

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

**1. Project Number (Assigned by federal unit): 117-03-03**

**2. Project Name:** Grayback Mountain Trail Construction

**3. County:** Josephine

**4. Project Sponsor:** BLM

**5. Date:** 5/29/02

**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): Williams Creek

c. Legal Location:

Township T39S Range R5W Section(s) 20, 21, 28, 29 and 32.

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

d. BLM District: Medford

e. BLM Resource Area : Grants Pass

f. National Forest: Rogue River

g. Forest Service District : Applegate

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

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

Funds are requested for continued construction of an interagency trail system. The goal with this trail is to begin to re-establish the link between the rural communities of Williams and Cave Junction and provide access to over 2,000 miles of trail systems in the west, from a low elevation trailhead.

The objective of the proposal is to route users along a ridge, avoiding the wetlands of the Grayback Glades Research Natural Area (RNA). Currently, there is an old trail (2.25 miles long) that is steep and passes through the glades in the heart of the RNA.

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

Three miles of the Grayback Mountain Trail have been constructed entirely by volunteers, contributing over 1,000 hours. The project proposal is to extend construction of the trail from the southwest boundary of section 21(T39S, R5W) to Windy Gap on Forest Service lands in Section 5, (T40S, R5W). This work will include brushing and trail tread construction. It may require easement acquisition in section 32.

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The trail is a non-motorized hiking and horseback trail. The trail will provide access to the Grayback Glades Research Natural Area (RNA), the Oregon Caves National Monument, the Red Buttes Wilderness area, and two National Recreation Trails: the Boundary Trail and the Pacific Crest Trail.

**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)]

- 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)]: 2(b) 3: Improving cooperative relationships

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

- a. Total Acres: 8
- b. Total Miles: 7
- c. No. Structures: 0
- d. Estimated People Reached (for environmental education projects): 5,000
- e. No. of Laborer Days: 90
- f. Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Project will begin in the summer of 2003 and be completed in the summer/fall 2004.

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

White fir community, Sitka alder shrub thickets

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

Cooperation with the community on trail construction began in 1997, with a National Trails Day event to reconstruct 1.5 miles of trail. Over 30 volunteers worked for 6+ hours on the trail. This volunteer effort was extended in the fall of 2000, when 60+ volunteers met to work on constructing 1.25 miles of trail on National Public Lands Day. In November of 2000, 30+ employees worked on building and brushing an additional ½ mile of trail. In October of 2001, 50 volunteers completed an additional 2 miles of brushing.

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

The community has expressed a desire for a low elevation trail system that can be accessed fairly quickly from town. This trail will also aid in community and economic development. This project has been identified in the Medford District Resource Management Plan as a potential trail system. This trail system has received extensive support from the community which has already donated over 1,000 volunteer hours to build portions of the trail. Funding this project will further increase support in maintenance and upkeep of the trail once built. Partners include the Williams Community, Mr. Longears Club, Brushriders, and the Josephine County Sheriff's Posse and the US Forest Service (Applegate Ranger District).

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

The new trail construction will route users along a ridgeline, avoiding the wetlands of the Grayback Glades Research Natural Area (RNA).

**20. Status of Project Planning**

- a. NEPA Complete:  Yes  No      b. If No, give est. date of completion: Fall 2002.
- c. NMFS Sec. 7 ESA Consultation Complete:      X Yes  No  Not Applicable
- d. USFWS Sec. 7 ESA Consultation Complete:      X 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:      X 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**

- X Contract       Federal Workforce
- X County Workforce      X 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: \$61,660

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

c. FY02 Request:

f. FY05 Request: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

d. FY03 Request: \$61,660

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		\$4,280.00		\$4,280.00
25. NEPA & Sec.7 ESA Consultation		\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00
26. Permit Acquisition		\$5,000.00		\$5,000.00
27. Project Design & Engineering		\$4,280.00		\$4,280.00
28. Contract Preparation	\$2,140.00	\$0.00		\$2,140.00
29. Contract Administration	\$9,000.00	\$0.00		\$9,000.00
30. Contract Cost		\$40,000.00		\$40,000.00
31. Workforce Cost		\$0.00	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00
32. Materials & Supplies		\$0.00		
33. Monitoring	\$2,140.00	\$1,500.00		\$3,640.00
34. Other		\$0.00		
35. Project Subtotal		\$56,060.00		\$56,060.00
36. Indirect Costs (Overhead) (per year for multiple year projects)		\$5,600.00		\$5,600.00
37. Total Cost Estimate	\$13,280.00	<b>\$61,660.00</b>	\$6,500.00	<b>\$81,440.00</b>

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

\$2000 National Public Lands Day, Fall 2002

\$4500 (estimated) in volunteer hours: (\$3000 NPLD, Fall 2002 and \$1500 in volunteer hours summer 2002

**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?**

Yearly site visits to the new and decommissioned trails will be conducted to determine levels of use. Decommissioned trail will be checked to make sure it is not being used. Use levels on the new trail will be monitored by a trail counter or other means. Yearly site visits will be accomplished by the BLM.

