

September 30, 2009

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To: Ginnie Grilley, Eugene District Manager

From: Wayne E. Elliott, DFO, Eugene District

Subject: Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (as re-authorized), Eugene District Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) Fiscal Year 2009 (Round 2-new bill) Title II Project Funding Decisions

Based on the proceedings from the Resource Advisory Committee Meeting held on September 22, 2009 and upon the recommendations of the committee, I recommend the use of funds from the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act for the implementation of Title II projects identified herein. It is my determination that all projects recommended for funding by the Eugene RAC meet the purposes of the Act and are in the public interest.

The five specific requirements essential for approval and funding identified in Section 204 (a) of the Act have been or will be met in the following manner:

- 1. Compliance with all applicable Federal law and regulations:** Has or will be certified by the appropriate line manager by his/her signature of the individual NEPA decision document required for each project.
- 2. Consistency with applicable Resource Management Plan:** All 'Round 2-new bill) projects are consistent with the Eugene RMP/ROD (June 1995) which incorporates the Northwest Forest Plan (April 1994).
- 3. The RAC process will be consistent with the requirements of the Act:** The RAC meeting was held in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) and Eugene District RAC Charter requirements. A quorum was present at the meeting on September 22, 2009. All projects that were recommended for funding in "Round 2-new bill" received a majority of support from all three RAC membership categories. Public notices for these meetings were published in the Federal Register and local newspapers and a public forum time was provided for on the agenda.
- 4. Applications for these projects were submitted to the RAC for their review consistent with the Act's requirements.** The Title II project applications contained the following information required for projects to be funded and were provided to all RAC members prior to the scheduled meetings;

- Purpose of the project
- Description of how the project meets the purposes of the Act
- Statement of how the project benefits O and C lands and resources
- Expected duration and costs of the project
- Expected beneficial outcomes
- Monitoring plan

**5. Projects will improve the maintenance of existing infrastructure, implement stewardship objectives that enhance forest ecosystems and/or will restore and improve land health and water quality.**

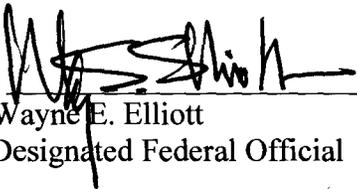
All “Round 2- new bill” projects recommended for funding will either contribute to improved existing infrastructure, improved aquatic or terrestrial habitat ecosystems, improved water quality or improved watershed or forest health.

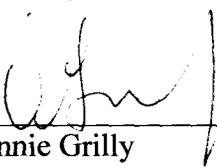
There was consensus that if the Long Tom Watershed Council fish passage projects needed an additional \$10,000 that it would come from the Clean Forest Project and that the Clean Forest Project would be funded at \$80,000 instead of the approved amount of \$90,000. Subsequent discussions with the Long Tom Watershed Council after the RAC meeting was held confirm that they would need the \$10,000 to fully fund needed engineering and design work for both culverts. Thus, I have changed the funding amounts for both parties accordingly.

The following is the complete list of projects recommended for approval.

Project Proposals:			Balance
Proj #	County	Project Name	
	multi	O&C RRWA Database & Shapefiles	25,000
EE09	multi	Dept of Youth Services, Lane Co	120,750
	multi	Lane County Sheriff Work Crew	252,456
	multi	Northwest Youth Corps	48,353
	Lane	Prairie Pk / Mt Nebo Smoke Detection Camera Sys	141,000
	Lane	TNC, Oak Basin	97,756
	Linn	Calapooia WC, Noxious Weeds	30,440
	Lane	McKenzie WC, Shotgun Restoration	0
	Lane	Long Tom WC, S. Fk Ferguson & Jones Cr Fish Passage	38,761.00

	Lane	T-Lake Noxious Weed Eradication (3 years funding)	66,800
	multi	Clean Forest Project	80,000
	Lane	BLM, Scheid Rockshelter Excavation	35,000
	Lane	BLM, Ferguson Road Culverts	177,000
EE06	multi	Abandoned Car Removal	25,000
		Totals	\$1,138,316

Recommended:   
Wayne E. Elliott  
Designated Federal Official

Approved:   
Ginnie Grilly  
Eugene District Manager