

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): \_\_\_\_\_

<b>2. Project Name:</b> Weed Prevention	<b>3. County:</b> Wallowa
<b>4. Project Sponsor:</b> Leigh Dawson	<b>5. Date:</b> Feb., 2006
<b>6. Sponsor's Phone Number:</b> 541-426-5535	
<b>7. Sponsors E-mail:</b> lddawson@fs.fed.us	

<b>8. Project Location</b> (attach project area map)	
a. 4 <sup>th</sup> Field Watershed Name and HUC #:	
b. 5 <sup>th</sup> Field Watershed Name and HUC # (170601): Big Sheep(1706010207)Imnaha(..0208-9),Joseph(..0626,02),Mimian(..0510),Snake(..0154-56),Wallowa(..0503,06),Wildcat(...0624)	
c. Location: Township _____ Range _____ Section(s) _____ Township _____ Range _____ Section(s) _____	
d. BLM District	e. BLM Resource Area
f. National Forest	g. Forest Service District HCNRA, Eagle Cap RD, Wallowa Valley RD
h. State / Private / Other lands involved? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

<b>9. Statement of Project Goals and Objectives:</b> (max. 7 lines) The project will result in noxious weed treatment on the Oregon side of the Snake River. This compliments Idaho Title II funding for Idaho/Snake River weed treatment. It will also enhance inventories in areas void of weed data. This project will ultimately result in preventing the spread of noxious weeds and protecting watersheds and native grasslands. It will aid in the implementation of the prevention standards as defined in the Regional Environmental Impact Statement (REIS) for Preventing and Managing Invasive Plants. The standards will be prioritized to reflect county wide goals and objectives.
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**10. Project Description:** (max. 30 lines.)

The Wallowa Canyonlands Partnership has been actively inventorying the county for new weed sites. This will enable us to better implement the strategy of “early detection/rapid response”. It is also timely for inclusion in the site specific Forest Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), scheduled for completion in fall, 2007. Our inventories to date have produced a county wide map of known weed sites. It also has demonstrated areas lacking in inventory data. This funding would provide for additional inventories, including Digital Aerial Sketch Mapping (DASM), for areas void of current inventories.

In addition, we would like to treat the NEPA approved noxious weed sites located on the Oregon side of the Snake River. This would result in the treatment of approximately 35 net acres. Target species will include Dalmatian Toadflax, Yellow Starthistle, Scotch Thistle, Knapweeds, Rush Skeletonweed, and Sulfur Cinquefoil. Other species of concern include Bugloss, Purple Loosestrife, Leafy Spurge, Knotweed, Meadow Hawkweed, and Tree of Heaven. We are concerned about the spread of these species therefore they will be inventoried and treated as permitted. The majority of these sites are accessible only by boat, pack stock, or foot. This work would be accomplished by a Forest Service contract, with Wallowa County preference. The contractor will provide all tools, equipment, and supplies (including chemicals) to complete this work. This funding and work would compliment the Idaho Title II grant for inventory and treatment of noxious weeds on the Snake River/Idaho. Together this funding provides consistent management of both sides of the W&S Snake River.

Other prevention and educational strategies will continue to be implemented. Additional funding for the educational projects will be sought via Title III and federal grants.

<b>11. Coordination of this project with other related project(s) on adjacent lands?</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <b>If yes, then describe</b> (max. 10 lines) The Wallowa Canyonlands Partnership works with federal, state, county, and private individuals. It is a well known fact that “Weeds Know No Boundaries” and therefore successful management strategies must be working together, across boundaries. This is also the most cost efficient method for management. It also will compliment Idaho Title II funding for weed treatment in Idaho/Snake River.

<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restores and improves land health. [Sec. 2(b)]
<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Control of Noxious Weeds [Sec. 2(b)(2)(F)]
<input type="checkbox"/> Reestablish Native Species [Sec. 2(b)(2)(G)]	
<input 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: 2,000 inventory/35 treatment	b. Total Miles:
c. No. Structures:	d. Est. People Reached
e. No. Laborer Days:	(for environmental education projects) 500 (education)
f. Other (specify):	

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

**16. Target Species Benefited:** (if applicable) (max. 7 lines) This will include native grasslands, wildlife habitat and forage, aquatic habitat for listed fish species, and habitat for listed and endemic plant species unique to Hells Canyon. Other associated values include quality recreational experiences, scenery, and ranching opportunities. The benefits associated with the removal of noxious weeds are well documented.

