

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-WAW06-204

2. Project Name: Noxious Weed & Sensitive Plant Guide for the Wallowa Whitman National Forest	3. County: Wallowa
4. Project Sponsor: Leigh Dawson	5. Date: 12/07/04
6. Sponsor's Phone Number: 541-426-5535	
7. Sponsors E-mail: lddawson@fs.fed.us	

8. Project Location: NA	
a. 4 th Field Watershed Name and HUC #: Grande Ronde and others	
b. 5 th Field Watershed Name and HUC # (if known):	
c. Location: Township _____ Range _____ Section(s) _____ Township _____ Range _____ Section(s) _____	
d. BLM District: Canyonland Partnership	e. BLM Resource Area Grande Rhonde
f. National Forest Wallowa-Whitman: yes	g. Forest Service District: Wallowa County
h. State / Private / Other lands involved? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

9. Statement of Project Goals and Objectives: Education is a key to accomplishing prevention. In order to better meet this objective we are proposing to develop a field identification guide that will assist persons in natural resource management including contractors and field crews in the identification of noxious weeds and sensitive plants. This identification guide will be available as a baseline educational tool as well. It will promote awareness and education, ultimately resulting in improved inventories, esp. in remote locations.

10. Project Description: Prevention and early detection has been identified as a key to successful weed management. In order to achieve this objective, persons must be able to positively identify noxious weeds. Contractors and field crews recognize this need and have requested a field identification guide that will help them to positively identify noxious weeds and sensitive plants. Although several books and field brochures exist, presently there is not a local field oriented

identification guide designed for backcountry use. This guide would provide clear identification of rare plants, noxious weeds, and the differences between local native “look a likes”. It would use the Wallowa County “A” rated weed list and Forest Service Sensitive plant species lists for this area. In addition, it would be used to help develop other educational products such as:

- Local news releases geared to Wallowa County and common “A” listed weeds. These notices would be timed to coincide with the appearance of the weed species.
- Update the Wallowa County Fair exhibits to relate to 4H member interest, esp. in pasture/range management.
- Assist volunteer groups, such as the Wallowa County Weed Warriors, with educational materials, safety equipment, and tools to increase county awareness and participation
- Investigate adding a weed awareness page to the Wallowa County website and USFS W-W website.

We feel this is a critical step in achieving the prevention and early detection strategy. By promoting greater education and awareness the quality of work will only improve. Improved inventories in remote areas is critical to early detection and eradication. This is especially important in remote areas where past inventory data is scarce. It will also enable us to better manage on a landscape basis and allow us to be more cost efficient by utilizing other contracts and field crews working in these areas.

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11. Coordination of this project with other related project(s) on adjacent lands?

X Yes No

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)]

X 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)]	<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)]	X Control of Noxious Weeds [Sec. 2(b)(2)(F)]
X Reestablish Native Species [Sec. 2(b)(2)(G)]	
X Other Project Type (specify) [Sec. 2(b)(2)]: T&E inventory	

14. Measure of Project Accomplishments/Expected Outcomes [Sec. 203(b)(5)]	
a. Total Acres:	b. Total Miles:
c. No. Structures:	d. Est. People Reached
e. No. Laborer Days:	
f. Other (specify): Prevention via education and improved inventory	

15. Estimated Completion Date: [Sec. 203(b)(2)] Ongoing

16. Target Species Benefited: Native plant communities as well as Threatened and endangered and sensitive species will benefit from education, inventory and prevention strategies. This will ultimately result in improved forest health which includes rangeland, fish and wildlife habitat, as well as scenic integrity.

17. How will cooperative relationships among people that use federal lands be improved. Although the Forest Service will be the lead agency in assuring the development of this field guide, it will be accomplished cooperatively with the Canyonland Partnership CWMA. The Partnership will act as a steering committee that will summarize the field guide outline, review and edit all drafts, and approve the final draft for publication. The completed project will be available to all agencies, contract employees, and partners. All follow up inventories will also be shared among the Wallowa County Partnership to improve management strategies.

