

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-WAW04-209

2. Project Name: Integrated Veg/Weed Management Strategy	3. County: Wallowa
4. Project Sponsor: Teresa Smergut - Range Management Specialist	5. Date: 11/18/02
6. Sponsor's Phone Number: 541-426-5547	
7. Sponsors E-mail: tsmergut@fs.fed.us	

8. Project Location (attach project area map) Wallowa County	
a. 4 th Field Watershed Name and HUC #:	
b. 5 th Field Watershed Name and HUC # (if known):	
c. Location: Township _____ Range _____ Section(s) _____ Township _____ Range _____ Section(s) _____	
d. BLM District - Vale District	e. BLM Resource Area - Baker Field Office
f. National Forest - Wallowa Whitman	g. Forest Service District
h. State / Private / Other lands involved? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Includes BLM and USFS lands	

9. Statement of Project Goals and Objectives: (max. 7 lines)
This project is designed to provide the necessary planning and implementation strategies for inventory, prevention, treatment, restoration and monitoring of noxious weeds county wide. This project will 1) refine a draft Cooperative Integrated Weed Management Strategy for Wallowa County across all ownerships that promotes further integration between Wallowa Resources, Wallowa County, the US Forest Service, The Nature Conservancy and other partners, 2) inventory and map (using GPS/GIS) plant species (TES species and weeds) and 3) help develop native seed/plant sources as one possible tool for a variety of restoration efforts.

10. Project Description: (max. 30 lines.)
This project is a County- wide effort between several partners to address the weed/veg situation in Wallowa County. The project will encompass all aspects of developing and implementing an integrated weed management strategy including inventory and mapping (into GIS), prevention strategies, treatment and restoration activities, and monitoring.

The integrated strategy will emphasize the integration and identify the roles of the various partners in

education and prevention priorities and current weed management areas and treatment activities to address noxious weed problems (place and species specific strategies). Restoration strategies will also be included and the project includes include native seed purchase, collection and propagation as one tool for a variety of restoration activities in the County. This integrated weed management strategy will be coordinated with the Tri-county Weed Management Area and Tri-State Weed Board. This will help ensure that the integrated strategy is complimentary to efforts in neighboring counties. There is currently a Draft Integrated Weed Management Plan in the County. Funding from Title II will be used to refine this draft with the involvement of interested citizens, the County Weed Board, US Forest Service, Wallowa Resources Weed Program and the County Weed Coordinator & Program. The draft will also be refined by ensuring that prevention/education, and restoration strategies are addressed and there is a tie to the County enforcement program. The outcome will be a final plan that will provide a better basis for all partners to coordinate and help ensure additional funding for implementation of the strategy.

Inventory and mapping activities are also a part of the project. Accurate and up-to-date knowledge of weed and sensitive, endemic plant habitats and locations are needed to ensure an effective strategy. Inventories would also help map good native seed collection sources. Funding would ensure that various weed and plant inventories being conducted by the various partners are efficient and coordinated by utilizing a combination of the partnership workforce and contracting. Title II funding would also ensure that identified areas are accurately mapped and stored in County/Forest Service GIS.

Native seed collection and propagation is a part of a variety of restoration and stewardship efforts in Wallowa County (riparian restoration, road decommissioning/closure etc.). Native plants also play a role as one tool in possible restoration efforts associated with noxious weed management. Based on a recent "Native Seed Summit" in Wallowa County there is also interest from local growers in propagating native seed and plants. Funding from Title II would be utilized to support native seed collection (including mapping of good native seed collection sites) and propagation. Funding may also be used to conduct native seed "trials" to enhance our collective knowledge of their growth and use for restoration.

This proposal asks for funding of this project over two years (FY 04 and FY 05). Once the integrated weed management strategy is developed in FY 04, the funding distribution will shift to the remaining two objectives and implementation of the strategy priorities. Title II funds are being utilized to help achieve all three components of this project. Title II funds will be matched or exceeded by agency and partner contributions in both years. This project also helps build capacity in the community (workforce and contracting) for resolving vegetation management issues and the inventory/mapping of plant species. This project also helps build capacity in the community for the collection and possible propagation of native plant species.

11. Coordination of this project with other related project(s) on adjacent lands?
X Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, then describe (max. 10 lines) This project will be in coordination with other weed management activities with adjacent lands such as The Nature Conservancy, Wallowa County (non-USFS), USFS, BLM and private land. By these people working together in developing an overall integrated management plan, goals objectives and outcomes are products of several entities. This allows for a better chance of success in project implementation across the landscape. The partners are also currently engaged in weed/plant inventories and mapping. This project helps insure that these efforts are coordinated for cost efficiency and enhance collective knowledge. Developing native seed and plant sources for restoration and stewardship activities helps all partners and land managers.

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)]
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)]	X Forest Health Improvement [Sec. 2(b)(2)(C)]
X 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)]	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Project Type (specify) [Sec. 2(b)(2)]:	

14. Measure of Project Accomplishments/Expected Outcomes [Sec. 203(b)(5)]	
a. Total Acres: Estimated Inventory: 50,000 acres	b. Total Miles:
c. No. Structures:	d. Est. People Reached County wide X
e. No. Laborer Days:	
f. Other (specify): Development of Integrated Weed Management Strategy (Documented strategy), Improved field inventory and data base updates in common format between County/FS, collection & propagation of native seed/plants.	

