

FY2011 Western Competitive Resource Allocation

Webinar

Tuesday, June 8

10-11 AM MDT

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Meeting Agenda

- Introductions
- Regional Guidance
- Application forms
- Linking with State Assessments and Strategies
- Q&A



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Regional Guidance – 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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Regional Guidance – 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

**Program Authorities Guide
is in the works!**



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Regional Guidance – NEW

- What Is New:
 - **Project abstract will be scored.** Summary of the project for the benefit of the proposer, reviewers, and communications needs.
 - **Project description will be scored.** This element has also been broken into parts to encourage higher scores and better align with required grant narrative elements.



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Regional Guidance – NEW

- “USFS Regions/Area and States **shall work together** when **identifying** and **evaluating** possible Competitive Resource Allocation proposals.”
- “This project proposal is responsive to all relevant **Statewide Forest Resource Assessments and Strategies.**”
- Discussion Questions for State and USFS Regional Collaboration
- All of the above are based on changes to the National Guidance



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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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Proposal Forms

- Single-state
- Multi-state
- No summary form
- More logical flow
- Simplified budget table
- Fillable PDF forms

**State and Private Forestry
FY 2011 Western Competitive
Resource Allocation
Single-State Project Proposal**

Filename	
State: _____	Keyword: _____
Administration Information	
Funds Requested: _____	Match: _____

Applicant Information			
1	State Forestry Agency: _____		
	Contact Person: _____		
	Address: _____		
	City: _____	State: _____	Zipcode: _____
	Phone: _____	Email: _____	

Project Information			
2	Descriptive Title of Project: _____		
	Names of Partnering Agencies / Organizations: _____		
	State(s): _____	Forest Service Region(s): _____	
	Counties (optional): _____	Congressional Districts (optional): _____	

Project Duration	
3	What is the duration of this project? <input type="checkbox"/> One Year <input type="checkbox"/> Two Years <input type="checkbox"/> Three Years

National Relevance		
4	<input type="checkbox"/> Conserve Working Forest Landscapes	<input type="checkbox"/> Protect Forests From Harm
	<input type="checkbox"/> Enhance Public Benefits From Trees and Forests	
	<input type="checkbox"/> This project proposal is responsive to all relevant Statewide Forest Resource Assessments and Strategies.	

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 This completed form will be posted online and may be shared after all proposals are received.
<http://wlfco.org/programs>

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 Single-State Project Proposal
 09/13/2011/UPDA.TED



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Entering Information

- Fillable PDF forms
- Encouraged to the most current Adobe Reader software - <http://get.adobe.com/reader/?promoid=BUIGO>
- Highlight fields for easy navigation; complete all fields
- Copy / paste text is allowed
- Forms can be saved and printed



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Field Calculations & Character Limits

- Some numerical fields are calculated
 - Budget “total” fields
 - Leverage “total” fields
 - Admin info fields: funds requested, match
- All narrative fields have character limits, which are identified on the form and include spaces



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Saving & Submitting

- Forms can be saved and printed
- Recommended naming convention
 - State abbreviation + keyword
 - e.g., CO_Huerfano.pdf
- Forms can be submitted by clicking “Submit Form” button (generates standard email with a single attachment)
- Multiple forms can be submitted as email attachments



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Proposals are due

- On October 4, 2010 (5:00 PM MDT)
- To Dana Coelho
 - Click “submit” or
 - Email to dcoelho@fs.fed.us



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Timeline

- June 3 – Western regional guidance released
- June 15 – Western regional guidance updated
- June 8 & June 16/17 – Info webinars (guidance & forms)
- August 10/11 – Info webinars (authorities guide)
- **Oct 4 – Project proposals due**
- Nov 13-14 – Scoring meeting
- **Nov 15-17 – 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 is required in the National and Regional Guidance that you make some tie between the projects and your Assessment & Strategy.



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State Assessments

- Where might you locate competitive projects, especially multi-year projects, to reach your objectives in priority areas?
- What priority issues are being addressed or identified strategies are being used in this project?



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Questions?

- http://wflccenter.org/spf_grants_11/
 - Western regional guidance & collaboration guide
 - Proposal forms
 - Dates and contact information
 - Q&A (to be posted after this meeting)
 - Program authorities guide (late summer)
 - Completed proposals (when all received)



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Questions?

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Notes from webinar

Tuesday, June 8 @ 10 AM MDT

Attendees:

AK – Jeff Graham

CA – Rich Walker

CO – Naomi Marcus, Joe Duda, Vince Urbina, Keith Wood

FS – Sheri Smith, Mike Dudley

ID – Mary Fritz

MT – Kate Tran

ND – Tom Claeys

NM – Lance Davisson, Susan Rich, Mary Stuever

OR – Pam Overhulser

SD – Coe Foss and Greg Josten

UT – Meredith Perkins

WFLC – Dana Coelho

Questions and Answers:

Q – Does collaborating with the USFS mean that a project can be rejected at this stage?

A – No. There is a requirement that States collaborate with the appropriate USFS Region(s) on a project proposal and a set of discussion questions available to guide this interaction, but projects are still submitted by States into a west-wide competitive process. Collaboration with USFS Regions is meant to improve projects, connect to Regional priorities, and facilitate budget decisions that will need to be made before a grant can be awarded.

Q – Can I still email all of my state's project proposals in one package?

A – Yes. Using the proposal forms available online, you may submit a single form by clicking the “Submit Form” button. You may also submit single or multiple forms (i.e., a complete state package) by including

the PDF documents in an email to dcoelho@fs.fed.us. All received forms will be promptly acknowledged via email.

Q – How are multi-state projects that cross regional competitions (West, Northeast, South) being handled?

A – Current national guidance states that “geographic regions shall collaborate during their respective evaluation processes for multi-region proposals.” In order to fulfill this collaborative requirement and ensure the viability of such proposals, multi-state projects that cross geographic regions should be submitted in their entirety (as one application) for review by one geographic region (Northeast, South, West) and will be funded by the applicable USFS Regions/Area. The multi-state project should be submitted to the geographic region that has the *largest amount of funds* within the proposal unless there are compelling reasons for an alternative approach. When funding levels are similar across geographic regions, then staff expertise, workload, past funding, and other considerations will help the State and Regional leadership to decide into which geographic regional process the project will be submitted. The discussion to determine a “lead” geographic region should happen among USFS Region/Area and State leadership early on in the proposal development process.

June 16 Webinar Notes

In attendance:

USFS R5 – Sheri Smith, Laurie Tippin, Janice Gauthier, Julie Lydick

USFS Hilo – Katie Friday

FSM – Alissa Takesy and Marlyter Silbanuz

FSM, Pohnpei – Saimon Lihpai, Mayoriko Victor, Eugene Eperiam and Francisca Sohl (likely will *not* submit a project, working on two currently underway; have a FY2008 project just starting that needs to close out by 9/30/2010; should send a progress report to demonstrate work done to date)

FSM, Yap – Valentino Orhaitil (need to talk with Francis to see if Yap will submit a project)

FSM, Chuuk – Innocente Penno, Sleeper Sared, Basiende Atan and Valerio Manuel (likely will submit a project)

FSM, Kosrae – Robert Jackson (likely will *not* submit a project)

Marshalls – Karness Kusto

Discussed:

Updated FY2011 guidance, proposal forms and timeline. Will send updated documents as soon as they are available and posted to the WFLC website.

Potential projects (from Yap, Chuuk and maybe FSM national government) and responsibilities for outstanding competitive grants.