

**SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY SELF-DETERMINATION ACT OF 2000
PUBLIC LAW 110-343
TITLE II PROJECT SUBMISSION FORM
USDA FOREST SERVICE**

**Name of Resource Advisory Committee: Olympic
Project Number** (Assigned by Designated Federal Official):
Funding Fiscal Year(s): 2015/2016

2. Project Name: Calawah OHV Trail System/Restoration Planning	3a. State: Washington 3b. County(s): Clallam
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8. Project Location: PACIFIC	
a. National Forest(s): Olympic NF	b. Forest Service District: Pacific RD
c. Location (Township-Range-Section) Calawah Watershed, T29N,R11W, Sec.1,2,11,12; T29N,R10W, Sec. 6,7 and T30N,R11W, Sec. 35.	

9. Project Goals and Objectives:
This proposal will complete the analysis and planning involving some of the unauthorized OHV trails in the Calawah Drainage. Thus far, the Forest has invested in a \$30,000 inventory and a preliminary evaluation of the unauthorized use. It also obtained an RCO grant to complete a feasibility and environmental assessment of the use in the area. This project will allow Olympic National Forest Specialists to complete the environmental analysis on the trails selected to consider for authorized use. (It was not completed originally due to a large turnover of most of the specialists and planners involved as well as new interpretations). As part of the project, some roads will be identified for decommissioning, conversion to trails, or determined to be needed for maintenance. Unauthorized trails will be identified for decommissioning and restoration or converted for authorized use. As a direct result of this project, an estimated 20 to 25 miles of route may be identified as feasible to convert to authorized use. Multiple user groups would benefit, but the primary designed use would be for OHV's. Several miles of unauthorized use will be identified for elimination and restoration, to minimize sedimentation affecting soil productivity, fish and stream health; damage to vegetation; and reduce infiltration of noxious weeds.

10. Project Description:
a. Brief: Complete the planning process necessary to move forward. This will result in the elimination of some unauthorized use that is affecting stream quality, fish and wildlife habitat, and soil productivity. It also allows for the restoration and maintenance of projects throughout the drainage.

b. Detailed: Completing the planning process allows the Forest to identify restoration projects that not only affect National Forest lands, but also adjacent landowners such as the Department of Natural Resources and large timber land companies like Merrill & Ring. Both are co-managing the issues of unauthorized use with the Forest Service, as the unauthorized use occurs throughout the drainage, from one ownership to another.

The completion of this planning process allows the Forest to develop ‘shelf stock’ for future restoration projects and compete for additional implementation funding from several sources. It involves a combination of identified unauthorized trails that will either be converted to authorized use or decommissioned and restored. It will also identify Level 1 roads that are currently failing and determine which should be closed and put to bed properly, converted from road to trail, and which should be considered for mixed use.

This project will fund Forest Specialists (Wildlife and Fisheries, Transportation Planner, Archeology, Soils, and Recreation, NEPA, etc.) to complete field work, analysis, etc. to complete the planning process. The beneficiaries include all Natural Resources, the local communities and visitors from out of the area. The benefits to the communities are in the forms of economic, recreational, health, and connections to the environment.

11. Types of Lands Involved?

State/Private/Other lands involved? Yes No

Land Status: Funding will be spend on National Forest lands

If Yes, specify: While this funding will be spent on National Forest lands, it identifies unauthorized routes that continue onto other land ownerships. This puts the Forest Service in the position of protecting adjacent lands (including streams) by eliminating unauthorized use on State and Private lands that are being accessed by National Forest lands. If nothing is done to identify and prevent this use, the Forest Service could be considered contributing to damage occurring on other lands.

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

Improves maintenance of existing infrastructure.

Implements stewardship objectives that enhance forest ecosystems.

Restores and improves land health.

Restores water quality

13. Project Type

a. Check all that apply: (check at least 1)

Road Maintenance

Trail Maintenance

Road Decommission/Obliteration

Trail Obliteration

Other Infrastructure Maintenance (specify):

Soil Productivity Improvement

Forest Health Improvement

Watershed Restoration & Maintenance

Wildlife Habitat Restoration

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fish Habitat Restoration	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Control of Noxious Weeds
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reestablish Native Species	<input type="checkbox"/> Fuels Management/Fire Prevention
<input type="checkbox"/> Implement CWPP Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Project Type (specify):
b. Primary Purpose (select only 1): Watershed Restoration & Recreation	

14. Identify What the Project Will Accomplish
Miles of road maintained: 5
Miles of road decommissioned/obliterated: 15
Number of structures maintained/improved: 5
Acres of soil productivity improved: 10
Miles of stream/river restored/improved: 3
Miles of fish habitat restored/improved: Unknown
Acres of native species reestablished: 10
Miles of trail maintained: 20
Miles of trial obliterated: 10
Acres of forest health improved (including fuels reduction): 60
Acres of rangeland improved: 0
Acres of wildlife habitat restored/improved: (See forest health improved acres)
Acres of noxious weeds controlled: 5
Timber volume generated:
Jobs generated in full time equivalents (FTE) to nearest tenth. One FTE is 52 forty hour weeks: 10
People reached (for environmental education projects/fire prevention):
Direct economic activity benefit: High.. This will become a draw to the local community. Sadie Creek, a similar experience, has an estimated use of 15,000 per year.
Other: There are over 1500 ATV's in Clallam County alone. This provides a form of exercise and generational family entertainment in an area that is practically void of organized recreation opportunities.

15. Estimated Project Start Date: 1/1/2016	16. Estimated Project Completion Date: 12/31/2017
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17. List known partnerships or collaborative opportunities.

There are several interested and supportive groups that have written letters offering various levels of support: Clallam County; City of Forks; Quileute Tribe; and local organized recreation groups such as the Backcountry Horsemen and local bicycle groups. Others who have voiced support to work with the Forest Service include the Washington State Department of Natural Resources; Recreation Conservation Office; M & R Timber Company; and Rayonier Timber Lands. Another existing partner is the Recreation Conservation Office, which has funded \$50,000 to date. Clallam County is very

interested in furthering their support and actually partnering with the Forest to provide OHV recreation opportunities both for County residents and for bringing visitors into the area. They have a proven existing partnership with the development and operation of the Olympic Discovery Trail.

18. Identify benefits to communities.

This project helps support communities to diversify economically. This includes Forks and Port Angeles, as well as the smaller neighborhoods and Clallam County itself. It provides local outdoor ‘multi-generational recreational’ activities to families in remote areas that have no other organized recreation outlet. It also gives multiple recreationists more opportunities in the area, although all (stock users, bikers, hikers, and OHV) understand that the primary focus is to design around OHV as the primary user group. Developing a broad support also expands the pool of help in the design, operation, maintenance, education and law enforcement patrol of the system.

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

Unauthorized OHV use is occurring throughout the Forest, and it is a major issue somewhere on every corner. At the last inventory of unauthorized starts, there were over 500 starts identified on the Pacific RD, Forks area, alone. The Washington Office has determined that OHV use is an acceptable use on National Forest land, where appropriate. The early inventory and analysis of the unauthorized use in the Calawah identified several opportunities where the use appeared to be appropriate (in addition to identifying those that were not). The uncompleted analysis that this will finish, appears to further support there are opportunities where the use can be authorized and consistent with law and the environment. Most of the recreationists that use these National Forest lands, including unauthorized users, want to be legal. They want to have designated areas where the use is authorized and appropriate. Since the use will occur whether or not it is designated, providing authorized use, where appropriate, will protect countless acres of National Forest lands, as well as State, and private lands. Each recognizes this is joint problem with joint solutions. This project allows us to designate areas that need to be restored, areas where roads can be converted to trails or mix routes, unauthorized trail that can be constructed or reconstructed to provide safe and fun enjoyment of the forest. Some of the routes that need to be restored are perched directly above streams, and some run right through streams, such as Kugel Creek. Some of the current routes are Level I roads that are at risk of failing due to improper removal from the system. This will also help identify opportunities that should reduce the potential for road related landslides. The funding is also critical in that it allows the Forest to complete the analysis previously started with an RCO grant. If the Forest defaulted on the RCO grant by failing to complete the analysis, there is the potential the Forest would be required to return the funding, or it make affect future projects brought to the RCO for funding.

20. What is the Proposed Method(s) of Accomplishment? (check at least 1)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Contract	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal Workforce
<input type="checkbox"/> County Workforce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Volunteers
<input type="checkbox"/> Grant	<input type="checkbox"/> Agreement
<input type="checkbox"/> Americorps	<input type="checkbox"/> YCC/CCC Crews
<input type="checkbox"/> Job Corps	<input type="checkbox"/> Stewardship Contract
<input type="checkbox"/> Merchantable Timber Pilot	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): Clallam County Chain Gang

21. Will the Project Generate Merchantable Materials? Yes No (NOT YET)

22. Anticipated Project Costs

a. Title II Funds Requested: \$26,000

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

23. Identify Source(s) of Other Funding:

Appropriated Forest Service funds will be used to pay for some Forest support, such as wages, vehicles, materials and supplies.

24. Monitoring Plan (provide as attachment)

- 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.
- b. Identify who will conduct the monitoring: Technical specialists/ project leads for individual projects.
- c. Identify total funding needed to carry out specified monitoring tasks (Worksheet 1, Item k):
Monitoring costs are incorporated into Forest Service contributed funding.

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.
- Other, please explain:

Project Recommended By:

/s/ (*INSERT Signature*)

Chairperson

Resource Advisory Committee

Project Approved By:

/s/ (*INSERT Signature*)

Forest Supervisor

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			2,000	2,000
b. NEPA/CEQA		26,000		26,000
c. ESA Consultation				
d. Permit Acquisition				
e. Project Design & Engineering				
f. Contract/Grant Preparation				
g. Contract/Grant Administration	1,000			1,000
h. Contract/Grant Cost				
i. Salaries	1,000			1,000
j. Materials & Supplies	1,000			1,000
k. Monitoring				
l. Other (Mileage)	2,000			2,000
m. Project Sub-Total	5,000	26,000	2,000	33,000
n. Indirect Costs				
o. Total Cost Estimate	5,000	26,000	2,000	33,000

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.

ATTACHMENT A: 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.

Progress will be tracked and communicated with the Line and FLT.

b). Identify who will conduct the monitoring: Technical specialists/ project leads for individual projects. NEPA COORDINATOR Kimberly Crider with the assistance of Project Proponent Molly Erickson will work together to keep specialists on track.