



## WESTERN FORESTRY LEADERSHIP COALITION

# MEMORANDUM

**TO:** John Crockett, Deputy Chief, State, Private & Tribal Forestry, USDA  
Forest Service

**CC:** Lisa Northrop, Associate Deputy Chief, State, Private & Tribal Forestry,  
USDA Forest Service

**FROM:** Danielle Okst, Executive Director, CWSF/WFLC

**SUBJECT:** FY 2025 Western State, Private & Tribal Forestry Landscape Scale Restoration  
Funding Recommendations

**DATE:** July 15, 2025

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Please find enclosed recommendations for the FY 2025 Western State Private & Tribal Forestry Landscape Scale Restoration Grants. Many excellent proposals were received and the total amount requested is likely to greatly exceed the funds available. This year, applicants were limited to submitting a maximum of five proposals per state/island. 33 eligible project proposals were submitted for a total request of \$9,421,541

The Western Forestry Leadership Coalition (WFLC) Executive Board approved the following FY 2025 grant proposals as the recommendation for funding at a total of \$2,130,000 for the West. This would fully fund 7 projects, 1 of which is a Pacific Island proposal, and partially fund 1 project: recommendation #9 at \$130,714 (Perk Canyon/McDonald, NM). Please note that no state can receive more than 15% of the total Western allocation.

In past years, the WFLC membership chose to set 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, but were considered for funding separately out of the subcompetition pool. This approach resulted in the recommendation to fully fund Recommendation #14, Reforestation, a project for the Territory of Guam (GU) (\$200,000). Due to the limited amount of available funding for this round of LSR, making the remaining amount above the individual project cap when the 15% limit was applied insufficient to cover even a partial second project, no state or island was able to receive more than one project funded for this fiscal year. This was to ensure a sufficient amount of funding

could be allocated across the maximum amount of projects across the western region. A second project from Guam was received, but no additional eligible Pacific Island projects were submitted for consideration. Due to the one project per state or island being applied for this year, no additional proposals from Pacific Island applicants were funded via the Pacific Island Subcompetition after Guam's first project, and the remaining \$100,000 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 advisory recommendation list of recommended proposals sorted by rank, funding recommendations, and funds allocated per proposal; and 2) the advisory recommendation list of recommended proposals sorted by USDA Forest Service Regions with sub-totals for funding recommendations.

If the final allocated amount for the FY 2025 Western Competitive Resource Allocation Grants differs from \$2,130,000, an indication of this from you would be appreciated so that we may adjust the advisory recommendation list accordingly. Any questions regarding the enclosed recommendations can be directed to myself at [dokst@westernforesters.org](mailto:dokst@westernforesters.org) and to Leena Visnak [Lvisnak@westernforesters.org](mailto:Lvisnak@westernforesters.org).

Thank you for your kind attention.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Danielle Okst', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Danielle Okst, Executive Director, CWSF/WFLC

**FY 2025 Western LSR Competitive Grant Rankings and Funding Recommendations  
from CWSF to the USDA Forest Service Washington Office**

<b><i>FY 2025 Western LSR Projects Recommended for Funding to USDA Forest Service Washington Office at \$2,130,000<sup>1</sup></i></b>						
<b>Ranking</b>	<b>USFS Region</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Aver age Rank</b>	<b>Funds Requested</b>	<b>Funds Recommended</b>
1	1	MT	<b>Highway 12 Rx Fire</b>	2.33	\$300,000	\$300,000
2	1	MT	<b>Mount Dean Stone CF</b>	2.33	\$300,000	\$0 <sup>2</sup>
3	2	NE	<b>Reforestation</b>	2.66	\$300,000	\$300,000
4	5	CA	<b>Humboldt</b>	3.50	\$299,380	\$299,380
5	6	OR	<b>Oak Restoration</b>	3.66	\$300,000	\$300,000
6	4	UT	<b>Lower Beaver River</b>	4.00	\$300,000	\$300,000
7	4	NV	<b>East Walker Riparian</b>	4.16	\$299,906	\$299,906
8	1	MT	<b>MT Rx Strike Crew</b>	4.33	\$300,000	\$0 <sup>3</sup>
9	3	NM	<b>Perk Canyon/McDonald</b>	4.50	\$300,000	\$130,714 <sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> **Grant pool for FY2024 is set at \$2,130,000.**

- Forestrygrants.org System is set to \$1,930,000 to account for the Western Pacific Islands Sub-competition application to be funded at \$200,000.
- Maximum request per applicant set at \$319,500 (17.45902 % of the \$1,830,000 and 15% of the original \$2,130,000 projected allocation for the West). Given \$19,500 is an insufficient partial funding amount towards \$300,000 projects and due to the limited amount of available funding for this round of LSR, a blanket rule of no state or island receiving more than 1 project funded was imposed for this fiscal year, at this projected funding level to ensure a sufficient amount of funding could be allocated across the maximum amount of projects.

<sup>2</sup>MT Mount Dean Stone CF, MT was not funded due to MT hitting 15% per state cap limit/reduced funding single project cap. The original request was for \$300,000.

<sup>3</sup>MT Rx Strike Crew, MT was not funded due to MT hitting the 15% per state cap limit/reduced funding single project cap. The original request was for \$300,000.

<sup>4</sup> NM Perk Canyon/McDonald was partially funded at \$130,714 due to exhausting funds allocated for the West. The original request was for \$300,000.

<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>\$2,699,286</b>	<b>\$1,930,000</b>
<b><i>PIFC Sub-competition - WLSR Projects Recommended for Funding to USDA Forest Service Washington Office<sup>5</sup></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>
14	5	GU	<b>Reforestation</b>	6.33	\$200,000	\$200,000
16	5	GU	<b>Restoration</b>	6.83	\$199,986	\$0 <sup>6</sup>
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>\$399,986</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>
<b>Total funds requested for FY 2025: \$9,021,555</b>						

<sup>5</sup> 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.

- The Territory of Guam (GU) requested \$399,986 across two projects. The GU Reforestation project will receive full funding at \$200,000 and the GU Restoration project was not funded.

<sup>6</sup>GU Restoration was not funded due to GU hitting the 1 project per state/Island blanket rule imposed for FY 2025 under the 50% funding level. The original request was for \$199,986.

FY2024 Western LSR Projects Recommended for Funding: Subtotals by USFS at \$2,130,000				
Ranking	USFS Region	State	Project Name	Funds Recommended
1	1	MT	Highway 12 Rx Fire	\$300,000
R1 Total				\$300,000
3	2	NE	Reforestation	\$300,000
R2 Total				\$300,000
9	3	NM	Perk Canyon/McDonald	\$130,714
R3 Total				\$130,714
6	4	UT	Lower Beaver River	\$300,000
7	4	NV	East Walker Riparian	\$299,906
R4 Total				\$599,906
4	5	CA	Humboldt	\$299,380
14	5	GU	Reforestation	\$200,000
R5 Total				\$499,380
5	6	OR	Oak Restoration	\$300,000
R6 Total				\$300,000