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**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: Prickly Pear Sportsmen's Shooting Range Safety Buffer Zone Expansion Project</b>	<b>3a. State: MT 3b. County(s): Lewis &amp; Clark</b>
<b>4. Project Submitted By: Mike O'Connor, Range Officer</b>	<b>5. Date: August 10, 2007</b>
<b>6. Contact Phone Number: 406 442-8677</b>	<b>7. Contact E-mail: mikeoc@bresnan.net</b>

**8. Project Location: Prickly Pear Shooting Range, Milepost 31, Hiway 12 West, Helena, MT**

a. National Forest(s): Lewis & Clark

b. Forest Service District: Helena Ranger District

c. Location (Township-Range-Section) Township 10 North, Range 5 West, Section 29

**9. Project Goals and Objectives: Expand buffer safety zone around shooting range, allowing for an increase in wildlife habitat adjacent to the shooting range. Increase safety and no-hunting zone.**

**10. Project Description:**

a. Brief: (*in one sentence*) The Prickly Pear Sportsmen seek to establish a new boundary fence for their Shooting Range.

b. Detailed: This will involve the installation of a three-wire wild-life friendly steel and wood post fence. The fence will follow the boundaries as detailed in the attached map of the Gun Range. On this attached map the new boundary is in red. We propose to increase the boundary to the south to connect with private property so as not to create an island of Forest Service property surrounded by a shooting range on the north and private property to the south. To the west we propose to extend the range out to meet the U.S. Hiway 2 fenceline. To the north and east we wish to extend the boundary so we have a larger safety zone around that portion of the range. The attached map was created by the Forest Service personnel and Mike O'Connor, Range Officer, with a GPS unit, and we have agreed upon the new boundaries.

**11. Types of Lands Involved?**

State /Private/Other lands involved? No -

**Land Status: All land involved is Lewis & Clark National Forest.**

If Yes, specify:

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

Improves maintenance of existing infrastructure. XXX

Implements stewardship objectives that enhance forest ecosystems. XXX

Restores and improves land health.
Restores water quality

13. Project Type	
a. Check all that apply: (check at least 1)	
Road Maintenance XXX	Trail Maintenance
Road Decommission/Obliteration	Trail Obliteration
Other Infrastructure Maintenance (specify): Improved wild-life friendly fence.	
Soil Productivity Improvement XXX	Forest Health Improvement XXX
Watershed Restoration & Maintenance XXX	Wildlife Habitat Restoration XXX
Fish Habitat Restoration	Control of Noxious Weeds XXX
Reestablish Native Species	Fuels Management/Fire Prevention XXX
Community Economic Benefit – serves over 1200 sportsmen	Other Project Type (specify):
b. Primary Purpose (select only 1): Other Infrastructure Maintenance	

14. Identify What the Project Will Accomplish
Miles of road maintained: ¼ mile
Miles of road decommissioned/obliterated:
Number of structures maintained/improved: improved fencing
Acres of soil productivity improved:
Miles of stream/river restored/improved:
Miles of fish habitat restored/improved:
Acres of native species reestablished:
Miles of trail maintained:
Miles of trial obliterated:
Acres of forest health improved (including fuels reduction): 46.3 acres
Acres of rangeland improved:
Acres of wildlife habitat restored/improved: 46.3 acres
Acres of noxious weeds controlled: 46.3 acres
Timber volume generated:
Number of jobs generated: 3
People reached (for environmental education projects/fire prevention): 1200 +
Direct economic activity benefit: Improve shooting accessibility for Helena and Lewis & Clark County
Other: Enhance firearm safety and training for youth

15. Estimated Project Start Date: June 30, 2008	16. Estimated Project Completion Date: July 15, 2008
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17. How will cooperative relationships among people that use federal lands be improved?  
 List known partnerships or collaborative opportunities.

Prickly Pear Sportsmen's Association has had a lease with the Forest Service with the existing shooting range for over 20 years. During this time we have had an excellent relationship with the Forest Service and our Sportsmen's Club working out the details for numerous projects between the two entities.

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

It will enhance hunter and firearm safety amongst the youth. It provides the community a place to shoot and sight in their firearms, so they are not out in the forest shooting up trees, littering, and causing destruction to personal property.

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

The project will improve management of old growth timber, and reduce the fire hazard in the area. It will also provide noxious weed control within the expanded perimeters of the firing range.

20. What is the Proposed Method(s) of Accomplishment? (check at least 1)	
Contract XXX	Federal Workforce
County Workforce	Volunteers XXX - 3
Grant	Agreement
Americorps	CCC Crews
Other (specify):	

21. Will the Project Generate Merchantable Materials? No

22. Anticipated Project Costs - Approximately \$17,000.

a. Title II Funds Requested: \$17,000.

b. Is this a multi-year funding request? No

23. Identify Source(s) of Other Funding: none

24. Monitoring Plan

(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.

The Prickly Pear Sportsmen's Association, Range Officer, and Board of Directors work very closely with the Forest Service and have for over 20 years. The Forest Service monitors and approves all improvements to our shooting range. We have a plan in place for noxious weed control, and removal of all dead trees. We have a drain system already present on the premises so as to avoid any soil erosion. We will work closely with the Forest Service to ensure that the project fulfills the ecological goals.

(b) Identify who will conduct the monitoring:

The Prickly Pear Sportsmen's Range Officer and the Helena National Forest Ranger District, specifically Duane Harp, and Jamie Thompson, will monitor this project.

(c) Identify total funding needed to carry out specified monitoring tasks (Worksheet 1, Item k):

There will be no funding needed for these monitoring tasks. It will be included in the duties of the Range Officer and members of the Forest Service, in conjunction with the lease of the existing range.

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

If project cannot be completed under the terms of this agreement, Unused funds will be returned to the RAC account. XXX

Other, please explain:

Project Recommended By: Project Approved By:

Chairperson Helena District Ranger

Lewis and Clark Resource Advisory Committee 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				
g. Contract/Grant Administration				
h. Contract/Grant Cost				
i. Salaries		Title II funds to pay contractor labor		
j. Materials & Supplies		Title II funds to pay materials and supplies		
k. Monitoring				
l. Other				
m. Project Sub-Total				
n. Indirect Costs				
o. Total Cost Estimate		The total cost estimate is \$17,000.		

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.