

HOOD/WILLAMETTE RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

P.L. 106-393; SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY SELF-DETERMINATION ACT OF 2000

Meeting 2
July 7, 2021, 11:00 am
Meeting Minutes

Meeting held virtually via Microsoft Teams

HOOD-WILLAMETTE RAC MEMBERS PRESENT: Will Tucker, Patrick Davis, Steve Wilent, Jon Tullis, Hayden Price (chairman), Neila Whitney, Jeff Jaqua, Kevin Cameron, Ron Adams, Jeff Park, Melanie Kate-Mason, Alyssa Brownlee, Rick Ragan, and Mary Grace Brogdon.

HOOD-WILLAMETTE RAC SUPPORT STAFF PRESENT: Christine Meyers (Acting HWRAC Coordinator), David Warnack (DFO), Duane Bishop, Jennifer Sorensen, Rachel LaMedica, Molly Juillerat, Wes Worley.

Acronyms:

DFO: Deciding Federal Official

FEMA: Federal Emergency Management Agency

FS: Forest Service

FY: Fiscal Year

MHNF: Mt Hood National Forest

NEPA: National Environmental Policy Act

NHPA: National Historic Preservation Act

ODOT: Oregon Department of Transportation

OWEB: Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board

RAC: Resource Advisory Council

SHPO: State Historic Preservation Office

SRS: Secure Rural Schools

WNF: Willamette National Forest

Q: Question

A: Answer

OVERVIEW OF AGENDA: Today's purpose is to discuss and make funding recommendations on SRS - Title II proposals submitted in May 2021. Each team will have one person report out on their proposal recommendations and then we will allow for Q&A and discussion before voting on that recommendation.

1. RAC members were responsible for reviewing all proposals, ensuring intent of the legislation is met, and the interests and counties each RAC member represents. RAC sub-committees were encouraged to contact pertinent stakeholders, Project POC's and Forest/ District personnel as appropriate.
2. Votes will be based on formal recommendations. Recommendations require a majority of members from each of the 3 categories to vote in favor.
3. The DFO is the final decision maker. There is a strong history of the DFO accepting RAC recommendations. The DFO cannot fund projects that lack a RAC recommendation, but he can decide to not fund something recommended. The DFO can also decide to fund previously recommended projects.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None received

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TITLE II FUNDING AVAILABILITY AND PROPOSAL RECAP:

1. Overview of funding:

Forest	County	FY19 Title II Funds Available	FY20 Title II Funds Available	Total Title II Funds Available/County
Mt. Hood	Clackamas	\$89,364.70	\$83,291.99	\$172,656.69
	Hood River	\$39,351.74	\$41,115.70	\$80,467.44
	Jefferson	\$972.78	\$884.12	\$1,856.90
	Marion	\$30,142.77	\$28,315.01	\$58,457.78
	Multnomah	\$13,668.67	\$12,805.71	\$26,474.38
	Wasco	\$80,826.47	\$83,802.37	\$164,628.84
Willamette	Clackamas	\$157.16	\$146.50	\$303.66
	Deschutes	\$34.47	\$34.01	\$68.48
	Douglas	\$31,485.55	\$29,661.15	\$61,146.70
	Jefferson	\$139.80	\$127.05	\$266.85
	Lane	\$472,078.13	\$459,222.87	\$931,301.00
	Linn	\$244,171.70	\$231,086.14	\$475,257.84
	Marion	\$62,629.76	\$58,824.99	\$121,454.75
Total		\$1,065,023.70	\$1,029,317.61	\$2,094,341.31

2. Committee Breakdown: Committees were randomly selected by the chair and not designated based on county representation. Committee assignments were as follows:

- BROWN TEAM: Ragan, Tullis, Davis
- BLUE TEAM: Tucker, Price, Adams
- ORANGE TEAM: Whitney, Jaqua, Cameron
- GREEN TEAM: Parker, Wilent, Kate-Mason, Brownlee, Brogdon

3. County by county proposal review & vote:

- DOUGLAS COUNTY: Discussion on vetting process.
 - Q: Can monies in one county can be shifted or re-allocated to another county based on priorities? A: That is not the intention of the funding. The DFO may have the authority to approve such, if requested.
 - Funding recommendations were unanimous and are as follows:

County	Sponsor	Project Name	Project No.	FY19/20 Funding Recommended
Douglas	WNF	Middle Fork Force Account Road Crew Salary	HW1920-001	\$16,250.00
Douglas	WNF	Middle Fork Force Account Road Crew Salary	HW1920-002	\$44,896.00
DOUGLAS TOTAL				\$61,146.00

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4. LANE COUNTY: Discussion on vetting process.

- a. Q: What would happen to funds which are left unspent? A: Historically this RAC has voted on what types of projects they would like to see any unspent funds applied to.
- b. RAC voted unanimously to recommend the funding of all projects in full, with a share of the remaining funds to each of the scalable projects. J. Parker abstains from voting due to conflict of interest. Funding recommendations were unanimous and are as follows:

County	Sponsor	Project Name	Project Number	FY19/20 Funding Recommended
Lane	Lane County	MLK Youth Forest Work team	HW1920-003	\$84,472.00
Lane	Middle Fork Willamette WSHD Council	Cultural Resource Surveys for Large Scale Floodplain Restoration	HW1920-004	\$61,530.00
Lane	NYC	Northwest Youth Corps Middle Fork Trail Maintenance	HW1920-005	\$30,655.00
Lane	SWFC	Canal Trail Rehab (w/ 3 addendums)	HW1920-006	\$28,972.00
Lane	Walama Restoration Project	Rigdon Pollinator Seed beds	HW1920-007	\$5,500.00
Lane	MFRD-WNF	Pinegrass Restoration and Prescribed Fire Units	HW1920-008	\$75,972.00
Lane	MFRD-WNF	Middle Fork Environment Educational Program	HW1920-009	\$17,222.00
Lane	MFRD-WNF	YCC	HW1920-010	\$140,000.00
Lane	MFRD-WNF	High Priority Weed Treatments	HW1920-011	\$31,350.00
Lane	MFRD-WNF	Middle Fork Rec Site Invasive Plant Treatment & Monitoring	HW1920-012	\$15,920.00
Lane	MFRD-WNF	UMFWR Floodplain Restoration Invasive Weeds Pretreatment	HW1920-013	\$8,852.00
Lane	MFRD-WNF	Middle Fork Deferred Road Maintenance	HW1920-014	\$84,472.00
Lane	MFRD-WNF	Middle Fork Force Account Road Crew Salary	HW1920-015	\$17,222.00
Lane	MRRD-WNF	McKenzie River Ranger District-Trail rehab-Nash/Separation Fire	HW1920-017	\$28,000.00
Lane	MRRD-WNF	McKenzie River Ranger District – Portable Toilets - Lane	HW1920-018	\$6,300.00
Lane	MRRD-WNF	McKenzie River Ranger District – Mink Lake Basin Trail Bridge Construction	HW1920-019	\$11,000.00
Lane	MRRD-WNF	McKenzie River Ranger District – Terwilliger Lighting	HW1920-020	\$30,000.00
Lane	MRRD-WNF	Lane County Weed Treatments	HW1920-021	\$30,000.00
Lane	MRRD-WNF	Pollinator gardens and education	HW1920-022	\$12,000.00
Lane	MRRD-WNF	McKenzie River Meadow Restoration – Lane County	HW1920-023	\$22,172.00
Lane	MRRD-WNF	Post Fire Reforestation – Lane Co – McKenzie River	HW1920-024	\$70,600.00
Lane	MRRD-WNF	McKenzie River Deferred Road Maintenance	HW1920-025	\$59,090.00
Lane	MRRD-WNF	Deer Creek Floodplain Enhancement Project: Phase IV	HW1920-026	\$39,000.00
Lane	MRRD-WNF	McKenzie Airstrip Gate Replacement	HW1920-027	\$21,000.00
LANE TOTAL				\$931,301.00

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5. LINN COUNTY: Discussion on vetting process.

- a. Linn County Commissioner, W. Tucker spent time with 3 different District Rangers, discussing these projects and district priorities.
- b. If funds are left unspent in Linn County, RAC suggested it be moved to a road maintenance type project.
- c. Funding recommendations were unanimous and are as follows:

County	Sponsor	Project Name	Project No.	FY19/20 Funding Recommended
Linn	WNF - SHRD	Sweet Home Ranger District Deferred Developed and Dispersed Rec Site Maintenance	HW1920-028	\$11,353.00
Linn	WNF-SHRD	Linn County Natural and Cultural Resource Public Education	HW1920-029	\$6,500.00
Linn	WNF-SHRD	Invasive Weed Survey and Treatment - SHRD	HW1920-030	\$41,012.50
Linn	WNF-SHRD	PAYCO Road Maintenance - SHRD	HW1920-031	\$17,000.00
Linn	WNF-SHRD	Cascadia Day Use Area Bathroom	HW1920-032	\$25,000.00
Linn	WNF-SHRD	Meadow Enhancement	HW1920-033	\$56,050.00
Linn	WNF-DRD	Detroit Ranger District Deferred Trail Maintenance	HW1920-034	\$25,000.00
Linn	WNF-SHRD	SHRD Deferred Trail Maintenance	HW1920-035	\$20,000.00
Linn	CV	Santiam Wagon Rd Interp Project - Phase II	HW1920-036	\$23,742.00
Linn	WNF-DRD	Recreation Maintenance & Lake Sweeping	HW1920-037	\$33,250.00
Linn	WNF-DRD	Marion Forks Guard Station Vault Toilet Installation	HW1920-038	\$50,000.00
Linn	WNF-SHRD	Linn Payco Road Maintenance - Detroit R.D.	HW1920-039	\$27,625.00
Linn	WNF-MRRD	McKenzie River Ranger District – Clear Lake Bathroom	HW1920-040	\$45,000.00
Linn	WNF-MRRD	McKenzie River Ranger District – PCT trail tread reconstruction	HW1920-041	\$17,670.00
Linn	WNF-MRRD	McKenzie River Ranger District – Portable Toilets - Linn	HW1920-042	\$3,885.00
Linn	WNF-MRRD	McKenzie River Ranger District – Falls trail rehabilitation	HW1920-043	\$24,000.00
Linn	WNF-MRRD	Invasive Weed Treatments-Mckenzie River Ranger District	HW1920-044	\$7,600.00
Linn	WNF-MRRD	McKenzie River Meadow Restoration – Linn County	HW1920-045	\$7,600.00
Linn	WNF-MRRD	Young Stand Density Management – Linn Co – McKenzie River	HW1920-046	\$11,347.50
Linn	WNF-MRRD	Fish Lake Remount Depot Historic Structure Maintenance	HW1920-047	\$6,300.00
Linn	WNF-MRRD	McKenzie River Deferred Road Maintenance	HW1920-048	\$15,297.45
LINN TOTAL				\$475,232.45

6. MARION COUNTY: Discussion on vetting process.

- a. Discussion on projects within Marion County which cross National Forest boundary. Historically, the RAC has honored both County and Forest boundaries and kept project awards separate based on different management priorities.
- b. Q: Concern raised regarding NHPA and SHPO concurrence on projects. The question posed in the project proposal form does not ensure that a project can legally be implemented and meet

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requirements for historic preservation. D. Warnack, DFO provided assurance that all funded projects would be executed in full compliance with NEPA and NHPA. J. Sorensen, RAC Coordinator, would assess whether proposal form could be updated to address this issue.

- c. Funding recommendations were made as follows (one dissenting vote):

County	Sponsor	Project Name	Project No.	FY19/20 Funding Recommended
Marion	WNF	Recreation Maintenance & Lake Sweeping	HW1920-049	\$36,000.00
Marion	WNF	Detroit Ranger District Deferred Trail Maintenance	HW1920-050	\$30,000.00
Marion	WNF	Marion Payco Road Maintenance - Detroit R.D.	HW1920-051	\$34,999.75
Marion	WNF	Elk Lake Aquatic Organism Passage and Road Decommissioning/Maintenance	HW1920-052	\$20,455.00
MARION TOTAL				\$121,454.75

- 7. MULTNOMAH COUNTY: No proposals were received for Multnomah County.
- 8. CLACKAMAS COUNTY: Discussion on vetting process.
 - a. Mt. Hood representatives shared insight on priorities of the Mt. hood as this team did not have the opportunity to connect with project personnel or District Rangers.
 - i. Forest Roads 4220 and 5700, which serve as important ingress/egress routes, were heavily impacted by recent fires, and remain high priority for funding.
 - ii. Proposal HW1920-1010 Upper Sandy Instream Restoration is also priority.
 - iii. Discussion on the importance and role of Collaboratives in the Agency's processes. Collaboratives are limited in how they fund their work. RAC was encouraged to consider consistency in how Collaboratives are funded throughout this process, recognizing that each proposal stands on its own merit.
 - iv. Funding recommendations were unanimous and are as follows:

County	Sponsor	Project Name	Project No.	FY19/20 Funding Recommended
Clackamas	MT Hood NF	Upper Sandy Salmon and Steelhead Instream Restoration	HW1920-101	\$47,000.00
Clackamas	Clackamas River Basin Council	Clackamas Stewardship Partners	HW1920-102	\$20,000.00
Clackamas	Mt Hood NF	NFSR 5700 Drainage Maintenance	HW1920-104	\$29,400.00
Clackamas	Clackamas S&WCD	Clackamas Priority Invasive Weed Management	HW1920-105	\$20,000.00
Clackamas	Sandy River WSHD Council	Weed Monitoring and Removal on the Sandy River	HW1920-106	\$33,000.00
Marion (+Clackamas)	MT Hood NF	NFSR 4220 Olallie/ Horseshoe Lake Safety Access	HW1920-120/103	\$23,256.69
CLACKAMAS TOTAL				\$172,656.69

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9. HOOD RIVER COUNTY: Discussion on vetting process.

- a. Project 1920-112 recommended to receive no funding following discussion with District Ranger who thought this project would likely receive funding through a timber sale.
- b. Funding recommendations were unanimous and are as follows:

County	Sponsor	Project Name	Project No.	FY19/20 Funding Recommended
Hood River	Hood River WSHD Grp	Neal Creek Phase II Instream Habitat Restoration Project	HW-1920-107	\$20,000.00
Hood River	Hood River SWCD	Hood River Garlic Mustard Abatement Project	HW-1920-108	\$21,167.44
Hood River	WNF	Mt. Hood Cooperative Trail Restoration	HW-1920-109	\$8,300.00
Hood River	Mt Hood NF	Cloud Cap Road Resurface	HW-1920-110	\$10,000.00
Hood River	Mt Hood NF	Hood River Ranger District Invasive Plant Control	HW-1920-111	\$21,000.00
Hood River	Mt Hood NF	NFSR 2820 Storm and Eagle Creek Fire Damage Repair	HW-1920-112	0.00
HOOD RIVER TOTAL				\$80,467.44

10. WASCO COUNTY: Discussion on vetting process.

- a. Discussion on hazard tree mitigation along NFS Roads. Forest Leadership offered context: Once roads are impacted by fire they generally remain closed for safety/liability purposes until hazards can be mitigated. Typically within the first-year post fire, NEPA is completed then contracts are awarded/administered to remove hazard trees. The wood is only viable for about one-year post fire event, otherwise the work will not pay for itself. Post one year, the USFS then transitions to service contracts to remove such hazards. Currently on the Mt. Hood there is roughly \$200-\$300 million dollars' worth of work in addressing Haz-Mat needs, hazard trees, building removal and re-building efforts.
- b. Q: FEMA was able to help in removing hazard trees, turning that work over to ODOT. Can the USFS work with ODOT to assist in the removal of hazard trees along NFS Roadways? A: No, FEMA will not issue funding to federal entities. They issue funding/assistance to state and private land holders.
- c. Project 1920-115 recommended to receive no funding following discussion with District Ranger who thought this project would likely receive funding through other sources.
- d. Funding recommendations were unanimous and are as follows:

County	Sponsor	Project Name	Project No.	FY19/20 Funding Recommended
Wasco	Walama Restoration	Invasive Vegetation Management in the White River Watershed	HW-1920-113	\$11,148.00
Wasco	Mt. Hood NF	Historic Barlow Road District Hazard Tree Mitigation - White River Fire	HW-1920-114	\$60,000.00
Wasco	Mt. Hood NF	White River Fire Roadside Danger Tree Abatement	HW-1920-115	0.00
Wasco	Mt. Hood NF	Five Mile Pre-Commercial Thinning and Brushing	HW-1920-116	\$45,130.00

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Wasco	Mt. Hood NF	Badger Creek Regional Cooperative Trail Restoration	HW-1920-117	\$8,350.00
Wasco	Mt. Hood NF	White River Fire Reforestation	HW-1920-118	\$30,000.00
Wasco	Wasco County Soil and Water Cons District	Wasco County Forest Collaborative	HW-1920-119	\$10,000.00
WASCO TOTAL				\$164,628.00

11. Resolution of unallocated funds:

- a. Discussion on how to ensure Multnomah County benefits from the use of allocated funds despite a lack of submitted projects in their County. RAC voted unanimously to apply Multnomah County funds (\$26,474.38) to MHNF "Upper Sandy Salmon and Steelhead Instream Restoration Project", No. HW1920-101, located upstream of Multnomah County and thereby benefiting the appropriate county. RAC coordinator will contact FS Regional Office to ensure shifting these funds is allowable. RAC members, specifically W. Tucker, will reach out to Multnomah County Commissioners to inform them of this intention/rationale.
- b. Discussion of proper allocation of Jefferson County and Deschutes County funds to best benefit those counties. RAC voted unanimously to reallocate Jefferson County (\$2,123.75) and Deschutes County (\$68.48) funds to neighboring RACs who better represent these Counties' interests.

12. Residual Funds Recommendations

- a. RAC voted unanimously to allocate or reallocate any new or unused funds from FY19/20 to deferred road and trail maintenance projects.

NEXT STEPS:

1. RAC Coordinator will prepare the recommendation packages for DFO consideration and approval.
2. Upon DFO approval, RAC Coordinator will notify project proponents of funding awards and initiate funds allocation/spending.
3. RAC Coordinator will work to coordinate a field site visit to some previously awarded Title II projects.

ADJOURN: 3:00pm.