

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) **GR-MAL04-104**

2. Project Name: Native Hardwood Seed and Cutting Collection	3. County: Grant
4. Project Sponsor: Mike Montgomery - Blue Mountain Ranger District (technical contact: Nancy Hafer)	5. Date: 11/4/2002
6. Sponsor's Phone Number: 541-575-3000	
7. Sponsors E-mail: nhafer@fs.fed.us	

8. Project Location (attach project area map) District-wide with emphasis on Flagtail Fire area, Canyon Creek Watershed Analysis area, Pine Creek Restoration Project area, Blue Vegetation Analysis area, Blue Aquatics Analysis area and Blue Roads Analysis area.	
a. 4 th Field Watershed Name and HUC #: Middlefork John Day 17070203, Upper John Day 17070201, Silvies 17120002	
b. 5 th Field Watershed Name and HUC # (if known): Sites are district-wide. District botanist will locate and map collection sources in spring and summer.	
c. Location: Township _____ Range _____ Section(s) _____	
d. BLM District	e. BLM Resource Area
f. National Forest Malheur	g. Forest Service District
h. State / Private / Other lands involved? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

9. Statement of Project Goals and Objectives: (max. 7 lines) Collect native grass seed (various species), native hardwood seed (red osier dogwood, mountain ash, elderberry, chokecherry, alder) and hardwood cuttings (willow species and cottonwood) for increasing at forest service or private nurseries (for grass and hardwood seed production) and Clarno Stoolbed (for growing hardwood cuttings).
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10. Project Description: (max. 30 lines.) Project will provide native seed and cutting material that can be planted to increase and, in one or two years, supply sufficient quantities of native grass seed to reclaim landing sites, skid trails, temporary roads; and willow and other hardwood species to revegetate creeks, and provide bank stability, shade, forage for beaver and ungulates, and bird nesting habitat. Accomplishment from FY 2002 <i>Grass Seed:</i> collected 2 pounds of blue wild rye. <i>Shrub Seed:</i> collected 22 pounds from dogwood, 1 pound from buckthorn, 3 pounds from bitter cherry, and 23 pounds from chokecherry plants. <i>Willow Cuttings:</i> Collected from 42 sites last winter and identified 18 additional willow sites this summer and sites are also being identified this fall for additional winter cuttings.

11. Coordination of this project with other related project(s) on adjacent lands?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If yes, then describe (max. 10 lines)

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)]
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Implements stewardship objectives that enhance forest ecosystems. [Sec. 2(b)]
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restores and improves land health. [Sec. 2(b)]
<input checked="" 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)]
<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)]	<input type="checkbox"/> Forest Health Improvement [Sec. 2(b)(2)(C)]
<input type="checkbox"/> Watershed Restoration & Mntc. [Sec. 2(b)(2)(D)]	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife Habitat Restoration [Sec. 2(b)(2)(E)]
<input type="checkbox"/> Fish Habitat Restoration [Sec. 2(b)(2)(E)]	<input type="checkbox"/> Control of Noxious Weeds [Sec. 2(b)(2)(F)]
<input checked="" 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:	b. Total Miles:
c. No. Structures:	d. Est. People Reached
e. No. Laborer Days: 60	(for environmental education projects):
f. Other (specify): Collect material from 30 to 45 source sites.	

15. Estimated Completion Date: [Sec. 203(b)(2)] December 30, 2004. Grass seed is collected in August. Hardwood seed and cuttings are gathered later in September through December, when vegetation is dormant.

16. Target Species Benefited: (if applicable) (max. 7 lines) Revegetation of bare soil areas (Flagtail fire area and other burned areas, skid trails, temporary roads, landing sites) reduces sediment run-off impacting creeks and ultimately fisheries. Riparian hardwoods provide shade, nesting and foraging habitat for songbirds, habitat for insect species that ultimately fall into the creeks, feeding fish, hiding cover for fish, both anadromous and inland species, and provide stream bank stability.

17. How will cooperative relationships among people that use federal lands be improved? [Sec. 2(b)(3)] (max. 12 lines)

Viable and healthy ecosystems benefit all forest users and adjacent private landowners. Reclaiming bare soil areas with native species reduces the likelihood of noxious weed invasion. Healthy vegetation on creeks provides shade, hiding cover for fish, nesting and foraging habitat for songbirds and small mammals. Viable populations of wildlife and bird species using this habitat are all integral parts of the ecosystem. Maintaining all the “parts” means a more vibrant and resilient system, which we as campers, hikers, hunters, bird watchers, fishermen, and scientists can all use and enjoy.

18. How is this project in the best public interest? [Sec. 203(b)(7)] **Identify benefits to communities.** (max. 12 lines)

Project secures seed and cutting material for watershed restoration projects. Native species are used to limit the potential for noxious weed introduction, which should improve availability of palatable vegetation for both livestock and wildlife. This should benefit local ranchers and hunters. Collecting native seed and cutting material provides employment opportunities for the local community.

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

By seeding with native species, the land maintains and reproduced species that are adapted to local environment conditions and disturbance cycles. Vegetation resiliency will be improved because these natives will provide seed to regenerate disturbed areas because they have adapted over time to these conditions. By increasing the use of native species, local wildlife will have increased food and nesting habitat and those that eat insects will be better able to reduce insect threats to forested areas. Habitat for big game, most notably, calving and fawning habitats and winter range should also improve by increasing native species for browse and improving vigor and distribution of riparian vegetation.

20. Status of Project Planning

<p>a. NEPA Complete: Project for collection of reproductive material only and does not required NEPA. However, seed and cuttings may be used (depending upon local availability) by the following NEPA projects.</p> <p>Blue Vegetation Analysis (Timber Sale) - FY 2003 Blue Aquatics EA - FY 2003 Blue Roads EA - FY 2003 Flagtail Fire EIS - FY 2003 Pine Creek Restoration Project - FY 2004 Canyon Creek - FY 2004</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable
If no, give est. date of completion:			
c. NMFS Sec. 7 ESA Consultation Complete:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable
d. USFWS Sec. 7 ESA Consultation Complete:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable
e. Survey & Manage Complete:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable
i. 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 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 type="checkbox"/> Contract	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal Workforce
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Workforce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Volunteers
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):	

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

Yes No

23. Anticipated Project Costs [Sec. 203(b)(3)]

a. Total County Title II Funds Requested: \$47,107

b. Is this a multi-year funding request? Yes No If yes, then display by fiscal year

c. FY02 Request: \$9,131

f. FY05 Request: \$9,978

d. FY03 Request: \$9,406

g. FY06 Request: \$10,277

e. FY04 Request: \$9,688

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	2,600			2,600
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		7,638		7,638
32. Materials & Supplies	300	530		830
33. Monitoring	1,450			1,450
34. Other (vehicle mileage)	250	801		1,051
35. Project Sub-Total	4,600	8,969		13,570
36. Indirect Costs (Overhead @ 8%) (per year for multi-year projects)	\$1,205	718		1,923
37. Total Cost Estimate	\$5,805	9,688		\$15,493

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

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?:

Blue Mountain Ranger District botanist will be responsible for locating collection sites and monitoring quality of material collected.

- 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?: _____

The Blue Mountain Ranger District Resources Department has traditionally hired summer crews to complete field projects. We have employed senior citizens, displaced mill workers, college students, and Youth Conservation Corps crews. The Blue Mountain District biological technician is responsible for crew hiring.

- 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?: not applicable – no accountable products are removed

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

Amount \$2,202 a year average over 5 years

County Court Concurrence

(Majority Required per charter)

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

Attested by Grant County Judge

Date

Priority Rating:

X High Medium Low

Comments/Rationale: