

Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000
Public Law 106-393
Title II Project Submission Form
**Northeast Oregon Forests Resource Advisory
Committee**

1. Project Number (Assigned by Designated Federal Official): WA-WAW05-211

2. Project Name: Integrated Weed Management and Restoration (Rangeland Seed Drill)	3. County: Wallowa
4. Project Sponsor: Leigh Dawson, WWNF Weed Coordinator	5. Date: 04/01/04
6. Sponsor's Phone Number: 541-426-5535	
7. Sponsors E-mail: lddawson@fs.fed.us	

8. Project Location (Wallowa County)	
d. BLM District x	e. BLM Resource Area
f. National Forest Wallowa-Whitman	g. Forest Service District Wallowa Mountains Office
h. State / Private / Other lands involved? x <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

9. Statement of Project Goals and Objectives: (max. 7 lines)
 The intent of this project is to purchase a rangeland drill for Wallowa County to accomplish restoration of many sites over the life of the drill, approx. 15 years. This project is designed to supplement the planning and strategy phase of weed management. These funds will compliment the inventory and treatment while emphasizing the restoration aspect of weed management. Restoration will include the purchase of a range drill to rehabilitate disturbed sites and promote native plant communities. The purchase of this equipment will aid in accomplishing the Wallowa County Weed Board goals by preventing reinfestation of weeds while improving range conditions and/or productivity.

10. Project Description: (max. 30 lines.)
 Accomplishing the goals of the Wallowa County Weed Board and the Wallowa County Integrated Weed Management Plan is a coordinated effort between several partners including US Forest Service, The Nature Conservancy, Wallowa Resources, and Wallowa County. This partnership has met on several occasions to discuss the county's priority weeds, areas of greatest impact and concern, and associated management strategy. We recently submitted a National Fish and Wildlife Foundation grant that set goals for the 2004 countywide weed program. If awarded, the funding would develop a treatment list and contract work based on known infestations, inventory areas where information is lacking, and develop a database to track weeds across management boundaries. Other grants and allocated funds (in excess of 250K) will be dedicated to mapping and treatment of weeds in the Wallowa County area. This phase of weed management will always be important and continues to be an area of financial need. However, we would also like to expand our program and improve our ability to restore disturbed sites and enhance healthy plant communities. Therefore, we are requesting Title II assistance to purchase a range drill. Several sites in need of such treatment have already been

identified (see project list below). Union County is the only adjacent county that owns a range drill therefore it is in high demand thus difficult to borrow. As widely known, weeds have the innate ability to occupy areas of disturbance. A range drill would provide the county with the ability to rehabilitate these areas and promote reestablishment of native grasses. The drill would be stored at the county road department and available for use on any lands within the county. It would be managed by the Wallowa County Vegetation Department. A small fee could be charged to offset maintenance costs and a \$100.00 security deposit would be required. Union County, who presently owes a drill but no trailer, would serve as a model guideline for operation and maintenance procedures. The drill itself would be 8 1/2 feet wide (called a half drill), and capable of being pulled by a standard pickup, or a tractor. This will greatly enhance its utility in the county by landowners. Joseph High School students will be constructing a trailer for the seed drill. It is our intention to continue to strategically manage noxious weeds in Wallowa County through education and active participation to assure that our natural resources are maintained.

Proposed Projects:

1. Upper Joseph Watershed Assessment-road decommission and range improvement projects as identified the EA
2. Doctor's Cabin – restoration of cinquefoil site on Zumwalt, The Nature Conservancy (TNC)
3. Spooner Vegetation Plan – road decommission as identified in the EA
4. Tick Hill – Wallowa Homeland Project (Nez Perce Tribe)
5. Lower Camp Creek – range improvement, TNC
6. Wenaha/Wildcat – site restoration, ODFW/ Wallowa Resources (WR)
7. Private Parcels – site restoration, WR
8. Joseph Rodeo Grounds – site restoration, WR
9. Bates Mill – site restoration, WR
10. Range Improvements – as identified in allotment plans, FS
11. Fire Rehab – as identified in BAER, FS

11. Coordination of this project with other related project(s) on adjacent lands? *****

X Yes No **If yes, then describe** (max. 10 lines)

The management of weeds crosses all jurisdiction boundaries. Each phase of management (inventory, treatment, and restoration) involves county, state, federal and private lands. The range drill will be available for various restoration projects including road decommissioning, restoration of logging sites, fire, range improvement, etc...It will also be available to other agencies, including the Soil and Water Conservation District, and private landowners.

12. How does proposed project meet purposes of the Legislation? [Sec. 203(b)(1)]
<input type="checkbox"/> Improves maintenance of existing infrastructure. [Sec. 2(b)]
x <input type="checkbox"/> Implements stewardship objectives that enhance forest ecosystems. [Sec. 2(b)]
x <input type="checkbox"/> Restores and improves land health. [Sec. 2(b)]
<input type="checkbox"/> Restores water quality. [Sec. 2(b)] ?

13. Project Type (check one) [Sec. 203(b)(1)]	
<input type="checkbox"/> Road Maintenance [Sec. 2(b)(2)(A)]	<input type="checkbox"/> Trail Maintenance [Sec. 2(b)(2)(A)]
X <input type="checkbox"/> Road Decommission/Obliteration [Sec. 2(b)(2)(A)]	<input type="checkbox"/> Trail Obliteration [Sec. 2(b)(2)(A)]
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Infrastructure Maintenance (specify): [Sec. 2(b)(2)(A)]	
<input type="checkbox"/> Soil Productivity Improvement [Sec. 2(b)(2)(B)]	X <input type="checkbox"/> Forest Health Improvement [Sec. 2(b)(2)(C)]
X <input type="checkbox"/> Watershed Restoration & Mntc. [Sec. 2(b)(2)(D)]	X <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife Habitat Restoration [Sec. 2(b)(2)(E)]
<input type="checkbox"/> Fish Habitat Restoration [Sec. 2(b)(2)(E)]	X <input type="checkbox"/> Control of Noxious Weeds [Sec. 2(b)(2)(F)]
X <input type="checkbox"/> Reestablish Native Species [Sec. 2(b)(2)(G)]	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Project Type (specify) [Sec. 2(b)(2)]:	

14. Measure of Project Accomplishments/Expected Outcomes [Sec. 203(b)(5)]	
a. Total Acres:100	b. Total Miles:15
c. No. Structures:	d. Est. People Reached
e. No. Laborer Days:	(for environmental education projects):100 –working partners
f. Other (specify):	

15. Estimated Completion Date: [Sec. 203(b)(2)] December 31, 2004

16. Target Species Benefited: (if applicable) (max. 7 lines)

The targeted weed species are extremely invasive and can permanently destroy natural habitats for native flora and fauna. Currently there are 22 extremely invasive Noxious Weeds known to be present in the area.. Each of these weed species individually present a serious threat to ecosystem health and integrity, but synergistically they will be disastrous if left unmanaged. The target species benefited will include improved natural habitat for many game species including Elk, Bighorn Sheep, Mule and Whitetail Deer, Turkey, Quail, Chukar, and Hungarian Partridge. Steelhead, Chinook and bull trout ultimately benefit as well as native flora, including T & E species such as McFarland’s 4 o’clock.

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

The partnership has been formed to build relationships among landowners in a common effort to control noxious weeds. This proposal enables this partnership to more efficiently complete the final phase of weed management by restoring disturbed areas and promoting healthy plant communities. Cost share is provided on a regular basis to private landowners, state agencies, and federal land managers. The range drill will also be available as part of this program and will stimulate the restoration of native plant communities.

18. How is this project in the best public interest? [Sec. 203(b)(7)] Identify benefits to communities.

(max. 12 lines)

It has been estimated that weeds spread an average of 4,600 acres per day on western federal lands alone. Weed monocultures can reduce biological diversity by displacing the macro and microfauna that depend on native plants for habitat and food. The forage production capacity of weed-infested land can be reduced by up to 75%. Wallowa County and the surrounding areas depend largely on the function and integrity of the wild lands around them for their livelihoods. These areas also attract recreational visitors whose money is becoming dearer as our timber and livestock industries decline. The maintenance of healthy forest and plant communities is essential to the well being of Wallowa County.

19. How does project benefit federal lands/resources? (max. 12 lines)

This project greatly benefits all lands within Wallowa county and adjacent lands by improving the bio diversity of our federal lands and resources. This in turn stimulates the local economy by improving grazing for both domestic and wild animals. The local economy is also stimulated by enhancing the natural beauty and recreational opportunities of the area. In addition, the protection and enhancement of our natural habitat of native fauna and flora meets the requirements of Congressional designated areas such as Wilderness, Wild and Scenic Rivers, and Natural Recreation Areas.

20. Status of Project Planning			
a. NEPA Complete:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
If no, give est. date of completion:			
c. NMFS Sec. 7 ESA Consultation Complete:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
d. USFWS Sec. 7 ESA Consultation Complete:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
e. Survey & Manage Complete:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable
f. DSL/ODFW* Permits for In-stream Work Obtained:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable
g. DSL/COE* 404 Fill/Removal Permit Obtained:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable
h. SHPO* Concurrence Received:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable
i. Project Design(s) Completed:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
* DSL = Dept. of State Lands, ODFW = Oregon Dept.of Fish and Wildlife, COE = Army Corps of Engineers, SHPO = State Historic Preservation Officer			

21. Proposed Method(s) of Accomplishment (<i>check those that apply</i>)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contract	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal Workforce
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Workforce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Volunteers
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): Youth programs	

22. Will the Project Generate Merchantable Materials? [Sec. 204(e)(3)]

Yes No

However, this project will benefit ranching and big game populations that will ultimately result in improved merchantable materials.

23. Anticipated Project Costs [Sec. 203(b)(3)]	
a. Total County Title II Funds Requested: \$15,000	
b. Is this a multi-year funding request? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If yes, then display by fiscal year	
c. FY02 Request:	f. FY05 Request: \$15,000
d. FY03 Request:	g. FY06 Request:
e. FY04 Request	

Table 1. Project Cost Analysis

Item	Column A Fed. Agency Appropriated Contribution [Sec. 203(b)(4)]	Column B Requested County Title II Contribution [Sec. 203(b)(4)]	Column C Other Contributions [Sec. 203(b)(4)]	Column D Total Available Funds
24. Field Work & Site Surveys	*		*	
25. NEPA & Sec. 7 ESA Consultation				
26. Permit Acquisition				
27. Project Design & Engineering				
28. Contract Preparation				
29. Contract Administration				
30. Contract Cost				
31. Workforce Cost-FS,TNC,WR,CO				
32. Materials & Supplies Range drill - \$15,000,trailer -\$3,500, Grass seed - \$5,000		\$13,125	Joseph HS - \$1500	
33. Monitoring				
34. Other				
35. Project Sub-Total				
36. Indirect Costs (Overhead @ 8%) (@year -multi-year projects)		1,875		
37. Total Cost Estimate	0	15,000	1,500	16,500

38. Identify Source(s) of Other Funding for Project Identified Above [Sec. 203(b)(4)] (max. 7 lines)

Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board – grant proposal to be submitted

Other grant proposals have been submitted and approval pending for inventory, mapping and treatment of noxious weeds totaling in excess of 250K. In addition, funding and in kind services are available from various partners such as Tri County and Tri State Weed Boards, Oregon Dept. of Agriculture, private landowners and cost share programs.

39. Monitoring Plan [Sec. 203(b)(6)]

- a. What measures or evaluations will be made to determine how well the proposed project meets the desired ecological conditions?** [Sec. 203(b)(6)] (max. 7 lines)

Who is responsible for this monitoring item?:

Site specific monitoring of restoration sites will occur via transect plots, photo points, and inspection of contracted work. These monitoring points will be observed for a minimum of five years each. In addition, programmatic monitoring will track the overall details of the program such as acres treated, dollars spent, chemical used and other particulars.

- b. How will the project be evaluated to determine how well the proposed project contributes towards local employment and/or training opportunities, including summer youth jobs programs such as the Youth Conservation Corps?** [Sec. 203(b)(6)] (max. 7 lines)

Who is responsible for this monitoring item?: Partnership- lead agency

This project will generate work for contractors and seasonal employees in the restoration of disturbed sites. It also generates work and educational opportunities for summer youth jobs. Much of the youth crew work will be located in the riparian areas where manual treatment and restoration methods will be emphasized.

- c. What methods and measures of evaluation will be established to determine how well the proposed project improves the use of, or added value to, any products removed from National Forest System lands consistent with the purposes of this Act?** [Sec. 203(b)(6) and Sec. 204(e)(3)] (max. 7 lines)

Who is responsible for this monitoring item?: Partnership- lead agency

The Programmatic monitoring will provide information that will help determine the effectiveness of our treatment methods. This in turn can be related to the benefits of improved habitats for native flora and fauna.

- d. Identify total funding needed to carry out specified monitoring tasks (Table 1, Item 33)**
(max. 7 lines)

Monitoring tasks will be accomplished by the lead partnership agency and will be included as part of the overall job responsibilities. It will follow the protocol now being used by Wallowa Resources and The Nature Conservancy.

Project Name:

County Commissioner Concurrence

(Majority Required per charter)

A majority of the county commissioners of Wallowa County have reviewed this proposed Public Law 106-393 project for the Resource Advisory Council and agree with the proposal as submitted, except for the comments noted below:

Attested by Commissioner

Date

Priority Rating:

High Medium Low

Comments/Rational: