

**Secure Rural Schools & Community Self-Determination Act Reauthorized by Public Law 115-141
Title II Project
Submission Form USDA
Forest Service**

El Dorado County Resource Advisory Committee

Project Number (Assigned by Designated Federal Official): ELD-2204

Funding Fiscal Year(s): FY22

2. Project Name: GTN Volunteer Safety and Development	3a. State: California 3b. County(s): El Dorado
4. Project Submitted By: Kayla Nimmo, Georgetown Recreation Officer	5. Date: 4/14/2022
6. Contact Phone Number: [REDACTED]	7. Contact E-mail: [REDACTED]

8. Project Location: Eldorado National Forest, Georgetown Ranger District	
a. National Forest(s): ELDORADO NF	b. Forest Service District: Georgetown Ranger District
c. Location (Township-Range-Section) Training will benefit various sections within many township-ranges within El Dorado County, including: T13N 11E-14E; T12N 10E-14E; T11 R11E-14E; 38.92494, -120.78921	

9. Project Goals and Objectives:
This project would provide the needed funds for the Georgetown Ranger District to coordinate and offer two volunteer chainsaw classes to provide volunteers their chainsaw certification. The funding would also pay for the volunteers to attend a First Aid/CPR class required for chainsaw certification. The chainsaw course will be coordinated by Forest Service employees and will provide instruction for safe and efficient operation of chainsaws. The class is designed for our growing volunteer program and includes one day of classroom learning followed by one day of hands-on experience. Volunteers are the backbone of our trail program and can support many other projects that require chainsaw work. The objective of the program is to certify our volunteers on the safe use and operation of a chainaw

10. Project Description:
a. **Brief:** (in one sentence)
This project would provide the needed funds for the Georgetown Ranger District to coordinate and offer forest volunteers two chainsaw classes, first aid/cpr classes, as well as potential for wilderness first aid and other training opportunities to build our volunteer program.
b. **Detailed:**
The funding would cover the costs of offering two separate two-day chainsaw certification classes, pay for several spots in a local First Aid/CPR class which is required for the chainsaw certification. The chainsaw classes will be instructed by Forest Service employees and the funds requested would cover salaries for the class as well as any incidental expenses (fuel, vehicle milage, etc). The first aid/cpr classes would be offered through local certification programs and the funds would pay for enrollment in those courses. Additional volunteer safety and development training may also be

necessary meet agency needs effectively, such as training on trail maintenance, trail conservation, trail signage, and wilderness first aid.

With these trainings and certifications, volunteers may be able to assist the Forest Service in projects such as trail maintenance, recreation site maintenance, and trail re-routes. A Decision Memo in 2020 authorized various re-routes, new trail construction, and old trail decommissioning in the Rock Creek Trail system to improve visitor safety to get users off of the road, improve water quality by decreasing runoff through re-routes, and improve overall forest health.

Two chainsaw classes were held in March/April 2022 sponsored by the Georgetown District. There was an overwhelming interest, with a wait-list with more than 10 individuals unable to make either of these training opportunities.

11. Types of Lands Involved?

If non-federal land, please provide a brief description of what type of coordination is needed with regard to other related project(s) on adjacent lands. Is the sequence of project implementation important for achieving a successful outcome? Will the achievement of stated project goals and objectives be contingent on the implementation of other related or complimentary project(s) on adjacent lands?

Federal lands? Yes No
 State/Private/Other lands involved? Yes No

If non-federal land, 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)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Road Maintenance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trail Maintenance
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Road Decommission/Obliteration	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trail Obliteration
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Infrastructure Maintenance (specify): Allow for participation in working on trail re-routes to reduce soil loss, improve visitor safety by getting users off of roads	
<input type="checkbox"/> Soil Productivity Improvement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forest Health Improvement
<input type="checkbox"/> Watershed Restoration & Maintenance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildlife Habitat Restoration
<input type="checkbox"/> Fish Habitat Restoration	<input type="checkbox"/> Control of Noxious Weeds
<input type="checkbox"/> Reestablish Native Species	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fuels Management/Fire Prevention
<input type="checkbox"/> Implement CWPP Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Project Type (specify):

b. Primary Purpose (select only 1 from above): [Trail Maintenance](#)

14. Identify What the Project Will Accomplish

Miles of road maintained:	10
Miles of road decommissioned/obliterated:	
Number of structures maintained/improved:	5
Acres of soil productivity improved:	
Miles of stream/river restored/improved:	
Miles of fish habitat restored/improved:	
Acres of native species reestablished:	
Acres of hazardous fuel treatment	
Miles of trail maintained:	50
Miles of trail obliterated:	1
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 (mbf):	
Jobs generated in full time equivalents (FTE) to nearest tenth. One FTE is 52 forty-hour weeks:	
People reached (for environmental education projects/fire prevention):	45
Direct economic activity benefit:	
Other:	

15. Estimated Project Start Date:

[7/1/2022](#)

16. Estimated Project Completion Date:

[9/30/2023](#)

17. How will cooperative relationships among people that use federal lands be improved? List known partnerships or collaborative opportunities.

