

**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**

1. Project Name: Law Enforcement, Resource Deputy	2. County: Douglas
3. Sponsoring Organization: BLM	4. Date: 07-10-2007
5. Sponsor's Phone Number: 541-464-3344	
6. Sponsor's E-mail: cmican@or.blm.gov	

7. Project Location (attach project area map)	
a. Description of Location: Roseburg BLM District (See attached map for more details)	
b. Sub Basin Name (4 th Field Watershed; e.g. North Umpqua): North and South Umpqua Rivers	
c. Watershed Name (5 th Field Watershed; e.g. Little River): Little River, Cow Creek, Canton Creek	
d. Legal Location: Township	Range
Section(s)	
e. BLM District: Roseburg	e. BLM Resource Area Swiftwater and South River
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 purpose of this project is to reduce the amount of illegal activities that occur in the forested lands within the Roseburg District (public and private) and would do so by funding a Resource Deputy employed by the Douglas County Sheriff's department to patrol the lands within the Roseburg District and investigate illegal activities. This deputy would add to the current staff of two BLM law enforcement officers and one sheriff's deputy. This additional deputy, who has been funded for the past five years by this Resource Advisory Committee, adds much needed capacity to the existing staff to address a variety of activities as described below:

- **Illegal Wood Cutting.** We have had old growth snags which are left in timber harvest areas for the benefit of wild life cut down in winter by individuals seeking dry wood to burn. These incidents are investigated and the areas where these incidents are common are patrolled in an effort to deter further damage to wildlife trees.
- **Fish Poaching.** The Resource Deputy commonly patrols areas of fish habitat including pools where salmon hold over in Canton creek. The Resource Deputy in conjunction with the Oregon State Police Game Officers monitors these locations for illegal activity and the poaching of spawning salmon. In addition the Resource Deputy provides security for the many fish traps that are used to monitor fish populations on the district.
- **Illegal Shooting.** We have many areas which are used for shooting areas where recreational shooting damages trees and produces litter associated with materials which have been brought in as targets such as old TVs, refrigerators and computer monitors in addition to the commonly used glass bottles and cans. In addition some areas are adjacent to private residents who have had bullets come onto their property from public lands used as shooting areas. The Resource Deputy contacts individuals who are shooting and ensures that they are using safe shooting techniques and reminds them of the penalties for leaving targets, trash or damaging trees.

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- **Illegal Use of Off-Road Vehicles.** The contact of off-road vehicle users is a common duty of the Resource Deputy in order to ensure they are not driving around private gates and road blocks and doing damage to private timber lands as well as ensuring that they are not developing illegal trails and causing undue degradation to trees and water sheds.
- **Illegal Residences on Public Lands.** Transients use many areas within the Roseburg District as temporary residences. Many of these transients will not leave until forced to by a Resource Deputy. The locations that get used for these purposes get over run by trash, sewer, broken down vehicles, derelict trailers, motor homes, abandoned tents and broken household items. Transients typically degrade the natural area in which they set up residences and deny these popular dispersed camping and recreational areas to other users. The Resource Deputy seeks out these areas, ensures transients are not causing undue degradation, holds them responsible if they are conducting illegal activities and increases the safety and quality of the area for the public to use.
- **Illegal Harvest of Special Forest Products.** The Resource Deputy plays a major role in enforcing the legal harvesting of special forest products such as mushrooms, boughs, beargrass and salal. Many individuals are employed in the harvest of special forest products. The Bureau of Land Management goes to great lengths to monitor the harvest of special forest products and issue permits in an attempt to prevent the over harvesting and degradation of the resources. The Resource Deputy patrols areas of harvest for special forest products and checks permits and loads to ensure that people harvesting are doing so according to the stipulations of their permits. This prevents the consumption of all of the resource by a few individuals for capital gain and insures that some of the resource remains to provide for use by the general public for their personal use while maintaining a base amount for the natural propagation of the resource for the following years.
- **Protection of Archaeological and Historical Sites.** Some of the areas used by the public for outdoor recreation are in locations which were once utilized by Native Americans and settlers and are valuable archaeological and historical sites. The Resource Deputy plays an important part in monitoring these areas, educating the public in not disturbing these sites and in prosecuting those individuals who disturb them.
- **Marijuana Growing on Public Lands.** The Resource Deputy sometimes provides valuable assets to the Douglas County Interagency Narcotics Team, (DINT), by providing assistance in the investigation of outdoor marijuana grows. Resource Deputies are very competent in law enforcement operations in the rugged areas common to marijuana grows. The Resource Deputies provide ownership information, expertise in land navigation, off road vehicle operations, and knowledge of legal activities in the area of the grows, greatly enhancing the investigations they take part in.
- **Compliance with Fire Restriction Orders.** One of the greatest results gained from enforcement is due to those public contacts that result in compliance to fire restriction orders. Each contact for a campfire violation, fireworks, smoking while being in forest lands or off highway vehicle use in closed areas during fire season can prevent a potential fire with catastrophic and expensive repercussions. The prevention of fire saves timber, wildlife habitat, recreational infrastructure, water quality, air

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quality and prevents possible injuries or death to the public or wild land fire fighters.

- **Search and Rescue.** The Resource Deputy provides needed assistance to the Douglas County Search and Rescue Team for numerous search and rescues missions throughout the year on public land. In many instances the Resource Deputy's equipment and knowledge of the rugged forested areas and competencies in working on difficult terrain in hazardous weather make him invaluable to help Search and Rescue coordinate and perform searches in Douglas County.

The actions of active investigation and patrol in an area where an illegal act are many fold. Perpetrators are caught for the crimes they commit. The act of investigation questions individuals who are associated with the crime and even if the perpetrator is not caught, the message is sent that if the illegal activities continue there will be repercussions for the perpetrators. The public also becomes aware that actions are being taken to protect the areas and resources that they value.

By providing funding to maintain one of the Resource Deputy's Positions, a deterrent will remain in place to minimize the illegal activity that degrades the value of public land. Law Enforcement assets provide protection for the public, for the environment, for wildlife and for those improvements that are done to support wildlife and the environment.

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

The additional Sheriff's Deputy would continue to be housed at the Roseburg District Office and have patrol responsibilities on timber lands managed by BLM and private timber companies.

This deputy would spend time doing the following activities:

- a. Patrol and Public Contact and Education. 65%
- b. Criminal Investigations. 25%
- c. Follow-up and Reports. 10%

This deputy is needed to locate and investigate illegal dumping on public lands, provide a safe environment for the visiting public and enforce regulations concerning the harvest of special forest products. This position ensures compliance with fire restriction orders and reduces damage to the vegetation and soil caused by inappropriate off highway vehicle use.

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

There are many users of public land who have a great sense of value for it. These people hate to go to a favorite hunting camp and see green trees shot at and cut down or piles of garbage left in fire pits and spread out through the brush. These people hate to go swimming and find toilet paper or drug paraphernalia around where their children are playing. These users have a great sense of relief when they find mistreatment of their public places and they have someone to report it to who will take action

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to punish those responsible for it or to deter it from happening again.

This officer can improve the cooperation between the citizens that use our public lands by not only protecting those lands, fish and wildlife, but by educating on the proper uses of the natural resources.

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

This project helps to ensure that those members of the public who are most deserving of using the public land have a resource that they enjoy. The Resource Deputy's actions help to maintain the natural environment on our public lands in a natural state. Overall the actions of the Resource Deputy help to prevent the destruction of the environment of our public lands by adverse use of it.

12. Who will accomplish the project?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Contractor | <input type="checkbox"/> Federal Workforce |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County Workforce | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteers |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): Douglas County Sheriff's Department. | |

13. Is this project coordinated with other related project(s) on adjacent lands?

- a. Yes No (If yes, then describe)

The Resource Deputy coordinates with other federal, state and local law enforcement agencies in order to pursue individuals who commit crimes on public land. This includes coordination with the Oregon State Police Fish and Game Officers to prevent salmon poaching on Canton Creek and Rock Creek as well as enforcement of game violations for the White Tailed Habitat Area on North Bank Ranch and in prosecuting clean water act violations. It also includes coordination with the Forest Service Law Enforcement in the enforcement of laws dealing with the harvest of special forest products.

- b. Are you seeking funds from other Resource Advisory Committees? Yes No (If yes, then describe)

14. If the project is on private land how does it benefit federal lands or resources?

The Resource Deputy has a duty to enforce state law on private as well as public land. This is because the Resource Deputy in most cases is the only deputy outfitted, knowledgeable, and capable for law enforcement actions in the rugged areas of Douglas County. In most cases, perpetrators of crimes in forested lands are not aware whether they are on private or public lands, and the Resource Deputy must be able to address the illegal activities regardless of ownership. Such is the case for illegal burning on private land that causes a fire to spread to adjacent public land or dumping that affects the water quality for the water below which is on public land. In some cases it is that prosecuting crime on private timber land prevents it from being performed on public land by that same individual later.

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15. Measure of Project Accomplishments	
a. Total Acres:	b. Total Miles:
c. Number of Structures:	d. Estimated Number of People Reached (for environmental education and workforce training projects):
e. Number of Laborer Days:	4,000
f. Other (specify):	
g. Describe how long will the benefits of the project last: Primarily as long as the deputy is funded, however, with the benefits of education it is possible to reap long term rewards.	

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

17. How does the proposed project meet purposes of the legislation? (Check at least one)
<input 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.

18. Project Type (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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forest Health Improvement
<input type="checkbox"/> Watershed Restoration & Maintenance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildlife Habitat Restoration
<input checked="" 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): Resource protection via law enforcement.

19. Project Initiation and Estimated Completion Dates: (Describe the timing of the major phases of the project)
Benefits of this project would begin in October 2007 and continue through September 2008.

20. Status of Project Planning			
a. NEPA process complete:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable
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

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g. If you answered yes to any of the questions above, please describe who will accomplish the work and when it will be complete:

* DSL = Dept. of State Lands, ODFW = Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, COE = Army Corps of Engineers, SHPO = State Historic Preservation Officer

21. Anticipated Project Costs

a. Total Title II funds requested: **121,000**

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				
Design & Engineering				
Project/Contract Administration				
Project/Contract Implementation ¹		121,000		
Materials & Supplies ²				
Post-Project Monitoring				
Other				
Total Cost Estimate		121,000		

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

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

22. Provide a budget narrative, including a description of other source(s) of funding for the project identified above and/or a clarification of any other aspects of the budget:

Based on saving and surplus from previous years we have sufficient funding for a Resource Deputy position for fiscal year 2008 (October 2007 through September 2008). This request will cover funds for that same Resource Deputy position for fiscal year 2009. This Resource Deputy position complements two Law Enforcement Rangers of the Bureau of Land Management, One full time Bureau of Land Management funded Douglas County Resource Deputy and One full time private industry funded Douglas County Resource Deputy.

The funding amount is based on information provided by the Douglas County Sheriff's Department for fiscal year 08/09. Annual pay (salary plus benefits) is estimated to be 87,172, Overtime billing rate is estimated to be 54.00/hr. and vehicle costs are estimated to be .60/mile.

I reviewed past years reports of hours worked and vehicle miles logged. Based on that review I estimated an average of 5 hours of overtime per week for October thru May and 10 hours of overtime per week for June - September. I estimated 1750 vehicle miles/month for October thru May and 2400 vehicle miles/month for June thru September.

23. Monitoring Plan

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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?

N/A

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?

This program provides for a deputy position for the Douglas County Sheriff's Department that otherwise would not be funded. It provides the Douglas County Sheriff's Department with one additional person in which to draw from in cases of extreme need for additional manpower.

Chip Mican, BLM Acting District Ranger and Brian Sanders, Douglas County Sheriff's Department Lieutenant.

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.)

43 United States Code § 1733, (c) (1) (When the Secretary determines that assistance is necessary in enforcing Federal law and regulations relating to the public lands or their resources he shall offer a contract to appropriate local officials having law enforcement authority within their respective jurisdictions with the view of achieving maximum feasible reliance upon local law enforcement officials in enforcing such laws and regulations.)

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

Chip Mican, Acting District Ranger, BLM and Brian Sanders, Lieutenant, Douglas County Sheriff's Department.

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.**)