

**2008 - 2013 SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS  
PUBLIC LAW 112-141  
TITLE II PROJECT SUBMISSION FORM  
USDA FOREST SERVICE**

Name of Resource Advisory Committee: El Dorado County  
Project Number (Assigned by Designated Federal Official):  
Funding Fiscal Year: 2014 - Receipt Year

**SRS PROJECT**

2. Project Name: Volunteer Chainsaw Certification Program

3a. State: California

3b. County: El Dorado

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5. Date:

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**8. Project Location**

a. National Forest: Eldorado NF

b. Forest Service District: Placerville RD

c. Location (Township-Range-Section): T12N R10E Section 8

**9. Project Goals and Objectives:**

This project would provide the needed funds for the Placerville 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 a hands-on portion. 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.

**10. Project Description**

a. Brief: (in one sentence): This project would provide the needed funds for the Placerville Ranger District to coordinate and offer two volunteer chainsaw classes (and required First Aid/CPR classes) to provide volunteers their chainsaw certification.

b. Detailed: The funding would cover the costs of offering a two day chainsaw certification class, pay for several spots in a local First Aid/CPR class which is required for the chainsaw certification and provide a cache of personal protective equipment that can be used by the volunteers.

**11. State/Private/Other lands involved?**

Land Status: National Forest

If Yes, specify:

12. How does the proposed project meet purposes of the Legislation? (check at least 1)  
Improves maintenance of infrastructure; Implements stewardship objectives; Restores and improves land health

**13. Project Type:**

a. Project Type: Road Maintenance; Road Decommission/Obliteration; Trail Maintenance; Trail Obliteration; Other Infrastructure Maintenance; Forest Health Improvement; Wildlife Habitat Restoration; Fuels Management/Fire Prevention

b. Primary Purpose: Other Infrastructure Maintenance  
Describe other project type: Growing a volunteer program with certified chainsaw operators.

**14. Project's Accomplishments**

#	Quantity	Accomplishment
1	15	Number of structures maintained/improved
2	28	Miles of trails maintained
3	75	Number of people reached (for environmental projects/fire prevention)

15. Estimated Project Start Date: 3/1/2016

16. Estimated Project Completion Date: 11/14/2016

17. List known partnerships or collaborative  
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.

opportunities:

- Friends of the Eldorado National Forest
- Backcountry Horseman- Mother Lode Chapter
- Elegant Ears Mule Club
- Forest Walkers
- Gold Hills Posse
- Americorps
- Student Conservation Association
- California 4WD Association
- Trout Unlimited

18. Identify benefits to communities (max 12 lines):

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 this project benefit federal lands/resources? (max 12 lines)

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. More times than not the seasonal work crews are not available early in the season or late in the fall leaving many down or unsafe trees to be left in the road or trail. The importance of chainsaw safety cannot be underestimated and therefore it is crucial we grow a safe efficient volunteer program.

20. What is the proposed method(s) of accomplishment? (check at least 1)

Federal Workforce; Other

21. Will this project generate merchantable timber?

No

22. Anticipated Project Costs:

a. Please fill out a project cost form for each fiscal year the project will be funded.

Item	Column A Fed. Agency Appropriated Contribution	Column B Requested Title II Contribution	Column C Other Contributions	Column D Total Available Funds
Field Work & Site Surveys				
NEPA/CEQA				
ESA Consultation				
Permit Acquisition				
Project Design & Engineering				
Contract/Grant Preparation				
Contract/Grant Administration				
Contract/Grant Cost				
Salaries		2,880		
Materials & Supplies		2,160		
Monitoring				
A. Other		2,100		
B. Other				
C. Other				
Project Sub-Tota				
FS Indirect Costs				
Total Other Funds:	0			
Total Title II Funds:		7,140		
Total Fed Funds:	0			

**Notes:**

Field Work & Site Survey reflects Pre-NEPA Costs

**Contract/Grant Administration** includes Contracting Officer Representative (COR) cost. Excludes Contracting Officer costs.

**Salaries** - Cost of implementing project.

Examples for "Other" include equipment rentals, travel, etc.

**FS indirect costs** including contracting/grant officer costs if needed.

#### 24. Monitoring Plan

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

**Monitoring Plan:** 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.

b. Identify who will conduct the monitoring: Placerville Recreation and Resource Program

c. Identify total funding needed to carry out specified monitoring tasks.

**Monitoring Costs:** 0.00

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

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

If other is selected, explain:

**Monitoring Remedies:** 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.

**Project Status:** Proposed

**Project Recommended by:**