

**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: Noxious Weed Control – Beltrami County Highways	3a. State: MN 3b. County(s): Beltrami
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8. Project Location:	
a. National Forest(s): Chippewa	b. Forest Service District: Blackduck
c. Location (Township-Range-Section) T147N R31W, T147N R30W, T146N R31W, T146N R30W	

9. Project Goals and Objectives: To reduce or eliminate noxious weeds (mainly Spotted Knapweed, Canadian Thistle and Wild Parsnip) on county road right of way within the Chippewa National Forest and the Leech Lake Reservation using approved control methods (biological and hand pulling).

10. Project Description:
a. Brief: (<i>in one sentence</i>) Noxious weed control on along Beltrami County roads.
b. Detailed: In the last four years Beltrami County has revived its efforts to address noxious weeds across the County. The County is working with Townships and other governmental agencies to improve education and coordination. Beltrami County Highway Department with its many miles of roadways and acres of right of way is an important player in the noxious weed control program. The Highway Department uses best management practices such as those described in the MnDOT “Best Practices Handbook for Roadside Vegetation Management”. Noxious weeds are mowed or sprayed to help prevent reproduction and spreading. Chemical control is not permissible or feasible along roads in the Leech Lake Reservation, thru Forest Service lands and along the Lady Slipper Scenic Byway. In these areas, the Highway Department intends to supplement its current mowing program with the implementation of approved methods of biological control and hand pulling to help reduce noxious weeds. This project will identify the locations of infestations then utilize biological control in higher density areas and hand pulling in lower density areas. Priority will be on the recently reconstructed Mission Road and the Scenic Highway routes, then on the Power Dam Road and Birchmont Beach

Road, all on sections within the Reservation. Temporary seasonal staff will be employed. The request is for two seasons (2 years) but we are open to one season if funding is limited to such.

11. Types of Lands Involved?

State/Private/Other lands involved? Yes No
Land Status:
 If Yes, specify: County Road right of way

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)
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Road Maintenance | <input 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 checked="" 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: 34 miles
 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:
Miles of trail obliterated:
Acres of forest health improved (including fuels reduction):
Acres of rangeland improved:
Acres of wildlife habitat restored/improved:
Acres of noxious weeds controlled: approximately 280 acres
Timber volume generated:
Jobs generated in full time equivalents (FTE) to nearest tenth. One FTE is 52 forty hour weeks: 1.0
People reached (for environmental education projects/fire prevention):
Direct economic activity benefit:
Other:

15. Estimated Project Start Date: 6/17	16. Estimated Project Completion Date: 9/18
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17. List known partnerships or collaborative opportunities.

Potential partnership with the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Division of Resource Management, for coordinated effort and possible work crew members. This was discussed but not finalized at time of application.

18. Identify benefits to communities.

Improve natural plant environment. Improving roadsides for safety, environmental health and visual quality for all users.

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

Project will reduce or eliminate noxious weeds along roads which are adjacent to or provide access to federal lands. Improve roadsides for safety, environmental health, and visual quality.

20. What is the Proposed Method(s) of Accomplishment? (check at least 1)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Contract	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal Workforce
<input checked="" 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 \$ 55,000
a. Title II Funds Requested: \$31,000
b. Is this a multi-year funding request? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

23. Identify Source(s) of Other Funding: Beltrami County Highway Department

24. 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.
- b. Identify who will conduct the monitoring:
- c. Identify total funding needed to carry out specified monitoring tasks (Worksheet 1, Item k):

An inventory will be conducted prior to any biological or mechanical control. The initial inventory will be conducted by the seasonal staff and will record size and density of the infestations. The inventory will be updated in year two. Subsequent monitoring will be conducted by Highway Department staff.

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				
b. NEPA/CEQA				
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		31,000		31,000
j. Materials & Supplies			1,000	1,000
k. Monitoring			1,000	1,000
l. Other 1. vehicles use 2. Partner Indirect Cost			21,000	21,000
m. Project Sub-Total		31,000	24,000	55,000
n. FS Indirect Costs (5% overhead)				
Total Cost Estimate		31,000	24,000	55,000

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.