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**17. How will cooperative relationships among people that use federal lands be improved?** [Sec. 2(b)(3)] (max. 12 lines)

There are numerous partners (Wallowa Canyonlands Partnership, Western Whitewater Jetboat Ass., Rocky Mt. Elk Foundations, etc.), volunteers (Joseph FFA, Wallowa Valley Weed Warriors, etc.), and individuals that work with noxious weeds. We work closely and have an excellent working relationship. Forest visitors are also aware of our efforts through our education outreach (notices on information boards, brochures, hay station, presentations, etc) as well as forest contacts. Presently we have an active local volunteer group, Wallowa Valley Weed Warriors, who assist with all aspects of weed management esp. manual treatment and education. We are also planning more educational involvement with the local schools. Developing these partnerships ultimately results in an appreciation of the land and also provides an opportunity for enhanced cooperative relationships.

**18. How is this project in the best public interest?** [Sec. 203(b)(7)] **Identify benefits to communities.** (max. 12 lines)

Preventing noxious weeds from further spread protects the values which make this valley so valuable. We have a responsibility to neighboring lands (private, state, etc.) to prevent the spread of noxious weeds. The prevention of noxious weeds protects and maintains the native vegetation which benefits wildlife and fish habitat. It enhances range conditions and forage potential; improves property values; improves recreational opportunities and scenic values. This valley is known and visited for its scenic beauty, quality hunting experiences, productive grasslands and these values are worthy of protection.

**19. How does project benefit federal lands/resources?** (max. 12 lines)

As stated, this project will result in further reduction of noxious weeds that threaten our federal, state, county, and private lands and resources. It will also result in enhancing public awareness thus expanding the efforts to protect our native vegetation and associated values.

<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: only approved sites will be treated.			
c. NMFS Sec. 7 ESA Consultation Complete:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	same
d. USFWS Sec. 7 ESA Consultation Complete:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	same
e. Survey & Manage Complete: inventories ongoing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> 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: Site specific ongoing	<input 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> (check those that apply)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contract	X Federal Workforce
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Workforce	x Volunteers
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): Joseph Hi FFA annual trip to HCNRA	

**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: 13,500.	
b. Is this a multi-year funding request? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes x <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No    If yes, then display by fiscal year	
c. FY02 Request:	f. FY05 Request:
d. FY03 Request:	g. FY06 Request:
e. FY04 Request:	h. FY07 Request: \$13,500

**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	2,500			2,500
26. Permit Acquisition				
27. Project Design & Engineering				
28. Contract Preparation	500.		500	1,000
29. Contract Administration	1,500.		500	2,000
30. Contract Cost		12,000	5,000	20,000
31. Workforce Cost	1,000		500	1,500
32. Materials & Supplies	250.		250	500
33. Monitoring	500.		500	1,000
34. Other				
35. Project Sub-Total	6,250	12,000	7,250	28,500
36. Indirect Costs (Overhead @ 12.5%) (per year for multi-year projects)	781.25	1,500	906.25	3,562.50
<b>37. Total Cost Estimate</b>	7,031.25	13,500	8,156.25	29,062.50

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

The individual partners of the Wallowa Canyonlands Partnership have successfully competed for several grants, which would compliment this project. In addition, the Tryon Fire Complex Burnt Area Emergency Rehabilitation (BAER) project overlaps some of this project area and therefore will provide complimentary funding.

**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?:** USFS

The site specific location will ultimately determine the responsible individual but assurance of overall monitoring will be the responsibility of the USFS weed coordinator. This objective will require out year monitoring for treatment effectiveness and include inventory, treatment, possibly retreat, then possibly restoration until the desired ecological condition is achieved.

- 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?:** USFS

The USFS will compile information from each of the partners documenting the overall contribution to local employment. This project is expected to result in several local contracts and utilize volunteers and youth crews on designated work days.

- 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?:** USFS report

No products per say will be removed from the National Forest. Treatment of noxious weeds will occur and may result in hand pulling, bagging, and removal of weeds by volunteers and youth crews. This product will be incidental to the project but will be accounted for in the annual forest vegetation management report.

- d. Identify total funding needed to carry out specified monitoring tasks (Table 1, Item 33)**  
(max. 7 lines)

**Amount** 1,000

The monitoring will occur with each individual partner depending on specific site location. Monitoring of noxious weeds is ongoing and necessary to assure treatment success and desired ecological conditions.

**Project Name:**

**County Commissioner 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 Advisory Council and agree with the proposal as submitted, except for the comments noted below:

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Attested by Commissioner

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Date

Priority Rating:

High     Medium     Low

Comments/Rational: