

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

_____ **Resource Advisory Committee**

Project Number (Assigned by Designated Federal Official):

Funding Fiscal Year(s):

2. Project Name: Granite Mine Trail and Hobo Bay Camping Area Restoration	3a. State: Alaska 3b. County(s):
4. Project Submitted By: Prince William Sound Stewardship Foundation	5. Date: 01/26/2024
6. Contact Phone Number: (907) 441-1477	7. Contact E-mail: info@princewilliamsound.org

8. Project Location:	
a. National Forest(s): Chugach	b. Forest Service District: Glacier Ranger District
c. Location (Township-Range-Section)	

<p>9. Project Goals and Objectives:</p> <p>Goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Restore conditions on the Granite Mine Trail using community volunteer participation. ● Restore Hobo Bay camping areas using community volunteer participation. <p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Improve recreational access to the Granite Mine Trail by brushing, restoring water drainage, and targeting areas of braiding and erosion. ○ Restore heavily trafficked Hobo Bay camping areas. ○ Support public use opportunities, including recreation, subsistence, hiking, solitude, and camping. ○ Support the PWS recreation/tourism economy. ○ Perform work that helps restore conditions in the Nellie Juan-College Fiord Wilderness Study Area, which remains an Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council injured resource.
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10. Project Description:

a. Brief: (*in one sentence*)

The Prince William Sound Stewardship Foundation will work in partnership with the Chugach National Forest to resolve water drainage issues on the Granite Mine Trail and loss of soils and vegetation at the nearby Hobo Bay camping areas over a two-year period, which will help maintain wetland meadows, prevent further resource damage, and improve conditions for visitors.

b. Detailed:

The Granite Mine Trail is a popular route along Port Wells where visitors can enjoy hiking, sightseeing, solitude, birding, and the historic remnants of the Granite Mine and associated equipment and stamp mill, all within the Nellie Juan-College Fiord WSA. The one-mile trail provides the best developed hiking opportunities along Port Wells. It is popular among both commercial tours and independent visitors. Additionally, nearby Hobo Bay provides some of the best camping opportunities along western Port Wells, along with additional hiking routes to Granite Mine.

Water drainage needs improvement along several sections of the Granite Mine Trail. One is along the lower trail, where wetland waters and rain runoff now flow along the trail's tread, leading hikers to create braided routes and mucky areas in a wetland meadow. Another is near the Granite Mine stamp mill, where water from several small creeks flows onto the trail, eroding its tread.

At Hobo Bay, three areas where mid-size and large groups frequently camp are becoming eroded and losing vegetation. Trash and improperly disposed human waste are additional issues. Nearby hiking areas leading to Granite Mine are also becoming braided with user trails that erode wetland soils and vegetation.

PWSSF will work with the Chugach National Forest to improve the conditions with annual work trips for two years. A Forest Service trails specialist will accompany both trips. The groups will camp at Hobo Bay. This restoration project improves recreation opportunities and natural conditions in the WSA, which is still listed as an injured resource by the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council.

Year 1

Repair water drainage on lower and upper Granite Mine Trail to end trail braiding in wetland meadows and restore trail tread. We will install dips and water bars in the trail to drain water and, where necessary, dig drainage alongside the trail to re-route water from the trail to the forest. If time allows, begin restoring camping impacts at Hobo Bay.

Year 2

Complete drainage work on Granite Mine Trail, perform light brushing on the trail, and restore erosion and vegetation loss at Hobo Bay camping areas.

By performing this restoration work with volunteer crews, PWSSF helps CNF's limited staff focus on the heavily trafficked trails along the road system in Girdwood, Portage, Whittier, and Turnagain Pass. Travel to Granite Mine/Hobo Bay takes much more time than accessing the District's trails along the road system. Yet, restoring Granite Mine/Hobo Bay serves independent and commercial visitors and improves national forest access and conditions. It is our hope that we can recruit families with youth or other youth groups, possibly from underserved communities, to conduct this work.

11. Types of Lands Involved?

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. X

Restores water quality X

13. Project Type

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

Road Maintenance

Trail Maintenance X

Road Decommission/Obliteration

Trail Obliteration

Other Infrastructure Maintenance (specify):

Soil Productivity Improvement

Forest Health Improvement X

Watershed Restoration & Maintenance X

Wildlife Habitat Restoration X

Fish Habitat Restoration	Control of Noxious Weeds
Reestablish Native Species	Fuels Management/Fire Prevention
Implement CWPP Project	Other Project Type (specify):
b. Primary Purpose (select only 1 from above): Forest Health Improvement	

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: 1 acre
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: 1
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 (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):
Direct economic activity benefit: Benefit to recreation/tourism industry of PWS gateway cities such as Whittier and beyond
Other:

15. Estimated Project Start Date: 05/15/2024	16. Estimated Project Completion Date: 08/31/2025
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17. List known partnerships or collaborative opportunities.

Chugach National Forest, Alaska Trails, Alaska Geographic

18. Identify benefits to communities.

Restoring the Granite Mine Trail and campsites at Hobo Bay improves public access to a popular trail and camping area, encourages use and enjoyment of national forest lands, and fuels economic activity for water taxi and ancillary services in gateway communities and beyond.

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

Accomplishing this work would improve recreational experience, support water taxis and other local businesses, and improve the condition of soils, streams, and vegetation currently affected by erosion.

20. What is the Proposed Method(s) of Accomplishment? (check at least 1)	
Contract	Federal Workforce
County Workforce	Volunteers X
Grant	Agreement
Americorps	YCC/CCC Crews
Job Corps	Stewardship Contract
Merchantable Timber Pilot	Other (specify):

21. Will the Project Generate Merchantable Timber? Yes No

22. Anticipated Project Costs
a. Title II Funds Requested: \$11.440.00
b. Is this a multi-year funding request? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes No

23. Identify Source(s) of Other Funding:

24. Monitoring Plan (provide as attachment)

- 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.

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

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:

Project Approved By:

/s/ (INSERT Signature)

/s/ (INSERT Signature)

Chairperson

Forest Supervisor

Resource Advisory Committee
Forest

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Budget Description

Column A

Row a. Chugach National Forest provides a total in-kind contribution of \$2,800.00 (2 days annually each for recreation planner and WSA/trails specialist for pre- and post-season visits to assess conditions and annual needs).

Row e. Chugach National Forest provides in-kind contribution of \$800.00 for trails specialist for project design.

Row i. Chugach National Forest provides 4 days total (2 days/year) in project development by recreation planner and 10 days (5 days/year) for WSA/trails specialist to accompany the annual work trip: \$5,100.00.

Row j. USFS vessel/fleet costs over 2 years for site visits: \$1,500.00

Column B

Row a. Field Work & Site Surveys: 2 days PWSSF staff hours at \$400/day

Row i. Salaries: 14 days (7 days/year for 2 years) PWSSF staff hours at \$400/day

Row j. Materials & Supplies: \$1,000.00 volunteer tools and backcountry supplies, \$2,600 water taxi (\$1,300 x 2 roundtrips)

Row k. Monitoring: 1 days (0.5 days/year for 2 years) PWSSF staff hours at \$400/day

Row l. Partner indirect cost: 10%

Project Cost Analysis Worksheet

Worksheet 1

Please submit this worksheet with your proposal

Item	<i>Column A</i> Fed. Agency Appropriated Contribution	<i>Column B</i> Requested Title II Contribution	<i>Column C</i> Other Contributions	<i>Column D</i> Total Available Funds
a. Field Work & Site Surveys	\$2800.00	\$800.00		\$3,600.00
b. NEPA/CEQA				
c. ESA Consultation				
d. Permit Acquisition				
e. Project Design & Engineering	\$800.00			\$800.00
f. Contract/Grant Preparation				
g. Contract/Grant Administration				
h. Contract/Grant Cost				
i. Salaries	\$5,100.00	\$5,600.00		\$10,700.00
j. Materials & Supplies	\$1,500.00	\$3,600.00		\$5,100.00
k. Monitoring		\$400.00		\$400.00
l. Other ex. Partner Indirect Cost		\$1,040.00		\$1,040.00
m. Project Sub-Total				
n. FS Indirect Costs				
Total Cost Estimate	\$10,200.00	\$11,440.00		\$21,640.00

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.