

SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY SELF-DETERMINATION ACT OF 2000  
PUBLIC LAW 106-393

**TITLE II PROJECT SUBMISSION FORM  
USDA FOREST SERVICE**

**Name of Resource Advisory Committee:** Lewis and Clark County

**Project Number** (Assigned by Designated Federal Official):

**Funding Fiscal Year(s):**

<b>2. Project Name: Continental Divide / Lost Horse to Southfork Noxious Weed Project</b>	<b>3a. State: Montana</b> <b>3b. County(s): Lewis &amp; Clark</b>
<b>4. Project Submitted By: Judith Anne Vincent</b>	<b>5. Date: August 8,2007</b>
<b>6. Contact Phone Number: 406-368-2327</b>	<b>7. Contact E-mail: javdesign@linctel.net</b>

<b>8. Project Location: Boundaries are: Opher Creek Rd, south, Continental Divide Trail, west, Southfork Rd, north and Lost Horse Creek Rd, east.</b>	
a. National Forest(s): Helena National Forest	b. Forest Service District: Helena District
c. Location (Township-Range-Section) Area to include portions of TWP=12NR07 and TWP=11NR06W (see map.) Attachment A	

<b>9. Project Goals and Objectives: Build local relationships and a knowledge base that will encourage and sustain noxious weed eradication in the area. We want to foster a cooperative effort to maintain a ZERO SPREAD zone and strengthen the native grasses and wildlife back to the area while also maintaining rangeland for agricultural. Maintaining a place for recreational users.</b>
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<b>10. Project Description:</b> a. Brief: An inspired, united, cooperative group of landowners, willing to manage noxious weed by mechanical, biological and chemical means in the project area in conjunction with county, state, and federal governments.  b. Detailed: To build upon the work, that has been accomplished by landowners, the county, state, BLM and federal workers, to expand the treatment areas, and encourage recreational users, hunters, and site seers to partake in the effort. Education will consist of identification, proper and safe herbicide application and prevention of spread.
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<b>11. Types of Lands Involved?</b>
Other lands involved? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
<b>Land Status: This includes open range, timber, meadows, and creeks and is home to much of the wildlife that Montana is known for.</b>
If Yes, specify: This area includes federal, state, county, and private lands.

**12. How does the proposed project meet purposes of the Legislation?** (Check at least 1)

- Improves maintenance of existing infrastructure.
- Implements stewardship objectives that enhance forest ecosystems.
- Restores and improves land health.
- Restores water quality

**13. Project Type**

a. Check all that apply: (check at least 1)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Road Maintenance	Trail Maintenance
Road Decommission/Obliteration	Trail Obliteration
Other Infrastructure Maintenance (specify):	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Soil Productivity Improvement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forest Health Improvement
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Watershed Restoration & Maintenance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildlife Habitat Restoration
Fish Habitat Restoration	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Control of Noxious Weeds
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reestablish Native Species	Fuels Management/Fire Prevention
Community Economic Benefit	Other Project Type (specify):
b. Primary Purpose (select only 1): Noxious Weed Control and Management	

**14. Identify What the Project Will Accomplish**

Miles of road maintained: Approximately 52 miles sprayed

Miles of road decommissioned/obliterated:

Number of structures maintained/improved:

Acres of soil productivity improved: 12,000 - when weeds are gone there is moisture left in the soil for grass

Miles of stream/river restored/improved: Approximately 15 miles of stream beds improved of noxious weed infestation

Miles of fish habitat restored/improved:

Acres of native species reestablished: 12,000 – reseed where weeds were destroyed

Miles of trail maintained:

Miles of trial obliterated:

Acres of forest health improved (including fuels reduction): 5500 acres

Acres of rangeland improved: 3000 acres

Acres of wildlife habitat restored/improved: 12,400 acres

Acres of noxious weeds controlled: 1,200 acres

Timber volume generated:

Number of jobs generated: 4
People reached (for environmental education projects/fire prevention): 22 persons
Direct economic activity benefit: Increase grasses for domestic and wildlife habitat, forest stands and watershed
Other: Recreational

<b>15. Estimated Project Start Date:</b> October 1, 2007	<b>16. Estimated Project Completion Date:</b> September 30 2008
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**17. How will cooperative relationships among people that use federal lands be improved? List known partnerships or collaborative opportunities. With the reduction of noxious weeds,**

