

Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000
Public Law 106-393
Title II Project Submission Form
Northeast Oregon Forests Resource Advisory
Committee

1. Project Number (Assigned by Designated Federal Official) : **UN-WAW06-602**

2. Project Name: Reestablishing Native Plant Species	3. County: Union
4. Project Sponsor: Arlene Blumton	5. Date: January 2005
6. Sponsor's Phone Number: 541-962-8522	
7. Sponsors E-mail: ablumton@fs.fed.us	

8. Project Location	
a. 4 th Field Watershed Name and HUC #: Upper Grande Ronde River 17060104	
b. 5 th Field Watershed Name and HUC # (if known): Upper Grande Ronde 1706010485, Grande Ronde River/Hilgard 1706010487, Meadow Ck 1706010486, Catherine Crk 1706010412	
c. Location: Township <u>2,3,4,5,6</u> Range <u>33,34,35, 36</u> Township <u>4,5</u> Range <u>40,41,42</u> Township _____ Range _____ Section(s) _____ Township _____ Range _____ Section(s) _____ Township _____ Range _____ Section(s) _____ Township _____ Range _____ Section(s) _____	
d. BLM District	e. BLM Resource Area
f. National Forest Wallowa-Whitman	g. Forest Service District La Grande Ranger District
h. State / Private / Other lands involved? X Yes No	

9. Statement of Project Goals and Objectives: The Native Seed Project is a continuation of a multi-partner and multi-phase effort started in 2002 with RAC support. This project proposes to establish and maintain a seed bank of locally adapted native grass and forb species for use in vegetating disturbed soils in Union County. Small quantities of several species of native grasses and forbs are hand-collected by contractors. Seed is planted and grown to increase the supply by contracting with private growers to produce quantities of seed that can be stored until needed. Objectives include locating, mapping, collecting and propagation of native plant seed and materials to be used on restoration projects. Contracts to local grass producers are beginning to provide a reliable and diverse seed source. This project is facilitating the development of reasonably priced sources of native plant materials and continues to provide local landowners with an opportunity to expand and diversify the use of their land.

10. Project Description: .

Phase I (2002):

- Developed a new propagation contract limited to the growers within the Grande Ronde Valley.
- Sowed with seed collected in 2000, 2001 and 2002.
- Mapped new seed collection sites and collected from these sites and those identified in 2001.
- Three of eight grass species identified for collection and propagation are under contract.
- Native grass seed was provided for the following restoration projects: McIntyre County and Dry Beaver road rehabilitation, site restoration in noxious weed infested areas, and campground restoration.
- Provided experience and training for youth groups.

Phase II (2003)

- Continue to identify populations and collect seed for propagation on the existing contracts.
- Continue to support restoration projects by providing native plant species.
- Strengthen the in-house education program of using native species in restoration projects by developing guidelines for application.

Phase III (2004 – 2006)

- Continue supplementing species to increase species diversity.
- Promote opportunities for local grass seed growing contracts and marketing of byproducts
- Grass seed is made available for site specific ground applications including revegetation projects such as road rehabilitation, stream restoration, reseeding wildfire areas, noxious weed prevention, soil erosion control, and disturbed recreation sites
- Work will be accomplished using contracts, youth crews, volunteers, local clubs and Forest Service crews.
- Monitoring to determine application rate and species adaptability and restoration success. Determine if protection measures are needed.

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

X Yes No **If yes, then describe**

Native seed is made available to private landowners, other agencies including County, State and Federal agencies.

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

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

X Implements stewardship objectives that enhance forest ecosystems. [Sec. 2(b)]

X Restores and improves land health. [Sec. 2(b)]

X Restores water quality. [Sec. 2(b)]

13. Project Type (check one) [Sec. 203(b)(1)]	
<input type="checkbox"/> Road Maintenance [Sec. 2(b)(2)(A)]	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> Forest Health Improvement [Sec. 2(b)(2)(C)]
<input 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)]	Control of Noxious Weeds [Sec. 2(b)(2)(F)]
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reestablish Native Species [Sec. 2(b)(2)(G)]	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Project Type (specify) [Sec. 2(b)(2)]:	

14. Measure of Project Accomplishments/Expected Outcomes [Sec. 203(b)(5)]	
a. Rehabilitated acres =200 to 500 acres	b. Total Miles:
c. No. Structures:	d. Est. People Reached (for environmental education projects):1,000
e. No. Laborer Days: 100 days	
f. Other (specify):	

15. Estimated Completion Date: [Sec. 203(b)(2)]

The funding for this phase of the project will be used by October 2006.