Describe how the proposed project will improve cooperative relationships among people that use National Forest System lands.

The following volunteer groups have been involved in various projects on the Forest including trail maintenance, road side brush clearing, hazard tree removal and restoration projects. The groups have also either attended or expressed interest in chainsaw certification class.

- [California Enduro Riders Association](#)
- [Georgetown Divide Equestrian Trails Foundation](#)
- [Motherlode Trail Stewardship](#)
- [California Expeditions](#)
- [Friends of the Eldorado National Forest](#)
- [Backcountry Horsemen- Motherlode Chapter](#)

- Elegant Ears Mule Club
- Forest Walkers
- Gold Hills Posse
- Americorps
- Student Conservation Association
- Trout Unlimited
- Multiple individuals not associated with any clubs or organizations

18. Identify benefits to communities.

The community and Eldorado National Forest would benefit from a strong engaged volunteer program with the skill set needed to open up hiking trails and driving roads early in the season, clearing hazardous brush, felling unsafe trees in developed areas and providing support to many restoration projects. Our volunteers give so freely of their time and energy and offering chainsaw and first aid classes is invaluable to the program and shows the volunteers how much they are appreciated. When volunteers are trained to work safely they will be able to provide field support for the Eldorado NF.

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

Answer this question only for those Title II projects where implementation is proposed on non-national forest lands. Title II projects to be implemented on state, county, or private lands must have a clear description of benefits for national forest lands and/or resources. For example, a culvert replacement on non-federal lands may improve passage of bull trout migrating upstream to federal lands.

The Eldorado National Forest would benefit from a strong engaged volunteer program with the skill set needed to open up hiking trails and driving roads early in the season, clearing hazardous brush, felling unsafe trees in developed areas and providing support to many restoration projects. The Eldorado National Forest relies heavily on recreation seasonal staff and firefighters for projects needing chainsaw use. Volunteer groups are interested and passionate about the projects they assist with. Safe operations, including safe chainsaw use and how to respond in an emergency, is of utmost importance. Volunteers trained in safe chainsaw use, first aid/cpr, and all aspects of trail maintenance would be able to accomplish many tasks such as trail clearing and trail re-routes.

20. What is the Proposed Method(s) of Accomplishment? (check at least 1)

<input type="checkbox"/> Contract	<input checked="" 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"/> YCC/CCC Crews
<input type="checkbox"/> Job Corps	<input type="checkbox"/> Stewardship Contract
<input type="checkbox"/> Merchantable Timber Pilot	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):

21. Will the Project Generate Merchantable Timber?

Yes No

22. Anticipated Total Project Costs:

\$ 10,251

a. Title II Funds Requested:

\$ 10,251

b. Is this a multi-year funding request?

Yes No

23. Identify Source(s) of Other Funding:

For all other sources of funding, please identify the source(s) of contribution and the amount(s) being contributed by source(s). Other sources of funding may include, but are not limited to, donated labor and/or materials.

24. Monitoring Plan (*provide as attachment if large*)

Provide a plan that describes your process for tracking and explaining the effects of this project on your environmental and community goals outlined above. Identify who will conduct the monitoring. Identify total funding needed to carry out specified monitoring tasks (Worksheet 1, Item k).

The chainsaw classes we have already offered have been very successful in growing our volunteer program. As our program expands we are needing to offer more training and safety classes. Direct feedback from volunteers in our normal reporting procedures that include hours of volunteering and type of work will be used in tracking the benefits of putting on chainsaw certification classes. Training will add more skill sets to our volunteer program will help the Forest Service and community by felling hazardous trees, removing brush and logs from hiking, horseback, biking, motorcycle and driving trails and roads. The project will be able to get field work done faster, safer and provide a better experience for the public that visits the Forest.

Activities conducted by the volunteers will be monitored and organized by the Georgetown Recreation and Resource Program. Work will be monitored to ensure it is carried out not only safely, but effectively, and to Forest Service standards (such as clearing limits for each trail type/use).

The volunteer program is growing and the interest is out in the community to give back. When we require chainsaw certification and First Aid/CPR requirements to be paid for by a volunteer it is not a great way to express our gratitude for the incredible work volunteers can do. Monitoring the success of the training program can be seen in the numbers of volunteers helping and having a safe well trained group. The Forest Service is committed to our volunteers and will continue to do the best we can with limited funding and trainer availability. This request for funding will be very valuable to the program

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: [Click here to enter text.](#)

26. MAPS: Attach your map to the project proposal. Map should be no bigger than 8 1/2" by 11" size. Keep the electronic file size as small as possible without loss of detail. The following information should be contained on the map: project title, project boundary, stream names, road numbers, legal location - township, range, and section designations; scale bar, compass orientation, and legend. The map scale should be no larger than 2.64 inches/mile (1:24,000) and no smaller than 1 inch/mile (1:63,360).

Project Recommended By:	Project Approved By:
Chairperson El Dorado County Resource Advisory Committee	Forest Supervisor Eldorado National Forest

Project Cost Analysis Worksheet

TIPS – Please include data in Column A if the Federal Agency is providing/has provided contributions to this project (there is usually a cost to the federal agency as they must create and administer the agreements and/or oversee the projects). If you have donations in kind (donated labor and/or materials) please indicate under Column C to receive credit for them.

Worksheet 1 - Please submit this worksheet with your proposal

Item	Column A Fed. Agency Appropriated Contribution	Column B Requested Title II Contribution	Column C Other Contributions	Column D Total Available Funds
a. Field Work & Site Surveys				
b. NEPA/CEQA				
c. ESA Consultation				
d. Permit Acquisition				
e. Project Design & Engineering				
f. Contract/Grant Preparation				
g. Contract/Grant Administration				
h. Contract/Grant Cost				
i. Salaries		5,785		
j. Materials & Supplies		2,100		
k. Monitoring		2,366		
l. Other – ex: Partner Indirect Cost				
m. Project Sub-Total				
n. FS Indirect Costs				
Total Cost Estimate		10,251		

Applicants Notes to committee: Use this space to provide any additional details regarding costs (i.e., what are the salaries covering, etc.)

Salary time is for overtime of one GS 7-4 and one GS 5-4 for four days, plus two GS 5-1's for two days (adjusted with a 3% increase from 2022)

Materials and supplies covers items such as class fees for first aid/cpr classes, fuel/vehicle milage for employees for this project, training materials, and other training costs (wilderness first aid, trail maintenance classes/etc).

Monitoring is for regular salary for one GS 9-3 for 70 hours

NOTES:

Col. A: FS costs incurred as part of proposal implementation. Coordinate with FS to identify any FS cost for items in Col. A.

Col. B: Title II funding requested to implement the proposal.

Col. C: Matching funds being contributed by proponent or third parties. Proposals funded with a Participating Agreement will require a minimum 20% match.

Col. D: Sum of columns A, B, and C for each individual row.

Row A: Costs associated with project planning, not project implementation, such as assessment of miles of trail needing maintenance. Assessments and planning needed to develop a specific proposal. For Col. B: proponents must request

permission in advance to request Title II funds to complete NEPA/CEQA analyses, as this is expected to be completed prior to proposal submission.

Rows B, C, D, and E: cost associated with environmental compliance and project design. Proponents must request permission in advance to request Title II funds to complete NEPA/CEQA analyses, as this is expected to be completed prior to proposal submission. **Row G:** Costs associated with preparation of contract or agreement instruments used to implement the proposal. Contracts used to complete projects have special provisions; contact the FS to identify these early in the process.

Row G: Costs associated with administration of contract or agreement instruments used to implement the proposal.

Row H: Estimated value of any contracts/agreements used to implement proposal. Contracts/agreements used to complete projects have special provisions; contact the FS to identify these early in the process.

Row I: Cost of salaries to implement project

Row L: Examples include overhead charges from other partners, vehicles, equipment rentals, travel, etc.

Row K: Costs associated with performing monitoring described in Items 24a, 24b, and 24c. Amounts should be similar between Item 24 and Row K.

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



Date: April 14, 2022

Subject: Georgetown District Support for Resource Advisory Committee 2022 Grant Cycle

To whom it may concern:

The Georgetown District has received Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) grant funds in the past for important projects to improve our National Forest for our local community. These included funds for dump site cleanup and non-motorized trail maintenance. We greatly appreciate this support and look forward to future projects together in order to improve our public lands.

To that end, the Georgetown District supports the following RAC projects for the 2022 grant cycle. Please note that these projects are not ranked in a priority order for the District.

- Georgetown District Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program: Will fund the removal of abandoned vehicles, components of vehicles, and other motorized equipment that have been abandoned on the Georgetown District of Eldorado National Forest
- Tool and Safety Gear Cache for Volunteers: Have a cache of trail tools and PPE dedicated and readily available for the volunteer groups and individuals who do trail-work for the district
- Volunteer Safety and Development Training: Funds for two chainsaw classes to provide volunteers with chainsaw certification, first aid and CPR classes for volunteer sawyers, and other volunteer training opportunities
- District Information Boards and Trail Signage Project: Funds to purchase material to build info-boards and trail signage for non-motorized trails

Thank you for your consideration of these requests. We appreciate your continued support and look forward to opportunities in the future. If you have any questions regarding these projects and the District's support for each item, please reach out to me via cell phone at 530-450-5781. I can also be reached at Joseph.Garrotto@usda.gov

Regards,

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District Ranger
Georgetown District
Eldorado National Forest



March 26-27, 2022 volunteer chainsaw class



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February 2022 volunteer work-party included bucking and chipping of slash in Dru Barner Campground



EL DORADO COUNTY RAC
PROPOSAL EVALUATION CRITERIA

PROJECT NAME: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

REQUIRED ELEMENTS

1. **The Project Meets the Intent of The Legislation?**
The project improves the maintenance of existing infrastructure, implements stewardship objectives that enhance forest ecosystems, and restores and improves land, health, and water quality.
2. **There Is Support from the District Ranger or other appropriate federal Land Manager?**
The project is consistent with the Forest Plan and Federal laws and regulation and the Forest has the capacity to handle the workload associated with the project (actual project or oversight), etc. If not on National Forest lands this project is consistent with appropriate agency policies and the agency has the capacity to manage or oversee the project.
3. **This Project Can Be Accomplished Within the Allotted Time Frame?**
Project must be initiated by September 30, 2022 and funds must be obligated by September 30, 2023.

ADDITIONAL CRITERIA (CHECK IF THIS APPLIES TO YOUR PROJECT)

1. **Why is this project necessary here and now? Explain.**

This program would help fund training needs for our growing volunteer program and includes chainsaw and first aid/cpr training as well as the possibility of other training opportunities such as wilderness first aid and trail maintenance training. Volunteers are the backbone of our trail program and can support many other projects that require chainsaw work. The objective of the program is to certify our volunteers on the safe use and operation of a chainsaw and to provide a cache of personal protective equipment that can be used by the volunteers.
2. **Is there a project advocate with the capacity, competence, and ability to complete the project? Explain.**

Yes, the chainsaw training would be instructed by Forest Service Staff, as has been done in previous years. First aid/cpr training would either be online or done by a local service and paid using funds from this project. Monitoring will be done by the recreation staff in the Georgetown district, who are already monitoring volunteer activities but are in the process of expanding the program.
3. **Is the NEPA/CEQA work completed or is the project NEPA/CEQA compliant? Explain.**

No – project is for funding safety and developmental training for volunteers to enable them to do trail work along established trail corridors.
4. **Will this address a problem that the Forest Service within El Dorado County is committed to? Explain.**

Yes, the forest service is already committed to the volunteer program as volunteers are the backbone of the agency and provide much of the ground work. The Forest Service is also committed to trail and recreation site maintenance, but with limited staffing is relying more heavily upon volunteers.
5. **Is there an opportunity to leverage additional funds? Explain.**

[Click or tap here to enter text.](#)
6. **Are there other partners? Explain.**

Yes, this project is for training a wide variety of partners such as:
- California Enduro Riders Association

- Georgetown Divide Equestrian Trails Foundation
- Motherlode Trail Stewardship
- California Expeditions
- Friends of the Eldorado National Forest
- Backcountry Horsemen- Motherlode Chapter
- Elegant Ears Mule Club
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- Multiple individuals not associated with any clubs or organizations

7. **Are there letters of support or commitment from other stake holders? Explain.**

[Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

8. **Are provisions included in the project for maintenance into the future?**

[Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

9. **Is there a high likelihood of success? Explain.**

[Yes, this training will increase volunteer safety and will enable volunteers to better participate in trail maintenance activities](#)

10. **Are provisions included for monitoring project success? Explain.**

[Yes, volunteer work will be monitored to ensure trails are cleared to Forest Service standards and that volunteer hours are recorded appropriately.](#)

DESIGNATED FEDERAL OFFICIAL PRE-SCREENING

The DFO will screen the applications for the following before sending to the RAC: the project application is complete, meets the intent of the legislation, is consistent with the Forest Plan and Federal laws and regulation, and the costs identified seems adequate to complete the project.