Lewis and Clark County Weed District  
 Lewis and Clark County Extension Service  
 Lewis and Clark County Conservation District  
 Lewis and Clark County Board of Commissioners  
 Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks  
 US Forest Service – Helena  
 Ranchers and Landowners (22)  
 Canyon Creek Volunteer Fire District  
 Canyon Creek Stock 4-H Club  
 Headwaters of the Little Prickly Pear Noxious Weed Program

**18. How is this project in the best interest of the community? Identify benefits to communities.**

As a result of vigilant weed control, strands of native vegetation will dominate the landscape and improve habitat for wildlife to say nothing about the improvement to the ranchers of the area. It will create a successful, collaborative model for how multiple agencies and private interests can work together to sustain significant change in a specific watershed or habitat.

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

We have to create a sense of informed urgency about the rapid spread and the negative impact of noxious weeds on water quality, wildlife, livestock grazing and human aesthetic values. This in turn has an impact on how we use our federal lands and resources. Every noxious weed impacts the land, watershed and the surrounding habitat for a very long time into the future. For every weed that does not have the chance to spread seeds, it is better for all of those that use the federal lands, recreational users (campers, ATV users, horseback riders, hikers, birders and bikers). If we control the noxious weeds it is better for all mankind and the animals, birds and fish that help to keep an ecosystem in check.

<b>20. What is the Proposed Method(s) of Accomplishment?</b> (check at least 1)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contract	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal Workforce <input type="checkbox"/> Coordination with

	Federal Agencies
X County Workforce	X Volunteers
X Grant	Agreement
	CCC Crews
Other (specify):	

**21. Will the Project Generate Merchantable Materials?**  
 Yes  
 No

Yes

<b>22. Anticipated Project Costs</b>
a. Title II Funds Requested:
b. Is this a multi-year funding request? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**23. Identify Source(s) of Other Funding:** Private Landowners, Montana Weed Trust Fund, Federal agencies that cooperate (Forest Service, BLM, Lewis and Clark County Weed District)

**24. Monitoring Plan (provide as attachment)**

- a. a. Provide a plan that describes your process for tracking and explaining the effects of this project on your environmental and community goals outlined above. This left to do
- b. b. Identify who will conduct the monitoring: Judith Anne Vincent and her Tear Captains
- c. Identify total funding needed to carry out specified monitoring tasks (Worksheet 1, Item k):

**25. Identify remedies for failure to comply with the terms of the agreement.**

If project cannot be completed under the terms of this agreement:

X Unused funds will be returned to the RAC account.

Other, please explain:

**Project Recommended By:**

**Chairperson**

Lewis and Clark Resource Advisory Committee

**Project Approved By:**

**Helena District Ranger**

Helena National Forest

# Project Cost Analysis Worksheet

## Worksheet 1

Please submit this worksheet with your proposal

Item	Column A Fed. Agency Appropriated Contribution	Column B Requested Title II Contribution	Column C Other Contributions	Column D Total Available Funds
a. Field Work & Site Surveys				
b. NEPA/CEQA				
c. ESA Consultation				
d. Permit Acquisition				
e. Project Design & Engineering				
f. Contract/Grant Preparation			100	100
g. Contract/Grant Administration		550	550	1,100
h. Contract/Grant Cost				
i. Salaries		2,000	1,000	3,000
j. Materials & Supplies*		12,150	8,500	20,650
k. Monitoring				
l. Other*		3,700	4,000	7,700
m. Project Sub-Total		18,400	10,150	28,550
n. Indirect Costs		920		920
<b>o. Total Cost Estimate</b>		<b>19,320</b>	<b>24,300</b>	<b>62,020</b>

### NOTES:

- a. Pre-NEPA Costs
- g. Includes Contracting/Grant Officer Representative (COR) costs. Excludes Contracting/Grant Officer costs.
- i. Cost of implementing project
- l. Examples include overhead charges from other partners, vehicles, equipment rentals, travel, etc.
- n. Contracting/Grant Officer costs, if needed, are included as part of Indirect Costs.

### \*OTHERS

travel

ATV Spray vehicles

### \*MATERIALS & SUPPLIES

GPS mapping

signage

Insects

Chemical

contracted services

communication

equipment

