

**Title II Project Application**  
**Medford District Resource Advisory Committee**

**1. Project Number** (Assigned by federal unit): OR117-05

**2. Project Name:** Cathedral Hills Management Plan    **3. County:** Josephine \_\_\_\_\_  
**4. Project Sponsor:** BLM,    **5. Date:** 7/24/01  
**6. Sponsors Phone #** 541-618-2220  
**7. Sponsor's E-mail:** [jeanne\\_klein@blm.gov](mailto:jeanne_klein@blm.gov)

**8. Project Location** (attach project area map)

a. 4<sup>th</sup> Field Watershed Name and HUC #(if known): \_\_\_\_\_

b. 5<sup>th</sup> Field Watershed Name and HUC #(if known): Grants Pass \_\_\_\_\_

c. Legal Location:

Township36S	Range	Section(s)
<u>  </u>	<u>5W</u>	<u>31, 29</u>
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d. BLM District: Medford    e. BLM Resource Area : Grants Pass  
f. National Forest \_\_\_\_\_    g. Forest Service District \_\_\_\_\_  
h. State / Private / Other lands involved?  Yes     No

**9. Statement of Project Goals and Objectives:**

Trail rerouting and construction (first priority), management plan, fuels hazard reduction and easement acquisition in partnership with Friends of Cathedral Hills, Josephine County Parks and Boy Scout Troop 77.

**10. Project Description:** (Provide concise description of project and attach map.)

Cathedral Hills is a 400 acre BLM parcel leased to the Josephine County Parks through a R&PP lease. It is located in a rural interface, with houses on all sides. A trail reroute is necessary to move the trail off of private land and back onto BLM land. An Environmental Assessment/Management Plan in cooperation with above partners will guide future management of the area, which is used for non-motorized recreation, such as hiking, horseback riding and mountain bike riding. There is an 80 acre parcel of BLM land that is not accessible, due to adjacent private land. Acquisition of an easement would allow management of the 80 acre parcel for recreation and fuel reduction treatments. The area has dense stands of brush and timber in places, and is a high hazard for fire. Fuel reduction treatments in the area would reduce the hazard to the site and surrounding private lands. Interpretation of the area's natural resources and the urban interface as related to fire hazard will also be done.

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**11. Coordination of this project with other related project(s) on adjacent lands?**

Yes     No    If yes, then describe.

**12. How does proposed project meet purposes of the Legislation?** [Sec. 203(b)(1)]

- Improves maintenance of existing infrastructure. [Sec. 2(b)]
- Implements stewardship objectives that enhance forest ecosystems. [Sec. 2(b)]
- Restores and improves land health. [Sec. 2(b)]
- Restores water quality. [Sec. 2(b)]

**13. Project Type** (check one) [Sec. 203(b)(1)]

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Road Maintenance [Sec. 2(b)(2)(A)]   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trail Maintenance [Sec. 2(b)(2)(A)]            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Road Decommission/Obliteration [Sec. 2(b)(2)(A)]   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trail Obliteration [Sec. 2(b)(2)(A)]           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Infrastructure Maintenance (specify): _____ [Sec. 2(b)(2)(A)]  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Soil Productivity Improvement [Sec. 2(b)(2)(B)]  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forest Health Improvement [Sec. 2(b)(2)(C)]    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Watershed Restoration & Mntc. [Sec. 2(b)(2)(D)]   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildlife Habitat Restoration [Sec. 2(b)(2)(E)] |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fish Habitat Restoration [Sec. 2(b)(2)(E)]   | <input type="checkbox"/> Control of Noxious Weeds [Sec. 2(b)(2)(F)]                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reestablish Native Species [Sec. 2(b)(2)(G)]   |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Project Type (specify) [Sec. 2(b)(2)]: <u>2(b) 3: Improving cooperative relationships</u> |  |

**14. Measure of Project Accomplishments/Expected Outcomes** [Sec. 203(b)(5)]

- a. Total Acres: 400                      b. Total Miles: 7
- c. No. Structures: 0                      d. Estimated People Reached (for environmental education projects): 3,000
- e. No. of Laborer Days: 60
- f. Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**15. Duration of Project and Estimated Completion Date** [Sec. 203(b)(2)]: Three years, September, 2004

**16. Target Species Benefited** (if applicable) :

\_\_\_\_\_

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**17. How will cooperative relationships among people that use federal lands be improved?** [Sec. 2(b)(3)]

Working together with local residents, volunteers and agencies will leverage each organization's money and aid in creating positive working relationships as well as a sense of ownership and pride in managing the area.

**18. How is this project in the best public interest?** [Sec. 203(b)(7)] **Identify benefits to communities?**

Trail rerouting will mitigate the current illegal access across private lands onto BLM lands. The project will help to lower the fire hazard in the area and provide a system of low-elevation, easily accessible trail systems that can be used by the public. Easement acquisition will enable the public to access more land for trail systems.

**19. How does project benefit federal lands/resources?**

The project benefits federal lands/ resources by reducing the conflicts between private landowners and trail users and reduces fire hazard and the potential for a stand replacing fire. Currently trails in the area are steep and causing erosion. Rerouting and reconstruction will decrease the erosion and create trails that are not contributing to sedimentation. Trails will also be located to avoid sensitive areas.

**20. Status of Project Planning**

- a. NEPA Complete:  Yes  No      b. If No, give est. date of completion: NEPA is part of the funding request. If funded, completed in Fall, 2002\_\_\_\_\_
- c. NMFS Sec. 7 ESA Consultation Complete:       Yes    No       Not Applicable
- d. USFWS Sec. 7 ESA Consultation Complete:       Yes    No       Not Applicable
- e. Survey & Manage Complete:       Yes    No       Not Applicable
- f. DSL/ODFW\* Permits Obtained:       Yes    No       Not Applicable
- g. DLS/COE\* 404 Fill/Removal Permit Obtained:       Yes    No       Not Applicable
- h. SHPO\* Concurrence Received:       Yes    No       Not Applicable
- i. Project Design(s) Completed:       Yes    No

\* DSL = Dept. of State Lands, ODFW = Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, COE = Army Corps of Engineers, SHPO = State Historic Preservation Officer

**21. Proposed Method(s) of Accomplishment**

- Contract       Federal Workforce
- County Workforce       Volunteers
- Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**22. Will the Project Generate Merchantable Materials?** ( Sec. 204(e)(3))

- Yes    No

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**23. Anticipated Project Costs** [Sec. 203(b)(3)]

- a. Total County Title II Funds Requested: \$391,080
- b. Is this a multi-year funding request?  Yes  No If yes, then display by fiscal year
  - c. FY02 Request: \$31,080 for surveys, easements, management plan
  - d. FY03 Request: \$90,000 for recreation, \$110,000 for fuels reduction contract
  - e. FY04 Request: \$110,000 for fuels reduction contract
  - f. FY05 Request: \$\_\_\_\_\_
  - g. FY06 Request: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Item	Fed. Agency Appropriated Contribution [Sec. 203(b)(4)]	Requested County Title II Contribution [Sec. 203(b)(4)]	Other Contributions [Sec. 203(b)(4)]	Total Available Funds
24. Field Work & Site Surveys		\$21,080 (plant and wildlife surveys) (FY02) 1 <sup>st</sup> priority (to reroute trail)		
25. NEPA & Sec.7 ESA Consultation	\$4000 FY02			
26. Permit Acquisition				
27. Project Design & Engineering	\$8500 FY02			
28. Contract Preparation	\$4280 FY02			
29. Contract Administration	\$4280 FY02			
30. Contract Cost		\$10,000 for management plan FY02 \$220,000 for fuels reduction contract FY03, 04 \$75,000 for trail reconstruction/ construction FY03		
31. Workforce Cost			\$10,000 volunteer hours to reroute trail (FY02)	
32. Materials & Supplies	\$1000	\$15,000 (CXT toilet) FY03		
33. Monitoring	\$1000			
34. Other-Publish Plan	\$5000			
35. Project Subtotal				
36. Indirect Costs (Overhead) (per				

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year for multiple year projects)				
37. Total Cost Estimate	\$28,060	<b>\$31,080 FY02</b> <b>\$310,000 FY03</b> <b>\$341,080 total</b>	\$10,000	\$

**38. Identify Source(s) of Other Funding in Column C. Above** [Sec. 203(b)(4)]

Volunteer hours are identified for at least two volunteer group that are working in the area. A Boy Scouts Troop from Grants Pass has contributed 150 hours total and will build the rerouted trail after surveys are done next year. The troop will also maintain the existing trails.

Friends of Cathedral Hills, a local group of residents and recreationists, will also be maintaining trails, upgrading facilities, such as hitching posts, trailhead facilities, etc. and have already spent over 100 hours working on managing the area.

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**39. Monitoring Plan (Sec.203(b)(6))**

- a. What measures or evaluations will be made to determine how well the proposed project meets the desired ecological conditions? [Sec. 203(b)(6)] Who will be responsible for this monitoring item?**

Photo points will be established to determine if trail reroutes will reduce resource damage and if fuel hazard reduction work is successful. BLM employees or volunteers will be responsible.

- b. How will the project be evaluated to determine how well the proposed project contributes towards local employment and/or training opportunities, including summer youth jobs programs such as the Youth Conservation Corps? [Sec. 203(b)(6)] Who will be responsible for this monitoring item?**

This project has the potential to be a YCC project. We (BLM) have worked with the YCC before through the Job Council and will continue to work with them on projects such as this.

- c. What methods and measures of evaluation will be established to determine how well the proposed project improves the use of, or added value to, any products removed from National Forest System lands consistent with the purposes of this Act? [Sec. 203(b)(6) and Sec. 204(e)(3)] Who will be responsible for this monitoring item?**

Surveys can be done to see if users are more satisfied with the interpretation, trail rehab efforts and fuels reduction. This could be done by members of the community, volunteer forces, or a Boy Scout troop.

- d. Identify total funding needed to carry out specified monitoring tasks (Table 1, Item 33)**

**Amount:   \$5000**

Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000  
Public Law 106-393

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