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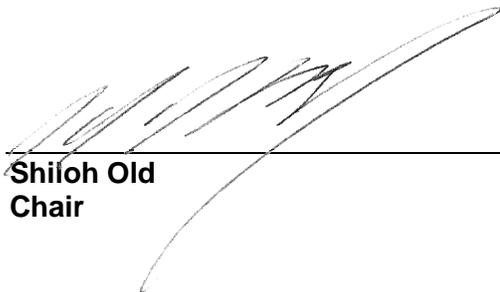
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Executive Summary

The Collaborative Forest Restoration Program (CFRP) Technical Advisory Panel (Panel) met in Albuquerque, New Mexico, March 30 – April 3, 2015, to provide the USDA Forest Service with recommendations for the Secretary of Agriculture on which grant applications submitted for funding under the 2015 CFRP Request for Applications (RFA) best met the program objectives. The Secretary of Agriculture chartered the Panel for two years as a Federal Advisory Committee on March 24, 2014 pursuant to the Community Forest Restoration Act of 2000 (Title VI, Pub. L. No. 106-393). The meeting was open to the public. Eleven of the 13 Panel members attended the meeting (see Appendix D).

Prior to the meeting, Panel members completed ethics training on the roles and responsibilities of USDA Advisory Committee representatives. At the meeting, the Panel reviewed their Bylaws and responsibilities under the Federal Advisory Committee Panel Act, reviewed the grant applications, and considered information presented during the public comment periods. The Panel also provided recommendations for improving the Panel review process and the Request for Applications (RFA).

If a Panel Member or any member of their immediate family, or organization employing them, would directly or indirectly financially benefit from a CFRP grant proposal being evaluated, or if a Panel Member had an identified role in the implementation of the project, that Panel member left the meeting room during the discussion of that proposal and recused themselves from the Panel's decision to avoid a conflict of interest. The Panel review comments indicate when a Panel member left the room during the discussion or consistency review of that proposal. Panel members did not score proposals if they were not present during the Panel discussion on that application.

The Panel reviewed 23 CFRP grant applications requesting \$7,676,049 in federal funding and recommended 9 projects to fund in 2015 totaling \$3,129,000 (the funding available for CFRP grants in fiscal year 2015) as well additional projects should more funding become available.

The Panel asked the Forest Service to convene a subcommittee to review the multi-party monitoring reports from completed CFRP projects. The subcommittee will meet in the fall of 2015 and report back to the panel with their findings. The following Panel members volunteered to serve on the subcommittee: Ron Loehman, Krys Nystrom, Jeremy Kruger, Carol Johnson. The Panel also identified the following people as additional subcommittee members: Eytan Krasilovsky (Forest Guild); Kent Reid (NMFWR); and Bob Barrens (UNM).

This report, the Panel Charter, the Federal Register Announcement for the Panel meeting and the 2015 RFA are available on the CFRP website (<http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/r3/cfrp>) or by contacting Walter Dunn, USDA Forest Service, 333 Broadway Blvd. SE, Albuquerque, NM 87102, telephone (505) 842-3425.

Application Review Process

The Panel reviewed CFRP grant applications in three categories: 1) Planning, assessment and NEPA compliance; 2) Small diameter tree utilization; and 3) Implementation of on the ground restoration treatments. The Forest Service provided the Panel with administrative notes regarding eligibility. The Panel used a consensus based process to develop strengths, weaknesses, and recommendations for each application. Panel members then independently scored each proposal on a scale of 0-5 indicating how well it addressed each of the evaluation criteria (0=not at all, 5=exceptionally well).

The Panel determined that two of the 23 applications were ineligible under the RFA and did not score them. Public comment periods were scheduled each day. Members of the public could bring application review matters to the attention of the Panel during those periods if they provided written comments to the Forest Service staff in advance. Public comments are included in Appendix F. After discussing all the proposals the Panel reviewed their comments and edited their recommendations as necessary for consistency.

Following the consistency review Panel members developed a process for scoring each proposal's effect on long-term management and assigned a weight of 1.63 to that criterion. The Panel considered the following in developing their score for a project's effect on long-term management:

- Best return on the investment to accomplish CFRP purposes and objectives.
- Innovation that makes appropriate forest management more cost efficient.
- Contribution to accomplishing larger landscape scale objectives.
- Part of a landscape scale effort within an area that leads to land and watershed protection.
- The ability to act as a catalyst to increase the effectiveness of projects beyond the one being proposed.
- Facilitates protection of communities from wildfire.
- Allows more flexibility in wildland fire management.
- Ability to create assets that are capable of generating net benefit streams past this project.
- Increases community awareness and acceptance of fire's role in the landscape.
- Creating and maintaining utilization infrastructure.
- Self-sustaining businesses.
- The extent to which the proposal builds on (innovation and experimentation) previous CFRP projects as opposed to repeating previous CFRP accomplishments.
- Maintaining local sustainable forest industries that provide land managers with a source (of workers) for removing excessive fuels and establishing healthy forests.
- Collaboration between using small diameter timber and a market based approach.
- Commitment to follow up first entry with second entry to avoid losing fire benefits gained.
- Most bang for the buck while protecting life and limb, creating jobs, utilizing materials and creating better managed forest.
- Dedication to culture of safety for forest workers, fire managers, youth and employees.
- Monitoring contributes significantly to current knowledge, either forest restoration or forest industry.

Forest Service staff calculated the average score for each application and created a table listing the applications from highest to lowest score in each of the three project categories (planning, utilization, and implementation).

Evaluation Criteria

Will the proposed project reduce the threat of large, high intensity wildfires and the negative effects of excessive competition between trees by restoring ecosystem functions (including healthy watersheds), structures, and species composition, including the reduction of non-native species populations?

1. Will the proposed project re-establish fire regimes approximating those that shaped forest ecosystems prior to fire suppression?
2. Will the proposed project replant trees in deforested areas, if they exist, in the proposed project area?
3. Will the proposed project improve the use of, or add value to, small diameter trees?
4. Will the proposed project include a diverse and balanced group of stakeholders as well as appropriate Federal, Tribal, State, County, Land Grant, and Municipal government representatives in the design and implementation of the project? (Conservation Groups are non-government, non-commodity groups whose objectives include forest restoration, biodiversity and/or habitat conservation, education and/or outreach.)
5. Does the proposal include a plan for a multiparty assessment that will:
6. Identify both the existing ecological condition of the proposed project area and the desired future condition; and
 - a. Monitor and report on the positive or negative impact and effectiveness of the project including improvements in local management skills and on the ground results?
 - b. Does the project proposal incorporate current scientific forest restoration information?
7. Will the proposed project preserve old and large trees?
8. Will the proposed project create local employment or training opportunities within the context of accomplishing restoration objectives and include summer youth job programs, such as the Youth Conservation Corps, where appropriate?
9. Have the proponents demonstrated the capability to successfully implement the proposed project?
10. Does the proposal facilitate landscape-scale, multi-jurisdictional efforts?
11. Is the proposed activity in a priority area for hazardous fuel reduction?
12. Is the cost of the project reasonable and within the range of the fair market value for similar work?

2015 CFRP Grant Application Panel Review Comments

CFRP 01-15: Rocky Mountain Ecology, LLC

PROJECT NUMBER:	CFRP 01-15 Rev
CATEGORY:	Planning
ORGANIZATION:	Rocky Mountain Ecology, LLC
FOREST:	Carson
PROJECT TITLE:	Planning: Multi-jurisdictional, Fire /Restoration Planning and Natural Resource Training in the 28,045-Acre White Peak Area, New Mexico
FUNDING REQUESTED:	\$ 286,602
MATCHING FUNDS:	\$ 71,650
TOTAL BUDGET:	\$ 358,252
EVALUATION SCORE:	55.26

Strengths:

1. The proposal included Cultural Resource Surveys (CRS), Mexican Spotted Owl Surveys (MSO), and forest stand exams in the Biological Assessment (BA) in preparation of the NEPA document.
2. The proposal included regional high-volume, value-added producers in the planning process.
3. The revised proposal includes a larger landscape and addresses the recommendations of the previous CFRP Panel by including the placement of permanent common stand exam plots.
4. The planning area is cross-jurisdictional. It includes New Mexico State Land Office (NMSLO) and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands and borders numerous, large ranches.
5. The area is identified as a high priority watershed and high priority wildfire risk in the New Mexico Statewide Assessment.
6. The Environmental Assessment (EA) will state that large and old trees within the project area shall be retained.
7. The SLO has put in a significant investment in this area since 2002.
8. The proposed project is close to or adjacent to past CFRP and other restoration projects on public land. It would build on those projects resulting in a larger landscape impact.
9. Rocky Mountain Ecology (RME) will create 5 jobs for foresters, biologists and archaeologists to complete the surveys.
10. Chimayo Conservation Corps (CCC), RME, and Northern New Mexico College (NNMC) will conduct an interdisciplinary natural resource training program for over 40 young adults to provide them with skills and direction for making future career choices.
11. The multiparty monitoring assessment will measure the degree to which the project accomplishes its objectives.
12. The project is well-matched; partners are providing both cash and in-kind nonfederal match.
13. This proposal is strengthened by the commitment of private landowners to allow access to the UU Bar Ranch to achieve the objectives of the project.

14. The proposal indicates that “once all NEPA activities are completed, the project partners intend to pursue other funding sources” for implementation.

Weaknesses: None.

Recommendations:

1. The proposal would have been strengthened by providing more detail on the young adult education event, such as learning outcomes and whether the event and its material are incorporated into the curriculum.
2. The proposal would have been strengthened by consultation with identified tribes regarding cultural resource surveys.
3. Although enhancing the recreational value of the landscape would be a positive outcome of the project, it is not a CFRP objective.

CFRP 02-15: Cimarron Watershed Alliance

PROJECT NUMBER:	CFRP 02-15 Rev
CATEGORY:	Planning
ORGANIZATION:	Cimarron Watershed Alliance
FOREST:	Carson
PROJECT TITLE:	Revision: Planning: Collaborative Restoration of Frequent Fire Ecosystems in the Ponil Creek Watershed
FUNDING REQUESTED:	\$ 256,040
MATCHING FUNDS:	\$ 64,026
TOTAL BUDGET:	\$ 320,066
EVALUATION SCORE:	Ineligible

Administrative Notes:

- The majority of the planning area would be located on the Forest Service Questa Ranger District, but the proposal did not include a letter of endorsement from them.
- The Panel determined that the proposal is ineligible for funding because the application package did not include a letter of endorsement from the land management agency as required under the 2015 CFRP Request for Applications.

Strengths:

1. This proposal incorporates a multijurisdictional planning area that includes land administered by the Forest Service and NM Department of Game and Fish.

2. The proposal listed a diverse group of partners which included a number of ranches and private landowners.
3. Philmont Scout Ranch would provide training on the benefits of forest restoration to 3,000 campers who visit Philmont, the Valle Vidal, and the Elliott Barker Wildlife Area annually.
4. This proposal builds on a large amount of previous forest restoration work in the area.
5. The proposal does a good job of leveraging funds from other sources, which allows the cost of the project to remain low in comparison to other proposals.
6. The proposal includes the majority of the upper Ponil watershed, which would contribute to landscape-scale restoration.
7. This proposed environmental analysis would consider replanting deforested areas as an alternative.
8. The letters of support from project collaborators were in-depth and specific, indicating a strong commitment to implementing the proposed project.
9. The multiparty monitoring plan would measure the degree to which the project accomplishes its objectives.
10. In their 2010 NM Statewide Assessment, New Mexico State Forestry (NMSF) identified the planning area as a high priority for collaborative stewardship.
11. The proposal incorporated the recommendations provided by the previous CFRP Panel in a complete and succinct way.
12. When implemented, the proposed project would have the potential to create up to 5 jobs in the small-diameter wood utilization industry.

Weaknesses: None.

Recommendations:

1. The applicant proposes to use federal funds to advertise in the local newspaper and to issue publications. The proposal would have been strengthened by including more specific detail on the content of these publications.

CFRP 03-15: Wildlife Diagnostics, LLC

PROJECT NUMBER:	CFRP 03-15
CATEGORY:	Planning
ORGANIZATION:	Wildlife Diagnostics, LLC
FOREST:	Lincoln
PROJECT TITLE:	Fuel Reduction using Biomass Torrefaction
FUNDING REQUESTED:	\$ 79,028
MATCHING FUNDS:	\$ 19,760
TOTAL BUDGET:	\$ 98,788
EVALUATION SCORE:	36.94

Administrative Notes:

- No signed certification forms.

Strengths:

1. The proposal addresses potential high-value added uses for low-value cellulose.
2. The proposal has potential benefits beyond CFRP for environmental and climate change impact. The feedstock has lower sulfur content than coal, so it would reduce the average sulfur content of the biochar/coal mixture. The gas produced by torrefaction has energy value that could be used for district heating. Co-firing has the added benefit of helping meet environmental regulations without reducing energy production.

Weaknesses:

1. The proposal lacks a commitment to measure the energy content of the char. It's not clear that trace element analysis is relevant to the intended use.
2. No information is given as to why trace element content should vary with pyrolysis conditions. Therefore, the statistical analysis would not be relevant.
3. The proposal mentions the creation of a business plan; however, the proposal would have been strengthened had the business plan already been written.
4. No specifics are given regarding potential customers for the biochar product.

Recommendations:

1. The research component of this proposal seems to be more suitable for Department of Energy (DOE) funding or other bioenergy research grant opportunities.
2. The Panel encourages the applicant to resubmit a revised proposal to the CFRP panel as a Utilization application.
3. The proposal would be strengthened by an analysis of potential market conditions for a biochar product and information on the amount of woody biomass the process would utilize.
4. The proposal would have been strengthened by exploring a cross-jurisdictional relationship with the Mescalero Apache Tribe.
5. The proposal would be strengthened by citing more literature on lessons learned from similar efforts such as those in central Oregon.

CFRP 04-15: Adelante Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc.

PROJECT NUMBER:	CFRP 04-15
CATEGORY:	Planning
ORGANIZATION:	Adelante Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc.
FOREST:	Santa Fe
PROJECT TITLE:	Capulin/Walker Flats NEPA Planning Project
FUNDING REQUESTED:	\$ 320,550
MATCHING FUNDS:	\$ 82,926
TOTAL BUDGET:	\$ 403,476
EVALUATION SCORE:	47.63

Strengths:

1. The proposed project is close to or adjacent to past restoration projects on both public and private lands and would build on those treatments resulting in a larger landscape impact.
2. The educational component as outlined in the commitment letter from the Principal of Mora High School is particularly strong. The commitment from the Mora Independent School District is detailed, specific, and comprehensive.
3. The proposal includes a strong project team with demonstrated collaborative track records.
4. This proposal is strengthened by including archaeological and wildlife surveys, which would facilitate project implementation.
5. The multi-party monitoring plan includes socioeconomic indicators that will capture jobs created during the planning process.
6. Ecological data will be collected for assessment by New Mexico Forest and Watershed Restoration Institute (NMFWRI) that may be useful during project implementation after the planning is complete.