16. Target Species Benefited: (if applicable) (max. 7 lines)

Reestablishment of native grasses, hardwoods, and wetland vegetation. This project indirectly benefits wildlife and fish species including deer and elk and nongame species.

17. How will cooperative relationships among people that use federal lands be improved? [Sec. 2(b)(3) Facilitate partnerships between growers, agencies, researchers and individuals in public land management.

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

This project provides community involvement in restoring public lands, local employment opportunities, ongoing partnerships and more desirable public recreation opportunities.

19. How does project benefit federal lands/resources? (max. 12 lines) Disturbed sites will be restored by using native vegetation and benefit soil, wildlife, and fish resources.

20. Status of Project Planning			
a. NEPA Complete:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
If no, give est. date of completion:			
c. NMFS Sec. 7 ESA Consultation Complete:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
d. USFWS Sec. 7 ESA Consultation Complete:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
e. Survey & Manage Complete:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	X Not Applicable
f. DSL/ODFW* Permits for In-stream Work Obtained:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	X Not Applicable
g. DSL/COE* 404 Fill/Removal Permit Obtained:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	X Not Applicable
h. SHPO* Concurrence Received:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable
i. Project Design(s) Completed:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> 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 <i>(check those that apply)</i>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contract	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal Workforce
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Workforce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Volunteers
Other (specify):	

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: \$21,160 (\$23,000 includes indirect costs)	
b. Is this a multi-year funding request? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, then display by fiscal year	
c. FY02 Request: \$29,250	f. FY05 Request: \$ 27,000
d. FY03 Request: \$42,750	g. FY06 Request: \$ 23,000
e. FY04 Request: \$ 32,400	

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. Field Work & Site Surveys	\$5,000	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$11,000
25. NEPA & Sec. 7 ESA Consultation				
26. Permit Acquisition				
27. Project Design & Engineering				
28. Contract Preparation	\$1,000			\$1,000
29. Contract Administration	\$4,000			\$4,000
30. Contract Cost		\$17,160	\$9,000	\$26,160
31. Workforce Cost				
32. Materials & Supplies (plants and plant protection materials)		\$1,000	\$2,000	\$3,000
33. Monitoring	\$1,000	\$ 1,000		\$2,000
34. Other				
35. Project Sub-Total	\$11,000	\$21,160	\$15,000	\$47,160
36. Indirect Costs (Overhead @ 8% (per year for multi-year projects)		\$ 1,840		
37. Total Cost Estimate	\$11,000	\$23,000	\$15,000	\$56,000

38. Identify Source(s) of Other Funding for Project Identified Above [Sec. 203(b)(4)] (max. 7 lines)
Grande Ronde Model Watershed, Federal Highway Division, BPA, National Fire Plan, Forest Service appropriated dollars

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)] (max. 7 lines)

Who is responsible for this monitoring item?: The US Forest Service will monitor project effectiveness using photo points and County Extension and private landowners will monitor quality control of seed and plant materials produced. Photo points, observation, or establishment surveys will be conducted to determine survival and growth.

- 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)] (max. 7 lines)

Who is responsible for this monitoring item?: The workforce includes local contractors and Union County private landowners. Supplies and materials are purchased locally. The Forest Service is responsible for developing contracts.

- 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)] (max. 7 lines) The project does not produce a product to be removed from the National Forest, however, seed production on private land will be utilized on Federal and private lands.

Who is responsible for this monitoring item?: US Forest Service

- d. **Identify total funding needed to carry out specified monitoring tasks (Table 1, Item 33)**
(max. 7 lines) **Amount \$2,000 _(\$1,000 County Title II funds)**

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County Commissioner Concurrence

(Majority Required per charter)

A majority of the county commissioners of Union County have reviewed this proposed Public Law 106-393 project for the Blue Mt. Resource Advisory Council and agree with the proposal as submitted, except for the comments noted below:

Attested by Commissioner

Date

Priority Rating:

High Medium Low

Comments/Rational: