

**Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000  
Public Law 106-393**

**Title II Project Application for 2007 Funds (Round #7)  
Roseburg District Resource Advisory Committee**

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| <b>1. Project Name:</b> Umpqua Basin Technical Assistance | <b>2. County:</b> Douglas |
| <b>3. Sponsoring Organization:</b> Elk Creek WSC          | <b>4. Date:</b> 8/14/07   |
| <b>5. Sponsor's Phone Number:</b> 541-836-7206            |                           |
| <b>6. Sponsor's E-mail:</b> russell.leland@gmail.com      |                           |

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| <b>7. Project Location</b> (attach project area map)   |   |
| a. Description of Location: <b>Umpqua Basin</b> (See attached map for more details)                            |   |
| b. Sub Basin Name (4 <sup>th</sup> Field Watershed; e.g. North Umpqua): <b>All</b>                             |   |
| c. Watershed Name (5 <sup>th</sup> Field Watershed; e.g. Little River): <b>All</b>                             |   |
| d. Legal Location: Township Range Section(s) <b>N/A</b>  |   |
| e. BLM District: <b>Roseburg</b>   | e. BLM Resource Area: <b>Swiftwater</b> |
| f. State / Private / Other lands involved? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |   |

**8. Project Goals and Objectives:** (Describe the goals and objectives of the project. If applicable list species that will benefit from the project)

The Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds was developed by the State of Oregon to help avert the listing of the Coho Salmon as an endangered species by the federal government. So far, this has been successful, at least for the Oregon Coastal Coho ESU (evolutionary significant unit). The principal strategy of the Oregon Plan is based on "voluntary cooperation" from private landowners, rather than on forced regulation. These private landowners are especially important, since the habitat of the Coho is the low gradient tributaries of our rivers and streams; the flat lands near the mouths of these tributaries that have been settled and used for agriculture and livestock grazing since Oregon was homesteaded more than a century ago. Much of the decline in the populations of Coho in the Umpqua Basin can be attributed to management practices on these private lands which have destroyed important spawning and rearing habitat.

State and federal agencies involved in watershed restoration (most notably ODFW) have realized the need to increase efforts to encourage the cooperation of private landowners, and to develop projects to restore valuable habitat on their lands. This project will provide funds for outreach and technical assistance to develop watershed restoration projects on private lands within the Roseburg District BLM. These funds will be administered by the Douglas Soil and Water Conservation District, and will be available to the three watershed councils, and the two Soil and Water Conservation Districts, for landowner outreach and project development.

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This project is an extension of a similar proposal which was approved by the Roseburg RAC in 2006. That proposal divided the expected costs for this two-year program among several RACs; the Roseburg application was the only one approved. This proposal will restore the levels of funding necessary to implement the original concept.

Funding for landowner contact and project development is a major limiting factor affecting the success of watershed restoration in the Umpqua Basin. The time and expenses incurred in project development are generally not covered by other grants; they only cover expenses *after* the grant agreement is finalized. Funding for activities outside of these agreements is *extremely* scarce. This proposal will provide funding to fill this important void.

Another significant benefit this program provides is that of valuable "matching funds." Most granting agencies want to see some local match (either in terms of cash, or time, or materials) before they will support a project. (OWEB requires a 25% match.) The BLM Title II Program has provided an excellent source of matching funds to leverage other grants. With the expiration of the Title II Program, these matching funds will become *critical* to getting projects funded. The funds from this proposal will provide valuable matching funds for the implementation of *all* the projects that are developed.

It is worth noting that this proposal represents a cooperative effort by *all* the watershed restoration groups in the Umpqua Basin to work together toward common goals, and to solve problems affecting us all..

**9. Project Description:** (Describe how the project will be conducted and how its goals and objectives will be met.)

This project will provide funding for outreach and technical assistance to develop projects on private lands in the Umpqua Basin. Outreach may take several forms depending on the desired objectives. Large public meetings may be used to create interest in a wide area, or smaller meetings may highlight landowners in a particular sub-watershed. One-on-one contact with specific landowners may be appropriate to enlist support for a specific project. Project funds will be available for expenses and project management time for these meetings, and for the time to develop projects and submit grant applications for implementation funding.

Technical assistance can range from the design of simple projects such as a large wood placement, to the complex designs and engineering required for significant culvert replacements. Funds will be used for "in house" designs, if appropriate, or for enlisting the services of a qualified engineer to provide the designs necessary for submitting a grant application for project implementation. It is expected that these technical

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assistance funds will lead to grant applications to fund restoration projects on private lands in the Umpqua Basin.

**10. How will cooperative relationships among people that use federal lands be improved?**

In many cases, private lands are located near, or adjacent to, federal lands. Projects that are initiated on these private lands will directly benefit the resources on federal lands.

This project will also improve the cooperative relationships among all the agencies and watershed restoration groups with the Roseburg District BLM. Both the Douglas and Umpqua Soil and Water Conservation Districts, the Elk Creek and Smith River Watershed Councils, and the Partnership for the Umpqua Rivers have contributed to, and will benefit from this proposal. And perhaps most importantly, the relationships between *all* these groups and the private landowners in the Umpqua Basin will benefit. These relationships are the *foundation* of the Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds.

**11. How is this project in the best public interest and how will it benefit communities?**

This project will build relationships between private landowners and watershed restoration groups within the entire Umpqua Basin. It will allow private landowners to become more involved in restoration activities on their lands, and offer alternative land management practices which will benefit both fish and wildlife as well as the overall health of the land. Hopefully, this will deepen the relationship between private landowners and their lands, and strengthen their role as stewards of the land. These relationships, and their benefits, will also spread through the relationships of these landowners and their friends and neighbors.

Communities will also benefit economically through the award of restoration grants to local contractors.

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| <b>12. Who will accomplish the project?</b>  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contractor  | <input type="checkbox"/> Federal Workforce |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County Workforce  | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteers        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):<br>Douglas Soil & Water Conservation District, Partnership for the Umpqua Rivers Watershed Council, Elk Creek Watershed Council, Umpqua Soil & Water Conservation District, Smith River Watershed Council |  |

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| <b>13. Is this project coordinated with other related project(s) on adjacent lands?</b>  |  |
| a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No    (If yes, then describe)  |  |
| <p>Funding for this project was originally requested from the Roseburg BLM RAC, Coos BLM RAC, Medford BLM RAC, and Rogue-Umpqua RAC. Only the request from the Roseburg RAC was successful. This project will provide the funding that was not approved, and will focus on the private lands within the boundaries of the Roseburg District BLM.</p> <p>It is expected that each of the outreach and/or technical assistance activities that are funded with this project will lead to a watershed restoration project that will be implemented with funding from other grant sources.</p> |  |
| b. Are you seeking funds from other Resource Advisory Committees? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No    (If yes, then describe)   |  |

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| <b>14. If the project is on private land how does it benefit federal lands or resources?</b>   |
| <p>Fish habitat and water quality improvements on private lands are important to the federal lands in the headwaters of the watershed. The improvements from this project will especially benefit Coho and Steelhead using the higher gradient stream reaches on the BLM lands above the project area.</p> |

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| <b>15. Measure of Project Accomplishments</b>                                   |  |
| a. Total Acres: <b>N/A</b>  | b. Total Number of Projects to be initiated: <b>N/A</b>  |
| c. Number of Structures: <b>N/A</b>   | d. Estimated Number of People to be Reached:<br>(for environmental education and workforce training projects): |
| e. Number of Laborer Days: <b>N/A</b>   |  |
| f. Other (specify):   |  |
| g. Describe how long will the benefits of the project last: <b>Indefinitely</b> |  |

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| <b>16. Will the project generate merchantable materials?</b> |  |                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes                                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | If yes, describe: |

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| <b>17. How does the proposed project meet purposes of the legislation?</b> (Check at least one)       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improves maintenance of existing infrastructure.                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Implements stewardship objectives that enhance forest ecosystems. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restores and improves land health.                                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restores water quality.   |

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| <b>18. Project Type</b> (Check at least one)   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Road Maintenance  | <input type="checkbox"/> Trail Maintenance            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Road Decommission/Obliteration  | <input type="checkbox"/> Trail Obliteration           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Infrastructure Maintenance (specify):                                       |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Soil Productivity Improvement   | <input type="checkbox"/> Forest Health Improvement    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Watershed Restoration & Maintenance   | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife Habitat Restoration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fish Habitat Restoration  | <input type="checkbox"/> Control of Noxious Weeds     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reestablish Native Species  |   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Project Type (specify): <b>Landowner Outreach and Assistance</b> |   |

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| <b>19. Project Initiation and Estimated Completion Dates:</b> (Describe the timing of the major phases of the project)                       |
| Landowner outreach can begin as soon as funding agreements are in place. It is anticipated that these funds will be available for two years. |

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| <b>20. Status of Project Planning</b>  |                              |                             |  |
| a. NEPA process complete:  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable |
| If no, give est. date of completion:   |                              |                             |  |
| b. Consultation complete:  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable |
| c. DSL/ODFW* permits for in-stream work obtained:  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable |
| d. DSL/COE* 404 fill/removal permit obtained:  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable |
| e. SHPO* concurrence received:   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable |
| f. Project design(s) completed:  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable |
| * DSL = Dept. of State Lands, ODFW = Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, COE = Army Corps of Engineers, SHPO = State Historic Preservation Officer |                              |                             |  |

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**21. Anticipated Project Costs**

a. Total Title II funds requested (to be expended beginning in FY 2007): \$ 100,000.00

**Table 1. Project Cost Analysis** (Includes all expenditures for the life of the project)

| Item   | Fed. Agency Appropriated Contribution | Requested County Title II Contribution | Other Contributions | Total Available Funds |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Planning and Permits                         | \$0.00                                | \$0.00                                 | \$0.00              | \$0.00                |
| Design & Engineering                         | \$0.00                                | \$0.00                                 | \$0.00              | \$0.00                |
| Project/Contract Management                  | \$0.00                                | \$0.00                                 | \$0.00              | \$0.00                |
| Project/Contract Implementation <sup>1</sup> | \$0.00                                | \$95,000.00                            | \$0.00              | \$95,000.00           |
| Materials & Supplies <sup>2</sup>            | \$0.00                                | \$0.00                                 | \$0.00              | \$0.00                |
| Post-Project Monitoring                      | \$0.00                                | \$0.00                                 | \$0.00              | \$0.00                |
| Mileage                                      | \$0.00                                | \$0.00                                 | \$0.00              | \$0.00                |
| Grant Administration                         | \$0.00                                | \$5,000.00                             | \$0.00              | \$5,000.00            |
| <b>Total Cost Estimate</b>                   | <b>\$0.00</b>                         | <b>\$100,000.00</b>                    | <b>\$0.00</b>       | <b>\$100,000.00</b>   |

<sup>1</sup>This could be either the cost of the labor for project implementation or the cost of a contract.

<sup>2</sup>If the project is implemented by contract, materials and supplies are likely included in the cost of the contract.

**22. Identify source(s) of additional funding for project identified above or clarify other aspects of the budget:**

While there is no *direct* additional funding for this project, the estimates above are based on the development of sixteen (16) "smaller" stream habitat restoration type projects at \$2,000 each, and fourteen (14) "larger" culvert replacement type projects at \$4,500 each. If conservative estimates of \$25,000 for the smaller projects, and \$50,000 for the larger projects are used, the implementation grants that will be developed from this project will contribute in excess of \$ 1.1 million to local watershed restoration projects in the Umpqua Basin.

**23. Monitoring Plan**

- a. What measures or evaluations will be made to determine how well the proposed project meets the desired ecological conditions? Who will be responsible for this monitoring item?
- Douglas Soil and Water Conservation District will monitor and report on the number of landowners involved, and on the number of projects developed.

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- b.** How will the project be evaluated to determine how well it contributes to local employment and/or training opportunities, including summer youth jobs programs such as the Youth Conservation Corps? Who will be responsible for this monitoring item?

Local contractors are likely to bid on, and have the contracts for the implementation projects, awarded to them. No further evaluation is planned.

- c.** What methods will be established to determine how well the proposed project improves the use of, or added value to, any products removed from federal lands consistent with the purposes of this Act? Who will be responsible for this monitoring item?

N/A

**24. What are the analyses, plans, legislation, or other supporting documents that support and guide this application?** (E.g. the Northwest Forest Plan, a watershed analysis, a late successional reserve assessment, or the Oregon Plan for Salmon.)

This project is consistent with the goals and objectives of the Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds, and the projects generated will help watershed restoration efforts that are guided by watershed assessments throughout the Umpqua Basin.

**25. Who are the key people responsible for this project?** (List their names and titles)

Walt Barton - Douglas SWCD  
Bob Kinyon - Partnership for the Umpqua Rivers  
Lee Russell - Elk Creek Watershed Council  
Dustin Williams - Umpqua SWCD  
Richard Baumgartner - Smith River Watershed Council  
Jake Winn - Roseburg BLM Restoration Coordinator

**26. Attach a map and photograph(s) of the project.** (At a minimum, the map should show the project location, roads, and streams, and private versus BLM ownership. The photograph should show the project site or a representative portion of it. **More than one photograph can be submitted, but they must all fit on one page. A digital photograph incorporated into this application is preferred; hard copies will be copied in black and white.**)