

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): WA-WAW07-207

<b>2. Project Name:</b> Lower Joseph Creek Forest Condition Assessment	<b>3. County:</b> Wallowa
<b>4. Project Sponsor:</b> Nils Christoffersen, Wallowa Resources	<b>5. Date:</b> 12/16/05
<b>6. Sponsor's Phone Number:</b> (541) 426-8053	
<b>7. Sponsors E-mail:</b> nils@wallowaresources.org	
<b>8. Project Location:</b>	
a. 4 <sup>th</sup> Field Watershed Name and HUC #: Grande Ronde	
b. 5 <sup>th</sup> Field Watershed Name and HUC # (if known): Lower Joseph Creek	
c. Location: Township _____ Range _____ Section(s) _____ Township _____ Range _____ Section(s) _____ Township _____ Range _____ Section(s) _____ Township _____ Range _____ Section(s) _____ Township _____ Range _____ Section(s) _____ Township _____ Range _____ Section(s) _____	
d. BLM District: Vale	e. BLM Resource Area
f. National Forest: Wallowa-Whitman	g. Forest Service District: HCNRA, Wallowa Valley
h. State / Private / Other lands involved? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>9. Statement of Project Goals and Objectives:</b>	
The purpose of this project is to conduct a forest condition assessment as part of the larger Lower Joseph Creek Watershed Assessment. The watershed assessment will also include condition analyses of fire and fuels, rangeland, riparian areas, cultural, transportation planning, and wildlife. These analyses will be taken together to develop recommendations for projects that will improve watershed condition.	
<b>10. Project Description:</b>	
To follow the procedure developed and used during the Upper Joseph Creek Watershed Forest Condition Assessment.	
<b>11. Coordination of this project with other related project(s) on adjacent lands?</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Ties to Upper Joseph Creek Watershed Assessment (2005)	

<b>12. How does proposed project meet purposes of the Legislation?</b> [Sec. 203(b)(1)]	
<input type="checkbox"/> Improves maintenance of existing infrastructure. [Sec. 2(b)]	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Implements stewardship objectives that enhance forest ecosystems. [Sec. 2(b)]	
<input type="checkbox"/> Restores and improves land health. [Sec. 2(b)]	
<input type="checkbox"/> Restores water quality. [Sec. 2(b)]	
<b>13. Project Type</b> (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)]	<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)]:	
<b>14. Measure of Project Accomplishments/Expected Outcomes</b> [Sec. 203(b)(5)]	
a. Total Acres: approx. 55,800	b. Total Miles:
c. No. Structures:	d. Est. People Reached
e. No. Laborer Days: approx 232	
f. Other (specify):	

**15. Estimated Completion Date:** [Sec. 203(b)(2)]      June 2007

**16. Target Species Benefited:** Placeholder – cross-reference species benefiting from restored forest stand structure and function and reduced wildfire risk.

**17. How will cooperative relationships among people that use federal lands be improved?**  
 The Lower Joseph Creek Watershed Assessment will be the second assessment to occur utilizing Wallowa County’s Community Planning Process. The Wallowa County NRAC utilizes this inclusive, transparent approach to watershed planning as a way to build consensus among stakeholders for watershed improvement projects prior to NEPA. In this way, relationships are formed and individuals are invested in successful implementation of collaboratively developed projects.

**18. How is this project in the best public interest? Community Benefits.**  
 This project moves the watershed planning conversation forward in the community; provides economic benefit by utilizing local contractors to perform the work and by developing a plan of action that will provide future work opportunities; and, develops recommendations for improving conditions in a watershed critical to the well-being of the community.

**19. How does the project benefit federal lands/resources?**

Lower Joseph Creek contains over 98,475 acres of USFS and BLM land – 57% of this area is classified as forested. By assessing the condition of those forested acres, this project will update the federal vegetation GIS database and provide more current information from which to develop projects that will improve watershed health.

<b>20. Status of Project Planning</b>			
a. NEPA Complete:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable
c. NMFS Sec. 7 ESA Consultation Complete:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable
d. USFWS Sec. 7 ESA Consultation Complete:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable
e. Survey & Manage Complete:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable
f. DSL/ODFW* Permits for In-stream Work Obtained:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable
g. DSL/COE* 404 Fill/Removal Permit Obtained:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable
h. SHPO* Concurrence Received:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable
i. Project Design(s) Completed:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>21. Proposed Method(s) of Accomplishment</b> <i>(check those that apply)</i>			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contract		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal Workforce	
<input type="checkbox"/> County Workforce		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Volunteers	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): Wallowa Resources Staff			

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

Yes       No

<b>23. Anticipated Project Costs</b> [Sec. 203(b)(3)]	
a. Total County Title II Funds Requested: \$59,000	
b. Is this a multi-year funding request? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No    If yes, then display by fiscal year	
c. FY02 Request:	f. FY05 Request:
d. FY03 Request:	g. FY06 Request: \$59,000
e. FY04 Request:	

**Table 1. Project Cost Analysis TO BE DEVELOPED**

<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			\$1,200	\$1,200
29. Contract Administration		\$1,800		\$1,800
30. Contract Cost		\$55,800		\$55,800
31. Workforce Cost				
32. Materials & Supplies				
33. Monitoring (PART OF PROJECT)	\$5,000	\$1,400	\$1,600	\$9,000
34. Other				
35. Project Sub-Total	\$5,000	\$59,000	\$2,800	\$67,800
36. Indirect Costs (Overhead @ 8%) (per year for multi-year projects)			\$4,800	\$4,800
<b>37. Total Cost Estimate</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$59,000</b>	<b>\$7,600</b>	<b>\$72,600</b>

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

TO BE DEVELOPED

**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? Who is responsible for this monitoring item?**

Quality control and evaluation will be done jointly by the USFS (Paul Survis) and Wallowa Resources (Nils Christoffersen) per the procedures developed during the Upper Joseph Creek Forest Condition Assessment. 10% of the polygons assessed by the contractor will be revisited to determine accuracy of the data collection and assessment work. This will be done during the course of the work so that the contractor is notified of errors and adjustments can be made for remaining plots.

**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? Who is responsible for this monitoring item?**

The contract will be issued on a Best Value contract basis that includes local benefit criteria as part of the bid evaluation and selection criteria. Wallowa Resources will work with the contractor to identify plots with easier access and design opportunities for OYCC crews and or other high school / young adult crews to participate in some of the assessment work. In these areas, Wallowa Resources will be directly responsible for the quality of the data collected.

- 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? Who is responsible for this monitoring item?**

The project does not involve any product removal, but should facilitate the design and implementation of forest treatment projects that will result in product removal. The higher the quality of the data collection and group ownership of the results, the greater the efficiencies in generating and implementing good restoration projects.

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

**Amount** \$9,000

**Project Name:** Noxious Weed Management of Canyonlands

**County Court Concurrence**

(Majority Required per charter)

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Attested by \_\_\_\_\_ County Judge

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Priority Rating:

High     Medium     Low

Comments/Rational: