



Western Landscape Scale Restoration Grant Program

*The Development of Successful Projects and the
Elements of On-line Proposal Submission*

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Today's Outline

Mary Fritz – Idaho Example: NE Coeur D'Alene

Tom Claeys: Key Take Away Messages

- Criteria for Scoring

Margie Ewing: Key Take Away Messages

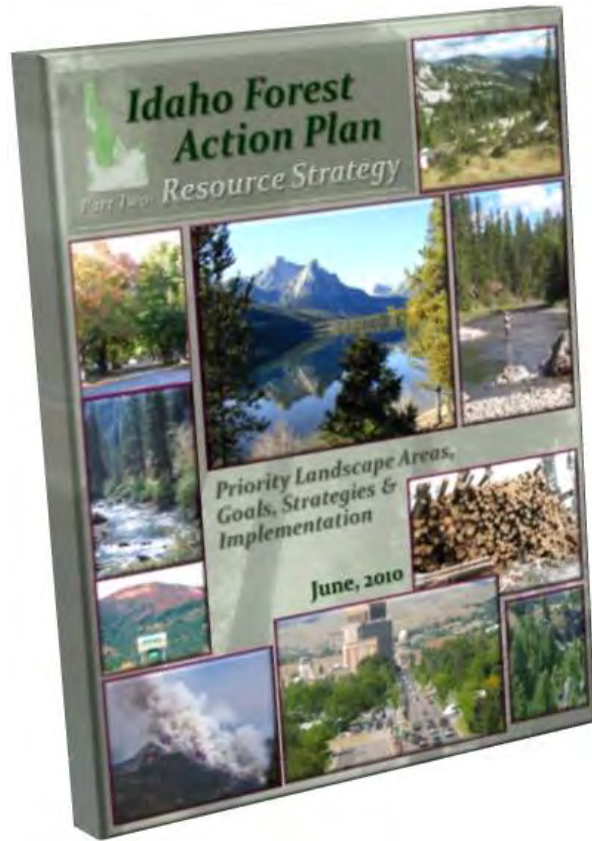
- Federal Authorities and Guidelines

Diane Denenberg: ForestryGrants.org

- A look at FY2016
- How to use ForestryGrants.org
 - Looking at past reviews/scores
 - Setting up your On-line Applications for FY 2016

