

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 Peninsula**

**Project Number** (Assigned by Designated Federal Official):

**Funding Fiscal Year(s):**

<b>2. Project Name:</b> Travel Way Restoration	<b>3a. State:</b> Washington <b>3b. County(s):</b> Grays Harbor
<b>4. Project Submitted By:</b> Grays Harbor County	<b>5. Date:</b> 2/21/2019
<b>6. Contact Phone Number:</b> 360 249-3731	<b>7. Contact E-mail:</b> <a href="mailto:wcormier@co.grays-harbor.wa.us">wcormier@co.grays-harbor.wa.us</a>

<b>8. Project Location:</b>	
a. National Forest(s): Olympic	b. Forest Service District: Pacific
c. Location (Township-Range-Section) Township 22 North and Range 8 West Forest Service Road 2204-040 at MP 0.75 FS Road 2204 at MP 9, at MP 7, at MP 7.5, at MP 7.75 and at MP 4.6	

<b>9. Project Goals and Objectives:</b>  The goal and objective of this proposal is to assist in maintaining a “no net loss” of access to public land. In October of 2017 the Grays Harbor Board of County Commissioners approved the Open Public Access Plan. The intent of the plan was to maintain and improve all access points to public land and waterways by working closely with other stakeholders. It is important to the citizenry of Grays Harbor to maintain these critical access points for local residents and tourists. Available public land is critical for the thriving tourism industry in our county, and maintaining public access is critical to that end.
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<b>10. Project Description:</b> a. Brief: Restore travel ways within the Olympic National Forest for public access.  b. Detailed: Grays Harbor County is interested in subcontracting \$25,000 through our small works roster or through a public bid process to local contractors to remove debris on travel ways within the Olympic National Forest as detailed above (#8. Project Location). The removal of debris opens recreational access areas.
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<b>11. Types of Lands Involved?</b>
State/Private/Other lands involved? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Land Status:</b> Olympic National Forest
If Yes, specify:

<b>12. How does the proposed project meet purposes of the Legislation?</b> (Check at least 1)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improves maintenance of existing infrastructure.
<input type="checkbox"/> Implements stewardship objectives that enhance forest ecosystems.
<input type="checkbox"/> Restores and improves land health.
<input type="checkbox"/> Restores water quality

<b>13. Project Type</b>	
a. Check all that apply: (check at least 1)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Road Maintenance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trail Maintenance/ Travel Way
<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): Road Maintenance	

<b>14. Identify What the Project Will Accomplish</b>
Miles of road maintained: This project will open up many miles of roadway.
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:
Timber volume generated:
Jobs generated in full time equivalents (FTE) to nearest tenth. One FTE is 52 forty hour weeks: 1 FTE
People reached (for environmental education projects/fire prevention):
Direct economic activity benefit: Our tourism department markets our recreational assets and it is the major contributor to our thriving tertiary sector of our economy.
Other:

<b>15. Estimated Project Start Date:</b> Immediately	<b>16. Estimated Project Completion Date:</b> Two Months
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**17. List known partnerships or collaborative opportunities.** There are many outdoor groups locally that would benefit from public access.

**18. Identify benefits to communities.** The benefits locally would be substantial. The county has received numerous responses about public access. Outdoor recreation is built into our heritage and culture, generations have used public lands to recreate and enjoy the scenic beauty, which is Grays Harbor.

**19. How does the project benefit federal lands/resources?** Allowing people to use and enjoy public land promotes conservation of the lands and resources they love.

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

<b>22. Anticipated Project Costs</b>
a. Title II Funds Requested: \$25,000
b. Is this a multi-year funding request? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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. **See Addendum A**
- b. Identify who will conduct the monitoring: **Grays Harbor County Road Dept.**
- c. Identify total funding needed to carry out specified monitoring tasks (Worksheet 1, Item k): **See Addendum A**

**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:

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**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		\$6,000		\$6,000
i. Salaries				
j. Materials & Supplies		\$19,000		\$19,000
k. Monitoring			\$5,000	
l. Other				
m. Project Sub-Total				
n. Indirect Costs				
<b>o. Total Cost Estimate</b>		<b>\$25,000</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>

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.

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## Addendum "A"

### Tracking/Monitoring:

The Grays Harbor County Travel Way Restoration Project intends to reopen access points within the Olympic National Forest. All access points are accessed off of Forest Service Road 2204. The proposed method to track the effectiveness of this project is to perform traffic counts near the beginning of FS Road 2204 before and after the project is completed. Traffic counts will be performed twice per year, one during the summer months and one in the fall/winter months to capture data during peak recreational use times. One set of counts will be performed prior to the restoration project. Post-restoration counts will be performed on years 1, 3, and 5 following construction. The expectation is that traffic volumes will increase on FS Road 2204 following the restoration of the access points.

The Grays Harbor County Road Department performs annual traffic counts and will be able to include FS Road 2204 counts in their annual program.

### Community Goals:

The Grays Harbor Board of County Commissioners passed the Open Public Access Plan in October of 2017, which highlighted the desire for public access points to public land remain open to the public. The Board also opened up County owned forest land to public access. See attached Resolution and Open Access Plan.

Sitting as the chair of the tourism board over the last six (6) years for the County has been an education. Marketing our natural assets in our county has proven to be successful in our campaign to bring tourists to the county. We have a broad range of interests on the tourism board that seek to highlight its natural beauty and recreational opportunities. Attached is a graph that quantifies the dollars spent in overnight stays in Grays Harbor.

The tourism board focus is on outdoor recreational opportunities; as a result, the board spends a significant amount of dollars on marketing outdoor recreation and recreational opportunities. Overnight stays in our county have nearly doubled in 10 years. The tourism board's marketing efforts have proven to be successful.

Grays Harbor citizens and officials have agreed that continuing to provide public access points on public land is a high priority and community goal.

Thank you,

Wes Cormier  
Grays Harbor County Commissioner

**GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2017- 102**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZING THE GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY FORESTRY DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE OPEN PUBLIC ACCESS TO COUNTY-OWNED FOREST LANDS**

**WHEREAS**, on January 26, 2015, the Grays Harbor County Board of Commissioners (“Board”) approved moving forward with the Open Public Access Plan (“Plan”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Plan outlines the desire to have “No Net Loss” of access to Grays Harbor County-owned public lands; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board believes it is important to maintain and improve public access, and to continue to maintain roads and trails offering access for non-commercial recreational activities, including, but not limited to, hunting, fishing, berry-picking, horseback riding, mushroom-picking, hiking and picnicking; and


**WHEREAS**, access to these lands improves the quality of life for all visitors to and citizens of Grays Harbor County,

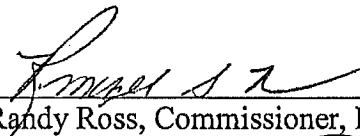
**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Grays Harbor County Board of Commissioners that Grays Harbor County-owned and -managed forest land will remain open for recreational opportunities year round during daylight hours, and gates shall remain unlocked and open for public vehicle use, except during County, County-contracted, or other commercially approved use on a specific tract of land.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County may restrict access, without any prior notice to the public, during emergencies or when the closure is necessary for the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

Adopted this 9 day of October, 2017.

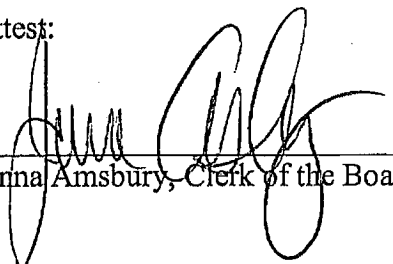
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY**

  
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Wes Cormier, Chair, Commissioner, District 1

  
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Vickie L. Raines, Commissioner, District 3

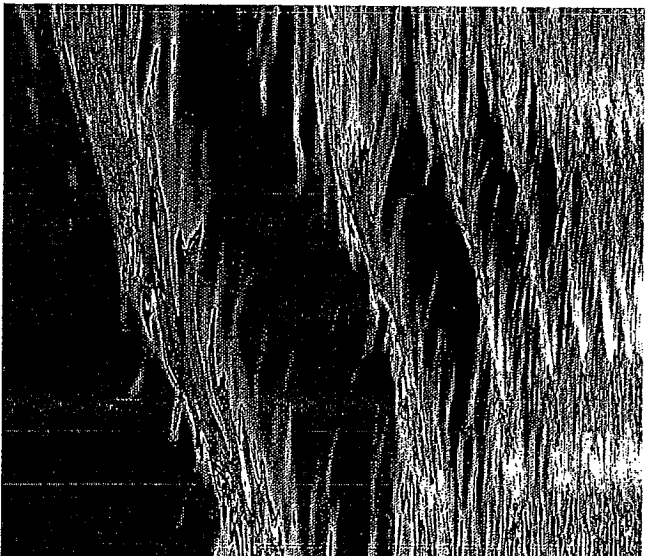
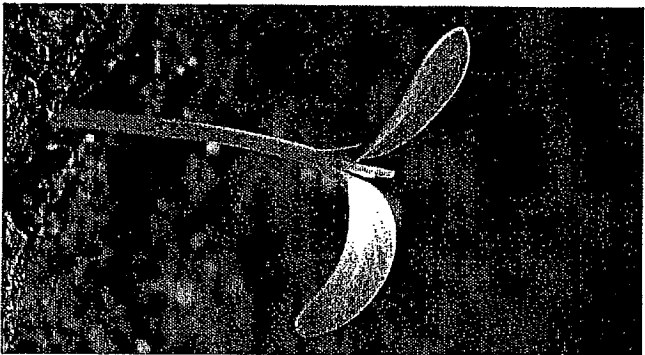
Attest:

