

USDA Forest Service Stewardship Contracting Proposal

Project Name: Establishment of Marys Peak Stewardship Area

Region: Pacific Northwest- Region 6

Forest: Siuslaw

Ranger District: Central Coast

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A.1 Project Summary/Objectives: *Provide a summary of your project. Summary should include overall resource objectives as well as the need for stewardship authority. Describe the current conditions of the project and the conditions being restored. Identify the goods and services involved in project.*

This project is being proposed to meet the social, cultural and economic needs of the community along with the need to improve forest and watershed health, reduce fire risk and/or accelerate development of historical late-successional conditions of plantations and other stands of the Siuslaw National Forest and Salem District BLM Lands. Receipts from commercial thinning of plantations on Forest Service and BLM lands, and commercial thinning of natural stands on BLM lands would provide funding opportunities to; improve roads, improve fish passage, improve fish habitat, improvement riparian buffers, improve upland wildlife habitat, manage invasive species and other improvements in forest health. This is a multiyear umbrella project, encompassing the area described below. It is anticipated that the project will involve multiple thinning-and-goods-for-services contracts, as well as multiple projects funded with retained receipts, both on federal lands and on private lands connected in accordance with Wyden authority.

A.2 Project Location: *Describe where the project is located relative to the nearest community.*

The project area includes a portion of the Marys River 5th field encompassing 1) the entire Greasy Creek 6th field, 2) the entire Middle Marys River 6th field, 3) the southern portion of the Upper Marys River 6th field from the Marys River south, 4) the entire Tumtum 6th field and includes a portion of the North Fork Alsea 5th filed field encompassing 1) the entire Upper North Fork Alsea 6th field and 2) Crooked Creek 6th field. Communities in the project area include Philomath, Wren, Burnt Woods, Flynn and Noon.

A.3 Size of Project Area:

The proposed stewardship area contains about 97,273 acres in the following ownerships:

Ownership	Acres	Percent
USFS	9799	10
BLM	17162	18
PRIVATE	69235	71
STATE	958	1
RIVERS	120	0.1

A.4 Proposed Activities: *Describe the work activities or treatments proposed to be accomplished with your project.*

The group's activities will be designed to address the following goals. It is understood that all activities will need to meet the applicable criteria of the Stewardship Authority.

- Improve forest health and ecological function of late-successional forest.
- Restore and maintain watershed function, connectivity and ecological diversity, including native psitymen,6(9)8(i)-slth hed llud f

A.5 Proposed Contract Procedures:

Authorities and Procedures	Mark if Proposed for Use								
Trading Goods for Services	X								
Designation by Description or Prescription <u>1/</u>	X								
Retention of Receipts	X								
Use of Retained Receipts from Another Approved Stewardship Project	X								
Retention of KV or BD Funds from Receipts	X								
Best Value Contracting	X								
Multi-year Contracting	X								
Other than Full and Open Competition <u>2/</u>	X								
Non-advertisement with product value exceeding \$10,000	X								
Non-USDA Administration of Timber Sales	X								
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1/ Will require use of Washington Office or regional special provisions. Designation by Prescription is for noncommercial material or scaled sales only.

2/ Will require special Regional Forester approval - summarize the need this authority.

Was there consultation/coordination with AQM in development of the proposal?

No

Yes

Not applicable at this time.

_____ Name

A.5.1 Timeline: (estimated) Not applicable at this time – see A.6 below

Activity	Estimated Date Completed (month/yr)
NEPA	
Layout	
Contract	
Advertise	
Award	
Contract Termination	

A.6 Current Status: *Include a summary of the NEPA status, sale preparation, and of the collaboration accomplished to date and/or collaboration planned. List cooperating groups and/or communities, city, county, state and federal agencies, tribes, individuals, etc.*

The Marys Peak Stewardship Area includes the City of Corvallis watershed and the Marys Peak Scenic Botanical Area. Fiscal Year 2008 is targeted for beginning NEPA for the Stewardship Area. The area is estimated to have about 2000 acres of commercial thinning available with a potential harvest of about 20,000 MBF. In addition to commercial thinning, the projects include a suite of activities such as riparian planting, stream restoration, road management and vegetation management that meet the restoration goals of stewardship contracting. Salem BLM has been participating in the Marys Peak Stewardship Area collaborative process and anticipates planning future variable density and LSR thinning projects within the Marys Peak Stewardship Area beginning in 2008.

B.1 Project Funding: Please provide the source of PROPOSED funds anticipated for the project. May change as project progresses. For multiple fund codes, add rows as needed.

Project specific budgets will be submitted with individual stewardship projects.

Forest Service Appropriations Fund Code(s):	\$
Cooperator Contributions	
In-cash	\$ 4000-5000
Donated Services	\$ 10000
Other (<i>specify</i>)	\$

B.1.1 Estimated Budget: (add lines to the table as needed)

Activity <u>1/</u>	Goods (+)	Services (-)
Product Value (Net)	\$	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
Addition of Retained Receipts Source Stewardship Project -	\$	\$
Totals	\$	\$

1/ group activities by type of treatment type; fuel reduction, road closures, wildlife habitat improvement, pct to restore old growth characteristics, etc.

Estimate the value of Goods by completing the following table; (add lines to the table as needed)

Product Type (Sawlogs, and convertible and nonconvertible products)	Quantity or Volume to be Removed (CCF, Tons, lineal feet, cords, etc.)	Value of material to be Removed (from appraisal)
Total		

B.2 Collaboration: Please describe the collaborative process associated with the project. Scoping, hosting tours of the project area, or FS led group for the project, does not meet the collaboration requirement for stewardship.

1. Ecotrust received a grant from NFWF for Stewardship Contracting. Ecotrust and the Siuslaw National Forest signed a Memorandum of Understanding in June 2006. Ecotrust agreed to facilitate up to five Stewardship Group meetings (have facilitated ten meetings), identify, involve relevant stakeholders, inform the public and build support for the Group. The Marys Peak Stewardship Group held its first meeting on October 19, 2006. The Group has met monthly since.
2. At one of the early meetings, the Marys River Watershed Council, City of Corvallis and the Forest Service discussed fish passage issues within the City of Corvallis owned portion of the watershed. This discussion blossomed into grant application development to Oregon Fish and Wildlife for design of fish ladders for the City water intakes. This grant was approved. A grant application was developed to Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) for design of four culverts, two on Forest Service system roads, to provide fish passage. This grant was approved. The Group is developing a grant application to the Siuslaw Basin Stewardship Group for matching funds for a grant to implement these designs from OWEB. Steve Trask, Bio-Surveys has taken the lead for writing these grants.
3. The Group has developed its Vision, Mission Statement and Goals.
4. The first Marys Peak Stewardship Group meeting was attended by Bennett Hall, Corvallis Gazette-Times writer. The following Sunday, a front page article described the Stewardship process.
5. Approximately 100 contacts are on the Marys Peak Stewardship Group mailing list maintained by the facilitator, Mark Miller, Trout Mountain Forestry, contracted by Ecotrust. Each month the notes and agenda are emailed to these contacts.
6. The Siuslaw National Forest website posts the Marys Peak Stewardship meeting notes and agenda.
7. The group voted on April 26, 2007 to authorize Cascade Pacific RC&D to administer funds from the Forest Service that are intended for the Mary's Peak Stewardship Group.
8. Formation of a Stewardship Working Group that will be responsible for the following activities (The scale of some of these activities may be dependent on available funding.):
 - a. Identify and include community values in planning and implementation.
 - b. Build partnerships and encourage citizen involvement. Provide outreach on the program, including meeting notices, media coverage and website development.
 - c. Develop and manage processes to solicit, review and administer projects.
 - d. Recruit a technical review group including scientific, financial, project management and resource based experience from the area/basin.

- e. Seek funding for program administration, including meeting facilitation, outreach and managing contracts on private land. USFS may be able to provide assistance once stewardship harvests begin.
- f. Provide oversight of multi-party monitoring.
- g. Recruit and encourage use of the local work force, including unemployed youth and adults, to implement stewardship projects.
- h. Advocate for improvements in implementing the Stewardship Authority, as needed.
- i. Ensure fiscal transparency of stewardship projects.
- j. Tracking of social, economic and cultural benefits of stewardship projects.

List of Potential Group Participants for Forest Stewardship in the Marys Peak Stewardship Area:

Marys River Watershed Council

Local landowners

Municipalities of Philomath, Wren, Burnt Woods.

Benton SWCD

Benton County Public Works

City of Corvallis Public Works

Cascade Pacific RC&D

USFS

BLM

ODFW

ODF

US Fish and Wildlife Service

Bio-Surveys

Integrated Resource Management (IRM)

Sierra Club

Corvallis to the Sea Trail

Friends of Marys Peak

Trout Mountain Forestry

Oregon White Oak Society

Nature Conservancy

Institute of Applied Ecology

Audubon Society of Corvallis

Oregon Wild

Coast Range Association

OSU Extension

OSU Ag & Forestry & Fish Research

Rocky Mountain Elk

Small Business Administrator, OCCC

Benton Co Commissioners

Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians

Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde

Philomath Fire Department and other fire departments as applicable

CPI, Pioneer, PUD, BPA, if applicable

Timber companies: Miller Timber, Starker, Plum Creek, Weyerhaeuser, Georgia Pacific, Green Diamond, Capital Partners, Thompson Timber, Hull Oakes