



## WESTERN FORESTRY LEADERSHIP COALITION

### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Jaelith Hall-Rivera, Associate Deputy Chief, State and Private Forestry, USDA Forest Service

**CC:** Khon Viengkham, Acting Deputy Area Budget Coordinator, State and Private Forestry, USDA Forest Service

**FROM:** Laura Schweitzer, Executive Director, CWSF / WFLC

**SUBJECT:** FY 2020 Western State & Private Forestry Landscape Scale Restoration Funding Recommendations

**DATE:** December 6, 2019

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Please find enclosed recommendations for the FY 2020 Western State & Private Forestry Landscape Scale Restoration Grants. Many excellent proposals were received and the total amount requested greatly exceeded likely funds available. This year, the 17 western states and 6 Pacific islands were limited to submitting a maximum of three proposals. 31 project proposals were submitted for a total request of \$8,861,750.

The Western Forestry Leadership Coalition (WFLC) membership has approved the following FY 2020 grant proposals as the recommendation for funding at the anticipated total of \$4,000,000 for the west. This would fully fund 12 projects; and partially fund one project: Recommendation #13 at \$101,000 (Turkey Mountains, NM). Please note that no state can receive more than 15% of the total western allocation.

Last year, the WFLC membership chose to continue setting aside up to \$300,000 as a subcompetition pool for Pacific Island applications under \$200,000. Proposals from Pacific Island applicants that were under \$200,000 were scored alongside the general pool of applications, however were considered for funding separately. Pacific Island applications requesting greater than \$200,000 were not removed from the 'regular' funding selection pool. This approach resulted in the recommendation to fully fund Recommendation #20 (Invasive Species, AS) at \$120,850 and partially fund Recommendation #21 (Micronesia, FM) at \$179,150. The original request for Recommendation #21 was \$199,922, but the total set-aside amount of \$300,000 was exhausted after funding Recommendation #20 at \$120,850 and \$179,150 of Recommendation #21. The total for the set-aside made for Pacific Island applications was \$300,000 total.

If more funding becomes available, we hope you will consider funding additional competitive projects from our remaining list of high quality western proposals. The tables on the following pages show 1) the list of recommended proposals sorted by rank and showing funding recommendations and funds allocated per proposal, and 2) the list of recommended proposals sorted by USDA Forest Service Regions with sub-totals for funding recommendations; also provided is a copy of the web portal summary.

All proposals, comments, and scores, as well as the attached summary sheet can be found at [www.forestrygrants.org](http://www.forestrygrants.org). If the final allocated amount for the FY 2020 Western Competitive Resource Allocation Grants differs from the anticipated \$4,000,000, an indication of this from you would be appreciated so that we may adjust the recommendation list accordingly. Key points of contact for this information, as well as any questions regarding the enclosed recommendations should be directed to myself at (303) 893-0365, [lschweitzer@westernforesters.org](mailto:lschweitzer@westernforesters.org) and to Danielle Okst at [dokst@westernforesters.org](mailto:dokst@westernforesters.org).

Thank you for your kind attention.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura Schweitzer".

Laura Schweitzer, Executive Director, CWSF / WFLC

**FY 2020 Western LSR Competitive Grant Rankings and Funding Recommendations  
from CWSF to the USDA Forest Service Washington Office<sup>1</sup>**

Final / approved by WFLC as of November 21, 2019

<b><i>FY 2020 Western LSR Projects Recommended for Funding to USDA Forest Service Washington Office at \$3,700,000</i></b>						
<b>Ranking</b>	<b>USFS Region</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Average Rank</b>	<b>Funds Requested</b>	<b>Funds Recommended</b>
1	2	KS	Tribal Waters	3.16	\$300,000	\$300,000
2	2	NE	Forest Resiliency	4.33	\$299,000	\$299,000
3	6	WA	Stemilt Restoration	4.50	\$300,000	\$300,000
4	5	HI	Kohala Watershed	4.83	\$300,000	\$300,000
5	6	OR	John Day Partnership	5.16	\$300,000	\$300,000
6	2	KS	TreesforCleanWater	5.16	\$300,000	\$300,000
7	2	NE	Forest Advocates	5.50	\$300,000	\$300,000
8	6	OR	Willamette Oak	5.66	\$300,000	\$300,000
9	4	UT	Aspen Resilience	6.16	\$300,000	\$300,000
10	4	NV	Upper Diamond Peak	6.16	\$300,000	\$300,000
11	1	ID	CB Seed Orchard	6.16	\$300,000	\$300,000
12	4	ID	WRV Forest Health	6.16	\$300,000	\$300,000
13	3	NM	Turkey Mountains	6.33	\$300,000	\$101,000
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>\$3,899,000</b>	<b>\$3,700,000</b>

**PIFC Sub-competition - WLSR Projects Recommended for Funding to USDA Forest Service  
Washington Office<sup>2</sup>**

Ranking	USFS Region	State	Project Name	Average Rank	Funds Requested	Funds Recommended
20	5	AS	Invasive Species	8.33	\$120,850	\$120,850
21	5	FM	Micronesia	8.50	\$199,922	\$179,150
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>\$300,000</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>

**NOTES**

**1. Grant pool for FY2020 is estimated at \$4,000,000.**

- Forestrygrants.org System is set to \$3,700,000 to account for the Western Pacific Islands Sub-competition applications to be funded.
- Maximum request per applicant set at \$600,000 (16.22% of the \$3,700,000 and 15% of the original \$4,000,000).
- New Mexico's project 'Turkey Mountains' requested \$300,000, but the \$3,700,000 grant pool was hit after allocating \$101,000. State agreed to partial funding.

**2. Pacific Island Forestry Sub-competition Pool - Total pool can be up to \$300,000. Projects under \$200,000 each qualify to be considered under the sub-competition.**

- Applications for two projects, Invasive Species from American Samoa (\$120,850 request) and Micronesia's project (\$199,922 request), totaling \$320,772 were received. American Samoa's project ranked higher and will be fully funded at \$120,850 and Micronesia's project will be partially funded at \$179,150.

**FY2020 Western LSR Projects Recommended for Funding: Subtotals by USFS**

<b>Ranking</b>	<b>USFS Region</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Funds Recommended</b>
11	1	ID	CB Seed Orchard	\$300,000
<b>R1 Total</b>				<b>\$300,000</b>
1	2	KS	Tribal Waters	\$300,000
2	2	NE	Forest Resiliency	\$299,000
6	2	KS	TreesforCleanWater	\$300,000
7	2	NE	Forest Advocates	\$300,000
<b>R2 Total</b>				<b>\$1,199,000</b>
13	3	NM	Turkey Mountains	\$101,000
<b>R3 Total</b>				<b>\$101,000</b>
9	4	UT	Aspen Resilience	\$300,000
10	4	NV	Upper Diamond Peak	\$300,000
12	4	ID	WRV Forest Health	\$300,000
<b>R4 Total</b>				<b>\$900,000</b>
4	5	HI	Kohala Watershed	\$300,000
20	5	AS	Invasive Species	\$120,850
21	5	FM	Micronesia	\$179,150
<b>R5 Total</b>				<b>\$600,000</b>
3	6	WA	Stemilt Restoration	\$300,000
5	6	OR	John Day Partnership	\$300,000
8	6	OR	Willamette Oak	\$300,000
<b>R6 Total</b>				<b>\$900,000</b>



## FY 2020 LSR CP Application Score & Funding Summary

R	S/T	Project Name	Avg. Rank	Funds Request	Cumulative Requests	Funds Allocated	Matching Funds
1	KS	Tribal Waters	3.16	300,000	300,000	<b>300,000</b>	600,458
2	NE	Forest Resiliency	4.33	299,000	599,000	<b>299,000</b>	301,166
3	WA	Stemilt Restoration	4.50	300,000	899,000	<b>300,000</b>	425,000
4	HI	Kohala Watershed	4.83	300,000	1,199,000	<b>300,000</b>	300,000
5	OR	John Day Partnership	5.16	300,000	1,499,000	<b>300,000</b>	300,000
6	KS	TreesforCleanWater	5.16	300,000	1,799,000	<b>300,000</b>	601,198
7	NE	Forest Advocates	5.50	300,000	2,099,000	<b>300,000</b>	318,281
8	OR	Willamette Oak	5.66	300,000	2,399,000	<b>300,000</b>	300,000
9	UT	Aspen Resilience	6.16	300,000	2,699,000	<b>300,000</b>	950,000
10	NV	Upper Diamond Peak	6.16	300,000	2,999,000	<b>300,000</b>	300,000
11	ID	CB Seed Orchard	6.16	300,000	3,299,000	<b>300,000</b>	465,000
12	ID	WRV Forest Health	6.16	300,000	3,599,000	<b>300,000</b>	483,000
13	NM	Turkey Mountains	6.33	300,000	3,899,000	<b>101,000</b>	300,000
14	HI	Piihonua forests	6.66	300,000	4,199,000		
15	NE	Tree Diversity	6.83	298,362	4,497,362		
16	NV	Walker Riv. Riparian	7.00	294,990	4,792,352		
17	KS	Monoculture Mania	7.00	300,000	5,092,352		
18	UT	Deep Creek Watershed	7.50	300,000	5,392,352		
19	HI	Mauna Lei	7.50	300,000	5,692,352		
20	AS	Invasive Species	8.33	120,850	5,813,202		
21	FM	Micronesia	8.50	199,922	6,013,124		
22	AZ	AZ Inv Tech Treat	9.16	300,000	6,313,124		
23	WA	Okanogan Highlands	9.83	294,529	6,607,653		
24	OR	Rural Tree Canopies	10.50	300,000	6,907,653		
25	CO	Jackson Restoration	10.50	300,000	7,207,653		
26	AZ	AZ Stewardship	11.00	193,083	7,400,736		
27	WA	Central Cascades	11.16	299,386	7,700,122		
28	UT	Six County Forest	12.00	300,000	8,000,122		
29	CO	S Platte Restoration	12.16	300,000	8,300,122		
30	AK	AK FOREST EDUCATION	13.50	261,628	8,561,750		
31	CO	Tree Palette	13.66	300,000	8,861,750		
<b>Total</b>					<b>8,861,750</b>	<b>3,700,000</b>	<b>5,644,103</b>

S/T	Amount from Pool	Amount over 16.220%	Amount from Remainder	#	Total State Allocation
AK					
AS					
AZ					
CO					
FM					
HI	300,000			1	<b>300,000</b>
ID	600,000			2	<b>600,000</b>
KS	600,000			2	<b>600,000</b>
NE	599,000			2	<b>599,000</b>
NM	101,000			1	<b>101,000</b>
NV	300,000			1	<b>300,000</b>
OR	600,000			2	<b>600,000</b>
UT	300,000			1	<b>300,000</b>
WA	300,000			1	<b>300,000</b>
<b>TOT:</b>	<b>3,700,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>3,700,000</b>

Western region allocation used (Total State Allocation)  
**\$3,700,000** for 13 applicants in 13 proposals

No state can receive more than 16.220% of the total  
or  
**\$600,139**

The **remainder** is the sum of the the excess from states  
that have exceeded 16.220% of the total pool

**Color Key:**

- Request funded up to the 16.220% per-state limit
- 16.220% limit exceeded for a state, request not funded
- Request funded exclusively from remainder
- The state did not submit any proposals
- R The request funding includes remainder funds