

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-WAW07-606**

<b>2. Project Name:</b> <b>Thinning for Release and Fuel Reduction</b>	<b>3. County:</b> Union
<b>4. Project Sponsor:</b> Arlene Blumton	<b>5. Date:</b> November 1, 2005
<b>6. Sponsor's Phone Number:</b> 541-962-8522	
<b>7. Sponsors E-mail:</b> ablumton@fs.fed.us	

<b>8. Project Location</b>	
a. 4 <sup>th</sup> Field Watershed Name and HUC #: Upper Grande Ronde River 17060104	
b. 5 <sup>th</sup> Field Watershed Name and HUC # (if known): Grande Ronde River/5-Points 1706010404	
c. Location: Township <u>2</u> Range <u>36</u> Section <u>24</u> Township _____ Range _____ Township _____ Range _____ Section(s) _____ Township _____ Range _____ Section(s) _____ Township _____ Range _____ Section(s) _____ Township _____ Range _____ Section(s) _____	
	e. BLM Resource Area
f. National Forest <b>Wallowa-Whitman</b>	g. Forest Service District <b>La Grande Ranger District</b>
h. State / Private / Other lands involved? Yes <b>No</b>	

**9. Statement of Project Goals and Objectives:** This project proposes to thin young trees in dry plant community types in high priority fuel reduction areas in the Catherine Creek Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) on La Grande Ranger District. Reducing tree density will increase growth, reduce effects of insects and disease, provide wildlife habitat, and promote establishment of fire associated species (e.g. ponderosa pine). Without thinning, stands will be at higher risk to insect and disease, wildfire and delayed tree growth. In 2006, 200 thinning acres were funded by RAC and in 2007 this project proposes to thin and remove slash on an additional 200 acres. Current stand densities threaten the growth and development of individual trees by increasing the risk of insect and disease and susceptibility to wildfire. This project will be implemented in cooperation with the Blue Mt. Pest Management and La Grande Ranger District fire and fuel specialists who will monitor thinning effectiveness.

**10. Project Description:**  
 Local contractors will thin 15 to 20 year old trees during summer 2007 to accelerate stand growth and health on the Catherine Creek WUI, La Grande Ranger District. Project work includes:

- Thin 200 acres in 2007 of young mixed-conifer trees at a variable spacing (approximately 10 to 20 feet apart);
- Reduce fuel hazards created by thinning to reduce insect and fuels build-up; and
- Monitor contractual specifications, fuel reduction, insect and disease.

**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)]

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

**X 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)]	
<input type="checkbox"/> Soil Productivity Improvement [Sec. 2(b)(2)(B)]	<b>X Forest Health Improvement</b> [Sec. 2(b)(2)(C)]
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)]
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. Total Acres: <b>200 acres (100 acres funded by Forest Service/partners and 100 acres funded by Title II)</b>	b. Total Miles:
c. No. Structures	d. Est. People Reached
e. No. Laborer Days: <b>800 days</b>	(for environmental education projects):
f. Other (specify):	

**15. Estimated Completion Date:** [Sec. 203(b)(2)]  
 The funding for this phase of the project will be used by October 2007.

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

This project indirectly benefits wildlife species including deer, elk and neotropical migratory birds.

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

**18. How is this project in the best public interest?** [Sec. 203(b)(7)] **Identify benefits to communities.** Provides local employment opportunities and ongoing partnerships and manages a forest investment.

**19. How does project benefit federal lands/resources?** (max. 12 lines) Improves forest health conditions that will benefit other resources such as wildlife species.

<b>20. Status of Project Planning</b>			
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	<b>X Not Applicable</b>
f. DSL/ODFW* Permits for In-stream Work Obtained:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<b>X Not Applicable</b>
g. DSL/COE* 404 Fill/Removal Permit Obtained:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<b>X Not Applicable</b>
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			

<b>21. Proposed Method(s) of Accomplishment</b> ( <i>check those that apply</i> )	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contract	Federal Workforce
County Workforce	Volunteers
Other (specify):	

**22. Will the Project Generate Merchantable Materials?** [Sec. 204(e)(3)]  
 Yes  **X No**

<b>23. Anticipated Project Costs</b> [Sec. 203(b)(3)]	
a. Total County Title II Funds Requested: <b>\$35,208</b>	
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: ----	f. FY05 Request: -----
d. FY03 Request: ----	g. FY06 Request: \$ 35,200
e. FY04 Request: ----	h. FY07 Request: \$ 35,208

**Table 1. Project Cost Analysis**

<b>Item</b>	<i>Column A</i> <b>Fed. Agency Appropriated Contribution</b> [Sec. 203(b)(4)]	<i>Column B</i> <b>Requested County Title II Contribution</b> [Sec. 203(b)(4)]	<i>Column C</i> <b>Other Contributions</b> [Sec. 203(b)(4)]	<i>Column D</i> <b>Total Available Funds</b>
24. Field Work & Site Surveys				
25. NEPA & Sec. 7 ESA Consultation				
26. Permit Acquisition				
27. Project Design & Engineering				
28. Contract Preparation	\$1,500			\$1,500
29. Contract Administration	\$4,000			\$4,000
30. Contract Cost	\$32,600	\$32,600		\$65,200
31. Workforce Cost				
32. Materials & Supplies(includes vehicle costs)				
33. Monitoring	\$3,000			\$3,000
34. Other				
35. Project Sub-Total	\$41,100	\$32,400		\$73,500
36. Indirect Costs (Overhead @ 8% (per year for multi-year projects)		\$ 2,608		\$2,608
<b>37. Total Cost Estimate</b>	\$41,100	<b>\$35,208</b>		\$76,308

**38. Identify Source(s) of Other Funding for Project Identified Above** [Sec. 203(b)(4)] (max. 7 lines)  
Blue Mt. Pest Management, 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?:** \_\_\_\_\_

Blue Mt. Pest Management and Forest Service fuel and fire specialists will monitor project effectiveness. Forest Service forester will assure contract specifications are met and fuel reduction will be measured.

**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?:** Local contractors will conduct thinning and fuel reduction.

**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)

**Who is responsible for this monitoring item?:** The project has the potential to produce a product in 30 to 60 years. The US Forest Service is responsible for this monitoring.

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

(max. 7 lines)

**Amount \$3,000**

**Project Name: Reestablishing Native Plant Species on La Grande Ranger District**

**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:

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Attested by Commissioner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Priority Rating:

High     Medium     Low

Comments/Rational: