

# FY2010 Western Competitive Resource Allocation

Webinar

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2-3 PM MDT



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# Meeting Agenda

- Introductions
- Overview
- Working together
- Application forms
- Linking with State Assessments and Response Strategies
- Q&A



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# Overview – Not New

- What's Not New:
  - Application limits remain at **4 single-state** and **1 multi-state** lead per state.
  - Cap on requested funds per application will remain at **\$300k, including multi-state** applications.
  - Limit of funds any one state can receive will remain at **15% of total funds available.**



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# Overview – Funds Available

## YES

- Forest Stewardship
- Urban and Community Forestry
- Forest Health Management-Cooperative Lands
- Forest Health Management-Cooperative Lands (National Fire Plan)
- State Fire Assistance
- State Fire Assistance (National Fire Plan)

## NO

- Volunteer Fire Assistance
- Forest Legacy
- Economic Action
- Federal Lands Forest Health Management



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# Overview – NEW

- What Is New:
  - **States will NOT be submitting priority points.** All applications, including multi-state, will be scored solely on their own merit.
  - **The project description WILL be scored.**
  - The review team will attempt to rotate out only 1/3 (rather than 1/2) of the members. This means a **3-year commitment** to the team.



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# Working Together

- New text in the National Guidance changed one big little word
  - “USFS Regions/Area and States **shall work together** when **identifying** and **evaluating** possible Competitive Resource Allocation proposals.”



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# Working Together

- This means that not only are states and FS regions encouraged to work together, they are required to work together.
- We are already doing a great job through the competitive grant team...
- But could kick it up a notch on the front end while thinking up great projects.



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# Working Together

- Reasons to engage:
  - Insure creative and legal (auditable) projects are being proposed and implemented.
  - Connect with all available resources.
  - Faster and easier processing of the grant once projects are selected and approved.
  - Because you're all amazing people with a lot to learn from one another!



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# Application Forms

- Single-state
- Multi-state
- Summary



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# Proposals are due

- **On September 28, 2009 (5:00 PM MDT)**
- **To Diane Denenberg**
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# Timeline

- May 29 – National and Western regional guidance released
- **Sep 28 – Project proposals due**
- Nov 2-4 – Scoring meeting
- Dec 14-16 – Final recommendations made at WFLC Fall Meeting in San Diego



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# State Assessments

- Though linking competitive projects with priority areas identified in the assessments will NOT be scored right now...
- It sure might be scored in the future, so thinking ahead means being more competitive!



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# State Assessments

- Where are you with your assessment?
- Where might you locate competitive projects, especially multi-year projects, to reach your objectives in priority areas?
- If projects are already being proposed in priority areas, how can you describe them to highlight this fact?



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# Questions?

- [http://wflccenter.org/spf\\_grants\\_10/](http://wflccenter.org/spf_grants_10/)
  - Q&A (to be posted after this meeting)
  - National and Western regional guidance
  - Proposal forms
  - Completed proposals (when all received)
  - Dates and contact information



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# Questions?

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# Thanks for joining!

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