- 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. 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)**

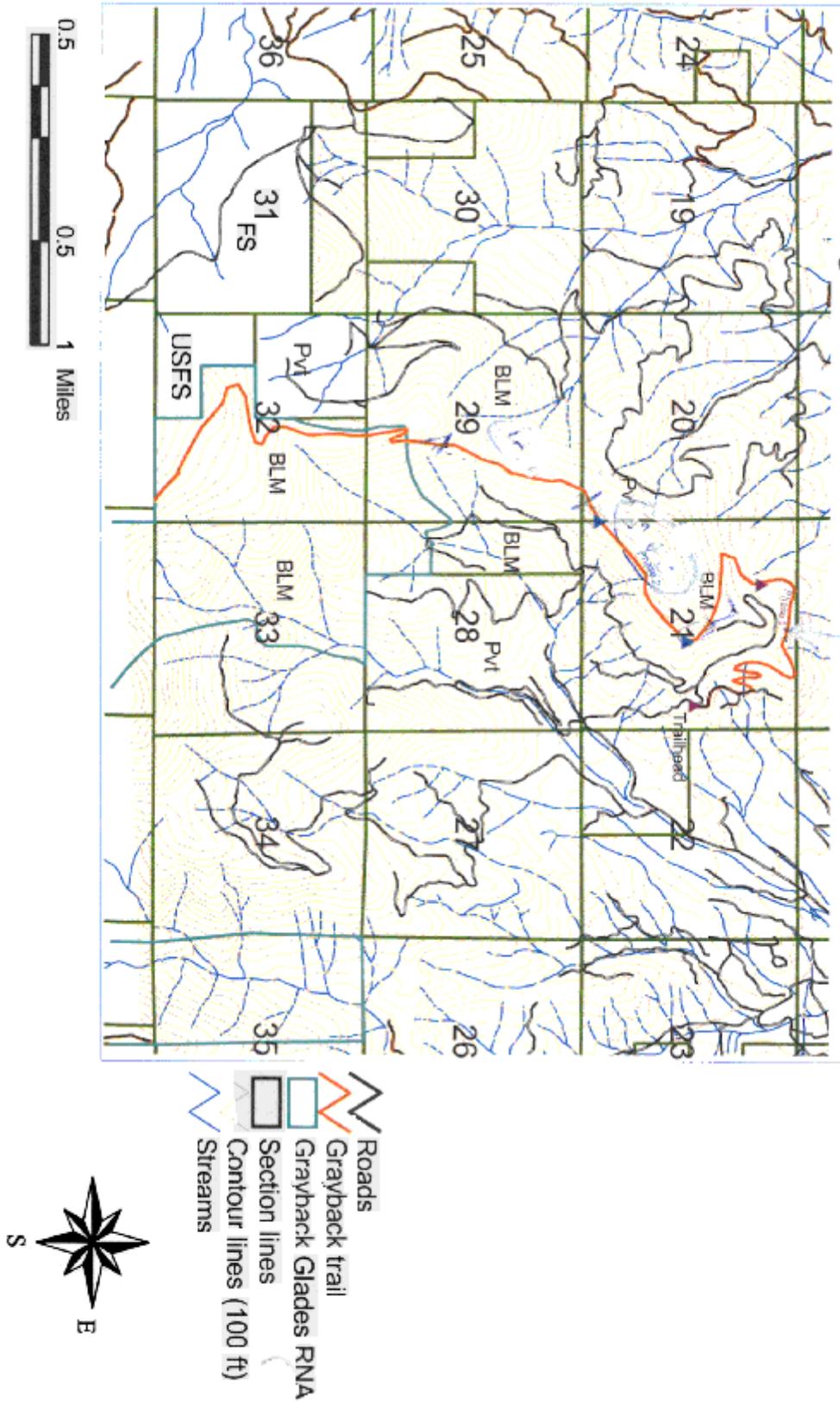
**Amount:**   \$3640

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**Map 2**  
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Digital Photos of the Grayback Mountain Trail Construction