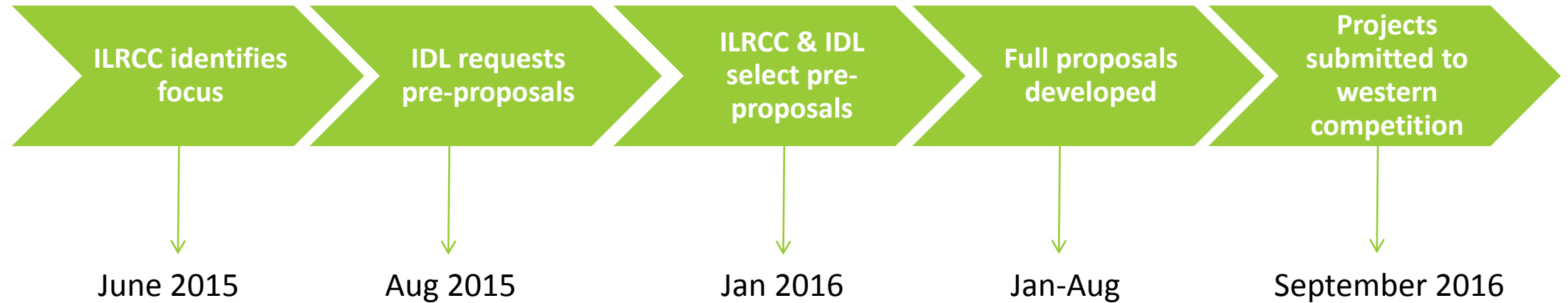


Developing Projects Idaho's Model



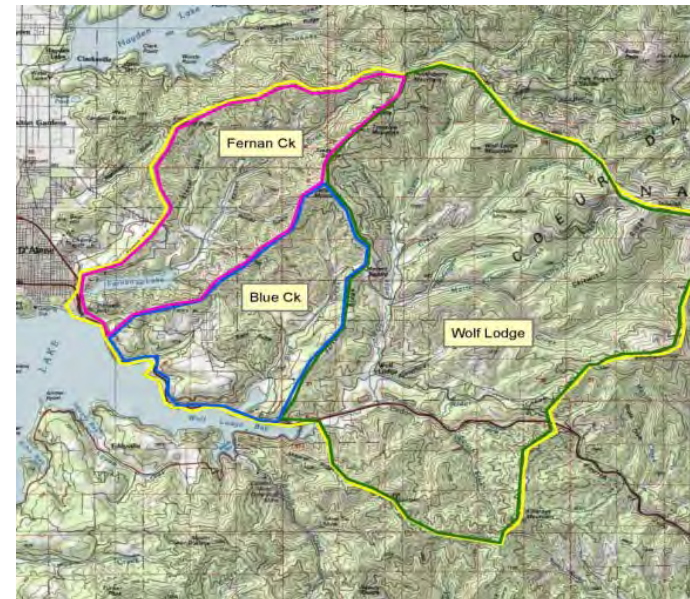


IDL Process



NE Lake Coeur d'Alene Project

- 1) ILRCC identified need
- 2) IDL worked with Kootenai Shoshone Soil and Water Conservation District develop project application
- 3) Included all work currently taking place
- 4) Identified gaps
- 5) Developed project elements
- 6) Perfected application to meet criteria





Take A Moment to Think

What elements of this process led to it's success or "why did it work"?
Please use your chat box for your thoughts



Key Take Away Messages

“why does this work?”

- They started early on project development
- They looked at ways to integrate other S&PF programs
- They defined their “Landscape”
- They utilized their Forest Action Plan as a foundation
- They had a vetting process for projects to rise to the top
- They secured partner development
- Others



How does this work with Criteria/Scoring?

1 – Define your National Themes or Relevance

Everything should support this.

More is not better – be strategic

National Relevance			
3	<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"/> High priority forest ecosystems and landscapes are identified and conserved.	<input type="checkbox"/> Fire-adapted lands are restored and risk of wildfire impacts is reduced.	<input type="checkbox"/> Water quality or quantity are protected or enhanced.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Forests are actively and sustainably managed.	<input type="checkbox"/> Threats to forest and ecosystem health are identified, managed and reduced.	<input type="checkbox"/> Air quality is improved or energy is conserved.
			<input type="checkbox"/> Communities plan for and reduce their risks from wildfire.
			<input type="checkbox"/> The economic benefits and values of trees and forests are maintained or enhanced.
			<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife or fish habitat are protected, conserved or enhanced.
			<input type="checkbox"/> People are connected to trees and forests and are engaged in environmental stewardship activities.
			<input type="checkbox"/> Trees and forests are managed and restored to help mitigate or adapt to changing conditions.

Save Grant Application



Develop your Project/Proposal with Criteria for Scoring/Instructions in Mind

Answer completely and carefully

Examples:

- Context clearly identifies priority landscapes and issues that are being addressed. Goals and objectives address the national themes being addressed by the project.
- Project uses coordination and partnerships with complementary state and federal programs to improve outcomes. Clearly describes how partners are committed and will add value during project development and implementation. Collaboration will clearly result in a successful cross-boundary project.



Take A Moment to Think Your Turn to Score- use your polling

Collaboration – Low, (0-3pts) Medium (4-9pts) or High (10-15 pts)

NE-TLC has demonstrated a successful history of engaging locally based, NGO and green organizations (115+ tree boards, NCFC, NAA, NNLA, 190 ReTree Ambassadors, etc.) & will rely upon these partnerships in the implementation of NE-TLC. These organizations (see box 2) have collectively agreed to support NE-TLC based on the identified need for greatly expanded, durable networks that reach beyond the existing partnerships.

This project was initiated with partner input (see box 2) and design beginning with meetings in 2012 and the final selection of 10 partner communities in 2014. These communities have agreed to engage/participate with the coordination team to shape outreach and granting efforts, and to monitor evaluative metrics to ensure initiative objectives and deliverables are met. Arbor Day Foundation Energy Savings Tree program & community partners will also collaborate via grants, in-kind services, and outreach and networking support. Green industry partners (NCFC, NAA, NNLA, NET & utility providers) have identified critical support for training activities and leveraging outreach efforts. Collectively these partners, along with NFS, will invest nearly \$200K in local contributions as well as leverage an additional \$211K in project implementation and support.

NE-TLC will also utilize key staff from S&PF programs of community forestry, forest health and stewardship in the development of BMP's, on-line resources, webinars and training efforts. Wildland fire prevention programming efforts will be utilized to assist with the development of NE-TLC outreach efforts and volunteer support given their past proven track record and success with "Partners in Prevention" program success.

The greatly enhanced partnerships and networking created with NE-TLC will directly support NE's FAP priority of connecting people to trees and engaging them in environmental stewardship activities within the critical landscape of the community forest resource.

How'd You do?

Scores & Comments from Reviewers

High - Partnerships have clearly been forged collaboratively, with partner buy-in and engagement.9

High - Excellent collaboration with a host of partners who have demonstrated commitment and willingness to contribute funding to the proposed initiative:

High - The collaboration of this proposal demonstrates a long term commitment by these partners to take this project to the next level

High - Looks like they put a lot of pre-work into the collaboration and it is ready to go.



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Why Did this Project Work?

National Guidance and S&PF Authorities

- ***Program Guidelines:*** implement Congressional Mandates
- ***Landscape Scale (LaSR)*** – S&PF programs more effective addressing National Issues at the Landscape Scale: across boundaries – multiple private landowners; private and State landowners; State and local landowners; multiple local landowners; State and Federal landowners; State and State landowners; State and Tribal landowners; as well as projects that cross types of lands – rural/urban for example. It does not **require** the inclusion of federal lands. Funds cannot be used on Federal lands.
- ***State Action Plans:*** Must be focused on priority landscapes and/or issues identified in the respective State's Forest Action Plans



Why Did this Project Work?

National Guidance/Western Guidance

Eligibility Requirements – S&PF Program Authorities – www.wflcweb.org/state-private-forestry/spf-grants/

Program Authorities: Grant proposal must meet requirements of S&PF Program Authorities and OMB cost principles. We encourage collaboration between the states and the USFS to avoid eligibility issues. Below are some common issues:

S&PF Funds: Can't spend on Federal Lands

Match: No Federal to Federal

- **Purchasing of land** is not an allowable cost with grant or match.
- **Purchase of special purpose (technical) equipment** greater than \$5,000 is allowable with prior approval by the awarding agency office (USFS Region). Purchase of equipment less than \$5,000 is allowable without prior approval by the awarding agency office.
- **Research-related activities** cannot be included in the competitive proposal. However, technical transfer, education, and outreach activities associated with research can be included in the proposal, and a research entity could be included as a partner,

Why Did this Project Work? Program Authorities

Program Authorities: Work with Federal Program Managers

- Restoration
- Green Infrastructure
- Collaboration
- Fences

Good Project – Wrong Program:

- Other funding sources
- Who Benefits



Let's Look at FY2016

General Eligibility & Guideline

- State Forestry Agencies are the only eligible applicants.
- States are limited to submitting 3 proposals. Each proposal will be limited to a \$300,000 per state/proposal request.
- Proposals require a 1:1 match from the **state** grant recipient and a 1:1 match on funds received in excess of \$200,000 for **territorial and flag islands**.
- Collaboration and coordination with the USDA Forest Service and other public land management agencies is encouraged
- Grant awards can only be used for work on non-federal (including Tribal) land.

Multi- State Projects and Multi-State Proposals

Key Concept: Any Request for Funds Comes with A Proposal

Multi-State Projects: If a state is participating in a multi-state project, each state requesting direct funds must submit a proposal with their state's budget and meet all eligibility requirements.

The multi-state check off box must be properly marked on the application, participating states listed and the proposals must have the **same exact keyword title**.

This allows the narrative boxes to be the same and treated as one proposal, with each state being able to work on the narrative boxes.

The proposal will be viewed and accessed from in each state's list of applications and will count toward each state's maximum of 3, with each separate budget limited to a \$300,000 request. The proposal will be scored as one.



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Take A Moment to Think

Use your polling button:

1) Did you use the on-line system last year? Yes or No?

2) If you used it last year - please rate your experience

On a scale of 1 to 5,

- 1- being extremely confusing and difficult
- 5- being extremely simple and easy

Let's look at the Web Portal Now

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Thank you – Q & A

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