

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

Title II Project Application
COOS BAY DISTRICT
Resource Advisory Committee

1. Project Number (Assigned by federal unit): CB02-URA8

2. Project Name: Dean Creek Elk Viewing Area Frontage Road Culvert Replacement	3. County: Douglas
4. Project Sponsor: Larry Johnston	5. Date: January 9, 2002
6. Sponsor's Phone Number: (541) 756-0100	
7. Sponsors E-mail: Larry_Johnston@or.blm.gov	

8. Project Location (see attached project area map)

Umpqua Subbasin (17100303)
Lower Umpqua Frontal Watershed (1710030308)
Township 21S, Range 11W, Section 32
Coos Bay BLM District
Umpqua Field Office

State / Private / Other lands involved? No

9. Statement of Project Goals and Objectives:

The main goal of this project is to replace a failed culvert under the frontage road at the Dean Creek Elk Viewing Area and to reopen the frontage road/west-end viewing areas so that the public can safely view the elk and other wildlife without stopping on busy Highway 38.

Background: During October 2001, a culvert under the frontage road collapsed causing the frontage road to start slumping. To reduce the potential for more slumping and delivery of silt to the Umpqua River, the BLM closed the road, pulled back the road and soils above the culvert, removed the collapsed culvert, and stabilized the soils. Repairs cannot occur until late spring 2002 because of the winter high-water conditions.

The Dean Creek Elk Viewing Area (EVA) consists of a mosaic of meadows, forests, and wetlands providing a variety of wildlife viewing experiences for the public. A herd of 60-100 Roosevelt elk resides there year-round. Numerous birds and other wildlife visit or inhabit the area.

Dean Creek EVA starts about three miles east of Reedsport, Oregon, along State Highway 38 and the Umpqua River. The site stretches another three miles along the highway and the river.

The site totals nearly 1,095 acres and is very popular with the public. In 2000, approximately 315,000 visitors entered the main viewing areas (kiosk/frontage road/west-end areas), an 80% increase from 1995 when data were first recorded.

Facilities include and open-air interpretive kiosk, parking lots, sidewalks, restrooms, benches, viewing scope, and viewing decks.

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10. Project Description:

This project would involve replacing the frontage road culvert and replacing the soils and road asphalt when winter high-water conditions abate.

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

No.

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

Improves maintenance of existing infrastructure. [Sec. 2(b)]

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

Road Maintenance [Sec. 2(b)(2)(A)]

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

a. Total Acres: N/A

b. Total Miles: 0.4

c. No. Structures: 1 culvert

d. Est. People Reached N/A

e. No. Laborer Days: 15

f. Other (specify): N/A

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

Duration: 5 days

Completion Date: September 2002

16. Target Species Benefited: This project is expected to benefit a variety of fish and wildlife species.

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

This project is expected to foster cooperative relationships among individuals and groups with diverse interests because it focuses on an area of agreement rather than controversy. Regardless of differing views on other aspects of public land management, clean water and healthy streams, and supporting stable populations of native fish and wildlife species are long-term ecological goals that most Coos Bay District user's support.

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

General: This project is considered to be in the best public interest because it contributes positively toward maintaining and enhancing water quality and fish and wildlife habitat for both current and

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future generations of Federal Land users. Additionally, implementation of the project may benefit the community by providing local employment opportunities. Furthermore, the replacement of the culvert maintains and upgrades existing infrastructure.

Safety: The viewing areas were built to get the public off busy State Highway 38 to safely view elk and other wildlife. Since the closure of the frontage road and west-end viewing areas, people are once again stopping/parking on the berm of Highway 38 to view the wildlife.

Tourism: The Dean Creek EVA is a very popular wildlife viewing area, and hence, is an important economic component for the lower Umpqua communities, especially Reedsport.

19. How does project benefit federal lands/resources?

The BLM would be able to offer the visiting public the full range of visitor services at the Dean Creek Elk viewing area.

20. Status of Project Planning

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| a. NEPA Complete: | | No |
| If no, give est. date of completion: April 2002 | | |
| c. NMFS Sec. 7 ESA Consultation Complete: | Yes | |
| d. USFWS Sec. 7 ESA Consultation Complete: | Yes | |
| e. Survey & Manage Complete: | | No |
| f. DSL/ODFW* Permits for In-stream Work Obtained: | | No |
| g. DSL/COE* 404 Fill/Removal Permit Obtained: | | No |
| h. SHPO* Concurrence Received: | | No |
| i. Project Design(s) Completed: | | 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

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

No

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

- Total County Title II Funds Requested: \$44,500
- Is this a multi-year funding request? No

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Table 1. Project Cost Analysis

Item	<i>Column A</i> Fed. Agency Appropriated Contribution [Sec. 203(b)(4)]	<i>Column B</i> Requested County Title II Contribution [Sec. 203(b)(4)]	<i>Column C</i> Other Contributions [Sec. 203(b)(4)]	<i>Column D</i> Total Available Funds
24. Project Development/NEPA		\$2,500		\$2,500
25. Contracting*		\$42,000		\$42,000
26. Monitoring	\$0			\$0
27. Total Cost Estimate				\$44,500

* Contracting includes project design and implementation

28. Identify Source(s) of Other Funding for Project Identified Above [Sec. 203(b)(4)]

Agency appropriated funds may be available at some time in the future, but currently there are more restoration opportunities than there is funding available.

29. 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?**

BLM Engineering Staff – This culvert repair would be reviewed immediately upon completion and during scheduled culvert maintenance reviews.

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- 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?**

The District Manager – This project will be considered successful at emphasizing local employment and training opportunities if local contractors are hired to complete the road improvement work and if local contractors, high school students, YCC groups, or other local interest groups are trained and utilized to complete monitoring activities

- 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 federal 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?**

N/A.

- d. Identify total funding needed to carry out specified monitoring tasks.**

Amount: \$0

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County Commissioner Concurrence
(Majority Required per charter)

A majority of the county commissioners of _____ County have reviewed this proposed Public Law 106-393 project for the BLM Coos Bay District Advisory Council and agree with the proposal as submitted, except for the comments noted below:

Attested by Commissioner

Date

Comments/Rational: