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Memorandum

To: Virginia Grilley
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Through: Patricia Johnston
Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) Coordinator

From: Faye Stewart
RAC Chairperson

Subject: Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (as re-authorized as part of Public Law 113-40), Eugene District Resource Advisory Committee (RAC), Title II Project Funding Decisions

Based on the proceedings from the Resource Advisory Committee Meeting held on March 14, 2014 and upon the recommendations of the committee, the Eugene Resource Advisory Committee proposes 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 our determination that all projects recommended for funding by the Eugene RAC meet the purposes of the Act and are in the public interest.

Based on the RAC's determination and consultation with the DFO, 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 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 March 14, 2014. All projects that were recommended for funding received consensus support from all three RAC membership categories. Public notices for these meetings were published in the Federal Register 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 projects recommended for funding will contribute to improve existing infrastructure, improve aquatic or terrestrial habitat ecosystems, improve water quality or improve watershed or forest health.

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

*Kalapuya Conservation Corps	\$47,692
Lost Creek/Eagle Creek Restoration	\$50,000
Ferguson Creek Fish Passage	\$74,083
*Lane County Juvenile Forest Work Team	\$56,400
*Oak Basin Habitat for Rare Species	\$25,000
*Cottage Grove Row River Trail Maintenance	\$20,000
Siuslaw Restoration & Monitoring	\$20,000
*Lane County Sheriff's Work Crew	\$110,403
Total Funded:	\$403,578

*In the event additional funding becomes available, a second scenario was developed. The following projects will be funded in the following order of priority:

1. Cottage Grove RR Trail Mechanical Maintenance fund up to \$25,000
2. Improving Habitat Rare Species – Oak Basin up to \$37,027

Each of the following will receive additional funding proportionately up to their requested amount:

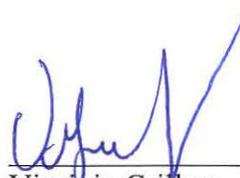
3. Kalapuya Conservation Corps
4. Lane County Juvenile Forest Work Team
5. Lane County Sheriff's Crew

A third scenario was developed, if additional Title II Secure Rural funds were received. The above recommended projects would all receive full funding and the additional project, Forest Cleanup & Culvert Performance Stability would also be funded for the requested amount of \$15,750.

If you have any additional questions regarding this matter then please contact the Eugene District RAC Coordinator, Patricia (Pat) Johnston at pjohnsto@blm.gov or 541-683-6181.

Check one:
Approved

Not Approved



Virginia Grilley
District Manager

cc: RAC Members
Project Proponents