

Title II Money Available for Special BLM Projects

MEDFORD, OR – January 12, 2010 – The public is invited to submit funding applications for Title II natural resource projects designed to benefit the land and resources of the Bureau of Land Management, Medford District and the rural economies of Josephine, Jackson, Douglas, Curry, and Klamath Counties.

The reauthorized Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act provides funds for Title II projects that are on Federal lands or that benefit Federal lands. Individuals, non-profit organizations, organized groups and local governments are all candidates to receive competitive funding with Title II projects. Electronic applications must be received by **February 19, 2010**.

The Act defines the purposes of Title II funds as follows:

1. *To make additional investments in, and create additional employment opportunities through projects that improve the maintenance of existing infrastructure, implement stewardship objectives that enhance forest ecosystems, and restore and improve land health and water quality. Such projects shall enjoy broad-based support and may include:*
 - *Road, trail, and infrastructure maintenance or obliteration*
 - *Soil productivity improvement*
 - *Improvements in forest ecosystem health*
 - *Watershed restoration and maintenance*
 - *Restoration, maintenance and improvement of wildlife and fish habitat*
 - *Control of noxious and exotic weeds*
 - *Reestablishment of native species*
2. *To improve cooperative relationships among the people that use and care for Federal lands and the agencies that manage these lands.*

A Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will review proposed Title II projects and recommend to BLM which projects should be funded on Federal land or on non-Federal land where projects would benefit resources on Federal land. The RAC consists of citizen members representing a wide range of interests.

The RAC will be considering projects to be funded during Fiscal Year 2011. Please see the web site information for details on submitting multi-year proposals.



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Application Due Date & Submittal Process

The application instructions are included below in this document. **Applications are due by Friday, February 19th, 2010.** The application forms and instructions on how to fill out the forms are available at the Medford BLM District Office website, at <http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/medford/plans/secure.php>. All applications must be electronically submitted to BLM by the due date specified above. Applications may be e-mailed to the address below, or delivered on a Computer Disk to the BLM front desk (Attention: Title II Program Coordinator).

Address: Bureau of Land Management
Attention: Title II Program Coordinator
3040 Biddle Rd.
Medford, OR 97504

Phone: (541) 618-2397 (program coordinator)
(541) 618-2200 (front desk)

E-mail: Medford_Mail@blm.gov, and please include "Title II..." in the Subject Line.

If you do not have access to a computer and/or the internet, such as at a library, then please contact the Title II Program Coordinator at BLM to get help with submittal of a project application (see phone number above). BLM staff is available to work with you in coordinating your project application.

If you have questions, please contact Roger Schnoes, Medford District Title II Program Coordinator, at the address or number listed above.

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