

Title II Project Application
Medford District Resource Advisory Committee

1. Project Number (Assigned by federal unit): OR117-15

2. Project Name: Rough and Ready Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) road/trail surfacing

3. County: Josephine _____

4. Project Sponsor: BLM,

5. Date: 2/7/02

6. Sponsors Phone # 541-618-2220__

7. Sponsor's E-mail: jeanne_klein@blm.gov

8. Project Location (attach project area map)

a. 4th Field Watershed Name and HUC #(if known): _____

b. 5th Field Watershed Name and HUC #(if known): West Fork Illinois River _____

c. Legal Location:

Township T. 40 S. Range _R. 8 W Section(s) 7, 17, 18, 19, 20

Township _____ Range _____ Section(s) _____

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:

The goals of this project are to provide a universal access trail system and a non-motorized recreation experience within in the Rough and Ready ACEC, and to protect outstanding botanical, ecological, hydrological, wildlife/fish and water quality values. The actions will also help to prevent the introduction of *Phytophthora lateralis*, a disease which affects Port Orford Cedar.

The trail surfacing and road closures were identified in a Management Plan/EA completed in 1998.

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

Surface accessible trail at Rough and Ready Area of Critical Environmental Concern. Currently there is a parking area, fence, gate and interpretive panel. Surfacing will include natural, native materials that fits with the site. The trail follows an old road into the ACEC to an overlook along Rough and Ready Creek. In 2000, some trail construction/leveling was done. Also, an interpretive panel and fence (around the parking lot) was installed in 2000.

The second part of the project is to construct improvements at 9 locations around the Rough and Ready ACEC. The roads have been identified in the Rough and Ready ACEC Management Plan/EA as closed to motorized use to protect values for which the ACEC was designated. The ACEC was

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designated for the following values: outstanding botanical, ecological, hydrological, wildlife/fish and water quality. These actions will also help prevent the introduction of *Phytophthora lateralis*, a disease which affects Port Orford Cedar. The area will still be accessible by foot traffic (hikers, horses and mountain bicycles).

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 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 type="checkbox"/> Wildlife Habitat Restoration [Sec. 2(b)(2)(E)] |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fish Habitat Restoration [Sec. 2(b)(2)(E)] | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Control of Noxious Weeds [Sec. 2(b)(2)(F)] |
| <input checked="" 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: 1164
- b. Total Miles: 7
- c. No. Structures: 9
- d. Estimated People Reached (for environmental education projects): 5,000
- e. No. of Laborer Days: 30
- f. Other (specify): _____

15. Duration of Project and Estimated Completion Date [Sec. 203(b)(2)]: Summer 2002_

16. Target Species Benefited (if applicable) : Port Orford Cedar, 14 federally listed, federal candidate or Bureau Sensitive species are known or suspected to occur in the ACEC. In addition, the ACEC harbors 13 documented and 14 suspected species on the BLM Assessment, Tracking and Watch lists. (Rough and Ready ACEC Management Plan, 1998)

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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. The BLM currently coordinates with management of the site under a Cooperative Agreement with the partners listed below.

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

The project is supported by the Illinois Valley Community Response Team, for economic development and tourism, and by the Illinois Valley Garden Club. Other partners include US Forest Service (Illinois Valley Ranger District), Oregon State Parks, the Job Council. The public would have an opportunity for environmental education for school groups and individuals, and the trail to the overlook on Rough and Ready Creek would be handicap accessible.

19. How does project benefit federal lands/resources?

The Rough and Ready ACEC is located along Highway 199 south of Cave Junction, along a highly traveled route to the coast from southwestern Oregon. The site has been used since the 1930's for wildflower viewing and hiking. Rough and Ready Creek has exceptional water clarity and is within the Klamath Mountains Ecoregion, recognized as one of 200 outstanding ecoregions in the world. There are a large number of sensitive plant species within the watershed, with nearly 300 species recorded in the Rough and Ready Creek Watershed. Surfacing a handicap accessible trail will provide an opportunity for more people to enjoy the beauty of the ACEC.

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 Spring 2003 _____
- 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): _____

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

Yes No

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

a. Total County Title II Funds Requested: \$21,500

b. Is this a multi-year funding request? Yes No If yes, then display by fiscal year

c. FY02 Request: \$21,500

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				
25. NEPA & Sec.7 ESA Consultation				
26. Permit Acquisition				
27. Project Design & Engineering				
28. Contract Preparation	\$2140			\$2140
29. Contract Administration	\$2140			\$2140
30. Contract Cost		\$6000 for three gates, \$4000 for six berms, \$10,000 for surfacing		\$20,000
31. Workforce Cost				
32. Materials & Supplies			\$5000	\$5000
33. Monitoring	\$2140	\$1500	\$1000	\$4640
34. Other				
35. Project Subtotal				
36. Indirect Costs (Overhead) (per year for multiple year projects)				
37. Total Cost Estimate	\$6420	\$21,500	\$6000	\$33,920

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

Illinois Valley Community Response Team: \$3000 for interpretive panel, \$500 for monitoring

Oregon State Parks: \$2000 for building and installing gate, fence and kiosk structure, \$500 for monitoring

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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?**

Gates and berms will be monitored to determine effectiveness. Photo points will be established to monitor change in conditions. A trail counter will be installed to monitor use levels on handicap accessible trail. 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 Oregon Youth Conservation Corps (OYCC), Northwest Youth Corps or Josephine County Prison Crew project.

- 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 an established trail and interpretation, rather than leaving the area as a dispersed use site. 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: \$1500