

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-WAW07-601**

The La Grande Ranger District requests to the RAC to replace the funded Beaver Creek Campground Construction project with the Moss Springs Campground and Trailhead Restoration project. Due to the shortfalls in the National Recreation budget and the closure of low priority campgrounds it is doubtful that the Forest Service will be able to maintain a campground to acceptable standards if it were constructed. Dispersed camping would be available in the absence of constructing a developed site and eventually, with City support, would be improved. But any new construction is not likely to be supported by the Forest Service at this time.

Moss Springs Campground and Trailhead is a high use recreation site and is ranked as a high priority for maintenance by the Wallowa-Whitman Forest. Moss Springs Campground and Trailhead provides easy access for horseback riders recreating in the Eagle Cap Wilderness, however, it does not provide adequate parking to safely accommodate the current level of use. Current parking accommodations are not appropriately located or designed to protect the adjacent natural resources or safely accommodate the number and size of the horse trailers that use this area during the summer. A newly designed parking area would provide adequate parking and reduce the risk for accidents within the campground.

We are requesting that the \$40,000 available to the Beaver Creek project be transferred to the Moss Springs project. This funding would be used to improve a highly desirable campground and trailhead that provides access to the Eagle Cap Wilderness and the some of the highest use by people with horses. The following Title II project submission form describes the project goals, objectives, and benefits to the community. With the support of Title II funds, restoration of Moss Springs Campground and Trailhead can be completed by 2007; NEPA and site plans are completed. The Moss Springs project would continue to utilize local youth crews as well as local contractors.

Thank you for your consideration.

2. Project Name: Moss Springs Campground & Trailhead Restoration	3. County: Union
4. Project Sponsor: Arlene Blumton	5. Date: December 1, 2005
6. Sponsor's Phone Number: 541-962-8522	
7. Sponsors E-mail: ablumton@fs.fed.us	

8. Project Location (attach project area map)
a. 4 th Field Watershed Name and HUC #: Mill Creek 170601040702
b. 5 th Field Watershed Name and HUC # (if known):

c. Location: Township <u>3S</u> Range <u>41E</u> Section(s) <u>27</u> Township _____ Range _____ Section(s) _____ Township _____ Range _____ Section(s) _____	
d. BLM District	e. BLM Resource Area
f. National Forest <u>Wallowa-Whitman</u>	g. Forest Service District <u>La Grande</u>
h. State / Private / Other lands involved? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

9. Statement of Project Goals and Objectives: (max. 7 lines)
Moss Springs Trailhead and Campground is located on a high ridge adjacent to the Eagle Cap Wilderness and within 1½ miles of private land adjacent to the town of Cove, Oregon. It is one of the most heavily used trailhead accessing the Eagle Cap Wilderness. Most visitors bring horses.

Moss Springs Trailhead and Campground does not provide adequate parking to safely accommodate the use of this area. The campground is primarily a jump off point for horse riders recreating in the Eagle Cap Wilderness. Current parking accommodations are not appropriately located or designed to protect the adjacent resources or safely accommodate the number and size of the horse trailers that use this area during the summer. This new parking area will provide adequate parking and reduce the risk for accidents within the campground.

This project will employ local youth crews that will assist with parking construction, manage uncontrolled recreation use by construction buck and pole fence and protect an existing wet area from disturbance.

10. Project Description: (max. 30 lines.)
This project will construct a new pull-through parking area within the Moss Springs Trailhead and Campground. The parking area will be approximately 110 feet by 200 feet and located at the southeast corner of the campground. Site design will include a 5 foot to 30 foot vegetated buffer along the road and a buck and pole fence along the southwestern perimeter to exclude the existing wet area from disturbance. The parking area will be graveled and provide parking for 8 to 10 vehicles (primarily trucks with horse trailers).

NEPA, threatened and endangered species consultation and area surveys were completed in 2003.