18. How is this project in the best public interest? Community Benefits. This project will most likely be completed with the help of local contractors, since they requested and will benefit from the product. Once completed, it will assist in improved inventories of Wallowa County land, which will ultimately result in better management. The news releases and associated educational objectives will further the knowledge of our local community thus promoting awareness and prevention. By using this tool, contractors and crews will be more efficient with their inventory and treatment efforts. New sites will require less conformation time. There will be a decrease in the potential for non-target species to be affected, thus wasting less time and chemicals. Then, of course, in turn this

will result in the protection and improvement of native plant communities that will positively effect scenic beauty, rangelands, fish and wildlife habitat, and hopefully help to stabilize the local economy. In a nutshell, less weeds equal increased property values and increased productivity and decrease wasted time and clean up.

19. How does the project benefit federal lands/resources? As stated, this field identification guide will be used by contractors and field crews to assist in the inventory of Wallowa County lands. The contractors and crews will include, but are not limited to, botany surveys, forest health inventory surveys, crews for fire, crews for road maintenance/construction, and recreation, timber and natural resource crews. The contracts will be based on these same resources. Both the inservice crews and contractors will now have the knowledge and awareness to include noxious weed inventory in their daily work. The project areas for many of these contracts and crews are located in remote areas where present surveys are limited. By increasing awareness and improving inventory the federal and surrounding lands will improve. The guide will also be available for private land owners, volunteers, and interested individuals, thus expanding the benefits further. This guide along with the other educational objectives will improve knowledge of our land and associated resources and continue to achieve the management objectives that assure their protection and enhancement.

20. Status of Project Planning			
a. NEPA Complete:	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	na
If no, give est. date of completion: 2/05 –R6 EIS final			
c. NMFS Sec. 7 ESA Consultation Complete:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	na
d. USFWS Sec. 7 ESA Consultation Complete:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	na
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 type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	X Not Applicable
i. Project Design(s) Completed:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	A project outline is complete and reference sources available

21. Proposed Method(s) of Accomplishment <i>(check those that apply)</i>	
X Contract	X Federal Workforce
X County Workforce	x Volunteers
X Other (specify):partners	Youth Crew

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

Yes No

23. Anticipated Project Costs [Sec. 203(b)(3)]	
a. Total County Title II Funds Requested: \$ 7,500	
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: \$ 7,500
e. FY04 Request: \$	

Table 1. Project Cost Analysis

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>Title III</i>	<i>Column C</i> Other Contributions [Sec. 203(b)(4)]	<i>Column D</i> Total Available Funds
4. Field Work & Site Surveys	1,000	1,000		1,000	3,000
5. NEPA & Sec. 7 ESA Consultation					
6. Permit Acquisition					
7. Project Design & Engineering					
8. Contract Preparation	1,000				1,000
9. Contract Administration	1,000			1,000	2,000
10. Contract Cost		4,000	1,500		5,500
11. Workforce Cost	1,000	400			1,400
12. Materials & Supplies					
13. Monitoring (PART OF PROJECT)	500				
14. Other				500	500
15. Project Sub-Total	4,500	5,400		2,500	13,900
16. Indirect Costs (Overhead @ 8% per year for multi-year projects)		600			600
37. Total Cost Estimate	4,500	6,000	1,500	2,500	14,500

38. Identify Source(s) of Other Funding for Project Identified Above [Sec. 203(b)(4)] (max. 7 lines) Challenge Cost Share Grant has been submitted. Partnership agencies, Wallowa County Weed Board, and Wallowa County Weed Warriors will volunteer time.

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?:** An increase and improvement in inventories will be documented by each of the partnership agencies. In addition, we will monitor the request for additional guides. Then finally, we will evaluate annually the input from contractors and field crews
- 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 increase in inventory could result in additional jobs for treatment and effect several local employment options. Each partnership agency will monitor these opportunities.
- 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?:** This project will not directly effect products that will be removed from the National Forest system lands however, it will improve rangeland condition, fish and wildlife habitat which indirectly effects products removed from federal lands.
- d. Identify total funding needed to carry out specified monitoring tasks (Table 1, Item 33) Amount \$500.**

Project Name: Weed
& Plant Field Guide

County Court Concurrence

(Majority Required per charter)

A majority of the county commissioners of Wallowa 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: