

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

**1. Project Number** (Assigned by federal unit): OR - 117-04

**2. Project Name:** Native Grass Seed Collection **3. County:** Josephine

**4. Project Sponsor:** Linda Mazzu **5. Date:** 07-25-01

**6. Sponsors Phone #** 541-618-2277

**7. Sponsor's E-mail:** linda\_mazzu@blm.gov

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

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

b. 5<sup>th</sup> Field Watershed Name and HUC #(if known): Taylor Creek

c. Legal Location:

Township 34S Range 7W Section(s) all

Township 35S Range 7W Section(s) all

Township 35S Range 8W Section(s) all

Township \_\_\_\_\_ Range \_\_\_\_\_ Section(s) \_\_\_\_\_

d. BLM District Medford e. BLM Resource Area Grants Pass

f. National Forest Siskiyou g. Forest Service District Galice

h. State / Private / Other lands involved?  Yes  No

**9. Statement of Project Goals and Objectives:** The purpose of this project is to promote the conservation of biological diversity and maintain the adaptability of the ecosystems in the Rogue River/Taylor Creek watershed through the propagation of native plants for restoration purposes. Collection of native seed for propagation is the first step in ensuring a source that can be used on timber and other related projects on BLM as well as county lands. Related projects needing restoration could include noxious weed eradication sites, decommissioned roads, disturbed river recreation sites and off highway vehicle damaged areas.

**10. Project Description:** (Provide concise description of project and attach map.) Native seeds (primarily grasses) will be collected during the proper biological window within the watershed. Focus will be on species known for their erosion control capabilities, such as *Elymus glaucus*. These seeds will be transferred to a propagation garden for growing. Currently, funding is available for propagation, but not necessarily for collection of seed. This watershed was chosen due to the presence of county timber lands and due to high recreation use. The seed source derived from propagation efforts will be available for use by the county and other interested parties. This would be a one year project.

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

Yes  No If yes, then describe. Grass seed produced from this effort can be use on any ground disturbing projects needing restoration upon project completion. The timing of this project is excellent as funding has become available for propagating native seed from the Washington office of the BLM. Collection of grass seed is still necessary to begin the propagation phase.

**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)]

- Road Maintenance [Sec. 2(b)(2)(A)]  Trail Maintenance [Sec. 2(b)(2)(A)]
- Road Decommission/Obliteration [Sec. 2(b)(2)(A)]  Trail Obliteration [Sec. 2(b)(2)(A)]
- Other Infrastructure Maintenance (specify): \_\_\_\_\_ [Sec. 2(b)(2)(A)]
- Soil Productivity Improvement [Sec. 2(b)(2)(B)]  Forest Health Improvement [Sec. 2(b)(2)(C)]
- Watershed Restoration & Mntc. [Sec. 2(b)(2)(D)]  Wildlife Habitat Restoration [Sec. 2(b)(2)(E)]
- Fish Habitat Restoration [Sec. 2(b)(2)(E)]  Control of Noxious Weeds [Sec. 2(b)(2)(F)]
- Reestablish Native Species [Sec. 2(b)(2)(G)]
- Other Project Type (specify) [Sec. 2(b)(2)]: \_\_\_\_\_

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

- a. Total Acres: \_\_\_\_\_ b. Total Miles: \_\_\_\_\_
- c. No. Structures: \_\_\_\_\_ d. Estimated People Reached (for environmental education projects): \_\_\_1000\_\_\_
- e. No. of Laborer Days: \_\_\_10\_\_\_
- f. Other (specify): \_\_\_100 lbs collected; over 2,000 lbs. propagated in future\_

**15. Duration of Project and Estimated Completion Date** [Sec. 203(b)(2)]: \_\_\_½ month 08-01-02

**16. Target Species Benefited** (if applicable) : \_\_\_any native plants that weed species may have displaced without active restoration. Native grasses such as Elymus glaucos or Melica hartfordii.

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

Grass seed will be available for the use of Siskiyou National Forest, the county and the State. Seed would not be sold.

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

By actively restoring disturbed ground with native species, the risk of noxious weed invasion is reduced. The public would benefit from this project due to a reduction in costs involved in controlling noxious weeds. Noxious weeds can increase fire hazard, increase water uptake by native species that could be useful commercially and can be detrimental to the recreating public.

**19. How does project benefit federal lands/resources? If native seed is used by county or other private entities for restoration of their ground disturbing activities, the risk of noxious weed invasion in the watershed as a whole is greatly reduced. This reduces the risk of introduction of noxious weeds to federal, state and county lands.**

**20. Status of Project Planning**

- a. NEPA Complete:  Yes  No      b. If No, give est. date of completion: \_\_\_\_\_
- 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

The government cannot sell seed as I understand. But could give to the county, state to sell or use on their own projects.

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

- a. Total County Title II Funds Requested: \$ 9,000 \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Is this a multi-year funding request?  Yes  No If yes, then display by fiscal year
- c. FY02 Request: \$ 9000 \_\_\_\_\_ f. FY05 Request: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- d. FY03 Request: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ g. FY06 Request: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- e. FY04 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	\$1,000			\$1,000
25. NEPA & Sec.7 ESA Consultation	n/a			
26. Permit Acquisition				
27. Project Design & Engineering				
28. Contract Preparation	\$350			\$350
29. Contract Administration	\$350			\$350
30. Contract Cost		\$9,000		\$9,000
31. Workforce Cost				
32. Materials & Supplies				
33. Monitoring	\$925			\$925
34. Other				
35. Project Subtotal				
36. Indirect Costs (Overhead) (per year for multiple year projects)				
37. Total Cost Estimate	\$2,625	<b>\$9,000</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$11,625</b>

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

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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? The Contracting officer's representative on the seed collection contract will ensure that proper species are collected at the minimum amount specified and in a stage that is usable for propagation.**

**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 is tied to the propagation of seeds collected which is a separate phase towards restoration. The BLM foresees that youth programs could be used in the distribution of this seed once it is propagated (this is a separate project that already has funding). Monitoring of their accomplishments will be done by the BLM.**

**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?**

**On a project by project basis, the BLM will establish monitoring plots after propagated grass seed is spread on the landscape. The monitoring plots will be established to determine the overall cover of native species versus non-natives in these restored areas**

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

**Amount: \_\_\_\$925\_\_\_\_\_**