

**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: Susan Creek Recreation Area Enhancement	2. County: Douglas
3. Sponsoring Organization: BLM	4. Date: August 6, 2007
5. Sponsor's Phone Number: 541-460-4930	
6. Sponsor's E-mail: Gregg_Morgan@blm.gov or Charlene_Rainville@blm.gov	

7. Project Location (attach project area map)		
a. Description of Location: (See attached map for more details)		
b. Sub Basin Name (4 th Field Watershed; e.g. North Umpqua): North Umpqua		
c. Watershed Name (5 th Field Watershed; e.g. Little River): North Umpqua River		
d. Legal Location: Township	Range	Section(s) (see attached parcel descriptions)
e. BLM District: Roseburg		e. BLM Resource Area Swiftwater
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)

This project will link the Susan Creek Campground and Day Use Area to the North Umpqua Trail via a foot bridge. In order to accomplish this, the BLM will have to acquire land and further develop the existing recreation facilities at Susan Creek. This project will improve recreation opportunities on the North Umpqua River by:

- Providing access to the central segment of the 16-mile Tioga Segment of the North Umpqua National Recreation Trail - for public use, maintenance operations and rescue responses.
- Helping to meet public demand of providing quality recreation opportunities in the North Umpqua corridor.
- Protecting riparian management areas and perpetuate scenic quality in the North Umpqua corridor.
- Solidifying ownership of rare 8600 year old pre-Mazama cultural deposits that contribute to educating the public about past uses of the river corridor.

The North Umpqua Wild and Scenic River Management Plan identifies acquisition of private parcels within the river corridor as a priority, and the parcels at Susan Creek continue to be at the top of the list. The acquisition and development of the Susan Creek property would be a significant addition to the BLM's local and national recreation and cultural programs, and would benefit the general public by providing recreation and educational activities that have been identified in high public demand. The parcels proposed for acquisition lie within the areas that the BLM has designated as having outstanding recreation value:

- The North Umpqua River corridor is designated as a recreation river under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (WSR). BLM would manage the property for the areas Outstanding Remarkable Values (fish, water, recreation, cultural, and scenery) which supported the WSR designation.

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- The parcel abuts State Highway 138 which has been designated as both the North Umpqua National Scenic Byway, and as The Rogue-Umpqua National Scenic Byway.
- The hiking trail on the south side of the river is designated as the North Umpqua National Recreation Trail.
- The BLM's Resource Management Plan, 1995, identified the river corridor area as: 1) a priority area for BLM to acquire property, and 2) as a "Special Recreation Management Area".
- Pre-Mazama cultural deposits dating to about 8600 years ago that were identified for acquisition in the 1995 Resource Management Plan.

This project will link outstanding recreation facilities together—North Umpqua Highway, the Susan Creek Campground—improving and expanding recreation opportunities in Douglas County

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

This project will consist of two phases: (1) acquiring several parcels of land adjacent to the BLM's Susan Creek Campground and Day Use Area, and (2) improving the recreation facilities on these parcels and linking them to the North Umpqua Trail via a footbridge across the North Umpqua River.

The BLM will purchase four parcels of land from Douglas County at fair market value (determined by a third party appraiser). These parcels are adjacent to the existing BLM lands that comprise the Susan Creek recreation facilities. The western-most parcel reaches down to two old bridge abutments that will serve as supports for the proposed foot bridge. This phase of the project would be carried out in 2008.

Development of the recreation facilities will include the following:

- A trail from Susan Creek Day-Use Area to the bridge abutments,
- A parking area and vault toilet
- A rigid, pre-constructed foot bridge placed across the existing cement abutments over the North Umpqua River accessing the North Umpqua Trail at the midsection of the Tioga segment.

Design and engineering will occur in 2008 and construction in 2009.

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

A consortium of groups and individuals has jointly identified the need for this project and supports the BLM's proposal to purchase the County parcels and further develop the recreation area. They have worked with BLM and will be joint partners in promoting the project and land acquisition. They include: the Umpqua National Forest, the Douglas County Parks Department, the State Of Oregon Department of Transportation, Friends of PIT (Passports In Time), the Community Trail Volunteers, the Seneca Lumber Company, the Boy Scouts of America, the Dogwood Resort Motel, the Friends of the Umpqua, the Motley Crew Trail Maintenance Volunteers, and the Umpqua Fishermen's Association. By working together on this project, these groups would further develop their relationships with each other.

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

Acquisition of these parcels of land would meet the project goals in the vicinity of Susan Creek Recreation Sites, by protecting riparian management areas and promoting more access to public lands and provide a wider array of recreation opportunities, and enhance educational opportunities. The land purchase and bridge placement would:

- Provide day-use access for hikers, mountain bikers and equestrian users.
- Link the Susan Creek Recreation Site with the North Umpqua National Recreation Trail.
- Disperse recreation use more evenly over the 16 mile Tioga segment rather than concentrating it at each end.
- Provide immediate access to the center portion of the Tioga segment for emergency responses and maintenance needs.
- Provide enhanced educational opportunities through public archaeology projects.

The development of a footbridge over the river would bisect the 16-mile Tioga segment in half. This segment is the longest of ten segments comprising the 79-mile North Umpqua Trail. It provides the most challenges for maintenance, management, and rescue responses.

12. Who will accomplish the project?

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contractor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal Workforce
<input type="checkbox"/> County Workforce	<input type="checkbox"/> Volunteers
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):	

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

a. Yes No (If yes, then describe)
The RAC and others continue to fund maintenance and improvement on the Susan Creek Campground and Day-Use Area and the 16-mile-long Tioga Segment of the North Umpqua Trail. This project will connect the Susan Creek recreation facilities to the midpoint of the trail segment, improving both.

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 project will allow the BLM to acquire county-owned land and consolidate Federal lands around a key recreation area in the North Umpqua corridor.

15. Measure of Project Accomplishments

a. Total Acres: +-50.23 acres - 4 parcels	b. Total Miles:
c. Number of Structures: 4	d. Estimated Number of People Reached
e. Number of Laborer Days: 120	(for environmental education and workforce training projects): greater than 1,000 annually
f. Other (specify):	

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g. Describe how long will the benefits of the project last: **Indefinitely**. This project will continue to benefit the public as long as the bridge last, which is expected to be more than 75 years.

16. Will the project generate merchantable materials?

Yes No If yes, describe:

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

- Improves maintenance of existing infrastructure.
- Implements stewardship objectives that enhance forest ecosystems.
- Restores and improves land health.
- Restores water quality.

18. Project Type (Check at least one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Road Maintenance | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trail Maintenance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Road Decommission/Obliteration | <input type="checkbox"/> Trail Obliteration |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Infrastructure Maintenance (specify): Improvement of existing recreation facility | |
| <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 type="checkbox"/> Other Project Type (specify): | |

19. Project Initiation and Estimated Completion Dates: (Describe the timing of the major phases of the project)

20. Status of Project Planning

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| a. NEPA process complete: | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable |
| b. Consultation complete: | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable |
| c. DSL/ODFW* permits for in-stream work obtained: | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable |
| d. DSL/COE* 404 fill/removal permit obtained: | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable |
| e. SHPO* concurrence received: | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable |
| f. Project design(s) completed: | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable |

g. If you answered **no** to any of the questions above, please describe who will accomplish the work and when it will be complete: **The BLM will complete the necessary environmental documentation and acquire the necessary permits in 2008.**

* 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: \$250,000 (an additional \$200,000 of Title II funding will be requested in 2008, if it is available)

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	\$24,000	\$0	\$0	\$24,000
Design & Engineering	\$200,000	\$0	\$0	\$200,000
Project/Contract Administration	\$24,000	\$0	\$0	\$24,000
Project/Contract Implementation I				
1. Land Purchase	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$0	\$500,000
2. Trail	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$50,000
3. Parking Area	\$150,000	\$0	\$0	\$150,000
4. Bridge	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$0	\$400,000
Post-Project Monitoring	\$6,000	\$0	\$0	\$6,000
Total Cost Estimate	\$904,000	\$450,000	\$0	\$1,354,000

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:

This project will be funded over the course of two years—2008 and 2009—with a combination of Title II funds and appropriated Federal funds designated for recreation. The Federal agency appropriations are estimates of funding available in Fiscal Year 2008 and 2009. The funds requested in this application would go toward land purchase. If Title II funds are available next year, a second application will be submitted for \$200,000 for the bridge reconstruction.

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?
This project is not designed to improve ecological conditions. Instead, it is intended to improve access to Public lands allowing people to better appreciate them. The BLM recreation staff will monitor the areas too ensure that the increased numbers of users are not causing environmental degradation.

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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?

This project will create several months of employment for a contractor but will have no employment benefits beyond that.

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?

This project will not create any useable products from federal lands.

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.)

The parcels proposed for purchase fall into the following recreation area designations:

North Umpqua Wild and Scenic River corridor	Congressional designation
North Umpqua National Scenic Byway	State & National designation
North Umpqua Natl. Rec. Trail, Tioga Segment	State Director designation
North Umpqua Special Recreation Management Area	RMP designation
North Umpqua ACEC	Resource Mgmt. Plan designation
Land Tenure Zone 1 Preferred Acquisition Area	Resource Mgmt. Plan designation
VRM Class II (High Scenic Quality and Sensitivity)	Resource Mgmt. Plan designation

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

Charlene Rainville, District Realty Specialist, and Greg Morgan, District Recreation Planner

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.**)