  
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Jenna Amsbury, Clerk of the Board



# Open Public Access Plan

Grays Harbor County





# To: Elected Officials, Directors, County Employees and Citizens of Grays Harbor County

The natural resources of Grays Harbor County are vital to our economic well-being. The health of our community is dependent on providing access to these resources for future generations.

Access to our ocean, the rain forest, rivers and streams, and our public county, state and federal lands have provided many business and personal opportunities for outdoor recreation. We believe it is important to not only maintain access to these areas, but improve them as well.

This proposal outlines a strategy to maintain and improve access to Grays Harbor County's natural resources. The Board of County Commissioners agrees that a policy of "no net loss" of public access is critical. We define "no net loss" as a goal to maintain and improve all access points to public land and waterways. This proposal is intended to address strategies to maintain and improve what already exists, in an effort to ensure preservation and access to our public lands.

Board of County Commissioners

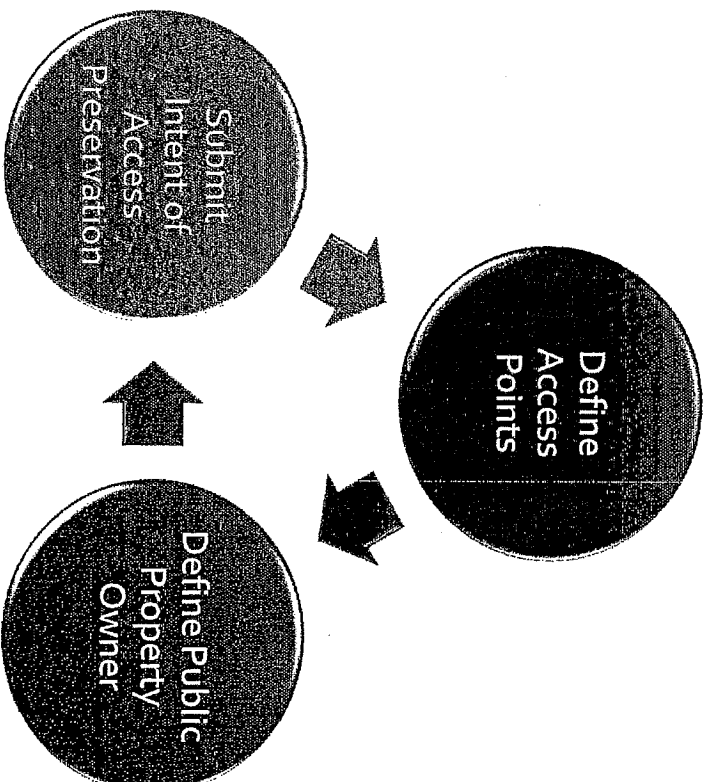
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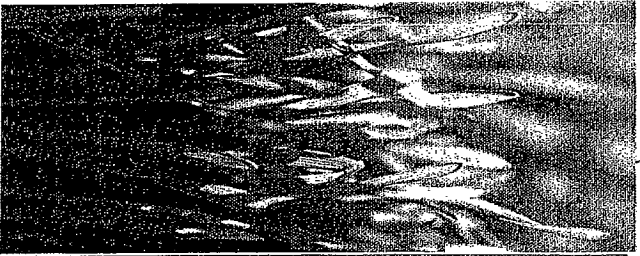
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## Working with neighbors to maintain access

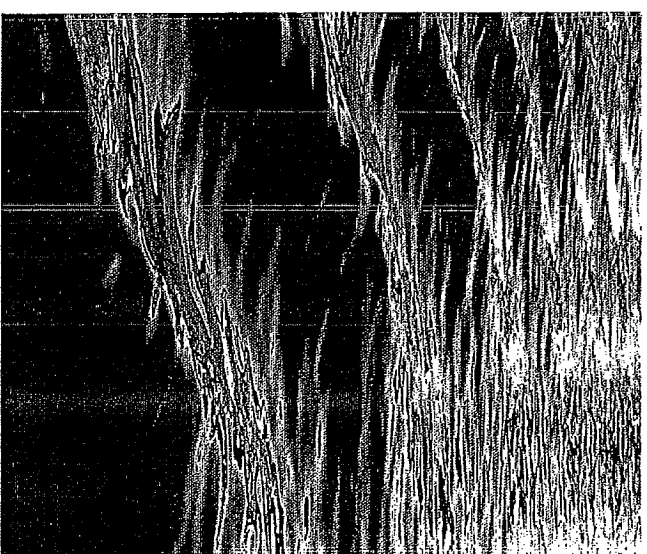
- Define all access points to public land within the county: including roads, rivers, streams, lakes, and property.
- Determine if the property and access points are owned by the city, county, state or federal governments.
- Submit a letter of intent to the stakeholder requesting that access to the public be maintained. The Board of County Commissioners believes in maintaining "no net loss."





# Don't decommission our public roads

It is important to maintain access to our wildlife and natural resources



# *Grays Harbor County believes that NO NET LOSS of Public Access to Our public lands is vital to our future*

Decommissioning roads has a negative impact to our local economy, yet it is becoming a prevalent practice. We believe it is important to maintain and improve public access to our game, wildlife, land, waterways, and ocean.

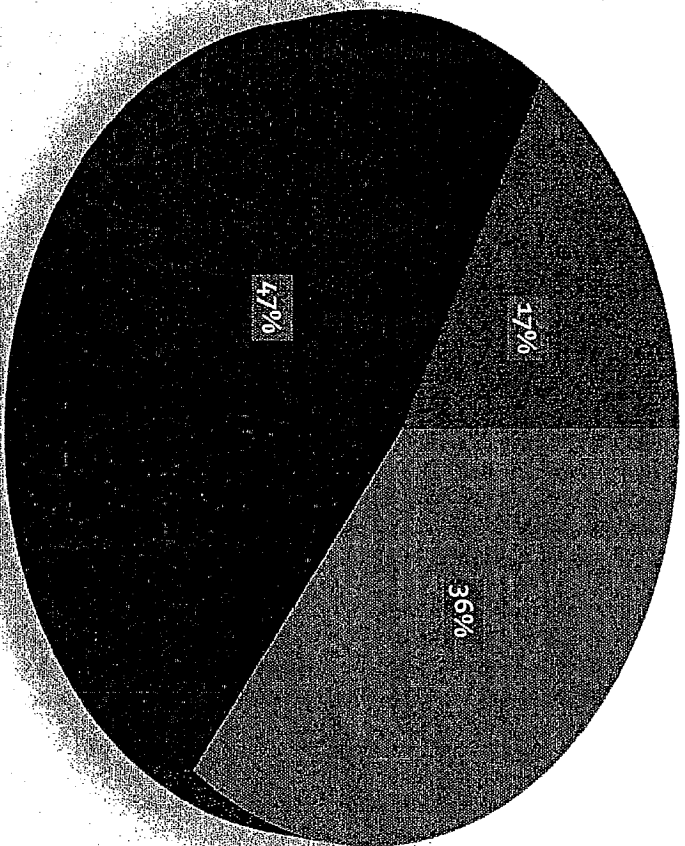
Continuing to maintain roads and trails offers access for recreational activities, such as: hunting, fishing, berry picking, horseback riding, mushroom picking, salal picking, forest thinning, hiking and picnicking. Access to these lands improves the quality of life for us all.

It is important to the citizens of Grays Harbor County that there is not diminishing access. A “No Net Loss” strategy ensures we provide the leadership, planning and funding for access to be protected.

The 2015 Board of County Commissioners believes strongly in the legacy of treating our natural resources as an asset to be protected and enhanced for business and recreation.

The following poll was taken at the 2014 Grays Harbor County Fair.

**Do you think there is enough public access to streams, rivers and lakes in the county?**



- Yes
- No
- Don't know

# Dollars Spent in overnight stays GH

\*Less the City of Ocean Shores & Westport

