



WESTERN FORESTRY LEADERSHIP COALITION

MEMORANDUM

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

CC: John Crockett, Associate Deputy Chief, State and Private Forestry; Anne Buckelew, Deputy Area Budget Coordinator, State and Private Forestry, USDA Forest Service

FROM: Laura Schweitzer, Executive Director, CWSF/WFLC

SUBJECT: FY 2023 Western State & Private Forestry Landscape Scale Restoration Funding Recommendations

DATE: April 6, 2023

Please find enclosed recommendations for the 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. 25 eligible project proposals were submitted for a total request of \$7,132,219.

The Western Forestry Leadership Coalition (WFLC) Executive Board approved the following FY2023 grant proposals as the recommendation for funding at the anticipated total of 3,300,000 and it has been adjusted to the funding level of \$4,411,666 for the west. This would fully fund 14 projects and partially fund 5 projects. 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 #22 Reforestation project for Guam (\$199,568). \$199,568, represents the total for this year's Pacific Island set aside. No other eligible proposals from the Pacific Island applicants were received.

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The remaining \$100,432 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; and 2) the list of recommended proposals sorted by USDA Forest Service Regions with sub-totals for funding recommendations.

All proposals, comments, and scores, as well as the attached summary sheet can be found at www.forestrygrants.org. Any questions regarding the enclosed recommendations can be directed to myself at lschweitzer@westernforesters.org and to John Smith at jsmith@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 2023 Western LSR Recommended Project Funding Levels
from CWSF to the USDA Forest Service Washington Office¹
Final/approved by WFLC as of January 26, 2023**

<i>FY 2023 Western LSR Projects Recommended for Funding to USDA FS Washington Office at \$4,212,098</i>						
Ranking	USFS Region	State	Project Name	Average Rank	Funds Requested	Funds Recommended
1	2	NE	Forest Resiliency	2.50	\$300,000	\$300,000
2	4	UT	Escalante River	2.83	\$291,184	\$291,184
3	2	NE	Reforestation	2.83	\$300,000	\$300,000
4	5	HI	Koa Forestry	3.00	\$300,000	\$300,000
5	5	HI	Kauai Watershed	3.33	\$300,000	\$300,000
6	6	OR	Bear Wallow	3.50	\$300,000	\$300,000
7	6	WA	Klickitat	4.16	\$299,654	\$299,654
8	4	UT	Grassy Trails	4.16	\$300,000	\$300,000
9	6	OR	Clackamas Basin	4.66	\$290,514	\$290,514
10	1	MT	Garnet Habitat Rest.	4.66	\$300,000	\$300,000
11	3	NM	FY23 Turkey Fire	5.83	\$300,000	\$300,000
12	1	MT	Beartooth Front	5.83	\$300,000	\$300,000
13 ²	4	UT	Wasatch Plateau	6.00	\$300,000	\$70,536
14 ³	1	MT	Lone Lake Fuels	6.16	\$241,176	\$61,720
15 ⁴	2	NE	Tree Diversity	6.83	\$300,000	\$61,720
16	4	NV	Riparian Restoration	7.00	\$260,522	\$260,522

17 ⁵	1	MT	Bitterroot Reforest.	7.50	\$300,000	\$0
18 ⁶	6	OR	Cooperative Burning	7.66	\$300,000	\$71,206
19 ⁷	5	CA	Elkhorn Slough	8.00	\$299,944	\$105,042
20	2	NE	Advocates Phase:2	8.16	\$300,000	\$0
21	2	CO	Riparian Restoration	8.16	\$300,000	\$0
23	3	NM	2022 LSR Ciudad SWCD	8.50	\$300,000	\$0
24	2	NE	Future UCF Leaders	9.16	\$300,000	\$0
TOTAL					\$7,132,219	\$4,212,098
<i>PIFC Sub-competition - Western LSR Projects Recommended for Funding to USDA FS Washington Office</i>						
Ranking	USFS Region	State	Project Name	Average Rank	Funds Requested	Funds Recommended
22 ⁸	5	GU	Reforestation	8.33	\$199,568	\$199,568
TOTAL					\$199,568	\$199,568

NOTES

1. **Grant pool for FY2023 is set at \$4,411,666.**
 - Forestrygrants.org System is set to \$4,212,098 to account for the Western Pacific Islands Sub-competition applications to be funded.
 - Maximum request per applicant set at \$661,720 (15.710 % of the \$4,212,098 and 15% of the original \$4,411,666).
2. UT Wasatch Plateau was partially funded due to UT hitting 15% per state cap limit.
3. MT Lone Lake Fuels was partially funded due to MT hitting 15% per state cap limit.
4. NE Tree Diversity was partially funded due to NE hitting 15% per state cap limit.
5. MT Bitterroot Reforest. was not funded due to MT already hitting the 15% per state cap limit.

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6. OR Cooperative Burning was partially funded due to OR hitting the 15% per state cap limit.
7. \$4,411,666 total funding was exhausted after partially funding CA Elkhorn Slough at \$105,042. Original request was for \$299,944.
8. **Pacific Island Forestry Sub-competition Pool - Total pool can be up to \$300,000. Project requests \$200,000 each qualify to be considered under the sub-competition.**
 - GU Reforestation will receive full funding at \$199,568 and \$100,432 was returned to the general competition pot of money.

<i>FY2023 Western LSR Projects Recommended for Funding: Subtotals by USFS</i>				
Ranking	USFS Region	State	Project Name	Funds Recommended
11	1	MT	Garnet Habitat Rest.	\$300,000
13	1	MT	Beartooth Front	\$300,000
15	1	MT	Lone Lakes Fuels	\$61,720
R1 Total				\$661,720
1	2	NE	Forest Resiliency	\$300,000
3	2	NE	Reforestation	\$300,000
16	2	NE	Tree Diversity	\$61,720
R2 Total				\$661,720
12	3	NM	FY23 Turkey Fire	\$300,000
R3 Total				\$300,000
2	4	UT	Escalante River	\$291,184
9	4	UT	Grassy Trails	\$300,000
14	4	UT	Wasatch Plateau	\$70,536
17	4	NV	Riparian Restoration	\$260,522
R4 Total				\$922,242
4	5	HI	Koa Forestry	\$300,000

5	5	HI	Kauai Watershed	\$300,000
20	5	CA	Elkhorn Slough	\$105,042
23	5	GU	Reforestation	\$199,568
R5 Total				\$904,610
6	6	OR	Bear Wallow	\$300,000
8	6	WA	Klickitat	\$299,654
10	6	OR	Clackamas Basin	\$290,514
19	6	OR	Cooperative Burning	\$71,206
R6 Total				\$961,374

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