

**SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY SELF-DETERMINATION ACT OF 2000
PUBLIC LAW 106-393
TITLE II PROJECT SUBMISSION FORM
USDA FOREST SERVICE**

Name of Resource Advisory Committee:
Project Number (Assigned by Designated Federal Official):
Funding Fiscal Year(s):

2. Project Name: Ruffed Grouse Society Access Trail Maintenance	3a. State: MN 3b. County(s): Beltrami, Cass, Itasca
4. Project Submitted By: Ruffed Grouse Society (RGS)	5. Date: August 25, 2016
6. Contact Phone Number: 218 398-1076	7. Contact E-mail: meadowk@ruffedgrousesociety.org

8. Project Location: Various locations on Chippewa National Forest	
a. National Forest(s): Chippewa	b. Forest Service District: all districts on CNF
c. Location (Township-Range-Section)	

9. Project Goals and Objectives: Our goal is to maintain 25 miles/year of hunter walking trails for 3 years with the primary objective to provide enhanced opportunities for non-motorized forest recreation for the benefit of all citizens.
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10. Project Description:
a. Brief: (<i>in one sentence</i>) RGS will hire local contractors to clear and mow hunter walking trails managed by the Chippewa National Forest.
b. Detailed: Forest trails on the CNF are heavily used by local residents and tourists during the course of various recreational activities including birding, berry-picking, hunting, and many others. Recent federal budgets, priorities and workloads have created a backlog of trails that require routine clearing and maintenance mowing. The Ruffed Grouse Society and its members have an interest in helping to see that these popular trails stay accessible to the public. Ruffed Grouse Society biologists would work with both the CNF staff and Minnesota Department of Natural Resources staff to direct private individuals and administer the contracts for clearing and mowing specific trails for the duration of the grant (3-5 years).

11. Types of Lands Involved? Trails may cross county or state ownership in addition to USFS land but are considered CNF Trails.
State/Private/Other lands involved? X Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Land Status:

If Yes, specify: As stated above, trails in some cases may cross other publically-owned parcels

12. How does the proposed project meet purposes of the Legislation? (Check at least 1)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improves maintenance of existing infrastructure.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Implements stewardship objectives that enhance forest ecosystems.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trail Maintenance
<input type="checkbox"/> Road Decommission/Obliteration	<input type="checkbox"/> Trail Obliteration
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Infrastructure Maintenance (specify):	
<input type="checkbox"/> Soil Productivity Improvement	<input type="checkbox"/> Forest Health Improvement
<input type="checkbox"/> Watershed Restoration & Maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife Habitat Restoration
<input type="checkbox"/> Fish Habitat Restoration	<input type="checkbox"/> 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):	

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: approx. 25/year for 3 years =75 total miles
Miles of trial obliterated:
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:
People reached (for environmental education projects/fire prevention):
Direct economic activity benefit:
Other:

15. Estimated Project Start Date: August 2017	16. Estimated Project Completion Date: August 2019
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17. List known partnerships or collaborative opportunities.

18. Identify benefits to communities. Improved recreational opportunities benefit both local residents and visitors. Ruffed Grouse and American Woodcock hunting are the most popular bird hunting opportunities in Minnesota (MN ranks number one in the nation in harvest of these species and people travel from across the country to pursue their quarry here). Recreationalists of all types using these trails will provide a significant economic boost to local communities: the average bird hunter spends \$600/year on their pursuit-much of it in small towns within the Chippewa National Forest.

19. How does the project benefit federal lands/resources? Enhanced recreational opportunities lead to increased citizen appreciation and support for federal resource management.

20. What is the Proposed Method(s) of Accomplishment? (check at least 1)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contract	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal Workforce
<input type="checkbox"/> County Workforce	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):

21. Will the Project Generate Merchantable Materials? Yes No

22. Anticipated Project Costs \$ 20,000
a. Title II Funds Requested: \$12,000.00
b. Is this a multi-year funding request? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

23. Identify Source(s) of Other Funding: RGS project administration and management time will be covered by RGS.

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: RGS staff will conduct on-site inspections and verification of annual accomplishments and will report said accomplishments to USFS staff.
- 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:

- 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	<i>Column A</i> Fed. Agency Appropriated Contribution	<i>Column B</i> Requested Title II Contribution	<i>Column C</i> Other Contributions	<i>Column D</i> Total Available Funds
a. Field Work & Site Surveys			\$2,000 in kind	\$ 2,000
b. NEPA/CEQA				
c. ESA Consultation				
d. Permit Acquisition				
e. Project Design & Engineering				
f. Contract/Grant Preparation	\$3000		\$1,000 in kind	\$ 1,000
g. Contract/Grant Administration			\$1,000 in kind	\$ 1,000
h. Contract/Grant Cost		\$12,000		\$12,000
i. Salaries				
j. Materials & Supplies				
k. Monitoring			\$1,000 in kind	\$ 1,000
l. Other				
1.				
2, Partner Indirect Cost				
m. Project Sub-Total				
n. FS Indirect Costs (5% overhead)				
Total Cost Estimate	\$3,000	\$12,000	\$5,000	\$20,000

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. Forest Service indirect costs, including contracting/grant officer costs if needed.