15. Estimated Completion Date: [Sec. 203(b)(2)]: Integrated Strategy by Spring 2004, Inventory mapping in both 2004 & 2005, Seed/Plant Collection (2004), Seed/plant Propagation 2005.

16. Target Species Benefited: (if applicable) (max. 7 lines) n/a

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

As weeds have no boundaries, the project will encompass a variety of landscapes in a variety of ownerships. The integrated weed effort will incorporate input from The Nature Conservancy, Wallowa Resources, the USFS, Wallowa County Vegetation Program, NRAC and private individuals. All of these entities are active in treating weeds within their management. It is important to coordinate these treatment and weed management strategies between entities in order to become more efficient with this management. Many private land owners in the county participate in weed treatment on their lands. Some of these opportunities exist due to grants and cost share projects obtained by agencies such as Wallowa County. Federal and private weed treatment projects are most equitable when planned and worked on in coordination with adjacent land owners. This project will help facilitate projects that combine private and public land owners and users.

This project will also assist in funding cooperative efforts for the inventory and mapping of weeds and other botanical species. There is efficiency in combining some plant inventories so that areas are covered and mapped once by partners and contractors. Having a commonly collected and understood data base also helps develop capacity for developing natural resource management strategies and solutions.

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

Noxious weeds contribute to degradation of many cherished natural resources and their economic base, including loss of property values, loss of wildlife habitat, effects to native plant communities and rare, unusual or sensitive plants, diminished scenic values, threats to the ability to sustain an agricultural based economy consisting of ranching and farming, and overall threats to watershed health. Awareness, education, collaboration in the planning, and implementation process of noxious weed management, which are all integral parts to this project, will enhance the public's ability to play a significant role in the management and preservation of their recreational and economical values of Wallowa County. This project also increases capacity for natural resource issue resolution and helps create employment opportunities for a local workforce.

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

Additional funding of noxious weed management for Wallowa County will be an asset to federal agencies in resource management as budgets stay steady or diminish.. This project will assist state and federal land managers (along with other partners) in assessment, treatments and management of the land resource base to restore and maintain healthy ecosystems. Through the strategy development, the role of the National Forest will become clearer in the prevention and treatment of noxious weeds. This project will enhance our knowledge of weed and other plant habitat locations which is critical to the success of on-going Environmental Assessment efforts taking place regionally and within the Blue Mountains. Helping develop native plant sources will have a beneficial effect on restoration efforts.

20. Status of Project Planning N/A			
a. NEPA Complete:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Not Applicable
If no, give est. date of completion:			
c. NMFS Sec. 7 ESA Consultation Complete:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Not Applicable
d. USFWS Sec. 7 ESA Consultation Complete:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Not Applicable
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 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			

21. Proposed Method(s) of Accomplishment <i>(check those that apply)</i>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contract	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal Workforce
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Workforce	<input type="checkbox"/> Volunteers
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):	

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: \$30,000	
b. Is this a multi-year funding request? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, then display by fiscal year	
c. FY02 Request:	f. FY05 Request:- \$30,000
d. FY03 Request:	g. FY06 Request:
e. FY04 Request: \$30,000	

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>Column C</i> Other Contributions [Sec. 203(b)(4)]	<i>Column D</i> Total Available Funds
24. Field Work & Site Surveys				
25. NEPA & Sec. 7 ESA Consultation				
26. Permit Acquisition				
27. Project Design & Engineering				
28. Contract Preparation	\$5,000		\$2,000	7,000
29. Contract Administration	\$5,000		\$2,000	7,000
30. Contract Cost	\$15,000	\$12,000	\$6,000	\$32,000
31. Workforce Cost	\$12,000	\$10,000	\$10,000 tnc 4,000 wr 4,000 county	\$40,000
32. Materials & Supplies	\$3,000	\$2,000	20,000 grmws	\$25,000
33. Monitoring	\$3,000	\$2,000		\$7,000
34. Other (Grant Writing/GIS)	\$5,000	\$4,000		\$9,000
35. Project Sub-Total				
36. Indirect Costs (Overhead @ 12.5%) (per year for multi-year projects)				
37. Total Cost Estimate	\$48,000	\$30,000	\$48,000	

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

Wallowa County Vegetation Department
 The Nature Conservancy
 USFS
 Grande Ronde Model Watershed
 Wallowa Resources

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?: County Management Plan and implementation will be reviewed and updated annually by the County Weed Department, Wallowa County Weed Board, and NRAC to ensure goals and objectives of the plan are being met.
- 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?: Contracts let will be documented and reported to the RAC by USFS
- 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?: The plan will be updated as needed annually. Noxious weed management includes inventory, prevention, treatment, restoration and monitoring that is on-going. Information provided from this management will be used to evaluate the management plan.
- d. **Identify total funding needed to carry out specified monitoring tasks (Table 1, Item 33)**
(max. 7 lines)
Amount \$2000

Project Name:

County Commissioner Concurrence

(Majority Required per charter)

A majority of the county commissioners of _____ 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:

Attested by Commissioner

Date

Priority Rating:

High Medium Low

Comments/Rational: