

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

Name of Resource Advisory Committee:

Fresno County

Project Number (Assigned by Designated Federal Official):

Funding Fiscal Year(s): 2010

2. Project Name: John Muir Wilderness - Pacific Crest Trail	3a. State: California 3b. County(s): Fresno
4. Project Submitted By: The High Sierra Volunteer Trail Crew a. VTM –Vital Trail Maintenance b. YEP – Youth Education Programs	5. Date: June to September 2010
6. Contact Phone Number: 559-325-2874	7. Contact E-mail: Shane@trailcrew.org

8. Project Location:	
a. National Forest(s): Sierra National	b. Forest Service District: High Sierra Ranger District
c. Location (Township-Range-Section) Township 8 & 9 south Range 27 & 28 east	

<p>9. Project Goals and Objectives:</p> <p>In accordance with an agreement with The Sierra National Forest and the Pacific Crest Trail Association the High Sierra Volunteer Trail Crew will provide Routine Trail Maintenance on the 27 miles of the Pacific Crest Trail. This work will begin at the Kings Canyon National Park boundary and end at Silver Pass. We already have a commitment from our Ohio Catholic men’s group to send 14 volunteers for this event. In addition to the Routine Trail Maintenance we will provide the PCTA and the Sierra National Forest with an inventory of issues that are beyond routine trail work so a long term trail maintenance plan can be developed for implementation in 2011.</p> <p>Primary goal: Through a well supported and logistical plan a highly-trained crew of volunteers we will provide the above described work to all 27 miles of the Pacific Crest Trail beginning in June or as weather and condition permit and ending in September 2010.</p> <p>Secondary goal: Implement an education program where adult leaders teach underserved youth primitive trail building and restoration techniques while on the trail.</p>

<p>10. Project Description:</p> <p>a. Brief: (<i>in one sentence</i>) Routine Trail Maintenance</p> <p>b. Detailed:</p> <p>On the 27 miles of the Pacific Crest Trail. We will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Log out windfall trees - Repair and clean water drainage - Clean and repair water diversion bars - Remove rocks from trail - Brush trail as needed - Removed unauthorized camps as instructed by the USFS

- Perform routine trail maintenance, improving and restoring surrounding ecosystems
- Incorporate underserved youth, teaching them lifelong skills
- Incorporate contacts with hikes and provide information on the importance of volunteers and the roll they can play in supporting the USFS in maintaining our public lands

11. Types of Lands Involved?

John Muir Wilderness, Sierra National Forest, High Sierra Ranger District, Pacific Crest Trail

State/Private/Other lands involved? Yes No

Land Status:

If Yes, specify:

12. How does the proposed project meet purposes of the Legislation? (Check at least 1)

Improves maintenance of existing infrastructure.

Implements stewardship objectives that enhance forest ecosystems.

Restores and improves land health.

Restores water quality

13. Project Type

a. Check all that apply: (check at least 1)

Road Maintenance

Trail Maintenance

Road Decommission/Obliteration

Trail Obliteration

Other Infrastructure Maintenance (specify):

Soil Productivity Improvement

Forest Health Improvement

Watershed Restoration & Maintenance

Wildlife Habitat Restoration

Fish Habitat Restoration

Control of Noxious Weeds

Reestablish Native Species

Fuels Management/Fire Prevention

Community Economic Benefit

Other Project Type (specify):

b. Primary Purpose (select only 1):

14. Identify What the Project Will Accomplish

Miles of road maintained:

Miles of road decommissioned/obliterated:

Number of structures maintained/improved:

Acres of soil productivity improved:

Miles of stream/river restored/improved:

Miles of fish habitat restored/improved:
Acres of native species reestablished:
Miles of trail maintained: 27 miles
Miles of trail obliterated:
Acres of forest health improved (including fuels reduction):
Acres of rangeland improved:
Acres of wildlife habitat restored/improved:
Acres of noxious weeds controlled:
Timber volume generated:
Number of jobs generated:
People reached (for environmental education projects/fire prevention):
Direct economic activity benefit:
Other:

15. Estimated Project Start Date: June 2010	16. Estimated Project Completion Date: September 2010
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17. How will cooperative relationships among people that use federal lands be improved? List known partnerships or collaborative opportunities.

This project will utilize the strength of cooperative relationships between federal land users. We have our volunteers cooperating with packers, resort owners, utility companies, ski areas, and with a diverse array of forest visitors. Working together on a project, we find that people join together with a common purpose and overcome obstacles that might seem insurmountable in everyday life. Users with diverse interests and agendas gain a better understanding and appreciation for other's ways of relating to federal lands; the result is often a unilateral commitment to protecting federal lands for all users. In addition, when our volunteers work on the trails, in the forest, and even in the campgrounds; forest visitors are very impressed by our efforts and dedication, usually they will leave with an understanding of the effort that it takes to maintain access to public lands while at the same time protecting our natural resources. Some of the groups we are partnering with are: The Fresno Regional foundation, Black Student Union and the Fresno High Outdoor education program and Mothers Love of west Fresno.

18. How is this project in the best interest of the community? Identify benefits to communities.

The 27 miles of the Pacific Crest Trail / John Muir Trail are some of the heaviest impacted trail on the Sierra National Forest with hikers, stock animals and backpackers – routine trail maintenance is critical on this trail. Routine trail maintenance on this trail will also provide the opportunity for underserved youth to participate in restoring a historic trail, while making it a safe route for the public to use and eliminating heavy erosion in the area.

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

The work that we do helps the Forest Service meet the challenges of forest stewardship. Trail maintenance provides watershed protection, maintains water quality, protects resources, and mitigates impacts of recreational use.

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

21. Will the Project Generate Merchantable Materials? Yes No

22. Anticipated Project Costs
a. Title II Funds Requested \$ 21,966
b. Is this a multi-year funding request? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

23. Identify Source(s) of Other Funding: None

24. Monitoring Plan (provide as attachment)

Provide a plan that describes your process for tracking and explaining the effects of this project on your environmental and community goals outlined above.

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This project is approved and monitored by Sierra National Forest, Supervisors Office Susan Burkindine, and the Pacific Trail Association. HSVTC will provide a detail accomplishment report to the Supervisors Office to the Pacific Crest Trail Association and the Fresno RAC committee

- b. Identify who will conduct the monitoring:
Sierra National Forest, Asst. Recreation Officer, Susan Burkindine

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

USFS Agency Contribution of \$ 1,800 are provided by the Teri Drivas, no funds requested

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

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

Unused funds will be returned to the RAC account.

Other, please explain:

Project Recommended By:

/s/ (INSERT Signature)

Chairperson

Resource Advisory Committee

Project Approved By:

/s/ (INSERT Signature)

Forest Supervisor

National Forest

Project Cost Analysis Worksheet

Worksheet 1

Please submit this worksheet with your proposal

Item	Column A Fed. Agency Appropriated Contribution	Column B Requested Title II Contribution	Column C Other Contributions	Column D Total Available Funds
a. Field Work & Site Surveys			\$44,550	
b. NEPA/CEQA				
c. ESA Consultation				
d. Permit Acquisition				
e. Project Design & Engineering				
f. Contract/Grant Preparation				
g. Contract/Grant Administration				
h. Contract/Grant Cost				
i. Salaries				
j. Materials & Supplies - Support	\$6,000	\$ 14,620		
k. Monitoring	\$1,800	\$ -0-		
l. Other – Food & supplies		\$ 7,346		
m. Project Sub-Total	\$7,800	\$ 21,966		
n. Indirect Costs				
o. Total Cost Estimate	\$7,800	\$ 21,966	\$44,550	

NOTES:

- a. Pre-NEPA Costs
- g. Includes Contracting/Grant Officer Representative (COR) costs. Excludes Contracting/Grant Officer costs.
- i. Cost of implementing project
- l. Examples include overhead charges from other partners, vehicles, equipment rentals, travel, etc.
- n. Contracting/Grant Officer costs, if needed, are included as part of Indirect Costs.