



MEMORANDUM

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

CC: Mark Lichtenstein, Acting Associate Deputy Chief, State and Private Forestry, USDA Forest Service; Ann Buckelew, Deputy Area Budget Coordinator, State and Private Forestry, USDA Forest Service

FROM: Laura Schweitzer, Executive Director, CWSF/WFLC

SUBJECT: FY 2021 Western State & Private Forestry Landscape Scale Restoration Funding Recommendations

DATE: February 16, 2021

Please find enclosed recommendations for the FY 2021 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, applicants were limited to submitting a maximum of five proposals per state/island. 46 project proposals were submitted for a total request of \$12,439,007.

The Western Forestry Leadership Coalition (WFLC) membership has approved the following FY 2021 grant proposals as the recommendation for funding at the total of \$4,166,666 for the west. This would fully fund 13 projects; and partially fund two projects: Recommendation #6 at \$98,070 (NE NSA) and Recommendation #15 at \$195,347 (SE AZ Borderlands, AZ). Please note that no state can receive more than 15% of the total western allocation.

The WFLC membership has chosen 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 #29 (Marianas, MP) at \$70,000 and Recommendation #41 (Restoration, GU) at \$199,849. The total for both requests equals \$269,849, representing the total for this year's Pacific Island set aside. No other

eligible proposals from the Pacific Island applicants were received. The remaining \$30,151 not used for the Pacific Island subcompetition was returned to the general funding pool.

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; 2) the list of recommended proposals sorted by USDA Forest Service Regions with sub-totals for funding recommendations; and 3) 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. Thank you for providing notice the final total of \$4,166,666 for the FY 2021 Western Competitive Resource Allocation Grants. The recommendation list was adjusted accordingly from the initial anticipated total of \$4,000,000. 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 and to Danielle Okst at 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 2021 Western LSR Competitive Grant Rankings and Funding Recommendations
from CWSF to the USDA Forest Service Washington Office¹**

Approved by WFLC as of January 15, 2021

Final as of February 16, 2021 at adjusted funding level

<i>FY 2021 Western LSR Projects Recommended for Funding to USDA Forest Service Washington Office at \$3,730,151</i>						
Ranking	USFS Region	State	Project Name	Average Rank	Funds Requested	Funds Recommended
1	6	OR	Elk River Gorse	1.83	\$300,000	\$300,000
2	4	ID	Blackfoot	3.00	\$300,000	\$300,000
3	4	NV	Walker Riv. Riparian	3.50	\$294,990	\$294,990
4	2	NE	Oak Decline	3.50	\$226,929	\$226,929
4	2	KS	[Oak Decline] ²	3.50	\$116,711	\$116,711
5	2	NE	Forest Restoration	4.00	\$300,000	\$300,000
6	2	NE	NSA	4.16	\$200,200	\$98,070 ³
7	5	HI	Puuwaawaa	4.16	\$300,000	\$300,000
8	6	WA	San Juan Islands	4.66	\$268,460	\$268,460
9	2	NE	Tree Diversity	5.16	\$298,362	\$0 ⁴
10	1	MT	Clearwater Vly Rest	5.16	\$300,000	\$300,000
11	4	UT	Mill and Pack Creeks	5.66	\$297,308	\$297,308
12	5	CA	Butte	5.83	\$300,000	\$300,000
13	4	UT	LittleBear	6.16	\$300,000	\$300,000
14	5	HI	Tree fern control	6.16	\$299,002	\$299,002
15	3	AZ	SE AZ Borderlands	6.33	\$255,108	\$195,347 ⁵

TOTAL					\$4,357,070	\$3,896,817
<i>PIFC Sub-competition - WLSR Projects Recommended for Funding to USDA Forest Service Washington Office⁶</i>						
Ranking	USFS Region	State	Project Name	Average Rank	Funds Requested	Funds Recommended
29	5	MP	Marianas	10.66	\$70,000	\$70,000
41	5	GU	Restoration	13.50	\$199,849	\$199,849
TOTAL					\$269,849	\$269,849

NOTES

1. **Grant pool for FY2020 is estimated at \$4,166,666.**
 - Forestrygrants.org System is set to \$3,896,817 to account for the Western Pacific Islands Sub-competition applications to be funded.
 - Maximum request per applicant set at \$624,999 (\$16.039% of the \$3,896,817 and 15% of the original \$4,166,666).
2. Denotes a multi-state proposal.
3. NE NSA request for funds was \$200,200, but NE hit 15% per state cap limit. Project is recommended for partial funding at \$98,070.
4. NE Tree Diversity proposal not recommended for funding due to NE hitting 15% per state cap limit.
5. \$3,896,817 total funding was exhausted after partially funding AZ: SE AZ Borderlands at \$195,347. Original request was for \$255,108.
6. **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.**
 - Two projects, GU Restoration from Guam requesting \$199,849 and MS Marianas from the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands requesting \$70,000, totaling \$269,849 were applied for. These projects will receive full funding and \$30,151 was returned to the general competition pot of money.

FY2021 Western LSR Projects Recommended for Funding: Subtotals by USFS				
Ranking	USFS Region	State	Project Name	Funds Recommended
10	1	MT	Clearwater Vlly Rest	\$300,000
R1 Total				\$300,000
4	2	NE	Oak Decline	\$226,929
4	2	KS	[Oak Decline]	\$116,711
5	2	NE	Forest Restoration	\$300,000
6	2	NE	NSA	\$98,070
R2 Total				\$741,710
15	3	AZ	SE AZ Borderlands	\$195,347
R3 Total				\$195,347
2	4	ID	Blackfoot	\$300,000
3	4	NV	Walker Riv. Riparian	\$294,990
11	4	UT	Mill and Pack Creeks	\$297,308
13	4	UT	LittleBear	\$300,000
R4 Total				\$1,192,298
7	5	HI	Puuwaawaa	\$300,000
12	5	CA	Butte	\$300,000
14	5	HI	Tree fern control	\$299,002
29	5	MP	Marianas	\$70,000
41	5	GU	Restoration	\$199,849
R5 Total				\$1,168,851
1	6	OR	Elk River Gorse	\$300,000
8	6	WA	San Juan Islands	\$268,460
R6 Total				\$568,460

FY 2021 LSR CP Application Score & Funding Summary

Applications

R	S/T	Project Name	Avg. Rank	Funds Request	Cumulative Requests	Funds Allocated	Matching Funds
1	OR	Elk River Gorse	1.83	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000
2	ID	Blackfoot	3.00	300,000	600,000	300,000	300,000
3	NV	Walker Riv. Riparian	3.50	294,990	894,990	294,990	294,990
4	NE	Oak Decline	3.50	226,929	1,121,919	226,929	226,969
4	KS	[Oak Decline]	3.50	116,711	1,238,630	116,711	116,711
5	NE	Forest Restoration	4.00	300,000	1,538,630	300,000	300,000
6	NE	NSA	4.16	200,200	1,738,830	98,070	201,584
7	HI	Puuwaawaa	4.16	300,000	2,038,830	300,000	300,000
8	WA	San Juan Islands	4.66	268,460	2,307,290	268,460	270,047
9	NE	Tree Diversity	5.16	298,362	2,605,652		
10	MT	Clearwater Vly Rest	5.16	300,000	2,905,652	300,000	380,000
11	UT	Mill and Pack Creeks	5.66	297,308	3,202,960	297,308	827,826
12	CA	Butte	5.83	300,000	3,502,960	300,000	300,000
13	UT	LittleBear	6.16	300,000	3,802,960	300,000	1,428,000
14	HI	Tree fern control	6.16	299,002	4,101,962	299,002 ^R	300,500
15	AZ	SE AZ Borderlands	6.33	255,108	4,357,070	195,347 ^R	399,008
16	MT	Big Hole Restoration	6.50	300,000	4,657,070		
17	CA	Resilient Forests	8.00	236,001	4,893,071		
18	WA	Klickitat	8.33	300,000	5,193,071		
19	NE	Rural Communities	8.33	268,500	5,461,571		
20	OR	Lake CTY Restoration	9.16	300,000	5,761,571		
21	CO	Taylor River	9.33	300,000	6,061,571		
22	HI	HI Native Forest	9.66	282,036	6,343,607		
23	HI	Maui Reforestation	10.00	300,000	6,643,607		
24	AZ	Forest Resiliency	10.00	282,258	6,925,865		
25	NM	Chama Peak	10.33	300,000	7,225,865		
26	MT	C&E Biomass	10.33	300,000	7,525,865		
27	CO	Forest Resiliency	10.33	299,998	7,825,863		
28	UT	Emigration Canyon	10.50	200,000	8,025,863		
29	MP	Marianas	10.66	70,000	8,095,863		
30	CO	Forest Atlas	10.66	300,000	8,395,863		
31	NM	Zuni Mountains	10.83	300,000	8,695,863		
32	HI	ROD Surveys	11.33	293,139	8,989,002		
33	CO	Chama Peak	11.33	299,999	9,289,001		
34	AZ	Gila River Restore	11.33	257,802	9,546,803		
35	AZ	SE AZ Restoration	11.50	282,258	9,829,061		
36	UT	Central Utah Aspen	11.83	300,000	10,129,061		
37	CA	Post Fire Management	11.83	300,000	10,429,061		
38	WA	Trail	12.83	60,000	10,489,061		
39	WA	Cle Elum	13.00	292,616	10,781,677		
40	AZ	WUI Strike Team	13.33	300,000	11,081,677		
41	GU	Restoration	13.50	199,849	11,281,526		
42	SD	Watershed	14.00	107,481	11,389,007		
43	SD	Stewardship	14.66	300,000	11,689,007		
44	OR	Wenaha Forest Health	14.66	300,000	11,989,007		
45	CA	Economic Impact	16.33	150,000	12,139,007		
46	CA	Money Matters	18.16	300,000	12,439,007		
Total				12,439,007	3,896,817	6,244,954	

S/T	Amount from Pool	Amount over 16.039%	Amount from Remainder	#	Total State Allocation
AZ			195,347	1	195,347
CA	300,000			1	300,000
CO					
GU					
HI	393,857		205,145	2	599,002
ID	300,000			1	300,000
KS	116,711			1	116,711
MP					
MT	300,000			1	300,000
NE	624,999	400,492		3	624,999
NM					
NV	294,990			1	294,990
OR	300,000			1	300,000
SD					
UT	597,308			2	597,308
WA	268,460			1	268,460
TOT:	3,496,325	400,492	400,492	15	3,896,817

Western region allocation used (Total State Allocation)
\$3,896,817 for 15 applicants in 14 proposals

No state can receive more than 16.039% of the total
or
\$624,999

The *remainder* is the sum of the the excess from states that
have exceeded 16.039% of the total pool

Color Key:

- Request funded up to the 16.039% per-state limit
- 16.039% 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