

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

**Wrangell/Petersburg/Kake Resource Advisory Committee**

**Project Number: 21-5**

**Funding Fiscal Year(s):**

<b>2. Project Name: Wrangell SCA Trail Crew Project</b>	<b>3a. State: Alaska</b> <b>3b. County(s): Wrangell Borough</b>
<b>4. Project Submitted By: Victoria Houser</b>	<b>5. Date: October 1, 2021</b>
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<b>8. Project Location: Multiple Trail locations: Institute and North Wrangell Trails, Mt. Dewey Connector Trail, Mt Dewey Trail.</b>	
a. National Forest(s): Tongass	b. Forest Service District: Wrangell Ranger District
c. Location (Township-Range-Section) Wrangell	

**9. Project Goals and Objectives:** The objective of the Wrangell SCA Trail Crew Project is to perform trail construction and maintenance projects on Institute Creek, North Wrangell, Mt. Dewey Connect and Mt. Dewey Trails using a 4-person SCA crew. These trails are a combination of Forest Service System Trails and City of Wrangell municipal trails.

**10. Project Description:**

a. Brief: (*in one sentence*): Construct or maintain four trails located within five miles of downtown Wrangell. This project will be accomplished with a Student Conservation Association (SCA) specialized trail crew.

b. Detailed: Well maintained trails provide several benefits to local residents and visitors to an area. For example, trails provide access to public lands for a variety of recreation and subsistence uses. They also encourage healthy lifestyles, because they offer outdoor corridors to exercise and reduce stress. Both the Tongass National Forest and the City of Wrangell value trails and their benefits to local and visiting populations. Yet both the City and the Forest Service often struggle to complete trail construction and maintenance projects. This project will provide funding to support a 4-person SCA crew to perform needed deferred maintenance and enhancements of North Wrangell, Institute Creek Mt Dewey Connector and Mt. Dewey Trails. The SCA trail crew is specialized in performing trail construction in Southeast Alaska. The Forest Service will manage the agreement with SCA to support the trail crew and provide housing and transportation for the 4-person crew.

The SCA crew will spend approximately 4-6 weeks in Wrangell performing trail maintenance. During their time in Wrangell, the SCA crew will work closely with Forest Service and City of Wrangell personnel to ensure that project performance meets standard. They will also work with the

Wrangell Cooperative Association Trail Crew to share knowledge and help crew members to gain experience with various trail construction techniques.

**11. Types of Lands Involved?**

State/Private/Other lands involved?  Yes  No

**Land Status:**

If Yes, specify: combination of City of Wrangell municipal trails and NFS trails

**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 type="checkbox"/> Road Maintenance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trail Maintenance
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<input type="checkbox"/> Road Decommission/Obliteration	<input type="checkbox"/> Trail Obliteration
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Other Infrastructure Maintenance (specify):

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Soil Productivity Improvement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forest Health Improvement
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<input type="checkbox"/> Watershed Restoration & Maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife Habitat Restoration
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<input type="checkbox"/> Fish Habitat Restoration	<input type="checkbox"/> Control of Noxious Weeds
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<input type="checkbox"/> Reestablish Native Species	<input type="checkbox"/> Fuels Management/Fire Prevention
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<input type="checkbox"/> Implement CWPP Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Project Type (specify):
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b. Primary Purpose (select only 1 from above): **Trail Maintenance**

**14. Identify What the Project Will Accomplish:** (planning for a variety of these, see “other”

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:

Acres of hazardous fuel treatment

Miles of trail maintained: **2.5 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 (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:
Other:

<b>15. Estimated Project Start Date: 2022</b>	<b>16. Estimated Project Completion Date: 2023</b>
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**17. List known partnerships or collaborative opportunities.**

Student Conservation Association (SCA); City of Wrangell

**18. Identify benefits to communities.**

Well maintained trails offer access to public lands for recreation and subsistence uses. They help folks achieve a healthy lifestyle as a location for outdoor exercise, stress reduction and connection to nature. In addition, communities with well maintained and accessible trail systems have higher home values and they tend to attract people to the community. This project will aid in these benefits by maintaining and constructing trails within five miles of the community.

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

Improvements to trails help keep people on the trail and away from sensitive and less resilient areas. For instance, a boardwalk or gravel trail designed through a muskeg allow visitors to enjoy seeing the muskeg without sinking into the mud, trampling vegetation and causing soil erosion. In addition, well maintained trails help to stabilize slopes and protect debris and eroded soils from entering streams and effecting fish and other aquatic organisms.

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

<b>22. Anticipated Project Costs</b>
a. Title II Funds Requested: <b>\$52,000 for 6 weeks of a 4-person crew</b>
b. Is this a multi-year funding request? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

23. Identify Source(s) of Other Funding: WCA funding for laborers; Forest Service force account 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.
  - a. Forest Service and WCA will monitor progress of the trail improvement project. FS and WCA will record accomplishments in annual trail program accomplishment report.
- b. Identify who will conduct the monitoring: FS and WCA.
- c. Identify total funding needed to carry out specified monitoring tasks (Worksheet 1, Item k): No extra funding required.

**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:

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**Project Recommended By:**

*/s/ Patrick Fowler*  
*/s/ Kimberly Powell*  
**Chairpersons**

Wrangell-Petersburg Resource Advisory Committee

**Project Approved By:**

*/s/ M. Earl Stewart*  
**Forest Supervisor**

Tongass National Forest

# Project Cost Analysis Worksheet

## Worksheet 1

<b>Item</b>	<i>Column A</i> <b>Fed. Agency Appropriated Contribution</b>	<i>Column B</i> <b>Requested Title II Contribution</b>	<i>Column C</i> <b>Other Contributions</b>	<i>Column D</i> <b>Total Available Funds</b>
a. Field Work & Site Surveys				
b. NEPA/CEQA				
c. ESA Consultation				
d. Permit Acquisition			4000 City of Wrangell	
e. Project Design & Engineering	4000		4000 City of Wrangell	
f. Contract/Grant Preparation	1200			
g. Contract/Grant Administration	4000			
h. Contract/Grant Cost		\$52,000		
i. Salaries				
j. Materials & Supplies	20,000		10,000 City of Wrangell	
k. Monitoring				
l. Other ex. Partner Indirect Cost				
m. Project Sub-Total				
n. FS Indirect Costs				
<b>Total Cost Estimate</b>	<b>29,200</b>	<b>\$52,000</b>	<b>18,000</b>	

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.