
  - Technical requirements
  - Public health and safety
- Consistency with –
  - Regional planning
  - RF Refuge Comprehensive Conservation Plan
- Qualification as a natural resource restoration project
- Budget that includes matching funds

# Proposal Evaluation Criteria

1. Benefits and proximity to injured natural resources
2. Project feasibility and degree of collaboration
3. Project cost-effectiveness and relative cost/benefit
4. Project sustainability