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)]	
<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)] City Municipal Water Line	
<input type="checkbox"/> Soil Productivity Improvement [Sec. 2(b)(2)(B)]	<input 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)]	
X Other Project Type (specify) [Sec. 2(b)(2)]: Managing and providing recreation opportunities	

14. Measure of Project Accomplishments/Expected Outcomes [Sec. 203(b)(5)]	
a. Total Acres:10	b. Total Miles:
c. No. Structures: 5 (includes fences and signs)	d. Est. People Reached
e. No. Laborer Days:	(for environmental education projects):
f. Other (specify):	

15. Estimated Completion Date: 2007

16. Target Species Benefited: subalpine, high elevation species

17. How will cooperative relationships among people that use federal lands be improved? [Sec. 2(b)(3)] (max. 12 lines)

Project eliminates safety hazards to on-site users and improves service to the recreating public by providing high quality camping and parking facilities, while protecting and enhancing adjacent forest areas.

18. How is this project in the best public interest? [Sec. 203(b)(7)] **Identify benefits to communities.** (max. 12 lines)

This project will better accommodate overnight camping and full-size pickups and horse trailers by providing additional trailhead parking. Managed parking, specific to trailhead use, will better provide for users seeking overnight camping and accommodate trailhead parking as well. Managed parking will facilitate horseback riders, reduce conflicts among recreation users and provide safe accommodations.

19. How does project benefit federal lands/resources? (max. 12 lines) This project will provide safe accommodations for overnight campers and horseback riders at the trailhead. This project is not intended to increase the already high use into the Eagle Caps, but rather to provide a safer and managed recreation use.

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	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 type="checkbox"/> County Workforce	<input type="checkbox"/> Volunteers -
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):TEC youth crew	

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

Yes No Improvement of a high use campground and trailhead will contribute to the local tourism industry.

23. Anticipated Project Costs	
a. Total County Title II Funds Requested: No new FY07 funds are requested	
b. Is this a multi-year funding request? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
c. FY02 Request:	f. FY05 Request:
d. FY03 Request:	g. FY06 Request:
e. FY04 Request:	

Table 1. Project Cost Analysis – NO FUNDS ARE REQUESTED IN FY07 – This project cost analysis shows what funds will be carried over from the Beaver Creek Construction project.

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				
25. NEPA & Sec. 7 ESA Consultation				
26. Permit Acquisition				
27. Project Design & Engineering	\$1,000	\$3,000		\$4,000
28. Contract Preparation				
29. Contract Administration	\$2,000	\$3,000		\$5,000
30. Contract Cost		\$18,000		\$18,000
31. Workforce Cost	\$4,000	\$8,000 Youth crew	\$10,000	\$22,000
32. Materials & Supplies	\$3,000	\$5,000		\$8,000
33. Monitoring	\$2,000			\$2,000
34. Other Equipment Costs		\$3,000		\$3,000
35. Project Sub-Total				
36. Indirect Costs (Overhead @ 8%) (per year for multi-year projects)				
37. Total Cost Estimate	\$12,000	\$40,000	\$10,000	\$62,000

38. Identify Source(s) of Other Funding for Project Identified Above [Sec. 203(b)(4)] (max. 7 lines)

The Youth Crew, organized through the Training and Employment Consortium, will do hand work associated with the parking area. The Back Country Horseman contributes to this project by assisting with trail maintenance.

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?: Annual on-the-ground reviews will be conducted by the Recreation Specialist and Forest Engineer.

- 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 Youth Crew will be used to do hand work associated with parking construction. TEC will monitor the overall number of youth

served and will provide follow-up services for 12 months to track employment of youth after they leave the project. Success will be measured by the number of youth that complete the project and integrate successfully into the community.

- 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) Recreation use will be regularly monitored as described in the Forest Plan.

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. \$2000

Annual monitoring will be accomplished as a part of our regular recreation maintenance program.

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 Mountain 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: