

Eco-Sanctuaries

Request for Applications

What is an Eco-Sanctuary?

- An eco-sanctuary is defined as a place of safety providing a natural and healthy habitat for excess wild horses where they will be properly cared for, yet allowed to roam freely.
- An eco-sanctuary offers the public the opportunity of engaging with wild horses through public outreach, to include adoption and training opportunities, and the creation of economic opportunities for local communities.

Public/Private Sanctuaries

- competitive opportunity for interested parties to propose new wild horse sanctuaries
- that will provide a better value for the American taxpayer, and
- a better situation for our horses by -
 - providing better visibility of the wild horses themselves, and
 - inspiring the public to understand wild horses and
 - providing educational opportunities
 - and wild horse training opportunities,
- These sanctuaries may be managed by non-profit organizations or other appropriate partners, and
- perhaps the public would be inspired as well, to adopt one or more of these animals and provide them with good homes.

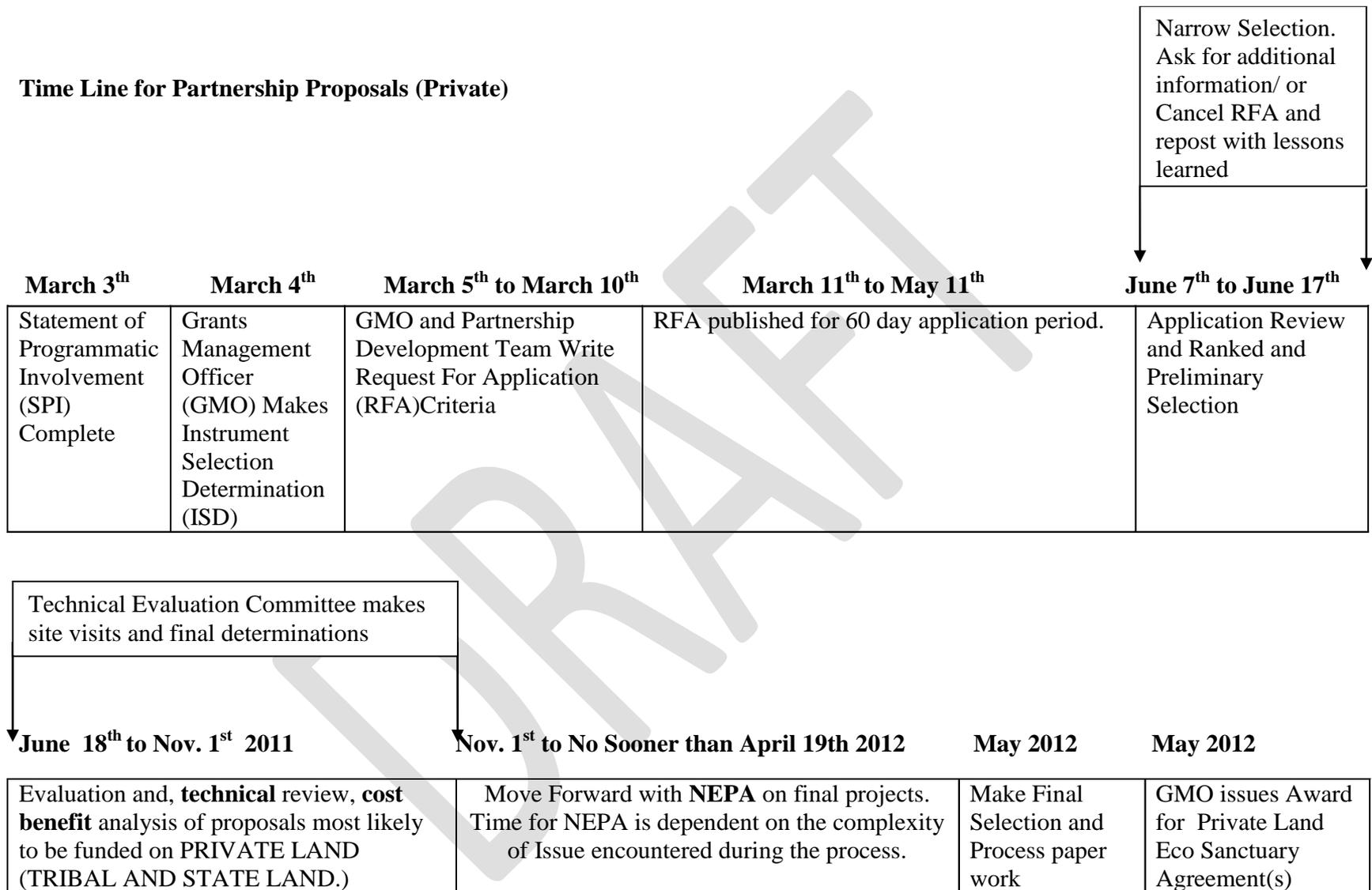
Key Requirements

- ❑ Ensure that the proposed sanctuary is located a minimum of 10 miles away from existing herd management areas (HMAs) or Herd Areas (HAs). **This is different for combined public and private land proposals. The Wild Horse and Burro Act requires wild horse to be managed on public lands identified as Herd Areas in 1971.**
- ❑ Demonstrate that the proposed sanctuary is located on land the applicant controls through ownership or lease or other legal means that demonstrates land control.
- ❑ Demonstrate that adequate forage and water for the horses received will be available primarily as pasture, and available year round, or that supplemental feed will be of such quality and fed in sufficient quantity to sustain horses in good condition.
- ❑ Provide a plan for fund raising activities as well as promoting eco-tourism by attracting visitors to the sanctuary. The applicant should provide details regarding infrastructure or activities for viewing the horses in a safe environment for both the public and the horses.
- ❑ Ensure the establishment of the sanctuary will be in compliance with all Federal, State, and local governmental law and/or ordinances.

Comparison – Public and Private Horses on Public or Private Lands

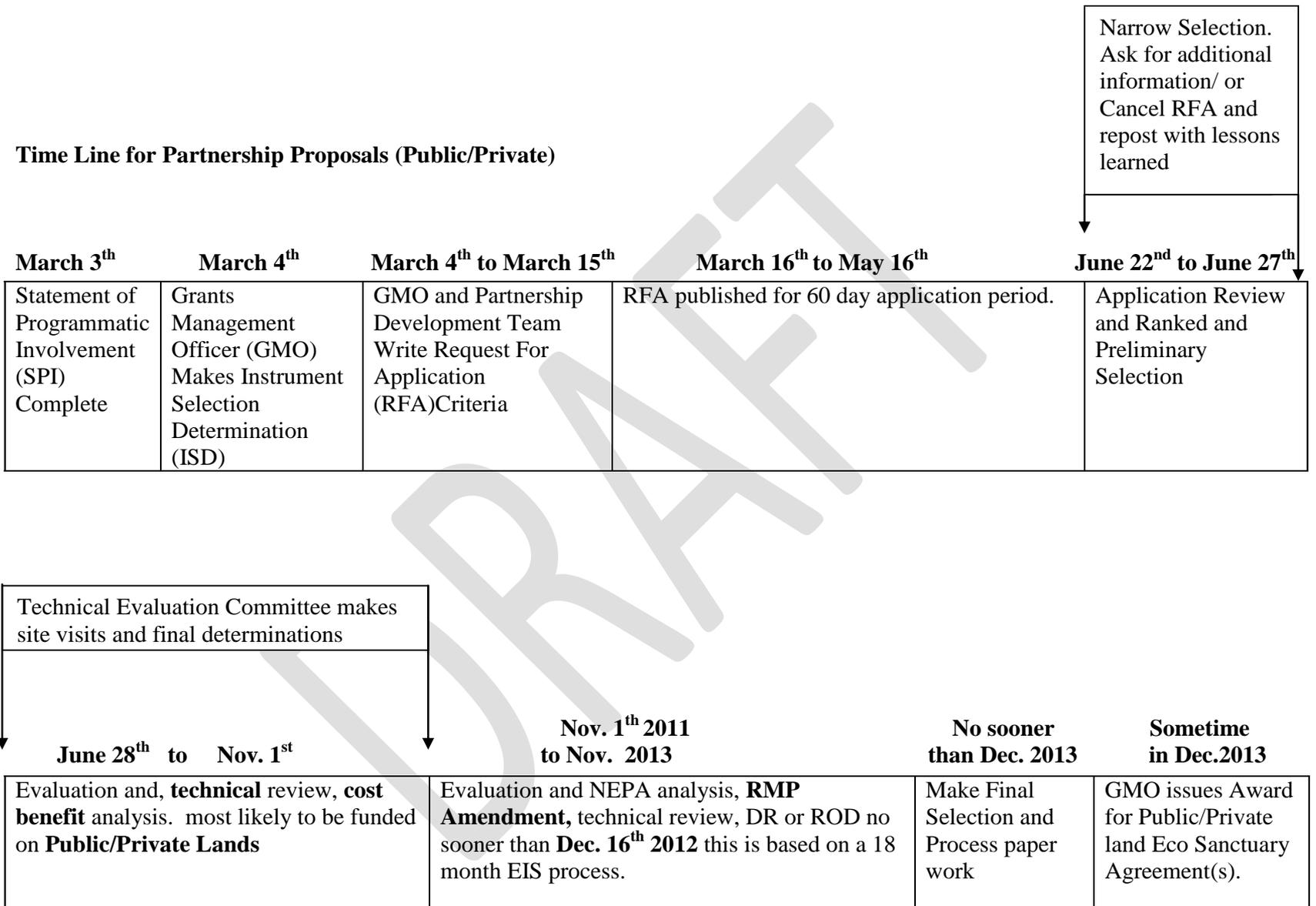
	Public Horses (wildhorses)	Private Horses
Public Land	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EcoSanctuary for Wildhorses could occur under terms of WFRHBA, 1971 with amendments. • Must be within HAs (may require new legislation for some proposals to expand HAs) • Must be separate from occupied HMAs with wild herds • Grazing permits to be voluntarily relinquished • Requires RMP amendment to change forage allocation from livestock to wildhorses • Stipend would be for winter forage/private land facilities and adoption/training enhancements. • Multiple use management and public access would continue except for livestock grazing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No EcoSanctuaries for private horses. • Private owned horses could be grazed on public lands under grazing permits, subject to TGA and appropriate field office NEPA analysis and decision. • No stipend for private horses
Private Land	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EcoSanctuaries on private lands would be similar to LTH contracts but paid for amenities and horse adoption/training and program exposure as well as food and care. • Must be separate from occupied HMAs with wild herds. • Stipend would be for year-round food and care as well as for adoption/training and program exposure. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No EcoSanctuaries for private horses.

Time Line for Partnership Proposals (Private)



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Time Line for Partnership Proposals (Public/Private)



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Questions?