



Institute for
Applied Ecology



**Media invited to attend lecture and photograph inmates caring for sage plants
at Lovelock Correctional Center
1200 Prison Road, Lovelock Nevada**

August 11th at 9:00 am

The Nevada Department of Corrections will be hosting Game Biologist Ed Partee from the Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) to share his knowledge concerning the Greater sage-grouse with inmates housed at LCC. His lecture is part of a series of lectures that the Institute for Applied Ecology (IAE), a non-profit organization in Corvallis OR, conducts in tandem with the sagebrush in prisons project.

The sagebrush in prisons project is a collaborative effort among ecologists from IAE, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and the Nevada Department of Corrections (NDOC), who have teamed up to combat the problem of diminishing sage-grouse habitat. The inmates are cultivating thousands of sagebrush plants to help restore the bird's habitat. The Greater sage-grouse, once a common sight in the western part of the U.S. numbering in the millions, has declined to an estimated population of 200,000 to 500,000.

LCC is one of three prisons participating in the program here in Nevada. The Lovelock Correctional Center is taking this project one step further by utilizing the student participants enrolled in Coal Canyon's High School Horticulture Program. After the successes this year, LCC and Coal Canyon High School are working diligently to expand its Horticulture Program into an 8 month internship that inmates can utilize upon release.

If you plan to attend August 11th, 2016 at 9:00 am at the Lovelock Correctional Center, please contact Brooke Keast 775-350-0037 to RSVP and receive important information regarding the do's and don'ts of entering the secured facility. The nine inmates involved in this program will be the only inmates available for photographs.