Weaknesses:

1. Under Item H, Indirect Costs, in the detailed budget, the applicant shows a 38 percent nonfederal match for indirect costs. A percentage can only be used if the applicant has a negotiated indirect cost rate with a federal agency.
2. The multiparty monitoring plan does not adequately measure the degree to which the applicant would accomplish the project objectives.
3. The proposal makes no reference to preserving old and large trees.

Recommendations:

1. The proposal would be strengthened if the educational element occurred more than once per year.
2. The proposal would be strengthened if it included a commitment from NMFWRI to include the Mora Independent School District in monitoring.

3. Negotiate an indirect cost rate with the cognizant agency.
4. The proposal would be strengthened by the inclusion of a larger planning area.
5. If the project is funded, the applicants should consult with the Mora Land Grant Board of Trustees.
6. The proposal would be strengthened by adding indicators to the monitoring plan that are directly related to the accomplishment of the project objectives.

CFRP 05-15: Sustainable Ecosystems, LLC.

PROJECT NUMBER:	CFRP 05-15
CATEGORY:	Planning
ORGANIZATION:	Sustainable Ecosystems, LLC.
FOREST:	Santa Fe
PROJECT TITLE:	Forest Restoration Planning in American Park
FUNDING REQUESTED:	\$ 360,000
MATCHING FUNDS:	\$ 90,000
TOTAL BUDGET:	\$ 450,000
EVALUATION SCORE:	52.72

Administrative Notes:

- The Forest Service Cuba Ranger District and Southwestern Regional Office are listed separately in the table listing collaborator roles (Table 5), but the application only included a letter of endorsement from the Cuba Ranger District. The proponent clarified that the Regional Office told the applicant that a letter of commitment from the Region was not necessary because they already had a letter from the Cuba Ranger District. Based on that discussion the Panel concluded that a letter from the Regional Office was not necessary.
- The New Mexico Wildlife Federation (NMWF) is included in Table 5, which lists collaborator roles in the project, but the application did not include a letter of support from them. The RFA requires letters of commitment for partners identified in the narrative, i.e. the text. The Panel determined that there were no references to NMWF in the text of the narrative or the detailed budget and that their inclusion in the Table was an editing error. During the review of the proposal, the applicant clarified that he had removed all references to NMWF in the narrative and budget, but had missed deleting them from the table when NMWF was removed as a partner in the project.
- See Appendix F for public comment.

Strengths:

1. The proposed socio-economic monitoring team has clear indicators and plans to meet four times per year during the project period.

2. The proposal has a strong outreach and educational component, which includes working with REI, Inc. as a partner who will include a description of the project in their newsletter, five community outreach events, and eight educational events.
3. The proposal is strengthened by explicitly mentioning riparian restoration.
4. The proposal is strengthened by the inclusion of a large area that contains many headwater streams.
5. The letter of endorsement from the Forest Service Cuba Ranger District provides specific details and indicates strong support for the proposed project.
6. The maps are clear and descriptive.
7. The proposal builds upon several private land projects funded by New Mexico State Forestry Division and the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS).
8. The project would involve three Navajo chapters. Resolutions from the Tribes are included in the application indicating their full engagement in and support of the proposed project.
9. The proposal addressed the recommendations of the previous Panel. The applicant added citations and included an explanation of the role of the industry partners.
10. The proposal is strengthened by active participation from the relevant Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) community.

Weaknesses:

1. The proposal makes no reference to preserving old and large trees.

Recommendations:

1. The proposal would be strengthened by providing a description in the narrative of the current and desired condition of spruce-fir forests in the project area as cited in the scientific information that is included in the application.

CFRP 06-15: Rachel Wood Consulting

PROJECT NUMBER:	CFRP 06-15
CATEGORY:	Planning
ORGANIZATION:	Rachel Wood Consulting
FOREST:	Santa Fe
PROJECT TITLE:	Planning: Adding Value to New Mexico Wood through Branding and Chain-of-Custody
FUNDING REQUESTED:	\$ 329,056
MATCHING FUNDS:	\$ 82,264
TOTAL BUDGET:	\$ 411,320
EVALUATION SCORE:	49.17

Administrative Notes:

- Shiloh Old left the room for the Panel discussion at 11:34 am and returned at 12:15 pm.
- Shiloh Old left the room during the consistency review at 10:30 am and returned at 10:37 am.
- See Appendix F for public comment.

Strengths:

1. This proposal is strengthened by a diverse team of contributing partners as noted by in-kind match and roles.
2. The applicants and partners have experience in certification processes related to the project's objectives.
3. This proposal is an innovative approach to creating a value-added product that could increase the use of small diameter wood.
4. The proposal is strengthened by letters of support from the Cibola and Santa Fe National Forests.
5. The proposal has broad application across the National Forest System and other federal land.
6. The proposal is strengthened by the involvement of two tribal entities.
7. The proposal is strengthened by its outreach to a similar program in Colorado. The letter of commitment from the Colorado State Forest Service indicates they would provide \$3,000 in non-federal, in-kind match to the project.
8. The proposal clearly states it will protect and preserve large and old trees to enhance wildlife and bird habitat.

Weaknesses: None.

Recommendations:

1. Outreach to the Intertribal Timber Council to see if they want to participate.
2. Consider the socio-economic impacts on local communities of value-added products and the intended destination of the products.

CFRP 07-15: BRL Services, Inc.

PROJECT NUMBER:	CFRP 07-15
CATEGORY:	Utilization
ORGANIZATION:	BRL Services, Inc.
FOREST:	Cibola
PROJECT TITLE:	Increasing Utilization Efficiency in the Zuni Mountain CFLRP
FUNDING REQUESTED:	\$ 360,000
MATCHING FUNDS:	\$ 90,000
TOTAL BUDGET:	\$ 450,000

EVALUATION SCORE: 55.74

Strengths:

1. The proposal builds on past CFRP project investments with Mount Taylor Machine (MTM). The project would also leverage Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program (CFLRP) funding, which can be used for project implementation but not equipment purchase.
2. The proposal was strengthened by citing scientific literature, including references to the implications of climate change.
3. The proposed project would double the number of acres treated in the Zuni Mountains CFLRP from 1,000 acres to 2,000 acres annually.
4. The inclusion of Cibola County Commission is significant because most counties have little involvement in or awareness of forest restoration.
5. The applicants included a comparison of lease versus purchase.
6. The application includes a letter from MTM committing to purchase and utilize wood from future forest restoration projects in the project area.
7. The proposed equipment would reduce site disturbance.
8. The proposal is strengthened by the plan to use a high percentage of small diameter material for value-added products, such as chips and pellets.
9. The proposed project would add two new jobs at BRL and lead to additional jobs at MTM.
10. The project area has been identified by the Cibola National Forest as the number one priority watershed in their Watershed Condition Framework.
11. The multi-party monitoring plan includes the measurement of business related socio-economic indicators at more frequent time intervals than usually seen in CFRP grant applications.

Weaknesses:

1. The proposal lacks adequate or in-depth information about the educational component.

Recommendations:

1. The proposal would be strengthened by clearly identifying the socio-economic indicators.

CFRP 08-15: Spotted Owl Timber, Inc.

PROJECT NUMBER:	CFRP 08-15
CATEGORY:	Utilization
ORGANIZATION:	Spotted Owl Timber, Inc.
FOREST:	Santa Fe
PROJECT TITLE:	Creating a Sustainable Market for the Utilization of Small Diameter Trees by Providing a Renewable Source of Materials and Maintaining Healthier Forests (CPM) -- Revised
FUNDING REQUESTED:	\$ 359,603
MATCHING FUNDS:	\$ 89,994
TOTAL BUDGET:	\$ 449,597
EVALUATION SCORE:	49.78

Administrative Notes:

- Shiloh Old left the room for the Panel discussion at 2:08 pm and returned at 2:41 pm.
- Shiloh Old left the room at 11:00 am during the consistency review and returned at 11:07 am
- See Appendix F for public comment.

Strengths:

1. If the application is funded it will create three jobs.
2. The proposal addressed the recommendations from the 2014 Panel.
3. The proponent has a long history in the timber industry and has demonstrated the ability over the years to adapt his products to local needs.
4. The proposed equipment purchase would allow the applicant to diversify their product line to meet specific market demands leading to an increase in amount of small diameter material they utilize.
5. The proposal would increase the applicant's agility to meet variations in market demand.
6. The applicant would collaborate with the Santa Fe Community College (SFCC) Biofuel Center of Excellence. Students would earn college credit for their participation in the project.

Weaknesses:

1. The proposal would be strengthened by including a comparison of leasing equipment versus purchasing it.

Recommendations:

1. The proposal would be strengthened by including the schools on the monitoring team.

CFRP 09-15: Conley's Limber Mill, LLC

PROJECT NUMBER:	CFRP 09-15
CATEGORY:	Utilization
ORGANIZATION:	Conley's Limber Mill, LLC
FOREST:	Santa Fe
PROJECT TITLE:	Complimenting Firewood Communities
FUNDING REQUESTED:	\$ 360,000
MATCHING FUNDS:	\$ 90,000
TOTAL BUDGET:	\$ 450,000
EVALUATION SCORE:	50.67

Strengths:

1. This project proposes extensive collaboration with pueblos and regional land grants, and there is a strong component of community support.
2. The applicant's proposed equipment purchase would increase their capacity to produce firewood resulting in a decrease in the price of firewood.
3. The project would result in the hiring of up to three additional workers.
4. The education and outreach to multiple communities strengthens the application.
5. The project would utilize wood from current CFLRP sources, and would build upon past CFRP grants to other companies.

Weaknesses:

1. The proposal would be strengthened by including a comparison of leasing equipment versus purchasing it.

Recommendations:

1. The application would be strengthened by including a letter from a potential client who would purchase high volumes of bundled firewood. That would be indicative of an emerging market as well as the applicant's efforts.
2. The proposal would be strengthened by including a job creation indicator in the Multiparty Socio-economic Monitoring Plan, especially as it pertains to the high volume production of bundled firewood.

CFRP 10-15: Roger Tucker, Inc.

PROJECT NUMBER:	CFRP 10-15 Rev.
CATEGORY:	Utilization
ORGANIZATION:	Roger Tucker, Inc.
FOREST:	Santa Fe
PROJECT TITLE:	Utilization: Expanding Capacity and Utilization of Small Diameter Trees - Revision
FUNDING REQUESTED:	\$ 360,000
MATCHING FUNDS:	\$ 90,000
TOTAL BUDGET:	\$ 450,000
EVALUATION SCORE:	52.73

Administrative Notes:

- Jemez Pueblo and Jemez Pueblo Youth are listed on two separate lines in the Collaborator Table (Table 1), but there is only one letter from Jemez Pueblo. The Panel determined that the Jemez Pueblo Youth is not an organization with a structure that would allow someone to write a letter on their behalf, so the letter from the Governor of Jemez Pueblo, which addresses the youth component of the project, is sufficient.

Strengths:

1. The proposal is strengthened by including strong letters of endorsement from both the Santa Fe and Cibola National Forests.
2. The proposed project would lead to increased utilization of small diameter timber from CFLRP and CFRP sources and the ability to transport wood products to out-of-area clients.
3. The socioeconomic report from 2012 that was included with the application demonstrates the applicant's ability to utilize the equipment being requested.
4. The proposal is strengthened by the partnerships with Jemez Pueblo and Santa Clara Pueblo.
5. The proposed project would create three new jobs.
6. The proponent has a market for all of the wood chips he can produce.

Weaknesses:

1. The proposal would be strengthened by including a comparison of leasing equipment versus purchasing it.

Recommendations:

1. The table listing project partners should only have one line per entity. The Jemez Pueblo line should include the Jemez Pueblo youth elements.

2. In the detailed budget for Year 1 under “Other”, remove the travel stipend for NWTf to attend the annual CFRP multiparty monitoring team meeting. Travel for NWTf should be included in the travel budget line and be based on federal travel and Per Diem rates.

CFRP 11-15: Caro’s General Works

PROJECT NUMBER:	CFRP 11-15
CATEGORY:	Implementation
ORGANIZATION:	Caro’s General Works
FOREST:	Carson
PROJECT TITLE:	Implementation: Forest and Watershed Health Improvement Project to Benefit Multi-Jurisdictions
FUNDING REQUESTED:	\$ 337,749
MATCHING FUNDS:	\$ 84,437
TOTAL BUDGET:	\$ 422,186
EVALUATION SCORE:	44.75

Administrative Notes:

- Krys Nystrom left the panel room for the Panel discussion at 3:57 pm and returned at 4:30 pm.
- Krys Nystrom left the room during the consistency review at 11:12 am and returned at 11:13 am.

Strengths:

1. This project would develop a well-trained workforce for future restoration operations. The training would include restoration-based skills, ecological monitoring, and forest workers’ safety.
2. The proposed project is adjacent to and builds on previous CFRP accomplishments.

Weaknesses:

1. There is little information in the proposal which would suggest utilization of wood by value-added producers in the area.
2. No specific site information is included to justify the higher than average cost per acre of treatment.

Recommendations:

1. The proposal would be strengthened by including a detailed description of the distribution of firewood to communities.

2. The proposal would be strengthened by including information on the site specific conditions such as density, slope, and access that affect the cost per acre of treatment.

CFRP 12-15: Andy Chacon Forest Restoration Company

PROJECT NUMBER:	CFRP 12-15
CATEGORY:	Implementation
ORGANIZATION:	Andy Chacon Forest Restoration Company
FOREST:	Carson
PROJECT TITLE:	Implementation: Agua/Caballos Forest Restoration and Improvement Project (Revision)
FUNDING REQUESTED:	\$ 360,000
MATCHING FUNDS:	\$90,000
TOTAL BUDGET:	\$450,000
EVALUATION SCORE:	47.01

Administrative Notes: None

Strengths:

1. This project would provide material to an already existing wood market. The proposal includes numerous letters of support from project partners who commit to purchasing latillas from the project site.
2. The proposal is strengthened by the diverse and extensive list of partners that includes acequia associations, livestock associations, and an environmental advocacy group (Carson Forest Watch).
3. The proposal is strengthened by the commitment of livestock associations to rest treatment areas from grazing as needed.
4. The proposal is strengthened by the level of engagement of the partners as evidenced in the table of collaborators.
5. The monitoring plan and partners leverage existing monitoring in the Vallecitos Sustained Yield Unit.
6. The proponents addressed the previous Panel's comments.
7. The revised application increased the number of acres to be treated from 293 to 422.
8. The proposal is strengthened by explicit mention of aspen regeneration treatments.
9. The proposed treatments would occur in areas near one of the prime cold water fisheries in northern New Mexico.

Weaknesses:

1. The proposal would be strengthened by including a comparison of leasing equipment versus purchasing it.

Recommendations:

1. Dual use equipment such as a passenger pick-up truck, though necessary for project implementation, should be purchased through other sources.

CFRP 13-15: Rocky Mountain Youth Corps (RMYC)

PROJECT NUMBER:	13-15 Rev.
CATEGORY:	Implementation
ORGANIZATION:	Rocky Mountain Youth Corps (RMYC)
FOREST:	Carson
PROJECT TITLE:	El Medio Forest Renewal through Thinning (Revision)
FUNDING REQUESTED:	\$360,000
MATCHING FUNDS:	\$90,000
TOTAL BUDGET:	\$450,000
EVALUATION SCORE:	56.30

Administrative Notes: None

Strengths:

1. This proposal includes an educational component which would provide credit for a dual enrollment program through University of New Mexico at Taos.
2. The proposal includes a discussion of current scientific publications as they relate to the project objectives, including the proposed work in Pinyon-juniper woodlands.
3. Forty-eight jobs would be created.
4. Seven community partners would conduct community outreach across the county using a fire-adapted, Firewise curriculum.
5. The proposal is strengthened by partnership with the conservation group Rivers and Birds.
6. The proposal is strengthened by its location in a Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) area.
7. The project would build on previous projects in the area. It would be the final treatment in the associated fuel break.
8. The proponents plan to distribute firewood to low-income families and the elderly and leave small-diameter wood on site for wood gathering by local residents.
9. The applicant addressed the previous Panel's recommendations.
10. The proponent has demonstrated their capacity to conduct training programs. Twenty-three RMYC-CFRP alumni have found employment in the forestry sector with Taos Pueblo, BLM, Forest Service, and other organizations.
11. The range permittee collaborating on the project has agreed to move cattle, if needed, during the scheduled grazing period (June-September). After the restoration treatment, the area would not be grazed until 2019 to allow the understory vegetation to recover.

Weaknesses:

1. The methodologies for migratory bird surveys are inconsistent throughout the proposal.

Recommendations:

1. Following past Panel recommendations, the proponent may want to time treatments to avoid the nesting season of migratory birds.
2. Consider conducting nesting bird surveys if treatments would occur during nesting season or avoid implementation during nesting season.
3. The proposal would have been strengthened by consultation with identified tribes regarding cultural resource surveys.
4. The proposal would have been strengthened by including letters of support from local forest industry, such as Olguin’s Sawmill, to establish the viability of value-added products.
5. The applicant should consider the Forest Service’s mitigation measures listed in the Decision Memo to reseed disturbed areas with native grasses following implementation.

CFRP 14-15: Joe Gurule and Son

PROJECT NUMBER:	CFRP 14-15
CATEGORY:	Implementation
ORGANIZATION:	Joe Gurule and Son
FOREST:	Carson
PROJECT TITLE:	Implementation: Restoration and Educational Opportunities in the Agua Caballos - Revision
FUNDING REQUESTED:	\$360,000
MATCHING FUNDS:	\$90,000
TOTAL BUDGET:	\$450,000
EVALUATION SCORE:	50.45

Administrative Notes: None

Strengths:

1. The proposal is strengthened by the diverse and extensive list of partners, including acequia associations, livestock associations, and an environmental advocacy group (Carson Forest Watch).
2. The proposal is strengthened by the commitment of livestock associations to rest treatment areas from grazing as needed.
3. The educational component of this grant is strong. It includes a partnership with Los Alamos National Laboratory Foundation to expand an inquiry-based science program for regional schools.

4. The proposal includes numerous letters of support from partners who commit to purchasing latillas from the project site.
5. The proposal includes aspen regeneration treatments.
6. Carson Forest Watch would be providing input on the seasonal timing of activities to ensure wildlife and nesting bird needs are met.
7. The project would build on numerous current and completed CFRP treatments in the Vallecitos Federal Sustained Yield Unit (VFSYU).
8. The proposal is strengthened by the level of engagement of the partners as evidenced in the table of collaborators.

Weaknesses:

1. The cost per acre of the work in this proposal is high in comparison to other proposals for this year.
2. The proposal would be strengthened by including a comparison of leasing equipment versus purchasing it.

Recommendations:

1. The proposal would be strengthened by including a description of the site specific conditions, including density, slope, and access, that affect the cost per acre of treatment.
2. The applicant should consider a larger treatment area to lower the cost per acre and create a more landscape-scale restoration project.
3. The proposal would have been stronger by incorporating current scientific forest restoration information and site-specific information. It is not clear in the Statement of Need how recent fires have affected fuel loads and fire hazard in the planning area, although it is acknowledged that pretreatment data has yet to be collected.

CFRP 15-15: Chimayo Conservation Corps, Inc.

PROJECT NUMBER:	CFRP 15-15
CATEGORY:	Implementation
ORGANIZATION:	Chimayo Conservation Corps, Inc.
FOREST:	Carson
PROJECT TITLE:	Chimayo Conservation Corps: Training Young Adults and Veterans in Watershed Restoration, Forest Structure and Function Across Multi-Jurisdictions.
FUNDING REQUESTED:	\$360,000
MATCHING FUNDS:	\$90,000
TOTAL BUDGET:	\$450,000
EVALUATION SCORE:	47.54

Administrative Notes:

- Krys Nystrom left the room for the Panel discussion at 6:23pm, and returned at 7:10pm.
- Krys Nystrom left the room during the consistency review of this project at 11:38 am and returned at 11:40 am.

Strengths:

1. The cost per acre of this project is relatively low in comparison to other projects reviewed by the Panel this year.
2. The project would be multijurisdictional. The proposed treatment areas include Forest Service and New Mexico State Land Office land.
3. The Forest Service Camino Real Ranger District is committed to implementing the project and completing prescribed fire activities after thinning is complete.
4. The project would create 12 to 15 jobs and the implementation team would be comprised of veterans and youth.
5. The socio-economic and ecologic indicators in the multi-party monitoring plan relate directly to the objectives.
6. The proposal is strengthened by the applicant's commitment to utilize small-diameter material to produce fuelwood, latillas, and vigas.
7. The proposal has a stated goal of fostering the creation of an additional forest restoration business.

Weaknesses:

1. The budget for project administration and supplies is excessive relative to the work tasks proposed.

2. The letter from the lead contractor, Caro's General Works, provides no specific commitment to participate in project implementation, nor is this task identified in Table 1 as being one of his responsibilities.

Recommendations:

1. Implementation bids should be solicited from thinning contractors prior to proposal submission and the bids should be included in the proposal.
2. Negotiate an indirect cost rate with the cognizant federal agency.
3. The proposal would have been strengthened by including a letter from a contractor indicating his or her commitment to hiring veterans.

CFRP 16-15: Forest Fitness

PROJECT NUMBER:	CFRP 16-15
CATEGORY:	Implementation
ORGANIZATION:	Forest Fitness
FOREST:	Carson
PROJECT TITLE:	Multi-Jurisdictional, Landscape-Scale Restoration in the Rio Grande Del Norte National Monument, Taos County, New Mexico- Revision
FUNDING REQUESTED:	\$360,000
MATCHING FUNDS:	\$90,000
TOTAL BUDGET:	\$450,000
EVALUATION SCORE:	57.95

Administrative Notes: None

Strengths:

1. The proposal was strengthened by the multijurisdictional treatment areas including the New Mexico State Land Office (NMSLO), BLM, and the Rio Grande Del Norte National Monument.
2. The project would create uneven-aged stands, which would increase landscape diversity.
3. The project would create 14 seasonal jobs and two full-time jobs. Chimayo Conservation Corps would select and train 6 to 8 local youth in natural resource management and monitoring skills that are transferable to future employment.
4. The project would produce approximately 2,000 cords of wood that would be available for local residence. The BLM and NMSLO will sell firewood for \$12 a cord with a maximum purchase of 8 cords of per household per year.
5. The BLM letter of endorsement states that they will work diligently to fund the necessary follow up prescribed fire treatments within the CFRP project treatment areas.

6. The proposed project would implement forest restoration treatments on 674 acres within a 29,000 acre planning matrix of BLM and NMSLO land in the Rio Del Norte National Monument.
7. The proposal was strengthened by the commitment of the grazing permittee to defer grazing immediately post treatment.
8. To minimize impacts to migratory birds, mechanical treatments will not occur during the migratory bird breeding and nesting season (April-July).
9. The proposal is significantly strengthened by the clear and specific writing, specifically Table 2, which clearly shows the beneficiaries and what the benefits are.
10. The cost of treatment is less than \$400 per acre.
11. There is a detailed, descriptive statement of need for this specific area.
12. The maps were reproduced well and showed topography at the appropriate scale. They allowed the panel to understand the location of the proposed project.
13. The proposal addressed the recommendations from the 2014 Panel.
14. The proposal is strengthened by clear monitoring indicators that are related to the desired future conditions.
15. This area is a WUI and critical winter range for big game (Mule deer & Elk). It's an important migration corridor.

Weaknesses:

1. There was no letter of support from the main conservation groups who helped create the monument.

Recommendation:

1. Collaborate with the San Antonio Rio de Colorado Land Grant if the project is funded.
2. Use the same metric to describe the desired condition for piñon juniper in both the narrative and the multiparty monitoring table.

CFRP 17-15: Alamo Navajo School Board, Inc.

PROJECT NUMBER:	CFRP 17-15
CATEGORY:	Implementation
ORGANIZATION:	Alamo Navajo School Board, Inc.
FOREST:	Cibola
PROJECT TITLE:	Building Economic Efficiency through Workforce Development
FUNDING REQUESTED:	\$360,000
MATCHING FUNDS:	\$90,000
TOTAL BUDGET:	\$450,000
EVALUATION SCORE:	57.25

Administrative Notes:

- No certifications were included with the application, but the Panel determined that the wording in the RFA was inconsistent on which certifications were required. The applicant clarified that they have the certifications on file for their current CFRP grant, and new certifications will be signed before the Forest Service can award a new grant.
- Shiloh Old left the room for the Panel discussion of this proposal at 9:38 am and returned at 10:11am.
- Shiloh Old left the room for the Panel consistency review of the proposal at 11:45 am and returned at 11:51am.
- See Appendix F for public comment related to this application.

Strengths:

1. The proposal is strengthened by using designation by prescription in the treatment areas and by analyzing any potential cost savings in doing so.
2. The project would be a rigorous test of a new technique for implementing forest restoration treatments on national forests.
3. This proposal includes diverse training opportunities that are related to the planning and implementation of forest restoration projects.
4. This project would address one of the principal constraints to accomplishing forest restoration on a landscape scale by resolving the shortage of trained people to mark and prepare timber sales.
5. This project would be an important opportunity to operationalize the prescriptions envisioned by GTR 310.
6. The project would have the potential of developing a process that could be replicated on national forests throughout the west. The lessons learned from this project could be broadly applicable.
7. Other work has been done in the project area through CFRP and other agreements.
8. This project would contribute to accomplishing restoration at a landscape scale.
9. The applicant has successfully implemented prior CFRP projects.
10. This proposal is strengthened by the detailed description of the four-week training program that will be provided.
11. The project is strengthened by using existing youth monitoring programs that have successful track records.

Weaknesses: None.

Recommendations: None.

CFRP 18-15: South Central Mountain Resource Conservation and Development Council

PROJECT NUMBER:	CFRP 18-15
CATEGORY:	Implementation
ORGANIZATION:	South Central Mountain Resource Conservation and Development Council
FOREST:	Lincoln
PROJECT TITLE:	Interagency Cooperative Prescribed Fire Implementation
FUNDING REQUESTED:	\$352,500
MATCHING FUNDS:	\$85,776
TOTAL BUDGET:	\$438,276
EVALUATION SCORE:	54.11

Administrative Notes: None

Strengths:

1. The proposal includes the Nature Conservancy and their TREX training program.
2. The project would engage stakeholders to accept the use of prescribed fire in NM. Broad based training opportunities for local communities would include volunteer fire departments.
3. The inclusion and participation in the Fire Learning Network (FLN) and the Fire Adaptive Communities Learning Network (FACLN) meetings is significant as it promotes sharing both successes and failures on a national level which is critical to furthering the National Cohesive Strategy.
4. The addition of the NM Prescribed Fire Council as a partner will be a significant aid in promoting prescribed fire in the state.
5. The proposal builds on past CFRP projects and will generate lessons learned that can facilitate larger scale restoration treatments across the state.
6. This project boasts a broad list of collaborators, most of whom have provided very detailed and robust letters of support and commitment. The BLM, the Cibola National Forest Supervisor, and the Forest Service Sacramento District Ranger all provided letters of endorsement.
7. The proponents would host prescribed burning training assignments on the 37,333 acre Jim Lewis analysis area, one of the largest landscape assessments.
8. This project would reintroduce fire to 2,000 acres of fire adapted ecosystems on six agency jurisdictions.
9. The proponent has demonstrated their ability to build relationships and agreements with often contentious partners in previous CFRP projects.
10. The partnerships created through the project will help agencies work together in implementing future burn projects.
11. Indications are that if successful, all districts involved plan to continue a coordinated prescribed fire program after the CFRP project ends.

Weaknesses:

1. The monitoring plan could be strengthened by including a more detailed description of the ecological monitoring plan.
2. The SF 424-A, section B, combines both the federal and non-federal funding. The applicant will need to clarify the sources of non-federal match prior to award.

Recommendations:

1. When writing burn plans the proponent and the project partners should consider recent scientific information on fuel loadings that may impact old and large trees.
2. The proponent should consider obtaining letters of support from local volunteer fire departments.

CFRP 19-15: Northeastern Contractors, LLC

PROJECT NUMBER:	CFRP 19-15
CATEGORY:	Implementation
ORGANIZATION:	Northeastern Contractors, LLC
FOREST:	Carson
PROJECT TITLE:	Multi-Jurisdiction, Watershed Scale Restoration in Barbero Canyon on Rowe Mesa, New Mexico
FUNDING REQUESTED:	\$360,000
MATCHING FUNDS:	\$90,000
TOTAL BUDGET:	\$450,000
EVALUATION SCORE:	48.52

Administrative Notes:

- See Appendix F for public comment related to this application.

Strengths:

1. The proponent has a strong history of successful CFRP project implementation in the area.
2. The project would build on past CFRP projects in the area, including one adjacent to the proposed treatment site.
3. This project would leverage funding from EQIP and other sources.
4. The project would treat 1,400 acres.
5. The New Mexico Wilderness Alliance would be a partner in the environmental education component of the project.
6. The Barbero permittees have committed to resting the treatment area before and after treatment.

7. A very low treatment cost per acre is made possible by using equipment purchased through a previous CFRP grant. On average, treatment cost is \$167 per acre. The proposal is further strengthened by providing examples of two different treatment costs based on intensity of treatment and on the ground conditions.
8. The proposal includes a discussion of current scientific publications and references the Margolis et al. study.
9. The project would create 13 jobs.
10. The University of Arizona and Northeastern Contractors have agreed to share existing monitoring information between past and current projects, which would enable this project to make adjustment to treatment prescriptions and to improve project results.
11. The Forest Service is committed to conducting prescribed burns following treatment.
12. The proposal is strengthened by the solid relationship with the Pecos School District and a planned training program for 40 to 50 students.

Weaknesses:

1. SF424-A, Section A, shows no nonfederal match. The applicant indicates \$263,290 for construction, which is not allowed under CFRP, but that amount shows up under contractual in the detailed budget.
2. The narrative of the proposal did not mention the preservation of old and large trees but did reference documents that discuss it.
3. The application did not have a list of all tribes or pueblos contacted. A letter was sent to Zuni Pueblo, but it was not clear if letters were sent to other tribes. The proponent clarified that letters were sent to all affected tribes during the Panel discussion.
4. The proposal would be strengthened by including a comparison of leasing equipment versus purchasing it.

Recommendations:

1. Clarify the nonfederal match in the SF424-A, and rectify the differences in contractual and contracting budget lines in the detailed budget and form SF424-A.
2. Describe in more detail how the proposed treatments address components in the Rowe Mesa Watershed Restoration Action Strategy.
3. Include a list of all of the tribes the proponent sent letters to should be included in the application.

CFRP 20-15: Padilla Logging Restoration

PROJECT NUMBER:	CFRP 20-15
CATEGORY:	Implementation
ORGANIZATION:	Padilla Logging Restoration
FOREST:	Santa Fe
PROJECT TITLE:	Cordova's Landscape Restoration Project
FUNDING REQUESTED:	\$359,981
MATCHING FUNDS:	\$89,991
TOTAL BUDGET:	\$449,972
EVALUATION SCORE:	51.73

Administrative Notes:

- The executive summary is a full page, not a half page as instructed in the RFA.

Strengths:

1. The proposal includes the Sierra Club, San Joaquin del Rio de Chama Land Grant, and forest product businesses as project partners.
2. The proposal does a good job of incorporating regional forest products producers. A number of letters from local sawmills commit to purchase material from this project area if it is funded.
3. The proposal mentions the existence of a current business plan, which incorporates potential CFRP investments into long-term business management plans.
4. The Coyote Ranger District has agreed to reintroduce surface fire through prescribed burning on 3 to 5 year intervals.
5. The applicant plans to purchase the feller-buncher equipment with their own funds.
6. The proposed treatment area is identified as a high priority in the 2008 Rio Arriba Community Wildfire Protection Plan.
7. The proposed wood utilization plan would provide a diverse range of value-added wood products, including lumber and vigas.
8. The proponent would provide professional training and education to project partners.

Weaknesses:

1. The executive summary in the proposal exceeded the half-page limit as specified in the RFA.

Recommendations:

1. Revisit the units used to determine the personnel costs for the project coordinator in line with federal grant regulations.

CFRP 21-15: WildEarth Guardians

PROJECT NUMBER:	CFRP 21-15
CATEGORY:	Implementation
ORGANIZATION:	WildEarth Guardians
FOREST:	Santa Fe
PROJECT TITLE:	Valles Caldera-Cerro Seco Watershed Restoration Implementation
FUNDING REQUESTED:	\$359,940
MATCHING FUNDS:	\$89,986
TOTAL BUDGET:	\$449,926
EVALUATION SCORE:	Ineligible

Administrative Notes:

- Executive summary exceeds a full page, not a half page as instructed in the RFA.
- The Panel determined that the proposal is ineligible for funding the applicant indicated that “small-diameter material removed from the planning area will be locally processed by Walatowa Timber”, but there was no letter from Walatowa Timber committing to that role.
- See Appendix F for public comment related to this application.

Strengths:

1. This project proposes an in-depth volunteer component, and 20 to 25 volunteers would be utilized each year throughout the project period.
2. This project would address a source of sediment runoff into the Rio San Antonio.
3. The proposed decommissioning of 3.5 miles of unauthorized roads would address a source of sediment runoff into the Rio San Antonio.
4. The project would use wood coming from the implementation area in local, value-added products.
5. The Pueblo of Jemez and the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) are partners.
6. Thinning crews from the YCC and Pueblo of Jemez will be contracted to perform on the ground implementation, which would provide valuable professional training and employment opportunities for New Mexico youth in the forest industry.
7. The project would retain larger vegetative structural stages 5 and 6 in Ponderosa pine and mixed conifer stands; in other words, the proposal would retain large-diameter and old trees.
8. The proposal incorporates the Forest Service Watershed Restoration Action Plan, the Southwest Jemez CFLRP, and the Jemez Watershed Restoration Action Strategy.
9. A particular strength in the proposal is the detailed vegetative characterization of the project area as exemplified by Table 1 and associated narratives.
10. The proposal includes references sufficient scientific literature regarding treatment prescriptions and watershed restoration.
11. WildEarth Guardians, an environmental advocacy organization, is taking the lead on implementing forest restoration work.

12. The directors of WildEarth Guardians, who will be involved in this project, have extensive multiparty monitoring experience.

Weaknesses:

1. The executive summary in the proposal exceeded the half-page limit specified in the RFA.
2. At the time the proposal was submitted, Valles Caldera Trust was administered by the Forest Service. The proposal included letters of endorsement from the Forest Service and the Valles Caldera Trust. Recent legislation, however, transferred the Valles Caldera to the National Park Service, so there should be a letter of endorsement from them as the relevant land management agency.
3. No letter of support is included from any regional wood products business. Walatowa Industries is mentioned in budget narrative and executive summary but they are not listed as a collaborator. There is no letter of support from Walatowa Industries in the Appendices of the application.
4. The desired conditions described in the narrative are not adequately reflected in the indicators in the ecological monitoring plan.
5. The multiparty monitoring plan does not measure the degree to which the applicant would accomplish the objectives of the project.

Recommendations:

1. If this proposal is funded, seek clarification from the National Park Service regarding implementation guidelines, and limitations related to treatment and wood utilization.
2. In the detailed budget, chainsaws, valued at less than \$5000, should be moved to supplies, and the heavy equipment and chipper rental should be moved to contractual line.
3. The proposal would be strengthened by hiring a contractor with existing heavy equipment in order to avoid the high cost of renting heavy and activity-specific equipment.
4. The proposal would be strengthened by clarifying the roles of the monitoring team.

CFRP 22-15: Los Alamos County Fire Dept

PROJECT NUMBER:	CFRP 22-15
CATEGORY:	Implementation
ORGANIZATION:	Los Alamos County Fire Dept.
FOREST:	Carson
PROJECT TITLE:	Rendija Canyon Mitigation Project
FUNDING REQUESTED:	\$315,000
MATCHING FUNDS:	\$63,000
TOTAL BUDGET:	\$378,000
EVALUATION SCORE:	Ineligible

Administrative Notes:

- The project would be implemented on non-federal land, but there is no letter from the Forest Service indicating that the responsible official has reviewed the environmental documents from DOE, or that the Forest Service Official has determined that the requirements have been met, or that there is sufficient information which to base an agency decision if the proponent receives federal funding.
- There is no documentation that letters were sent to potentially affected Tribes/Pueblos.
- There was no letter from San Ildefonso supporting their role as a project partner.
- The proposal lacked key personnel information.
- The Panel determined that the proposal is ineligible for funding. The proposal lacked letters to all potentially affected Tribes and there was no letter from San Ildefonso Pueblo, who was listed as a project partner. Additionally, the proposal lacked a letter Los Alamos County, the responsible land management agency.

Strengths:

1. The project would provide Firewise community education to the public.
2. The narrative includes an in-depth statement of need which provided a clear context for the proposed project.
3. The project area is at high-risk for wildfire.

Weaknesses:

1. The proposal would be strengthened by revising the monitoring and evaluation plan on page 10 and 11.
2. The proposal does not explain how the project would utilize the material thinned or removed from the project site. It appears that the project would not improve the use of or add value to small-diameter trees in any way.
3. The quoted contract for mitigation seems, on a per acre basis, significantly higher than other proposals.
4. The proposal lacks relevant conservation interests as partners in the project.
5. The proposal would be strengthened by incorporating strategies which would retain large and old trees.
6. The statement of need exceeded the one-half page limit.

Recommendations:

1. The application should include a list of key personnel and their qualifications (resumes, CVs); letters from all partners listed as collaborators; and an example letter sent to tribes and pueblos with a list of all addressed tribes and pueblos.
2. Provide a map of the project area.

3. Clarify that no CFRP funds will be used to conduct treatment on private property. Outreach to landowners regarding defensible space and fire-adapted communities are consistent with the CFRP program objectives.
4. The proposal would be strengthened by incorporating ongoing collaboration with local schools regarding Firewise principles.
5. Remove LANL-specific documents from the application package that do not pertain to the proposed project.
6. Obtain a letter of endorsement from the County of Los Alamos as the land management agency.
7. Provide an in-depth analysis of the socioeconomic impacts of the project, i.e. number of jobs created or maintained.
8. Broaden the list of partners and collaborators to include more land management agencies and conservation groups with relevant expertise and interest, such as NMSF, NRCS, Sierra Club, USFS, NPS, etc.
9. Review funded CFRP projects, attend the CFRP annual workshops, and review the eligibility requirements in the CFRP Request for Applications.
10. If a revised application is submitted, the County of Los Alamos would need to ensure that there is sufficient information for a federal official to approve an agency NEPA decision for the proposed ground disturbing activities.

CFRP 23-15: Ohkay Owingeh

PROJECT NUMBER:	CFRP 23-15
CATEGORY:	Implementation
ORGANIZATION:	Ohkay Owingeh
FOREST:	Santa Fe
PROJECT TITLE:	Riparian Restoration at Three Pueblos- An Intertribal Collaboration
FUNDING REQUESTED:	\$360,000
MATCHING FUNDS:	\$90,000
TOTAL BUDGET:	\$450,000
EVALUATION SCORE:	53.48

Administrative Notes:

- Shiloh Old left room for the Panel discussion at 3:09 pm, and returned at 3:54 pm.
- Shiloh Old left the room for the consistency review at 2:03 pm, and returned at 2:08 pm.

Strengths:

1. The proposal is strengthened by the multi-tribal collaboration.
2. The proposal is strengthened by treatment located to address the fire risk in riparian areas.
3. The proposal includes a native tree component, specifically the planting of 9,036 seedlings.

4. The project would remove invasive species which have reduced hydrologic function that has resulted in an increased risk of widespread wildfire.
5. The proposal includes Audubon New Mexico and the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) as partners.
6. The project would build on several prior CFRP projects and a variety of other non-CFRP funded projects.
7. The project would test different re-sprouting control methods which are directly applicable to the Pueblo's opportunities and limitations.
8. The project would involve over 80 youth and support 29 jobs.
9. The project would improve the use of and add value to non-native, exotic species. Old Wood, LLC would use Russian olive, Chinese elm, and salt cedar to make wood paneling and flooring.

Weaknesses:

1. The monitoring plan and indicators should link directly back to the project objectives. The comparison of re-sprouting treatments described in detail in the narrative is not reflected in the indicators for the monitoring plan.

Recommendations: None.

Panel Process Review Discussion

What worked well this year?

- The proponents had the opportunity to present their proposals.
- The Panel collaborated well on the language for strengths, weaknesses, and recommendations.
- The Panel did an exceptional job of taking each member's concerns seriously and seeking to address them.

What could be done better?

- Give the presenter the Panel's full attention

Recommendations for 2016 CFRP Panel

1. Review the proposals with administrative notes to decide which ones are excluded at the beginning of the panel meeting. Review the ones that are determined to be excluded at the end of each category.
2. Review the list of long-term management criteria and provide an opportunity for revision prior to the review of proposals. The long-term management elements list could be broken down into categories of similar things. Some elements which are duplicative could be eliminated.
3. Future panels should continue to collaborate well on the language for strengths, weaknesses, and recommendations.

Recommendations for 2016 CFRP RFA

1. Revise the language regarding non-negotiable elements in the RFA and describe what will result in the elimination of a proposal from consideration. Explore the possibility of changing the Panel By-laws to allow applicants to submit missing items without being elimination from consideration.
 - a. Base criterion: If the administrative issues involve misrepresentation or if the letter of endorsement is missing from the land management agency the proposal will be disqualified. The panel may eliminate the proposal if it's missing letters of commitment from project partners. Review the RFA and search for the words "must" and "should" with the idea of facilitating the Panel's discretion within federal regulation and statute.

- b. Remove the second and third bullets on page 7 of criteria which would be basis for elimination. Move those into a “may be eliminated” section.
 - c. Regarding letters of commitment: partners described in the narrative and/or budget of the project that are key to successful completion of the project must have a letter of commitment.
 2. Discuss ways to improve the effectiveness of the outreach to tribes for proposals.
 - a. Include the state list of Tribal Historic Preservation Offices in the appendices.
 - i. <http://nathpo.org/wp/thpos/find-a-thpo/#nm>
 - b. In the RFA, instead of supplying a sample letter to send to tribes, include a list of key points to address in a custom letter to the appropriate tribes. Include an executive summary and maps of the proposed project.
 3. Include the Land Grant Council as a resource to outreach to other land grants as a link on the CFRP website.
 4. Discuss clarifying language regarding what is required in the narrative and in the tables.
 - a. Clarify that the page limit includes narrative and tables in the RFA.
 5. Discuss where to include lease vs. purchase requirements in the submission process.
 - a. Applicants are encouraged to discuss the decision regarding lease, purchase, or contracting in their proposal in the budget narrative. Applicants should be encouraged to describe how this equipment will add to the utilization capacity locally and state-wide.
 6. Discuss further guidance on the quality of maps specific to each category, specifically Implementation and Planning.
 - a. The maps should allow the review panel to adequately evaluate the areas being considered.
 7. Discuss how to reference material that is pertinent to the the proposal.
 - a. Applicants should use full citations of scientific literature as an appendix and incorporate elements from that material in the narrative if there is a citation.
Discuss how the scientific literature is relevant to or influences the proposal.
 8. Discuss the criteria and weighting and difference in subjective weight.
 9. In future panels, the Forest Service will not include the SF424 and associated certifications as part of the package the Panel reviews.
 10. Strike the half-page limit on executive summary and statement of need from the RFA Sections 4B and 4C (page 11).

Glossary

BA	Biological Assessment
BLM	Bureau of Land Management
CCC	Chimayo Conservation Corps
CFLRP	Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Project
CFRP	Collaborative Forest Restoration Program
CRS	Cultural Resource Surveys
CWPP	Community Wildfire Protection Plan
EA	Environmental Assessment
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
ESA	Endangered Species Act
LANL	Los Alamos National Laboratory
MSO	Mexican Spotted Owl
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NMEP	New Mexico Environment Program
NMFWRI	New Mexico Forest and Watershed Restoration Institute
NMSF	New Mexico State Forestry
NMWF	New Mexico Wildlife Federation
NPS	National Park Service
NRCS	Natural Resource Conservation Service
NWTF	National Wild Turkey Federation
PAC	Protected Area Center
Panel	The CFRP Technical Advisory Panel
NMSLO	New Mexico State Land Office
RMYC	Rocky Mountain Youth Corps
SFCC	Santa Fe Community College
TNC	The Nature Conservancy
VFSYC	Vallecitos Federal Yield Unit
WUI	Wildland Urban Interface
YCC	Youth Conservation Corps

APPENDIX A

Scores for 2015 CFRP Applications

Proposal #, Category*	Forest	Project Title	Lead Organization	Federal Request	Final Score
CFRP 01-15 (P)	Carson	Planning (Revision): Multi-jurisdictional, Fire /Restoration Planning and Natural Resource Training in the 28,045-Acre White Peak Area, New Mexico	Rocky Mountain Ecology LLC	\$286,602	55.26
CFRP 02-15 Rev. (P)	Carson	Revision: Planning: Collaborative Restoration of Frequent Fire Ecosystems in the Ponil Creek Watershed	Cimarron Watershed Alliance	\$256,040	ineligible
CFRP 03-15 (P)	Lincoln	Fuel Reduction using Biomass Torrefaction	Wildlife Diagnostics	\$79,028	36.94
CFRP 04-15 (P)	Santa Fe	Capulin/ Walker Flats NEPA Planning Project	Adelante Resource Conservation & Development Council	\$320,550	47.63
CFRP 05-15 (P)	Santa Fe	Forest Restoration Planning in American Park	Sustainable Ecosystems LLC	\$360,000	52.72
CFRP 06-15 (P)	Santa Fe	Planning: Adding Value to New Mexico Wood through Branding and Chain-of-Custody	Rachel Wood Consulting	\$329,056	49.17
CFRP 07-15 (U)	Cibola	Increasing Utilization Efficiency in the Zuni Mountain CFLRP	BRL Services Inc.	\$360,000	55.74

Proposal #, Category*	Forest	Project Title	Lead Organization	Federal Request	Final Score
CFRP 08-15 (U)	Santa Fe	Creating a Sustainable Market for the Utilization of Small Diameter Tree by Providing a Renewable Source of Materials and Maintaining Healthier Forests (CPM)-- Revised	Spotted Owl Timber Inc.	\$359,603	49.78
CFRP 09-15 (U)	Santa Fe	Complimenting Firewood Communities	Conley's Timber Mill LLC	\$360,000	50.67
CFRP 10-15 (U)	Santa Fe	Utilization: Expanding Capacity and Utilization of Small Diameter Trees - Revision	Roger Tucker Inc.	\$360,000	52.73
CFRP 11-15 Rev. (I)	Carson	Implementation: Forest and Watershed Health Improvement Project to Benefit Multi-Jurisdictions	Caro's General Works	\$337,749	44.75
CFRP 12-15 (I)	Carson	Implementation: Agua/Caballos Forest Restoration and Improvement Project (Revision)	Andy Chacon Forest Restoration	\$360,000	47.01
CFRP 13-15 (I)	Carson	El Medio Forest Renewal through Thinning (Revision)	Rocky Mountain Youth Corps	\$360,000	56.30
CFRP 14-15 (I)	Carson	Implementation: Restoration and Educational Opportunities in the Agua Caballos - Revision	Joe Gurule & Sons	\$360,000	50.45
CFRP 15-15 (I)	Carson	Chimayo Conservation Corps: Training Young Adults and Veterans in Watershed Restoration, Forest Structure and Function Across Multi-Jurisdictions.	Chimayo Conservation Corps, Inc.	\$360,000	47.54

Proposal #, Category*	Forest	Project Title	Lead Organization	Federal Request	Final Score
CFRP 16-15 Rev. (I)	Carson	Implementation: Multi-Jurisdictional, Landscape-Scale Restoration in the Rio Grande Del Norte National Monument, Taos County, New Mexico- Revision	Forest Fitness	\$360,000	57.95
CFRP 17-15 (I)	Cibola	Implementation: Building Economic Efficiency through Workforce Development	Alamo Navajo School Board Inc.	\$360,000	57.25
CFRP 18-15 (I)	Lincoln	Interagency Cooperative Prescribed Fire Implementation	South Central Mountain RC&D	\$352,500	54.11
CFRP 19-15 (I)	Santa Fe	Multi-Jurisdiction, Watershed Scale Restoration in Barbero Canyon on Rowe Mesa, New Mexico	Northeastern Contractors LLC	\$360,000	48.52
CFRP 20-15 Rev. (I)	Santa Fe	Cordova's Landscape Restoration Project	Padilla Logging Restoration LLC	\$359,981	51.73
CFRP 21-15 (I)	Santa Fe	Valles Caldera-Cerro Seco Watershed Restoration Implementation	WildEarth Guardians	\$359,940	ineligible
CFRP 22-15 (I)	Santa Fe	Rendija Canyon Mitigation Project	Los Alamos County Fire Dept	\$315,000	ineligible
CFRP 23-15 Rev. (I)	Santa Fe	Riparian Restoration at Three Pueblos- An Intertribal Collaboration	Ohkay Owingeh	\$360,000	53.48

2015 Collaborative Forest Restoration Program Grant Applications – Planning Scores

	Forest	Project Title	Lead Organization	Federal Request	Final Score
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2015 Collaborative Forest Restoration Program Grant Applications – Utilization Scores

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CFRP 17-15 (I)	Cibola	Implementation: Building Economic Efficiency through Workforce Development	Alamo Navajo School Board Inc.	\$360,000	57.25
CFRP 13-15 (I)	Carson	El Medio Forest Renewal through Thinning (Revision)	Rocky Mountain Youth Corps	\$360,000	56.3
CFRP 18-15 (I)	Lincoln	Interagency Cooperative Prescribed Fire Implementation	South Central Mountain RC&D	\$352,500	54.11
CFRP 23-15 Rev. (I)	Santa Fe	Riparian Restoration at Three Pueblos- An Intertribal Collaboration	Ohkay Owingeh	\$360,000	53.48
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APPENDIX B

Recommended Project Proposals

PLANNING

1) ***Multi-jurisdictional, Fire/Restoration Planning and Natural Resource Training in the 28,045- Acre White Peak Area, New Mexico***

Rocky Mountain Ecology

Federal Request \$286,602

Abstract: Rocky Mountain Ecology (RME) will complete an Environmental Assessment, Mexican Spotted Owls surveys, forest stand exams, and cultural resource surveys on 28,045 acres of the White Peak area in Colfax and Mora Counties, New Mexico. The planning area includes forest lands administered by the New Mexico State Land Office and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and borders numerous large private ranches. The New Mexico Statewide Assessment Strategy identified the area as a high priority watershed due to the risk for insect and disease infestations and catastrophic wildfire events. RME will create five jobs during the project and conduct an interdisciplinary natural resource training program for over 40 young adults in collaboration with the Chimayo Conservation Corps and Northern New Mexico College.

Partners: New Mexico State Land Office; New Mexico State Forestry Division; New Mexico Department of Game & Fish; Carson National Forest; Express UU Bar Ranch, LLC; Silver Dollar Shavings; Western Wood Products; CS Ranch (American Creek Properties); National Wild Turkey Federation; Cimarron Watershed Alliance; Chimayo Conservation Corps; and Northern New Mexico College.

2) ***Forest Restoration Planning in American Park***

Sustainable Ecosystems LLC

Federal Request \$360,000

Abstract: Sustainable Ecosystems LLC will conduct National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis for forest restoration treatments on 20,280 acres of Ponderosa pine, mixed conifer and spruce-fir forests on the Cuba Ranger District of the Santa Fe National Forest in Sandoval and Rio Arriba Counties, New Mexico. The project will also conduct wildlife and heritage resource surveys to facilitate future project implementation. The Forest Service has identified the area as a high priority for fuels reduction and forest restoration treatments. Sustainable Ecosystems will create 15 jobs and inform 60,000 local residents of the planning effort in partnership with Recreation Equipment Inc. (REI).

Partners: Cuba Ranger District, Santa Fe Nation Forest; Timberland Environmental; Lone Mountain Archeology; Ojo Encino Navajo Chapter; New Mexico State Forestry Division; Natural Resource Conservation Service; New Mexico Forest Industry Assoc.; Deer Lake Community; Cuba Soil and Waters Conservation District; REI Inc.; New Mexico Forest and Watershed Restoration Institute; Girl Scouts on New Mexico Trails; The Forest Guild; Quivira Coalition; New Mexico Wildlife Federation; TC Company; and Rodger Tucker Inc.

UTILIZATION

3) Increasing Utilization Efficiency in the Zuni Mountain CFLRP

BRL Services Inc.

Federal Request \$360,000

Abstract: BRL Services Inc. will lease two combination harvester-processors and a grapple skidder to increase their productivity in utilizing small diameter trees from forest restoration treatments. The additional equipment will allow them double the number of acres they treat from 1,000 to 2,000 acres annually. The additional equipment will increase the availability of wood products to other processors in the area leading to the creating of new jobs and the retention of existing jobs in Cibola and McKinley Counties, New Mexico. BRL Services will train their current employees in the use of the new equipment and hire new employees to fill in behind their current employees. The project will also provide educational opportunities for high school students in forest restoration.

Partners: Mount Taylor Ranger District, Carson National Forest; National Wild Turkey Federation; Forest Guild; Mount Taylor Manufacturing; Grants High School; JD Trucking; and the Cibola County Commission.

4) Expanding Capacity and Utilization of Small Diameter Trees –Revision

Roger Tucker Inc.

Federal Request \$360,000

Abstract: Rodger Tucker Inc. will purchase two log trucks and three trailers and upgrade two log trucks to increase their wood hauling and utilization capacity. The equipment will increase their wood chip and small diameter tree hauling capacity from 1,300 to 2,800 loads per year. Wood from forest restoration sites on the Santa Fe National Forest and the Valles Caldera National Preserve will be hauled to the Walatowa Industries mill on Jemez Pueblo for processing. Firewood and other wood donations will be made to Jemez Pueblo and Boy Scout Troop 2010. The increase in the rate and amount of small diameter trees removed, processed, and sold will reduce the cost of forest restoration treatments, increase the number of acres treated, and reduce the risk of catastrophic fire while improving watershed health. Three jobs will be created to drive, load, and unload the trucks and work at the mill.

Partners: Santa Fe National Forest; Valles Caldera National Preserve; Jemez Pueblo; Santa Clara Pueblo; Santa Clara County; New Mexico State Forestry Division; Cuba Soil & Water Conservation District; Terry Conley Co.; 814 Solutions; Olguine's Inc.; Eliud Salazar Art Design Construction; Western Organics; Rachel Wood Consulting; National Wild Turkey Federation; New Mexico Forest Industry Assoc.; the Forest Guild; and Boy Scout Troop 2010.

IMPLEMENTATION

5) *Multi-jurisdictional, Landscape-Scale Restoration in the Rio Grande Del Norte National Monument, Taos County, New Mexico- Revision*

Forest Fitness LLC

Federal Request \$360,000

Abstract: Forest Fitness LLC will conduct mechanical forest restoration treatments on approximately 674 acres within a 29,000-acre cross jurisdictional area that includes both Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and New Mexico State Land Office (NMSLO) lands in the Rio Grande Del Norte National Monument. The treatments will enable the BLM and NMSLO to apply landscape-scale prescribed fire treatments across jurisdictions. The proposed treatments encompass pinyon-juniper, ponderosa pine and dry mixed-conifer stands in Taos County, New Mexico. The project will produce approximately 2,000 cords of firewood for local residents to use in heating their homes. Up to 14 seasonal and two full-time jobs will be created. Rocky Mountain Ecology (RME) will also work with Chimayo Conservation Corps (CCC) to train between six and eight local youth in forest management and data collection.

Partners: BLM Taos Field Office; New Mexico State Land Office, New Mexico Department of Game & Fish; New Mexico State Forestry Division, Carson National Forest; Miguel Romero (BLM/NMSLO permittee), Rocky Mountain Ecology, LLC; Chimayo Conservation Corps; Taos Soil and Water Conservation District; and National Wild Turkey Federation.

6) *Building Economic Efficiency through Workforce Development*

Alamo Navajo School Board Inc.

Federal Request \$360,000

Abstract: Alamo Navajo School Board Inc. will train 15 Navajo tribal crew members to conduct forest restoration treatments utilizing designation by prescription in 450 acres of Ponderosa pine and pinyon-juniper in the Baney and Fisher project area of the Magdalena Ranger District, Cibola National Forest. The prescriptions will be developed in accordance with the 1985 Cibola Land Resource Management Plan, as amended, and Rocky Mountain Research Station General Technical Report 310 (Restoring composition and structure in Southwestern frequent-fire forests: A science-based framework for improving ecosystem resiliency protocols). The main objective is to determine if using designation by prescription is more economically efficient than marking in the preparing forest restoration treatments. Alamo Natural Resources Department will purchase trees for firewood and any larger material for utilization in dimensional lumber sales through permits or contracts sold by the Forest Service.

Partners: Magdalena Ranger District, Cibola National Forest; Bureau of Land Management, Socorro Field Office; New Mexico State Division of Forestry; New Mexico State Land Office; New Mexico Forest and Watershed Restoration Institute; New Mexico Forest Industry Assoc.; National Wild Turkey Federation; Old Wood; and Sagebrush Inc.

7) El Medio Forest Renewal through Thinning

Rocky Mountain Youth Corps

Federal Request \$360,000

Abstract: Rocky Mountain Youth Corps (RMYC) will conduct forest restoration treatments on approximately 315 acres of pinion-juniper and ponderosa pine stands on the Questa Ranger District, Carson National Forest, northeast of Taos, New Mexico. RMYC will hire and train eight-person youth crews, ages 18-25, in chainsaw use, Forest Worker Safety, CPR/First Aid, and ecological monitoring. Crews have the opportunity to earn an AmeriCorps Education Award as well as up to six hours of college credit from University of New Mexico-Taos. 48 jobs (16 per year) will be created. Approximately 1,725 cords of fuelwood will be harvested, and RMYC will distribute firewood for elderly and low-income families in partnership with Taos County Senior Program. Seven community partners will be engaged in Fire Adapted Community outreach.

Partners: Partners: Carson National Forest; New Mexico Department of Game and Fish; Taos County Senior Program; Village of Questa; Sierra Club; The Nature Conservancy; and Rivers and Birds.

8) Interagency Cooperative Prescribed Fire Implementation

South Central Mountain RC&D

Federal Request \$352,500

Abstract: The South Central Mountain Resource Conservation and Development Council (RC&D) will work with land management agencies and local fire departments to develop cooperative agreements that facilitate coordinated prescribed burns and host four weeklong prescribed fire training exchanges for natural resource students and firefighters. The proponent will also work with federal agencies and local fire departments to coordinate joint prescribed burns. The project partners will work with the New Mexico Prescribed Fire Council to promote the use and acceptance of prescribed fire for ecological restoration and community protection. This effort will reintroduce fire to 2,000 acres of fire adapted ecosystems across the state.

Partners: Carson, Cibola, and Lincoln National Forests; Bureau of Land Management Taos Field Office; New Mexico State Forestry Division; New Mexico State Land Office; New Mexico Forest and Watershed Restoration Institute; New Mexico Highlands University; Eastern New Mexico University; New Mexico Prescribed Fire Council; The Forest Guild; The Nature Conservancy; and Caggiano Consulting.

9) Riparian Restoration at Three Pueblos- An Intertribal Collaboration

Ohkay Owingeh Tribe

Federal Request \$329,898 (Partial)

Abstract: The Ohkay Owingeh Tribe Office of Environmental Affairs, Santa Clara Pueblo's Forestry Department, and the Pueblo of Nambe's Department of Environment and Natural Resources formed a partnership to restore three riparian forest areas along the Rio Grande and the Rio Nambe. These areas contain dense stands of non-native Russian olive, Chinese elm, and salt cedar that have reduced the diversity and hydrologic function of the watersheds and increased the risk of catastrophic wildfire to these

communities. This project will remove the non-native species and restore these areas to a self-sustaining seasonally wet mosaic of native willow, cottonwood, and box elder trees and native sedges, grasses, and forbs. A total of 325 acres will be treated as part of this effort; 225 acres at Ohkay Owingeh, 50 acres at Santa Clara Pueblo, and 50 acres at Nambe Pueblo. The project partners will also explore the possibility of utilizing the harvested wood for specialty wall paneling and flooring. Over 80 youth will be involved in the project and 29 jobs will be created.

Partners: Santa Clara Pueblo Forestry Dept.; Pueblo of Nambe Dept. of Natural Resources; Santa Fe National Forest; Bureau of Indian Affairs, Northern Pueblos Agency; The Santa Fe Indian School; New Mexico State Division of Forestry; The Natural Resource Conservation Service, Espanola District; The Randall Davey Audubon Center; and Old Wood LLC.

Recommended Projects Should Additional Funding Become Available

10) Cordova's Landscape Restoration Project (Implementation)

Padilla Logging Restoration LLC

Federal Request \$359,889

Abstract: Padilla Logging Restoration LLC, (PLR) will implement restoration thinning on approximately 346 acres Ponderosa pine and mixed conifer stands in the Cordova's Restoration Thinning and Prescribed Fire project on the Coyote Ranger District of the Santa Fe National Forest in Rio Arriba County. The project would reduce fuel and stand density creating clumpy pockets following the Northern Goshawk recovery Vegetation Structural Stage (VSS) guidelines and implement the recommendations of the Rio Arriba County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP).

Partners: Santa Fe National Forest, Coyote Ranger District; Forest Guild; Northern Youth Project; Sierra Club; Jaramillo & Sons Forest Product, and San Joaquin Del Rio de Chama Land Grant.

11) Adding Value to New Mexico Wood through Branding and Chain-of-Custody (Planning)

Rachel Wood Consulting

Federal Request \$359,056

Abstract: Rachel Wood Consulting and other project partners will: develop a local branding program for New Mexico grown wood products; create a "green" branding program to recognize wood sourced from well-managed forest restoration treatments; and develop and implement a promotional marketing program for the value-added wood products. The objective is to increase the value and volume of small diameter trees sold thereby reducing the costs of forest restoration treatments and increasing the number of acres treated throughout New Mexico. The project will create a website with an interactive map to showcase local wood products and forest-based businesses. The website will facilitate networking between New Mexico businesses and help them identify new customers which will strengthen New Mexico's forest industry, enhance the market for small-diameter wood, and accelerate the pace of forest restoration.

Partners: Old Wood LLC; Forest Guild; Arid Land Innovation; Dovetail Partners, Inc.; National Wild Turkey Federation; UpSpring Associates; The Nature Conservancy; New Mexico State Forestry Division; New Mexico State Land Office; New Mexico Forest Industry Assoc.; Santa Fe and Cibola National Forests; New Mexico Forest and Watershed Restoration Institute; Pueblo of Jemez; Alamo Navajo School Board; New Mexico Land Grant Council; Arizona State University; and the Colorado State Forest Service Forest Products Program.

12) Restoration and Educational Opportunities in the Agua Caballos (Implementation)

Joe Gurule & Sons

Federal Request \$360,000

Abstract: Joe Gurule and Son will perform forest restoration treatments on 295 acres of mixed conifer and ponderosa pine forest and implement aspen regeneration on 15 acres in the Agua/Caballos Analysis Area of the Vallecitos Federal Sustained Yield Unit on the El Rito District of the Carson National Forest in Rio Arriba County. The area is in the East Rio Arriba County Wildland Urban Interface Zone and the upper watershed provides drinking water for Ojo Caliente, Vallecitos, and other villages. A used flatbed dump truck will be purchased for hauling small diameter trees from the site increasing efficiency and reducing labor costs. The Los Alamos National Laboratory Foundation and the U.S. Department of Education will sponsor the development of course curriculum for the Mesa Vista School District on "in-woods" education in ecological monitoring and forestry.

Partners: Carson National Forest; New Mexico Forest and Watershed Restoration Institute; Mesa Vista Consolodated Schools; Jaramillo & Sons Forest Products; Jarita Mesa Cattleman Assoc.; La Asociacion de Rio Vallecitos, Rio Tusas y Rio Ojo Caliente; Acequia de los Gallegos; Acequia de Chacon Y Asociados; Rocky Mountain Ecology; Kit Carson Electric Cooperative; Forest Guild; Northern New Mexico Stockman Assoc.; Spring Creek Cattleman's Assoc.; Carson Forest Watch; New Mexico State University; Los Alamos National Laboratory Foundation; and New Mexico State Division of Forestry.

APPENDIX C

Bylaws

Collaborative Forest Restoration Program Technical Advisory Panel

April 22, 2013

Section I: Purpose:

The purpose of the Collaborative Forest Restoration Program Technical Advisory Panel (Panel) is to evaluate proposals for forest restoration grants and provide recommendations on funding. Recommendations will be presented to the Southwest Regional Forester, USDA Forest Service.

Section II: Authority:

The Secretary of Agriculture established the Collaborative Forest Restoration Program Technical Advisory Panel as a Federal Advisory Committee on July 12, 2001 pursuant to Section 606 of the Community Forest Restoration Act of 2000 (Pub. L. No. 106-393) (the Act), which directs the Secretary to convene a technical advisory panel to evaluate proposals that will receive funding through the Collaborative Forest Restoration Program. The Panel is subject to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), and the Government in the Sunshine Act (GISA).

Section III: Membership Selection and Appointment:

The Secretary of Agriculture, or his delegate acting through the Chief of the Forest Service, will appoint Panel members. The 12-15 member panel, as outlined in Section 606 of the Act, includes: a State Natural Resources official from the State of New Mexico; At least two representatives from Federal land management agencies; at least one tribal or pueblo representative; at least two independent scientists with experience in forest ecosystem restoration; and equal representation from: conservation interests; local communities; and commodity interests.

Members of the Panel shall be appointed for terms of 2 or 3 years, but may be reappointed. A vacancy on the Panel will be filled from the list of applicants who responded to the original solicitation for applications. A list of qualified applicants who passed the required background clearance check will be kept on file for this purpose. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring before the expiration of the term for which his/her predecessor was appointed shall be appointed for the remainder of such term. A replacement shall fill the vacancy as soon as practicable after the vacancy occurs.

At the end of each 2-year or 3-year term, the Secretary of Agriculture will solicit applications for new membership on the panel. Notices will be sent to tribal, county and local governments, conservation organizations, and appropriate Colleges and Universities. A notice describing the purpose of the Panel and the application procedure will be published in local newspapers and a news release will be sent to television stations, radio stations, and their local translators in New Mexico soliciting nominations for Panel membership. Letters will also be mailed to individuals who have expressed an interest in the program or are involved in the forest restoration issue in New Mexico. Information on the Act and how to submit an application for membership on the Panel will also be posted on the Forest Service Southwest Regional Internet Website at: www.fs.fed.us/r3/spf/community.

The Secretary of Agriculture, in selecting Panel members, shall seek to ensure the membership of the Panel is balanced and represents and includes a broad range of diverse views and interests. Additional criteria for selection will include but not be limited to: long-time familiarity with forest management issues in New Mexico; past experience working with the government planning process; knowledge and understanding of the various cultures and communities in New Mexico; ability to actively participate in diverse team settings; demonstrated skill in working toward mutually beneficial solutions to complex issues; respect and credibility in local communities; and commitment to attending panel meetings.

The Secretary of Agriculture shall appoint a Designated Federal Official (DFO) under sections 10 (e) and (f) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., who shall also serve as the Chairman of the Panel.

Section IV: Meeting Procedures:

The panel will provide an environment where interest groups that have a stake in forest management issues can work towards agreement on how forest restoration should occur on public land in New Mexico with the grant proposals as the focus of the discussion.

The panel makes recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture on which grant proposals best meet the objectives of the Act. The Panel will meet as often as is necessary to complete its business. The DFO (or a designated substitute) will convene Panel meetings. A majority of the Panel members must be present to constitute an official meeting of the Panel.

A. Agenda: The DFO/Chairman will approve the proposed agenda for each meeting and distributed it to panel members prior to each meeting. An outline of the agenda will be published with a notice of the meeting in the Federal Register at least 15 days prior to the meeting. CFRP project proposals will be distributed to panel members for review at least six weeks prior to the panel meeting. Any member of the panel may submit additional agenda items to the DFO prior to the meeting if they are related to proposal evaluation. Members of the public may submit items for consideration that are related to proposal evaluation by sending them to the DFO prior to the meeting.

B. Minutes and Records: The DFO will prepare minutes of each meeting and distribute copies to each Panel member. The minutes will include: a record of the persons present (including the names of panel members, names of staff, and the names of members of the public who made written or oral presentations); a description of the matters discussed and conclusions reached; and copies of all reports

received, issued or approved by the Panel. All documents, reports, or other materials prepared by, or for, the Panel constitute official government records and must be maintained according the Government Services Administration (GSA) policies and procedures. Minutes of open meetings will be available to the public upon request.

C. Open Meetings: The meeting is open to the public. Panel discussion is limited to Panel members and Forest Service staff. Project proponents may respond to questions of clarification from Panel members or Forest Service staff. Persons who wish to bring Collaborative Forest Restoration Program grant application review matters to the attention of the Panel may file written statements with the Panel staff before or after the meeting. Public input sessions will be provided and individuals who submitted written statements prior to the public input sessions will have the opportunity to address the Panel at those sessions. Oral comment shall be limited to 3 minutes. All materials brought before or presented to the Panel will be available to the public for review or copying at the time of the scheduled meeting.

The panel will not consider new information that was required by the RFA if it constitutes a substantial change to the original proposal. The panel may consider information provided in response to a request for clarification or if it is a factual correction.

Section V: Role of Panel Members:

A. Designated Federal Official (DFO) or his delegate: The DFO will establish priorities, identify issues that must be addressed, and assure compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act and the Community Forest Restoration Act. The DFO also serves as the government's agent for all matters related to the panel's activities. By Law, the DFO must: (1) approve or call the meeting of the Panel; (2) approve agendas; (3) attend all meetings; (4) adjourn the meetings when such adjournment is in the public interest; and (5) chair meetings when directed by the Regional Forester or his/her designee. The DFO is responsible for determining the level and types of staff and financial support required and providing adequate staff support to the Panel, including the performance of the following functions: (a) Notifying members of the time and place for each meeting; (b) ensuring that adequate facilities are provided for meetings; (c) ensuring detailed minutes are taken at the meeting and maintaining records of all meetings, including subgroup or working group activities, as required by Law; (d) maintaining the roll including subgroup and working group activities; (e) attending to official correspondence; (f) maintaining official Panel records and filing all papers and submissions prepared for or by the Panel, including those items generated by subgroups and working groups; (g) acting as the Panel's agent to collect, validate and pay all vouchers for pre-approved expenditures; and (h) preparing and handling all reports, including the annual report as required under FACA.

B. Chairperson: The Chairperson works with the DFO to establish priorities, identify issues which must be addressed, develop the agenda, determine the level and types of staff and financial support required, and serves as the focal point for the Panel's membership. The Chairman works with the meeting facilitator to assure that each member of the Panel has an opportunity to express their views. In addition, the Chairperson is responsible for certifying the accuracy of the Panel Report and the Meeting Minutes developed by the Panel to document its meetings. The DFO may also serve as the Chairperson.

C. Panel Member: Appointment to the Panel does not make a Panel member an employee of the federal government. The primary responsibility of each Panel member is to review and evaluate each CFRP project proposal to determine which ones best meet the purposes and objectives of the Act. Panel members shall attend Panel meetings, and participate in related workgroups as determined necessary by the Panel and approved by the DFO. Panel members may contact project proponents to clarify specific aspects of a proposal and seek input from other sources familiar with the technical and social aspects of the intended activity.

If a Panel Member or any member of their immediate family, or organization employing them, will directly or indirectly financially benefit from a CFRP grant proposal being evaluated, or if a Panel Member has an identified role in the implementation of the project, that Panel member shall leave the meeting room during the discussion of that proposal and recuse themselves from the Panel's decision to avoid a conflict of interest. Panel members may answer questions from grant applicants regarding the eligibility and appropriateness of project proposal ideas and still engage in the discussion and decision on a proposal.

During Panel discussions, each member of the Panel shall take the concerns of other Panel members as seriously as they do their own regarding the contribution individual project proposals make towards forest restoration in New Mexico. Panel members are encouraged to support the recommendations of the Panel in their workplaces and in other groups concerned with forest restoration in New Mexico.

D. Recorder: The recorder shall capture issues raised and consensus recommendations of the Panel for each CFRP project proposal and for items of general discussion. The recorder shall take direction from the Chairman on final wording for consensus recommendations, and work with Panel members to assure that issues are captured accurately in the record of the meeting.

Section VI: Process for Developing Recommendations

By law, the Panel must seek to use a consensus based decision-making process in developing their recommendations. If the Panel does not reach agreement through discussion, they may use a weighted ranking system to identify the highest priority projects. The Secretary of Agriculture will make the final decision on which proposals receive funding.

Section VI: Expenses and Reimbursement

Members of the Panel serve without compensation. Reimbursement for travel expenses will be made in accordance with Federal per diem rates for attendance at meetings. Panel members should request authorization from the DFO prior to incurring any expenses associated with collecting input on project proposals including but not limited to photocopies, postage, and telephone calls. All expenses will be subject to approval of the DFO. Advisory Panel Expenses will be covered through the Collaborative Forest Restoration Program.

Forest Service Southwestern Region (R3), Regional Forester's Office, Cooperative and International Forestry Staff

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1. Committee's Official Designation

Collaborative Forest Restoration Program Technical Advisory Panel (the Panel)

2. Authority

The Panel is established consistent with the Community Forest Restoration Act (Pub. L. No.106-393, Title VI, Section 606) (the Act) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C., App.II.

3. Objectives and Scope of Activities

The purpose of the Panel is to evaluate proposals for forest restoration grants and provide recommendations to the Secretary about the proposals that best meet the objectives of the Collaborative Forest Restoration Program (CFRP).

4. Description of Duties

The Panel shall provide recommendations to Secretary, through the Forest Service, Southwestern Regional Forester, on a schedule to be established by the Panel Chair. The Panel's recommendations shall consider the proposed projects' effects on long-term management and provide recommendations regarding which proposals best meet the following objectives pursuant to Section 605 of the Act: (1) Reduce the threat of large, high-intensity wildfires and the negative effects of excessive competition between trees by restoring ecosystem functions, structures, and species composition, including the reduction of nonnative species populations; (2) Reestablish fire regimes approximating those that shaped forest ecosystems prior to fire suppression; (3) Preserve old and large trees; (4)

Replant trees in deforested areas if they exist in the proposed project area; (5) Improve the use of, or add value to, small diameter trees; (6) Comply with all Federal and State environmental laws; (7) Include a diverse and balanced group of stakeholders as well as appropriate Federal, State, Tribal, county, and municipal government representatives in the design, implementation, and monitoring of the project; (8)

Incorporate current scientific forest restoration information; (9) Include a multiparty assessment to (a) identify both the existing ecological condition of the proposed project area and the desired future condition and (b) report, upon project completion, on the positive or negative impact and effectiveness of the project including improvements in local management skills and on-the-ground results; (10) Create local employment or training opportunities within the context of accomplishing restoration objectives including summer youth jobs programs, such as the Youth Conservation Corps, where appropriate; (11) Not exceed 4 years in length; (12) Not exceed a total annual cost of \$150,000 per project, with the Federal portion not exceeding \$120,000 annually per project nor exceed a total cost of \$450,000 for each project, with the Federal portion of the total cost not exceeding \$360,000 per project; (13) Leverage Federal funding through in-kind or matching contributions; and (14) Include an agreement by program grantees to attend an annual workshop with other stakeholders for the purpose of discussing the Collaborative Forest Restoration Program and projects implemented under the program. In developing their recommendations, the Panel shall seek to use a consensus-based decision-making process. Consistent with applicable laws and Departmental regulations, the Panel may adopt such by-laws or rules of operation, as it deems advisable.

5. Agency or Official to Whom the Committee Reports

The Panel will report to the Secretary of Agriculture through the Regional Forester of the Southwestern Region. The Secretary of Agriculture will appoint the panel members.

6. Support

Clerical and other administrative support for the Panel will be provided by the USDA Forest Service, Southwestern Regional Office.

7. Estimated Annual Operating Costs and Staff Years

Estimated annual operating costs of the Panel are \$90,000. Federal staff support is estimated at 0.5 full-time equivalents, per year, including direct and indirect expenses. Panel expenses will be covered through the Collaborative Forest Restoration Program.

Members of the Panel serve without compensation. In the performance of their duties away from their homes or regular places of business, Panel members may be allowed reimbursement for travel expenses including per diem in lieu of subsistence, as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 5703. All Panel expenses will be subject to approval of the Designated Federal Officer.

8. Designated Federal Officer

A permanent Federal employee is to be appointed in accordance with agency procedures and will serve as the Designated Federal Official (DFO). The DFO will approve the advisory committee's and subcommittees' meetings, prepare and approve all meeting agendas, attend all committee and subcommittee meetings, adjourn any meeting when the DFO determines adjournment to be in the public interest, and chair meetings when directed to do so by the official to whom the advisory committee reports.

9. Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings

The Panel will meet approximately one or two times a year, or as often as is necessary to complete its business. A majority of the Panel members must be present to constitute an official meeting. The Panel shall not hold any meetings except at the call of, or with the advance approval of, the DFO. Notice of each meeting shall be provided in the Federal Register and in major New Mexico newspapers at least 15 days before each meeting. Panel members will be notified personally of the date, time, and place of each meeting. All meetings will be open to the public, and all proceedings and relevant documents will be posted and made accessible to the public.

10. Duration

Continuing

11. Termination

This charter will be in effect for 2 years from the filing date and will be renewed every two years. However the Panel will be evaluated annually for its effective use and control by the Agency.

12. Membership and Designation

12a. This Committee will be fairly balanced in its membership in terms of the points of view represented and the functions to be performed. To encourage fresh points of view, establishing staggered membership terms and limiting the number of renewed memberships will be accomplished.

12b. The Panel will consist of 12 to 15 members approved and appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture and representing the following interests: (1) A State natural resources official from the State of New Mexico; (2) At least two representatives from Federal land management agencies; (3) At least one tribal or pueblo representative; (4) At least two independent scientists with experience in forest ecosystem restoration; and (5) Equal representation from - (a) Conservation interests, (b) Local communities, and (c) Commodity interests. Each Panel member shall serve as a representative of one of the interest groups described in Section 606 (b) of the Act. Vacancies on the Panel will be filled in the manner in which the original appointments were made. Appointments to vacant or expiring positions will be made annually. The terms of appointment will be staggered to assure continuity.

12c. Of these members, one will become the chairperson who is recognized for his or her ability to lead a group in a fair and focused manner and who has been briefed on the mission of this Committee. A co-chairperson may be assigned, especially to facilitate his or her transition to become the chairperson in the future.

12d. Ethics Statement

To maintain the highest levels of honesty, integrity and ethical conduct, no Committee or subcommittee member shall participate in any "specific party matters" (i.e., matters are narrowly focused and typically

involve specific transactions between identified parties) such as a lease, license, permit, contract, claim, grant, agreement, or related litigation with the Department in which the member has a direct or indirect financial interest. This includes the requirement for Committee or Subcommittee members to immediately disclose to the DFO (for discussion with USDA's Office of Ethics) any specific party matter in which the member's immediate family, relatives, business partners or employer would be directly seeking to financially benefit from the Committee's recommendations. Members of the Committee shall be required to disclose their direct or indirect interest in leases, licenses, permits, contracts, or claims grants, or agreements that involve lands or resources administered by the Forest Service, or in any litigation related thereto. For purposes of this paragraph, indirect interest includes holdings of a spouse or a dependent child.

All members will receive ethics training to identify and avoid any actions that would cause the public to question the integrity of the Committee's advice and recommendations. Members who are appointed as "Representatives" are not subject to Federal ethics laws because such appointment allows them to represent the point(s) of view of a particular group, business sector or segment of the public.

Members appointed as "Special Government Employees" (SGEs) are considered intermittent Federal employees and are subject to Federal ethics laws. SGE's are appointed due to their personal knowledge, academic scholarship, background or expertise. No SGE may participate in any activity in which the member has a prohibited financial interest. Appointees who are SGEs are required to complete and submit a Confidential Financial Disclosure Report (OGE-450 form) and, upon request, USDA will assist SGEs in preparing these financial reports. To ensure the highest level of compliance with applicable ethical standards USDA will provide ethics training to SGEs on an annual basis. The provisions of these paragraphs are not meant to exhaustively cover all Federal ethics laws and do not affect any other statutory or regulatory obligations to which advisory committee members are subject.

13. Subcommittees

The Forest Service has the authority to create subcommittees. Subcommittees must report back to the parent committee, and must not provide advice or work products directly to the Agency. The CFRP Technical Advisory Panel Subcommittee for the Review of CFRP Multi-Party Assessment Reports from Completed Projects meets every other year and reports back to the CFRP Technical Advisory Panel.

14. Recordkeeping

The records of this Committee, formally and informally established subcommittees, or other subgroups of the committee, shall be handled in accordance with General Records Schedule 26, Item 2 or other approved agency records disposition schedule. These records shall be available for public inspection and copying, subject to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552. Information about this Committee is available online at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/r3/cfrp>

15. Filing Date

March 24, 2014

APPENDIX D

2015 Technical Advisory Panel Members

<u>Interest</u>	<u>Name, Organization</u>
Federal Land Management Agency	Kenneth Jaramillo, US Bureau of Indian Affairs
Federal Land Management Agency	Jeremy Kruger, US Bureau of Land Management
Tribal	Alan Hatch, Pueblo of Santa Ana
Independent Scientist	Amy Waltz, PhD, Ecological Restoration Institute, Northern Arizona University
Independent Scientist	Ching-Hsun Huang, PhD, School of Forestry, Northern Arizona University
Local Community	John Sanchez, New Mexico Land Grant Council
Local Community	Krystyn Nystrom, Santa Fe County Fire Department
Commodity	Sara Kuykendall, Kuykendall and Sons Lumber
Commodity	Shiloh Old, Old Wood, LLC
Conservation	Ronald Loehman, New Mexico Trout
Conservation	Carol Johnson, New Mexico Wilderness Alliance
Designated Federal Officer	Walter Dunn, USDA Forest Service, Southwestern Region

APPENDIX E

Collaborative Forest Restoration Program (CFRP) Technical Advisory Panel Meeting, March 30 – April 3, 2015 Purpose, Desired Outcomes and Agenda

Meeting Purposes:

- Use a consensus based process to develop recommendations for the Secretary of Agriculture on which CFRP grant applications best meet the program objectives.
- Assign tasks to the CFRP Sub Committee for the review of completed projects.
- Create an environment in which interest groups that have a stake in the management of public forestland in New Mexico can build agreement on how forest restoration should occur on those lands.

Desired Outcomes:

- A recommendation for the Secretary of Agriculture on which CFRP grant applications best meet the program objectives.
- A report including:
 - Strengths, weaknesses, and recommended funding levels for each grant application;
 - Scores for each application indicating the degree to which it met the CFRP evaluation criteria;
 - Recommendations for improving individual grant applications where appropriate;
 - Recommendations for improving the CFRP Request for Applications and application review process; and
- Tasks for the CFRP Sub Committee for the review of CFRP multi-party assessment reports.

Time:

Monday, March 30 – Friday, April 3, 2015, beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, and ending at approximately 4:00 p.m. on Friday.

Place:

Hyatt Place Albuquerque Uptown, 6901 Arvada Avenue, NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110, (505) 872-9000.

Designated Federal Official:

Walter Dunn

Facilitator:

Rosemary Romero

Forest Service Panel Staff and Recorders:

Amanda Montoya

Jeanne Dawson

Sheila Poole

Contacts for Further Information:

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Application Review Process:

- The Panel will take approximately 30 minutes to review each application. The review will include:
- A presentation by the grant applicant summarizing the background, objectives, partners, and budget for the application.
- The identification of and a negotiated agreement on strengths, weaknesses and recommendations for the application.
- A review of performance and/or multiparty monitoring reports from previous grant(s) if applicable.

Scoring of the application by CFRP Panel members:

After all the applications have been discussed the Panel will review their recommendations and scores for consistency and make corrections if necessary. The Panel will then develop three tables (utilization, planning, and implementation) to display the evaluation criteria scores for the applications in each category. The Panel will then evaluate and score each applications effect on long term management. Funding recommendations will be based on the rankings of the applications in each category. The Panel will identify up to two Utilization applications and up to four Planning applications for funding. The remainder of the applications recommended for funding will be for on the ground implementation.

2015 Technical Advisory Panel Meeting Agenda

Monday, March 30, 2015

When	What	Who
10:00 AM	Welcome and Introductions	Walter Dunn, DFO
10:15 - 10:30 AM	Meeting Logistics	Facilitator
10:30 - 10:45 AM	Review of Purposes, Desired Outcomes, and Agenda and Presentations of Certifications to Panel Members.	Facilitator and Walter Dunn
10:45 – 11:00 AM	What It Means To Be A Federal Advisory Committee	Walter Dunn
11:00 – 11:30 AM	FACA Ethics Training	Walter Dunn
11:30 – 12:00 PM	Review Panel Bylaws	Walter Dunn
12:00 – 1:30 PM	LUNCH (Panel Members Identify a Chair Person)	
1:30 – 1:45 PM	Designation of Panel Chair	Panel
1:45 – 2:00 PM	CFRP Update	Walter Dunn
2:00 – 2:30 PM	Develop Objectives and Identify Members for the CFRP Sub Committee to review reports from completed projects.	Panel
2:30 – 3:00 PM	Review Application Evaluation and Panel Discussion Process	Facilitator & Panel
3:00 – 3:15 PM	BREAK	Panel
3:15 – 4:45 PM	Review application: CFRP 01-15 and 02-15	Panel
4:45 – 5:00 PM	Public Comment Period	Members of the Public
5:00 – 5:15 PM	Review of Day's Work and Agenda for Tuesday, Day Two	Facilitator
5:15 PM	Adjourn	

Tuesday, March 31, 2015

<u>When</u>	<u>What</u>	<u>Who</u>
8:30 – 8:45 AM	Review Agenda for the Day	Facilitator
8:45 – 10:15 AM	Review applications: 03-15, 04-15 and 05-15	Panel Members
10:15 – 10:30 AM	BREAK	
10:30 – 11:30 AM	Review applications: CFRP 06-15 and 07-15.	Panel Members
11:30 - 11:45 AM	Public Comment Period	Members of the Public who submitted written comment
11:45 – 1:00 PM	LUNCH	
1:00 – 3:00 PM	Review applications: CFRP 08-15, 9-15, 10-15, and 11-15	Panel Members
3:00 – 3:15 PM	BREAK	
3:15– 5:15 PM	Review applications CFRP 12-15, 13-15, 14-15, and 15-15.	Panel Members
5:15 – 5:30 PM	Public Comment Period	Members of the Public
5:30 – 5:45 PM	Review of the Day’s work and Agenda for Wednesday, Day 3	Facilitator
5:45 PM	Adjourn	

Wednesday, April 1, 2015

<u>When</u>	<u>What</u>	<u>Who</u>
8:30 - 8:45 AM	Review Agenda for the Day	Facilitator
8:45 – 10:45 AM	Review applications: CFRP 16-15, 17-15, 18-15 and 19-15.	Panel Members
10:45 – 11:00 AM	BREAK	
11:00 – 12:00 AM	Review application CFRP 20-15 and 21-15	Panel Members
12:00 – 12:15 AM	Public Comment Period	Members of the Public
12:15 – 1:30 PM	LUNCH	
1:00 – 2:00 PM	Review applications: CFRP 22-15 and 23-15	Panel Members
2:00 – 2:45 PM	Discuss and Agree on Consistency Review Process	Panel Members
2:45 – 3:00 PM	Public Comment Period	Members of the Public
3:00 – 3:45 PM	BREAK (Print and Copy Panel Comments)	
3:45 – 4:45 PM	Review Panel Comments for Consistency	Panel Members
4:45 – 5:00 PM	Review of the Day's work and Agenda for Thursday, Day 4	Facilitator
5:00 PM	Adjourn	

Thursday, April 2, 2015

<u>When</u>	<u>What</u>	<u>Who</u>
8:30 - 8:45 AM	Review Agenda for the Day	Facilitator
8:45 – 10:00 AM	Consistency Review	Panel Members
10:00 – 10:15 AM	BREAK	
10:15 – 11:00 AM	Consistency Review	Panel Members
11:00 – 12:00 noon	Develop Criteria for Evaluating Effect on Long Term Management	Panel Members
12:00 – 12:15 PM	Public Comment Period	Members of the Public
12:15 – 1:30 PM	LUNCH	
1:30 – 2:30 PM	Score Applications for their Effect on Long Term Management	Panel Members
2:30 – 3:30 PM	BREAK (FS staff compiles scores)	Panel Members
3:30 – 4:30 PM	Display final proposal scores	Panel Members
4:30 – 5:00 PM	Develop Recommended Distribution of Project Funding (Planning, Utilization, and Implementation)	Panel Members
5:00 – 5:15 PM	Public Comment Period	Members of the Public who submitted written comment
5:15 – 5:30 PM	Review of Agenda for Friday, Day 5	Facilitator
5:30 PM	Adjourn	

Friday, April 3, 2015

<u>When</u>	<u>What</u>	<u>Who</u>
8:30 - 8:45 AM	Review Agenda for the Day	Facilitator
8:45 – 9:30 AM	Review of Application Evaluation Process To Identify Areas For Improvement.	Panel Members
9:30 – 10:00 AM	Review 2015 Request for Applications to Identify areas for improvement	Panel Members
10:00 – 10:15 AM	Closing Remarks	Walter and Panel
10:15 AM	<i>Adjourn</i>	

APPENDIX F

PUBLIC COMMENT

PROJECT NUMBER: CFRP 05-15

Email from Bruce Bauer dated April 03, 2015:

Hello Walter,

My public comment for CFRP is attached. Thanks for all the hard work!

Best,

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05-15

This public comment is in regards to the CFRP panel reviews and inconsistencies that have taken place during this year's review. The CFRP panel has chosen to disqualify a project entitled **Forest Restoration in American Park**. The reason for this disqualification was due to having a collaborator listed in the collaborator table, which in turn did not have a corresponding letter of support in the project's Appendix. This dilemma was forgiven on another CFRP proposal that was reviewed this year, but this generosity was not shared across the board. This inconsistency is unfortunate and should be amended so that others can also get their proposals reviewed and scored appropriately.



Bruce Bauer

PROJECT NUMBER: CFRP 06-15

Email from Rachel Wood dated March 31, 2015:

Hi Walter,

Here is a pdf of the public comment letter I submitted today and that you requested I email you.

Have a wonderful rest of the week!

Rachel

Rachel Wood, Forester

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March 31, 2015

Walter Dunn, CFRP Program Director

Cooperative and International Forestry, Room 329

333 Broadway Blvd., SE

Albuquerque, NM 87102

Dear Walter Dunn,

RE: Rachel Wood Consulting (RWC) 2015 application to the NM Collaborative Forest

Restoration Program titled "Planning: Adding Value to New Mexico Wood through Branding and Chain-of-Custody."

As the proposal submitter and project manager/coordinator, I am writing to comment on the two recommendations assigned to the 2015 CFRP proposal referenced above on 3.31.15 during the panel review. In response to recommendation (1) to outreach to the Intertribal Timber Council (ITC), I am more than happy to commit to performing outreach to the ITC to see if they want to participate in the project. Recommendation (2) is to "consider the

socioeconomic impacts on local communities of value-added products and the intended destination of the products.” In response, the project focuses on gaining customer preference rather than charging a premium and many small diameter wood products such as bundled firewood have established market prices which are expected to remain nearly the same within our local communities. In addition, public lands will continue to have public firewood programs to support rural and low income communities. However, due to the importance of the recommendation I will strongly consider including the socioeconomic impacts especially on low income and rural local communities be included in the socioeconomic monitoring component of the project such as through monitoring the price of firewood in selected communities. In addition, I will ensure the recommendation is considered throughout the project grant period and thereafter especially since the primary goal of the project is to have a positive impact on local communities.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rachel C. Wood".

Rachel C. Wood

Project Number: CFRP 08-15

Email from Fallon Grafe dated April 01, 2015:

Hi Walter,

I've attached the letter we received from the Navajo Nation in response to our proposal that David Lindsey read during the public comments session before lunch yesterday. To refresh your memory, it was a letter we received after the deadline to submit the proposals.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

We would like to thank you and the panel for the opportunity to present our proposal and answer questions yesterday. We really feel that it was a positive change in the process.

Thanks,

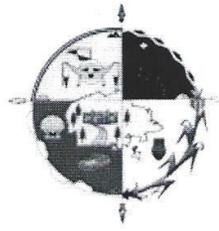
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January 26, 2015

David L. Lindsey
Spotted Owl Timber Inc.
P.O. Box 28118
Santa Fe, NM 87592

Subject: **RE: INFORMATION ABOUT CFRP GRANT PROPOSAL**

Dear: Mr. Lindsey,

The Historic Preservation Department-Traditional Culture Program, hereafter (HPD-TCP) is in receipt of your letter regarding the application for a grant through the Collaborative Forest Restoration Program (CFRP) for thinning projects in the Jemez Ranger District and would like to expand the small diameter tree utilization capabilities within the Cibola National Forest, New Mexico.

After reviewing the information documents provided, HPD-TCP has determined the project encompassing areas to be treated and maintained in New Mexico in order to improve and keep the forest healthy by increasing demand for products made from materials that will raise awareness of how using green, sustainable, promotes healthy forests and watersheds **will not have** adverse effects to Navajo Traditional Cultural Properties. HPD-TCP is in support of improvements made to our ecosystems and habitats, therefore on behalf of the Navajo Nation has no concerns at this time but would like to continue dialogue and updates from Spotted Owl Timber Inc. regarding this project.

If the proposed application inadvertently discovers habitation sites, plant gathering area, human remains and objects of cultural patrimony, HPD-TCP request that we be notified respectively in accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA). *(The Navajo Nation claims cultural affiliation to all Anasazi people (periods from Archaic to Pueblo IV) of the southwest. The Navajo Nation makes this claim through Navajo oral history and ceremonial history, which has been documented as early as 1880 and taught from generation to generations).*

The HPD-TCP appreciates the Spotted Owl Timber Inc.'s consultation efforts regarding this document. Should you have any additional concerns and/or questions do not hesitate to contact me electronically at tony@navajohistoricpreservation.org or telephone at 928-871-7750.

Sincerely,

Tony H. Joe, Jr., Supervisory Anthropologist
Section 106 Consultation
Traditional Culture Program
Historic Preservation Department

TCP File: 15-036

Project Number: CFRP 17-15

Email from Bill Ferranti dated April 01, 2015:

Hi Walter,

Attached are the documents you asked for. Thanks for the support.

Bill

Letter from Bill Ferranti dated April 08, 2015:



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Wednesday, June 03, 2015

Federal Advisory Committee
Collaborative Forest Restoration Program

Dear Members of the Federal Advisory Committee:

The Alamo Navajo School Board, Inc. would like to address the fact that Form AD-1047 was inadvertently left out of the proposal package. Upon becoming aware of this omission, the President, Mr. Steve Guerro, signed the Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters. The form, signed and dated February 13, 2015, is attached. Additionally, the Alamo Navajo School Board, Inc., is a current CFRP grantee for both a planning and implementation grant and this assurance is on file for both of these federal awards. On behalf of the Alamo Navajo School Board, Inc., I am requesting the committee's consideration of these facts.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Ferranti
Natural Resource Specialist
Alamo Navajo School Board, Inc.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

**Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other
Responsibility Matters - Primary Covered Transactions**

This certification is required by the regulations implementing Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, 7 CFR Part 3017, Section 3017.510, Participants' responsibilities. The regulations were published as Part IV of the January 30, 1989 Federal Register (pages 4722-4733). Copies of the regulations may be obtained by contacting the Department of Agriculture agency offering the proposed covered transaction.

(BEFORE COMPLETING CERTIFICATION, READ INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE)

- (1) The prospective primary participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:
- (a) are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;
 - (b) have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgement rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
 - (c) are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1)(b) of this certification; and
 - (d) have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State or local) terminated for cause or default.
- (2) Where the prospective primary participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

ALAMO NAVAJO SCHOOL BOARD, INC.

Organization Name

CFRP

PR/Award Number or Project Name

STEVE GUERRO, SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT

Name(s) and Title(s) of Authorized Representative(s)



Signature(s)

02/13/15

Date

Form AD-1047 (1/92)



Alamo Navajo School Board, Inc.

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re: 17-15
Steve Guerro

President
Stanley Herrera

Members:
Earl Apachito
Hector Guerro

Tuesday, March 31, 2015

Federal Advisory Committee
Collaborative Forest Restoration Program

Dear Members of the Federal Advisory Committee:

The Alamo Navajo School Board, Inc. would like to address the fact that Form AD-1047 was inadvertently left out of the proposal package. Upon becoming aware of this omission, the President, Mr. Steve Guerro, signed the Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters. The form, signed and dated February 13, 2015, is attached. Additionally, the Alamo Navajo School Board, Inc., is a current CFRP grantee for both a planning and implementation grant and this assurance is on file for both of these federal awards. On behalf of the Alamo Navajo School Board, Inc., I am requesting the committee's consideration of these facts.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Ferranti
Natural Resource Specialist
Alamo Navajo School Board, Inc.

Project Number: CFRP 19-15

Email from Sean Medrano dated April 01, 2015:

Please take into consideration

To address weakness #2

Which talked about old and large trees.

Please reference page 7 paragraph 3 which states, this project will use current scientific information and the project will use the New Mexico forest restoration principles. Also on page 10 last paragraph I talks about the large piñon/juniper trees by the university of arizona and how NEC will work together to improve project results.

Thanks,
Sean Medrano
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Las Vegas, NM 87701
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Project Number: CFRP 21-15

Dear Mr. Dunn,

I would like to submit public comment during the 2015 CFRP review.

I would like to clarify that even though the Park Service will assume management of the Valles Caldera National Preserve, CFRP funds can be expended per statute on other federal land ownerships. Though a letter of support from the Park Service was not included in the proposal as submitted, because the VCNP was at that time managed by the Valles Caldera Trust, I will be securing that letter this week.

We did include letters of support from both the Valles Caldera Trust as the land manager and the Santa Fe National Forest as the administrator of the grant funds.

Sincerely,

Bryan



Series of Emails Forwarded from Bryan Bird dated April 02, 2015:

Bryan Bird

(505) 699-4719

Begin forwarded message:

Forwarded email from Marie Rodriguez to Bryan Bird dated April 02, 1015:

Confirmation by the Regional Director, NPS

Marie E. Rodriguez | Valles Caldera National Preserve | Director Stewardship Division

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Forwarded Email from Sue Masica to Jorge Silva-Banuelos and Marie Rodriguez dated April 02, 2015:

Jorge:

Consistent with other discussions about the restoration of landscapes on what are now national park system lands, this sounds like a worthwhile effort to continue. I recommend proceeding.

Thanks,

Sue

Sue Masica | National Park Service | Regional Director, Intermountain
12795 W. Alameda Parkway | Lakewood, CO 80228 | (303) 969-2503

Forwarded email from Jorge Silva-Banuelos to Sue Masica dated April 02, 2015:

Hi Sue –

Early in the fiscal year, WildEarth Guardians, in partnership with Jemez Pueblo and with the support of the Valles Caldera Trust, submitted a grant request for a total of \$449,923 in cash (\$360,000) and in-kind services (\$89,923) to implement work identified in our Landscape Restoration and Stewardship Plan FEIS and ROD - specifically forest restoration and logging road decommissioning/recontouring in the Cerro Seco area, which is the next priority area for our CFRLP implementation goals. Work would begin in the fall of 2015 (general project prep, monitoring, etc.) and funding will be available for three additional years (through 2018).

The funding would come from the Forest Service's [New Mexico Collaborative Forest Restoration Program \(CFRP\)](#) which was a Bingaman-sponsored program that became the model for the national CFLRP program. However, unlike CFLRP, the CFRP funds can be used on any federal lands and is awarded by a FACA panel. We were notified yesterday afternoon, while I was on the phone with you in fact, that the FACA panel is planning to approve the grant request but they would like to confirm that the NPS is supportive of the continuation of these landscape restoration goals. This funding will be very helpful in offsetting the loss of the CFLRP implementation funds to complete the high priority work in the same areas of the Preserve that we had already been planning for.

Unfortunately, the panel is finalizing its award decision today and they have asked to get confirmation of continued NPS support by the end of the day. An email confirming NPS support (a reply to this email for example) would be more than sufficient.

The funds will be held by the CFRP program itself and WildEarth Guardians will submit invoices directly to the USFS, so there is no contracting work necessary by the Trust or NPS. Essentially, WildEarth Guardians is a contractor that is paying itself to do work on the Preserve that we want them to do. The Preserve is responsible for project design for forest treatments, road closures and watershed components, forest thinning prescriptions and performance requirements, NEPA compliance (complete) and NHPA clearance (planned for this spring/summer), GIS support, and monitoring by our science team. This is all within our planned activities for the year, so it will not create any additional workload beyond what we had already planned for.

I've attached an executive summary and map of the project area. I am heading out to the Preserve with Tom Udall's staffer now, so I have cc'd Marie Rodriguez (505-428-7728) who can help answer any additional questions you may have. Thanks for taking a look at this.

Jorge Silva-Bañuelos | Executive Director

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Forwarded email from Marie Rodriguez to Bryan Bird dated April 02, 2015:

Hi Brian, here is the legislation. The applicable text is below. (Good thing I stuck by the diameter limit or this would all have been DOA at the NPS):

(8) ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall undertake activities to improve the health of forest, grassland, and riparian areas within the

Preserve, including any activities carried out in accordance with title IV of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (16 U.S.C. 7301 et seq.).

(B) AGREEMENTS.—The Secretary may enter into agreements with adjacent pueblos to coordinate activities carried out under subparagraph (A) on the Preserve and adjacent pueblo land.

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Forwarded email from Bryan Bird to Marie Rodriguez dated April 02, 2015:

\$449, 923.00

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What is the total amount of funding that would be invested on the preserve through the CFRP? (Talking to the NPS right now!)

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