



Western Forestry Leadership Coalition

FY2010 S&PF Redesign Western Update #2

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Overview:

1. *Updated Competitive Grant Process Timeline for FY10*
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 - a. *Match, Leverage, and Collaboration*
 - b. *State and US Forest Service Collaboration*
3. *New National Redesign Update Available*

1. Updated Timeline for FY 10 Competitive Grant Process

September 28, 2009: Western Competitive Grant Applications are due to WFLC electronically.

October 2, 2009: Applications will be posted on-line at http://www.wflccenter.org/spf_grants_10/. Western Competitive Grant Team receives application assignments to prepare for scoring meeting.

November 2-4, 2009: Western Competitive Grant Team scoring meeting in Sacramento, CA. All project proposals will be reviewed by the 12-member team. Recommendations submitted to the WFLC.

December 14-16, 2009: WFLC fall meeting in San Diego, CA. Final recommendations for funding will be decided upon and submitted to the US Forest Service.

2. Frequently Asked Questions – Now Available

Two issues are highlighted in this document. More questions & answers are available on the WFLC website at http://wflccenter.org/spf_grants_10/.

- a. **Match, Leverage, and Collaboration** – How do match, leverage, and collaboration differ? How will each item be scored during the FY2010 Western Competitive Grant Process?

“Match” is the required contribution from the state and other non-federal partners equal to the amount of the grant requested. Measured in dollars and described in a narrative, “leverage” is the project-specific value of contributions by the applicant and project partners toward mutual outcomes. “Collaboration” is the demonstrated engagement of partners in project development and implementation. Match is required for project eligibility, but is not scored. Leverage and collaboration are evaluation criteria and will be scored. Interested in more? A new FAQ specifically on *Match, Leverage and Collaboration* can be found at http://www.wflcweb.org/spf_grants_10/.

- b. **State and US Forest Service Collaboration – Do States have to work with the US Forest Service Regional Office to craft their competitive proposal?**

The FY2010 National Guidance reads – “USFS Regions/Area and States *shall work together* when identifying and evaluating possible Competitive Resource Allocation proposals.” This is not meant to require regional review of projects, but to more strongly encourage collaboration. This collaboration will help States stay informed of all technical and financial resources available for their projects. It will also encourage early consideration of the mix of funding necessary for successful completion of projects.

3. **The July National Redesign Update is available at <http://www.fs.fed.us/spf/redesign/>.**