

Title II Project Application
Medford District Resource Advisory Committee

Amount Requested \$57,750

1. Project Number (Assigned by federal unit): 117-408

2. Project Name: Grayback Mountain Trail Construction

3. County: Josephine

4. Project Sponsor: Jim Roper

5. Date: 4/8/03

6. Sponsors Phone #: 541-471-6979

7. Sponsor's E-mail: jroper@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): Williams Creek
- c. Legal Location:
Township T39S Range R5W Section(s) 20, 21, 28, 29 and 32.
- 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 construction of several short span bridges and parking area for this 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.

Construction through the slide area will be accomplished with four short span bridges. Bridges will vary in length from 25 to 50 feet in length. Trailhead construction will provide parking and turn around for trucks with horse trailers and allow separation of various user types.

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.

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

The project proposal includes (1) constructing a trail through a slide area utilizing short span bridges and (2) enlarging parking area at the trailhead. Trailhead construction will include enlarging the parking area and installing 2 standard BLM gates on two roads just above the parking area. Bridge construction will provide safe passage for travelers and meet environmental concerns related to normal trail tread construction through the area. Completion of these two item will finish construction of Grayback Mountain trail

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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 type="checkbox"/> Trail Obliteration [Sec. 2(b)(2)(A)] |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Infrastructure Maintenance (specify): _____ [Sec. 2(b)(2)(A)] | |
| <input checked="" 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 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: 2 b. Total Miles: .05
- c. No. Structures: 0 d. Estimated People Reached (for environmental education projects): 2,000
- e. No. of Laborer Days: 90
- f. Other (specify): Program Element: HC

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

Project will begin in the summer of 2004 and be completed in the summer/fall 2005.

16. Target Species Benefitted (if applicable) :

White fir community, Sitka alder shrub thickets

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

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26. Permit Acquisition				
27. Project Design & Engineering		\$2,500 (½ wm)		\$2500
28. Contract Preparation		\$2500 (½ wm)		\$2500
29. Contract Administration		\$5,000 (1 wm)		\$5000
30. Contract Cost		\$40,000		\$40,000
31. Workforce Cost				
32. Materials & Supplies				
33. Monitoring		\$1,250		\$1,250
34. Other				
35. Project Subtotal		\$52,500		\$52,500
36. Indirect Costs (Overhead) (per year for multiple year projects)		\$5,125		\$5,125
37. Total Cost Estimate		\$57,750		\$57,750

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?**

Contract will employ local workers. This is not a good project for a youth organization. Monitoring will be accomplished through BLM procurement/contracting documentation.

- 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**

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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?

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

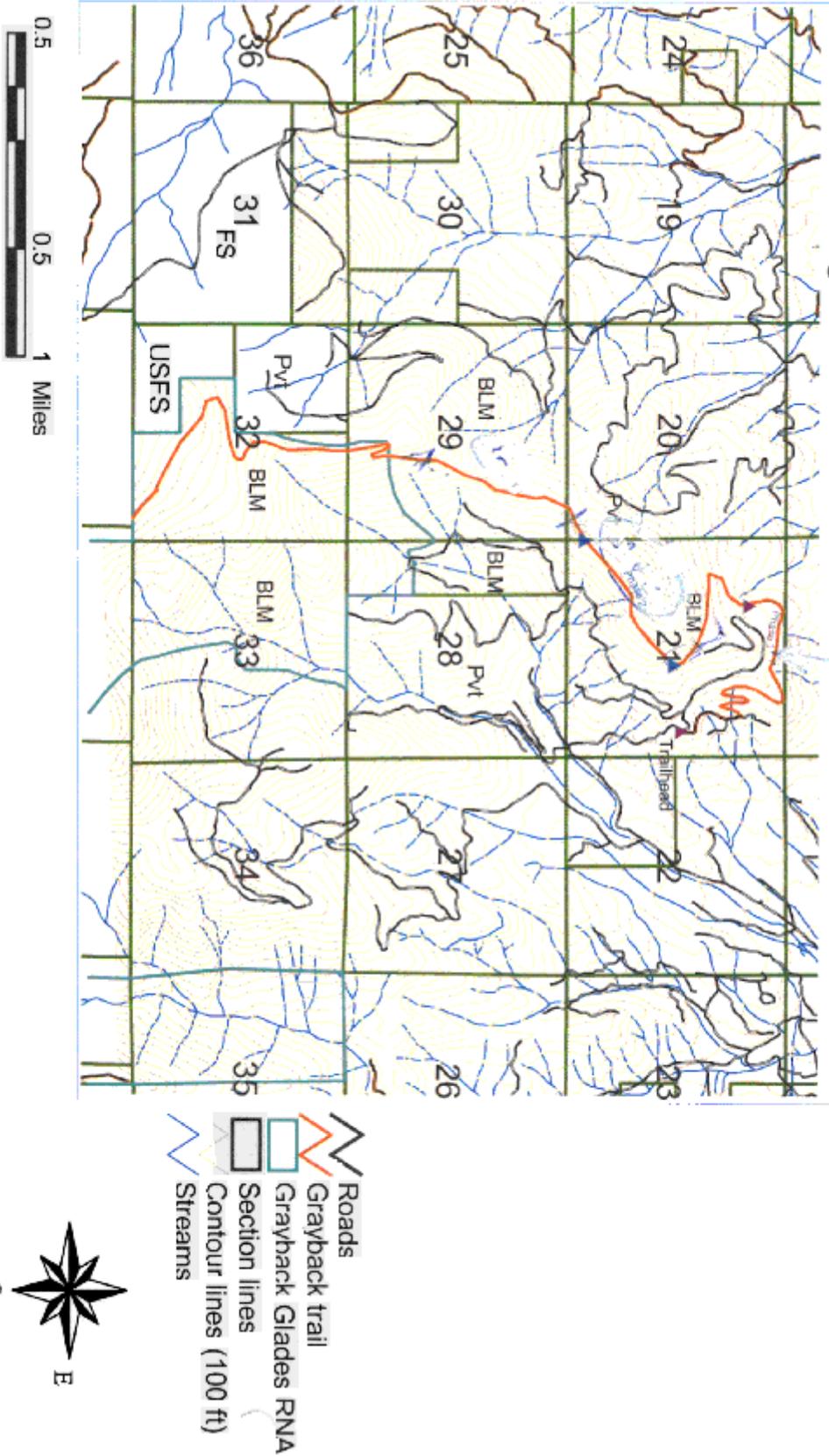
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Map 2
Grayback Mountain Trail



Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000
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Digital Photos of the Grayback Mountain Trail Construction

