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Deschutes – Ochoco Regional Advisory Committee
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Regional Advisory Committee Members,

The Deschutes County Board of Commissioners would like to express our support for the Deschutes County Noxious Weed Cost Share Title II grant application for 2015. As you know, noxious weeds are a problem we all share in central Oregon and something we need all landowners and land managers to be engaged in so we can maintain healthy and productive lands for environmental, social and economic benefits. This proposal offers an effective way for landowners in Deschutes County to treat their noxious weeds and is a proven model to engage landowners in actively managing noxious weeds.

This project expands upon ongoing efforts to treat noxious weeds including treatment of right of ways by State, County and City government, treatment of federal and other public lands by land managers, as well as ongoing efforts undertaken by many private landowners. Cost share projects often engage new or small landowners who are unaware of noxious weeds or the appropriate steps to manage them. Often by participating in a cost share project, landowners can reduce or eliminate their noxious weeds and can establish an appropriate management and maintenance plan moving forward to keep noxious weeds under control. In addition, with landowners covering half of the costs of treatment, and Deschutes County supplying personnel to manage the projects, the investment in Title II dollars can treat many more acres than could be treated without matching funds.

This project also compliments Deschutes County's extensive outreach efforts related to noxious weeds which is comprised of presence at local events such as the Let's Pull Together weed pulls and the County Fair, as well as presentations to homeowner associations and other groups, and numerous one on one landowner contacts.

Deschutes County supports and encourages the funding of the 2015 Deschutes County Noxious Weed Cost Share project utilizing Title II funds.

Sincerely,

The Deschutes County Board of Commissioners

Anthony DeBone, Chair

Alan Unger, Commissioner

Tammy Baney, Commissioner

Enhancing the Lives of Citizens by Delivering Quality Services in a Cost-Effective Manner

INSTRUCTIONS: This application is a Word document that is locked; press the tab key to advance through the document, or mouse click to the next response. As you write the document will expand. The application is currently 5 pages, do not exceed 10 pages in total with a minimum font size of 11. This application is for the federal fiscal year 2015-17, projects must begin on or after October 1, 2015.

Part A: Project Contact, Location and Timeframe

A-1. Project Costs

Funding Amount Requested: \$25,593.75	Total Project Costs: \$66,538.50
<i>This matches total costs from Column A in your budget</i>	<i>This matches total costs from Column E in your budget</i>

A-2. Project Contact Information:

Please list the person who will be able to answer questions about the project as the Contact.

Project Name: Deschutes County Noxious Weed Cost Share 2015	
Project Contact: Ed Keith	Title: County Forester
Phone: 541-322-7117	Email: ed.keith@deschutes.org

A-3. Fiscal Organization/Administrator: *If different than A-1, please provide the name of the person and entity responsible for compliance activities should grant funds be awarded.*

Organization: Deschutes County	Contact Person: Ed Keith	
Address: 61150 SE 27 th St.	City: Bend	ZIP Code: 97702
Phone No: 541-322-7117	Email: ed.keith@deschutes.org	

A-4. Project Location Information: *(if more than one location, list all) An 8.5 X 11 area map is required; you may include up to 3 digital photos of the project area with your hard copy application.*

National Forest(s): Deschutes	Township(s): Many	Range(s): Many	Section(s): Many	County(ies): Deschutes
Detailed Project Location Description (100 characters max): Private lands in Deschutes County with A or B rated noxious weeds.				
Ranger District: Bend Ft. Rock, Sisters, Crescent		Landowner(s) if project will occur on private land: Private landowners in Deschutes County (several)		
Land Status (check all that apply): <input type="checkbox"/> National Forest, <input type="checkbox"/> Other Federal, <input type="checkbox"/> State, <input type="checkbox"/> County, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private, and <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____				

A-5. Time Frame Information: Provide an estimate of start and end dates. The start date must be after 10/1/2015, and the end date should reflect the point at which all project activities, including those supported by matching funds, will be completed.

Start Date (mm/dd/yy): 3/1/2016	Completion Date (mm/dd/yy): 12/31/2018
Is this a continuation of a previously RAC-funded project? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No (If yes, complete section G.)	
What was the title of the previously funded project?	

Part B: Title II Eligibility

B-1. How does the proposed project meet the purposes of the Legislation?

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

B-2. Project Type (check all that apply, must choose at least one)

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|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Road Maintenance | <input type="checkbox"/> | Trail Obliteration | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Road Decommission/Obliteration | <input type="checkbox"/> | Forest Health Improvement | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other Infrastructure Maintenance | <input type="checkbox"/> | Wildlife Habitat Restoration | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Soil Productivity Improvement | <input type="checkbox"/> | Control of Noxious Weeds | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Watershed Restoration & Maintenance | <input type="checkbox"/> | Fuels Management/Fire Prevention | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Fish Habitat Restoration | <input type="checkbox"/> | Implement CWPP Project | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Reestablish Native Species | <input type="checkbox"/> | Community Economic Benefit | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Trail Maintenance | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other, specify_____ | <input type="checkbox"/> |

B-3. What is the primary purpose of the project? (Select only one from B-2) Control of Noxious Weeds

B-4. Status of Project Planning:

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Complete: (Note: If NEPA is not complete please consult your Forest District Ranger before submission as most projects cannot be funded in the necessary timeframe. For private lands, this is not applicable.) Yes No N/A

Date completed (dd/mm/yyyy)
NEPA Project Name_____

Endangered Specific Act Consultation Complete: Yes No N/A

Dept. of State Lands/ODFW Permits for In-Stream Work Obtained: Yes No N/A

Dept. of State Lands/Army Corps of Engineers Fill/Removal & 404 Permit Obtained: Yes No N/A

State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) Concurrence Received: Yes No N/A

Project Design(s) Completed: Yes No N/A

Survey and Manage Completed: Yes No N/A

B-4. Will the project generate merchantable timber? If yes, the project may be subject to merchantable contracting pilot program or other contracting Yes No N/A

procedures.

Part C: Narrative

C-1. Brief Project Description: (*in one sentence*) This project will treat private lands in Deschutes County infested with A or B rated noxious weeds by providing funds for half the costs of treatment projects, making lands more productive and preventing spread to other areas including the National Forest.

C-2. Detailed Project Description (*2000 characters max*) Deschutes County will assess potential project sites throughout the county and qualified sites with A and B rated noxious weeds will receive technical and financial assistance for weed treatment and restoration utilizing integrated vegetation management techniques. Landowners will be reimbursed for half of the initial project costs as an incentive to complete the work. Landowners will also be responsible to perform follow up maintenance as needed to maintain the project site.

C-3. How will cooperative relationships among people that use federal lands be improved? List known partnerships or collaborative opportunities Identify the entities and individuals that have been contacted about this project (please list).

Deschutes County has formed a noxious weed advisory board where people and organizations concerned about weeds can collaborate together to educate the public and form partnerships that work towards reduction of noxious weeds throughout the County and across ownerships. The noxious weed board brings together citizens and representatives from the US Forest Service, Deschutes County, Bend Parks and Recreation, City staff, landscaping companies and other private business, as well as the Oregon Department of Agriculture and other state agencies. The noxious weed advisory board is an opportunity for many organizations to collaborate together toward a common cause. The project will help advance the goals of the noxious weed board by treating properties highly infested with A or B rated noxious weeds and putting owners on a plan to manage their noxious weeds. The weed board and Deschutes County will promote opportunities for private landowners to participate in projects while conducting outreach and education to a broad base of citizens throughout Deschutes County. This will occur through presentations to civic groups, presence at relevant community events as well as one on one contact with interested landowners. Through all these collaborative actions we will provide the education and financial resources the landowners need to effectively treat weeds on their property. This project will also serve to compliment treatment projects on federal lands.

C-4. How is this project in the best interest of the community? Identify benefits to the community (*2000 characters max*)

Noxious weeds that reduce wildlife habitat, water quality, land productivity, and increase fire risk will be reduced and eliminated through eradication projects. Desirable plants will be restored that will benefit wildlife, increase land and soil productivity and reduce fire risk, while enhancing usability of the land for a variety of purposes including agriculture, recreation, and scenic quality.

C-5. How does the project benefit federal lands/resources (*2000 characters max*) Deschutes County has a large and diverse population with a high percentage of citizens that use, enjoy or travel through federal lands on a regular basis. Private lands are intermixed with federal lands in such a way that problems such as noxious weeds located on one property soon become an issue for the larger area. It is easy to see that with the heavy public use of the National Forest by the public, that not treating weeds on private lands will quickly lead to trouble for National Forest lands. Treating weeds on private lands will reduce spread of weeds to and infestations of weeds on federal lands and will therefore provide direct benefit by way of reduced infestations of noxious weeds, and reduced need for treatment on National Forest lands.

C-6. What is the proposed method(s) of accomplishment? (Check at least one)

Analysis of contractor receipts will show dollars expended towards local employment. Most landowners choose to hire a licensed applicator for herbicide treatment of weeds which will provide direct local employment.

B. List the names of those responsible for monitoring these opportunities.

Ed Keith

C. Identify the total funding needed to carry out specific monitoring tasks.

\$ 500

E-3. Improved Use or Value-Add of Removed Products (if applicable)

A. How will the project be evaluated to determine if it improved the use of, or added value to, any products removed from the land consistent with the purposes of Title II?

(1000 characters max)

By treating noxious weeds the use of the land is improved for wildlife habitat, forage production, soil retention, and overall usability. By tracking acres treated and restored the project will be able to report how many acres received added value by eliminating noxious weeds.

B. List the names of those responsible for monitoring these methods.

Ed Keith

C. Identify the total funding needed to carry out specific monitoring tasks.

\$ 500

E-4. Identify remedies for failure to comply with the term of this agreement

Unused funds will be returned to the RAC

Other

If "Other" is selected, explain Monitoring Remedies.

F: Continuation Project Update SKIP IF THIS IS NOT A CONTINUATION PROJECT

F-1. Is this a continuation of a previously funded RAC project? Yes No

F-2. Please list the deliverables, outcomes and activities stated on the previous RAC application (be specific) 750 characters max.

F-3. Did you achieve these results? Yes No If not, please explain why: (500 characters max)

Identify the activities and the source funding for the 2015 RAC Project Request only.

Insert Project Name HERE:	(RAC Funds Requested:)	(Matching Funds: Federal Funds)	(Matching Funds: Non-Federal)		
Activities (list)	Column A	Column B	Column C	Column D	Column E
	Requested RAC Funds	Federal Agency Funds	Other Cash Funds	Other In-Kind Funds	Total Project Cost
PERSONNEL (Position Title, Wages Benefits, etc.) County Forester \$56/hr x 200 hours	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,200.00	\$ -	\$ 11,200.00
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CONTRACTED SERVICES (Grant Administration, Labor, Consultant, Management, etc.) Weed treatment @ \$65/acre x 750 acres	\$ 24,375.00	\$ -	\$ 24,375.00	\$ -	\$ 48,750.00
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SUPPLIES/MATERIALS (Fencing, Plants, Film, Office Supplies, etc.)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
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DESIGN/ENGINEERING & PERMIT COSTS (Design, Permits, Site Surveys, etc.)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
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TRAVEL 6000 miles x .57/mile	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,420.00	\$ -	\$ 3,420.00
NEPA (including clearance and consultation with regulatory agencies e.g. USF&W)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
INDIRECT COST RATE If you have a Federally approved negotiated indirect cost rate you may charge up to 5% indirect costs. *	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
OTHER	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
PROJECT SUB-TOTAL	\$ 24,375.00	\$ -	\$ 38,995.00	\$ -	\$ 63,370.00
USFS ADMIN OVERHEAD (5% automatically added to your Total Requested RAC funds and Total Project Costs)	\$ 1,218.75	NA	NA	NA	\$ 3,168.50
TOTAL COST	\$ 25,593.75				\$ 66,538.50
	FUNDING AMOUNT REQUESTED				TOTAL PROJECT COSTS