

**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

2. Project Name: Quilcene Ranger Corps	3a. State: Washington 3b. County(s): Jefferson
4. Project Submitted By: Jon Knechtel	5. Date: 6/3/2015
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8. Project Location:	
a. National Forest(s): Olympic	b. Forest Service District: Hood Canal
c. Location (Township-Range-Section) Maps attached:	
<p>9. Project Goals and Objectives: Work will be performed on trails and other projects for the Hood Canal Ranger District, in the Mt. Zion and Buckhorn Wilderness areas of the Olympic National Forest in Jefferson County, with special emphasis on drainage and repair of water damage; to utilize local youth (Quilcene Ranger Corps), also a member of the 21st Century Conservation Service Corps, as the resource to complete this work and thereby help insure both the upkeep of National Forest Trails and the continuance of this local youth program; to enhance trail users' experience by improvement of trail conditions. To protect natural resources by preventing erosion helps to sustain a healthy forest.</p>	
<p>10. Project Description:</p> <p>a. Brief: Working with 13-15 year olds from the 4-H Program and local middle schools while helping them build a relationship for environmental stewardship on the National Forests.</p> <p>b. Detailed: This project is a cooperative venture in it's 21th year. Colloborative partners include the Hood Canal Ranger District, Olympic National Forest, the Pacific Northwest Trail Association, Washington State Extension 4H program, and local schools. Trail maintenance work and forest stewardship work will be performed on the Hood Canal District in the Mt. Zion and Buckhorn Wilderness areas. This work will be performed by members of the Quilcene Ranger Corps (QRC) which is a volunteer group (13 - 15 years old) affiliated with 4H, that has been working on National Forest trails since 1992. The primary focus of this trail work will be on improving drainage and the repair of damage caused by water movement over the trails. The QRC is best suited for non-technical work such as gravel filling, turnpike building, tread grubbing and waterbar installation. Funding for this proposal would be used to fund one crew leader, one assistant crew leader, member stipends and expenses directly related to trail maintenance. Portions of the following trails would be included in this project: The Pacific Northwest Trail route across the Hood Canal District, including the Gold Creek, Tubal Cain, Mt. Zion, Snow Creek and Doghair Trails, as well as the 2830 road-to-trail conversion on the district; Tull Canyon Trail, lower and main Big Quilcene Trail, Upper Dungeness Trail, Mt. Townsend Trail, Mt. Walker Trail, main and lower Little Quilcene Trails, Deadfall Trail, Tunnel Creek Trail, Royal Creek Trail.</p>	

11. Types of Lands Involved?	
State/Private/Other lands involved? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes X No	
Land Status:	
If Yes, specify:	
12. How does the proposed project meet purposes of the Legislation? (Check at least 1)	
x Improves maintenance of existing infrastructure.	
x Implements stewardship objectives that enhance forest ecosystems.	
Restores and improves land health.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Restores water quality	
13. Project Type	
a. Check all that apply: (check at least 1)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Road Maintenance	x Trail Maintenance
<input type="checkbox"/> Road Decommission/Obliteration	x Trail Obliteration
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Infrastructure Maintenance (specify):	
<input type="checkbox"/> Soil Productivity Improvement	Forest Health Improvement
<input type="checkbox"/> Watershed Restoration & Maintenance	x Wildlife Habitat Restoration
<input type="checkbox"/> Fish Habitat Restoration	x Control of Noxious Weeds
<input 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): QRC Crews – Trail Maintenance	
14. Identify What the Project Will Accomplish	
Miles of road maintained:	
Miles of road decommissioned/obliterated:	
Number of structures maintained/improved:	
Acres of soil productivity improved:	
Miles of stream/river restored/improved:	
Miles of fish habitat restored/improved:	
Acres of native species reestablished:	
Miles of trail maintained: 29	
Miles of trial obliterated: Whatever needs done by the Hood Canal Ranger District.	
Acres of forest health improved (including fuels reduction):	
Acres of rangeland improved:	
Acres of wildlife habitat restored/improved:	

Acres of noxious weeds controlled:	
Timber volume generated:	
Jobs generated in full time equivalents (FTE) to nearest tenth. One FTE is 52 forty hour weeks: Summer program utilizing up to 18 youth for 8 weeks	
People reached (for environmental education projects/fire prevention): Upwards of 20,000	
Direct economic activity benefit: Better recreating brings more visitors to the forest enhancing the economics of local communities, while building environmental awareness to the youth and their peers.	
Other:	
15. Estimated Project Start Date: 1/1/16	16. Estimated Project Completion Date: 12/31/16

17. List known partnerships or collaborative opportunities. The PNTA has been a long standing partner of the USFS, NPS, local school districts, WSU, and local tribes.

Youth enrolled are from the community and their improved understanding of how the Forest Service works, ecosystems management, and recreation opportunities for the public will significantly affect community attitudes regarding the agencies' mission. The young people will gain work experience that may help them in their future careers, whether with natural resource agencies or life in general. Pride in the quality of their work leads program enrollees to invite family and friends to visit the local trail work sites, spreading the influence of the program from the students to the wider community.

18. Identify benefits to communities. There are benefits to students for increased employability, the provision of meaningful work and the personal growth that this will trigger, and an increase of knowledge concerning the resources and opportunities around them. The work results in reduced physical impacts of outdoor recreation on natural ecosystems. There is economic benefit to the community in making attractive recreation opportunities available for people outside the community, and bringing tourism dollars and jobs to local businesses. Hiking opportunities for the community can significantly reduce a variety of community health issues for the families and the local community, thus providing more expendable income for the family or for community agencies that deal with health issues.

19. How does the project benefit federal lands/resources? The primary impact will be the improved condition of recreation facilities on National Forest lands. In addition proper maintenance will reduce impact on other forest resources. It will reduce maintenance backlogs on Forest Service trails. Local employment in these projects will reduce vandalism and increase concern for forest service facilities and resources. Increasing public knowledge of resource challenges faced by land managers will enhance public understanding and gain support for land management issues

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

21. Will the Project Generate Merchantable Materials? Yes x No

22. Anticipated Project Costs

a. Title II Funds Requested: **\$37,241.00**

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

23. Identify Source(s) of Other Funding:

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:
- c. Identify total funding needed to carry out specified monitoring tasks (Worksheet 1, Item k):

25. Identify remedies for failure to comply with the terms of the agreement.

If project cannot be completed under the terms of this agreement:

x 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				
b. NEPA/CEQA				
c. ESA Consultation				
d. Permit Acquisition				
e. Project Design & Engineering				
f. Contract/Grant Preparation				
g. Contract/Grant Administration				
h. Contract/Grant Cost				
i. Salaries	\$1000.00	\$27,416.00	\$31,720.00	\$60,136.00
j. Materials & Supplies		\$ 300.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,500.00
k. Monitoring		\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00
l. Other		\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,500.00
m. Project Sub-Total	\$1000.00	\$30,216.00	\$34,920.00	\$66,136.00
n. Indirect Costs PNTA @ 0.2325%		\$ 7,025.00		\$ 7,025.00
o. Total Cost Estimate	\$1000.00	\$37,241.00	\$34,920.00	\$73,161.00

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.

MONITORING PLAN

Quilcene Ranger Corps Crews

1. Ecosystem management goals and objectives:

- a.** All trail work and other projects performed by the SKY Crews will be conducted in accordance with the guidelines set forth by the USDA Forest Service.
- b.** Crew members will be trained in Leave-No-Trace doctrine, and will be expected to comply with this training.
- c.** USDA Forest Service, Pacific Northwest Trail Association and Washington State University 4-H personnel as well as other appropriate officials will monitor each aspect of the projects as they take place to insure that it meets all design specifications or other criteria pertaining to each project. Documentation, including photographic and written, will provide visual and statistical data.

2. Objectives for effects on local employment and training:

- a.** The Pacific Northwest Trail Association will employ local youth from Jefferson and Clallam Counties to provide the work force. Crew leaders for both crews will also be local residents, and all supplies for the crews will come from local suppliers.
- b.** Training for First Aid/CPR and LNT, as well as team building opportunities will be conducted by local sources.

3. Objectives for forest products and value-added opportunities: Not applicable, no forest products will be harvested.

4. Identify total funding needed to carry out specified monitoring task (Worksheet 1, Item K):

- a.** Hood Canal District: \$1,000.00.