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SUBJECT: PDM – Forest Service and Natural Resources Conservation Service
Joint Chiefs' Landscape Restoration Partnership Proposal Solicitation
for Fiscal Year 2016

TO: State Conservationists

File Code: 390-13-19

Action Required by: October 30, 2015

The Forest Service (FS) and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) are soliciting proposals for funding consideration in fiscal year (FY) 2016 within the Joint Chiefs' Landscape Restoration Partnership (LRP) program. The intent of the LRP program is to encourage and enable cross-boundary restoration through collaboration between FS and NRCS, as well as our many State, local, non-governmental, Tribal, and individual stakeholders.

The objectives of the LRP program are to (1) reduce and mitigate wildfire threats to communities and landowners, (2) protect water quality and supply for communities and industry, and (3) improve habitat quality for at-risk or ecosystem surrogate species.

Selected projects are designed to measurably improve the health and resiliency of forest and rangeland ecosystems. Projects leverage technical and financial resources between agencies and with our partners to complete on-the-ground accomplishments across jurisdictional boundaries. Successful projects utilize this program to focus investments by both agencies within a 3-year period and to coordinate and accelerate efforts within a shared landscape. The spatial and timing linkages of these projects enable cumulative impacts to be more beneficial and efficient.

Eligibility requirements for proposals in FY 2016 are as follows:

- Proposals must be jointly signed and submitted by the NRCS State Conservationist and FS Regional Forester or Forest Supervisor.
- Proposals must include, at minimum, a combination of activities on private land and National Forest System or State land.
- Proposed activities must include land treatments, and education, outreach, or coordination activities on public, State, Tribal, or private land.
- Projects may be up to 3 years in length; however, allocations are made on an annual basis and there is no guarantee of funding in subsequent years.

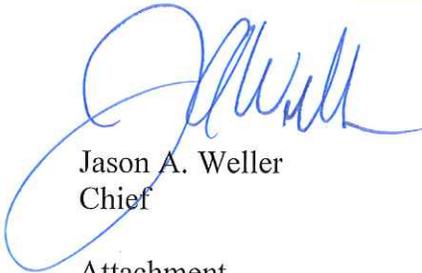
Proposals should be completed by Friday, October 30, 2015, and submitted electronically to Luther Jones, NRCS, at Luther.Jones@wdc.usda.gov, and Elizabeth Reinhardt, FS, at EReinhardt@fs.fed.us. The attachment provides an optional proposal template format, although any format is acceptable if the content requirements are addressed. An integrated evaluation of eligible proposals received will be completed by FS and NRCS at national headquarters in Washington, D.C., to initiate a limited number of additional projects in FY 2016. Selections will be announced by January 2016. An annual accomplishment report will be required of selected projects (further guidance will be provided).

The body of proposals should be no more than four pages (maps may appear in an appendix). Proposals must contain the following information:

- Project Title
- Primary Points of Contact – *List names and contact information for each agency contact.*
- Project Area – *Describe the project area (1-2 paragraphs).*
- Project Description – *Describe the cross-boundary resource objectives for this landscape and the expected outcomes (i.e., the end result of implementing the proposed activities, treatments, and practices). Explain how results are more than a collection of individual projects (e.g., spatial juxtaposition, sharing of expertise, achieving a critical amount of habitat or fuel treatment that tips the balance for a particular risk).*
- Resource Concerns and Values at Risk – *List values and resources of concern to be addressed (i.e., the reason why this proposal is a priority)*
- Benefits to Communities or Populations – *Describe the benefit to communities, counties, or populations (1-2 paragraphs).*
- Certification of National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Readiness – *Describe the NEPA documentation on planned work on public lands and if any proposed work requires pending NEPA, or if new NEPA or planning is proposed.*
- Partner Engagement and Contributions – *List actively engaged partners and contributions (funds, staff, or other). Include a budget table clearly showing the financial contribution or dollar value of contribution-in-kind from each partner.*
- Deliverables – *clearly define deliverables by year (up to 3 years) for both agencies.*
- Monitoring and Evaluation – *Describe how the project outcomes will be monitored and evaluated.*
- Budget Request – *Provide budget request by agency for each year (up to 3 years).
For NRCS, specify financial and technical assistance needs for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program by year.
For FS, specify funding need by appropriate program or budget line item for each year.
Funds may be requested from any of the following programs within National Forest System (NFS), State and Private Forestry (S&PF), and Capital Improvement and Maintenance (CIM):*
 - *S&PF: Hazardous Fuels (WFHF);*
 - *S&PF: State Fire Assistance (WFCF);*

- *S&PF: Forest Stewardship (SPST);*
- *S&PF: Landscape Scale Restoration (SPLR);*
- *S&PF: Forest Health Protection – State (SPCH);*
- *S&PF: Forest Health Protection – Federal (SPFH);*
- *NFS: Vegetation and Water (NFVW);*
- *NFS: Wildlife and Fisheries (NFWF);*
- *NFS: Integrated Resource Restoration (NFRR);*
- *NFS: Lands (NFLM);*
- *CIM: Legacy Roads and Trails Remediation (CMLG); or*
- *CIM: Roads (CMRD).*
- Map(s) – *Illustrate the general project location, specific areas targeted for treatment, and land ownership. Include features pertinent to the proposed projects, which may include water bodies, forest types, roads and other infrastructure, fuel risk ratings, etc.*

For questions about the LRP program or proposal submission, please contact Luther Jones at (202) 690-3501, or at Luther.Jones@wdc.usda.gov.



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Attachment

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PROJECT TITLE

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Project Area

Describe the project area (1-2 paragraphs)

Project Description

Describe the cross-boundary resource objectives for this landscape and the expected outcomes (i.e. the end result of implementing the proposed activities, treatments, and practices. Explain how results are more than a collection of individual projects (e.g., spatial juxtaposition, sharing of expertise, achieving a critical amount of habitat or fuel treatment that tips the balance for a particular risk).

Values at Risk and Resource Concerns

*List values and resources of concern to be addressed (i.e. the reason why this proposal is a priority.)
 Example:*

Soil Erosion	Soil Quality Degradation	Streambank Improvement
Water Quality Degradation	Air Quality Impacts	Fish Habitat Improvement
Degraded Plant Condition	Wildlife Habitat Improvement	Wildfire Hazard

Benefits to Communities and/or Populations

Describe the benefits to communities, counties, or populations

Certification of NEPA Readiness

Describe the NEPA documentation on planned work on public lands, and if any proposed work requires pending NEPA, and/or if new NEPA/planning is proposed.

Partners and Associated Contributions:

List actively engaged partners and contributions (funds, staff, or other)

Partner Contributions	2015	2016	2017	Total
Kinkaid RCCD (CASH)	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$60,000
Kinkaid RCCD (TA)	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$15,000
KAWP (CASH)	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$3,000
KAWP (TA)	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$15,000

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Deliverables

Clearly define deliverables by year (up to three years) for both agencies

EXAMPLE 1:

Natural Resources Conservation Service: (Environmental Quality Incentives Program) *			
Core Practices:	Cost	Core Practices:	Cost
Brush Management	100ac x200/ac=\$20,000	Nutrient Management	400ac x20/ac=\$8,000
Cover Crop	250ac x70/ac=\$17,500	Pond	5no. x7,000/ea=\$35,000
Prescribed Grazing Fence	10,000ft x1.25/ft=\$12,500	Prescribed Burning	200ac x71/ac=\$14,200
Forage and Biomass Planting	100ac x150/ac=\$15,000	Prescribed Grazing	100ac x22/ac=\$2,200
Forest Stand Improvement	120ac x153/ac=\$18,400	Streambank Protection	1500ft x27/ft=\$40,500
Grade Stabilization Structures	20 no x3500/ea=\$70,000	Terrace	1000ft x3/ft=\$3,000

Grass Waterway	5ac x3500/ac=\$17,500	Winter Feeding Structure	1 no x 33,000/ea=\$33,000
Sediment Control Basin	20no x1800/ea=\$36,000	Underground Outlet	3000ft x3/ft=\$90,000
Total Cost – Core Practices			\$432,800
Supporting Practices:			\$62,200
Conservation Cover	Field Borders	Pipeline	
Critical Area Planting	Watering Facility	Riparian Forest Buffer	
Mulching	Heavy Use Area	Filter Strip	
United States Forest Service: (Shawnee National Forest)			
Shoreline Stabilization	1500 feet–at \$80/Ft.	\$120,000 (First Year Only)	
Gully/Streambank Stabilization	1500 feet at 35/Ft.	\$52,500 (Repeats all three years)	
Prescribed Fire	810 acres of prescribed fire at \$65/acre	\$52,500 (Repeats all three years)	
Watershed Inventory	Seasonal college students at \$22,000/season	\$40,000 (Repeats all three years)	

EXAMPLE 2:

Implementation Activities	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3
<i>Private Lands</i>			
Conservation Cover	100 acres	100 acres	100 acres
Forest Stand Improvement	300 acres	300 acres	300 acres
Prescribed Burning	500 acres	1,500 acres	2,000 acres
Tree Establishment	100 acres	100 acres	300 acres
Forest Stewardship Plans	1,500 acres	2,500 acres	3,000 acres
Conservation Plans	15 plans	30 plans	40 plans
CWPP's			
<i>National Forest Lands</i>			
Timber Thinning/TSI	500 acres	500 acres	500 acres
Fuel Reduction	2,600 acres	2,600 acres	2,600 acres
Herbicide Treatment (invasive)	100 acres	100 acres	100 acres
Native seed collection	330 acres	330 acres	330 acres
Native plant establishment	-	-	75 acres

Monitoring and Evaluation

Describe how the project will be monitored and evaluated.

Budget

Agency Request	2015	2016	2017	Total
NRCS (FA EQIP)	\$145,000	\$175,000	\$175,000	\$495,000
NRCS (7.5% TA EQIP)	\$10,875	\$13,125	\$13,125	\$37,125
Hazardous Fuels (WFHF)				
State Fire Assistance (WFCF)				
Forest Health Protection – State (SPCH)				
NFS, Integrated Resource Restoration				
NFS, Wildlife and Fisheries (NFWF)				
Grand Total				

Signatures

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Map (can be an Appendix)