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Memorandum

To: Budget Officer, Bureau of Land Management Oregon/Washington
Oregon/Washington Secure Rural Schools Title II Coordinator

From: Heather Whitman, Designated Federal Officer, Western Oregon
Resource Advisory Council **HEATHER WHITMAN**

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Subject: Western Oregon Resource Advisory Council (RAC), Secure Rural
Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (as
reauthorized as part of Public Law 117-58), Title II Project Funding
Recommendations

The Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (the Act) (16 U.S.C. 7101 *et seq.*), as reauthorized in Public Law 117-58, allows Resource Advisory Councils to recommend distribution of funds under Title II of the Act. Secure Rural Schools funds under Title II are used by Federal agencies, State and local governments, private and nonprofit entities, and landowners for protection, restoration and enhancement of fish and wildlife habitat and other natural resource objectives on Federal land and on non-Federal land where projects would benefit these resources on Federal land.

Title II funds are retained by the Bureau of Land Management and are allocated to specific projects that have been reviewed and recommended by the Western Oregon RAC. Projects are considered for Title II funding if they make additional investments in, and create employment opportunities through:

- Improvement of existing infrastructure maintenance.
- Implementation of stewardship objectives that enhance forest ecosystems;
- Restoration and improvement of land health and water quality.

All funded projects must comply with all applicable Federal laws and regulations and must be consistent with the applicable resource management plans and with any watershed or subsequent plan developed pursuant to the resource management plan. The funds may be used for projects that have broad-based support and with objectives that include road, trail, and infrastructure maintenance or obliteration; soil productivity improvement; forest ecosystem health improvements; watershed restoration and maintenance; wildlife and fish habitat restoration, maintenance, and improvement; noxious and exotic weeds control; and native species re-establishment.

Many of the projects considered by the Western Oregon RAC were multi-county proposals. Therefore, for budget tracking purposes by county, please see the attached spreadsheet that was used to document the RAC's deliberations. If you have any questions on this spreadsheet or need additional information, please contact me.

Based on the proceedings and recommendations from the Western Oregon RAC meeting held on December 5 and 6, 2023, I concur and approve the use of funds from the Secure Rural Schools Community Self-Determination Act for the implementation of Title II projects identified in the enclosure. It is the Bureau of Land Management's determination that all projects recommended for funding by the Western Oregon RAC meet the purpose of the Act and are in the public interest.

Enclosure

cc:

Western Oregon Resource Advisory Council (RAC) Members
Project Proponents

Proposals	Funding Approved by DFO
Benton_Lincoln_Recovering System Process in Shotpouch Creek, Phase III	\$223,389
Clackamas_AntFarm supports the Molalla River Corridor and the Sandy River Basin in Clackamas County	\$37,423
Clackamas_Clackamas County Priority Weed Management 2023	\$30,000
Coos_Curry_Douglas_Coos Bay District Invasive Plant Control O&C and Beyond Seasonal Crew Member	\$25,939
Coos_Curry_Douglas_eDNA sampling for Special Status aquatic species	\$5,000
Coos_Douglas_Coos Bay Northwest Youth Corps Youth Stewardship	\$16,730
Curry_Forest Road Surveys in the Sixes Subbasin	\$35,000
Curry_willow Creek Restoration 2023	\$40,001
Douglas_Cox Creek Portuguese Broom Control	\$20,000
Douglas_Lane_Invasive Crayfish Monitoring of the North Umpqua Subbasin and Potential Transfer Areas - Phase 1	\$49,412
Douglas_Smith River Priority Passage Design	\$30,000
Douglas_Soggy Bottoms Stream Restoration	\$15,489
Douglas_Umpqua Basin Collaborative Monitoring	\$47,831
Jackson_Big Butte Creek Gravel Augmentation and Large Wood Project	\$94,300
Jackson_Cantrall Buckley Park Vegetative Management and Improvement Project	\$126,395
Jackson_Josephine_Birds and Blackberry: Improving Riparian Restoration Practices	\$199,782
Jackson_Josephine_Rogue Basin Invasive Weed Coordination, Outreach, and Mapping Project	\$57,794
Jackson_Mardon Skipper Habitat Monitoring and Restoration Actions	\$79,178
Jackson_South Fork Little Butte Creek Ecological Restoration	\$218,195
Jackson_Tribal Workforce Development in West Bear All-Lands	\$220,194
Josephine_Late Munger Monitoring	\$118,527
Josephine_Mungers Creek Instream Habitat Restoration	\$40,810
Josephine_Provolt Recreation Site Large Wood Project	\$77,303
Josephine_Watts Toppin Irrigation Efficiency Project	\$112,888
Klamath_IYS Kids Summer Work Experience	\$24,968
Lane_Carnine Upland Oak Prairie Restoration Phase 2	\$45,000
Lane_Lane County Sheriff's Office Work Crew Debris Cleanup	\$77,433
Lane_Revitalizing Ecocultural Fire in Prairie and Oak Habitats	\$72,648
Lane_Sniffer Creek Aquatic Organism Passage Enhancement	\$40,000
Lane_Yamhill_Linn_Benton_Protecting and enhancing rare prairie and oak habitat in the Northwest Oregon District	\$162,700
Linn_Marion_New Beginnings Garden Native Plant Nursery (Linn County Juvenile Department)	\$27,000
Tillamook_Lincoln_Lane_Incarerated Youth Salary for the Northwest Oregon Restoration Partnership	\$30,043
Washington_Yamill_Outdoor Stewards Oregon Internship Program	\$44,436
	\$2,445,807

Ms. Heather Whitman
Designated Federal Officer
Western Oregon Resource Advisory Council
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Re: Western Oregon Resource Advisory Council (RAC) Recommendations for Funding of Projects Under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (the Act), as reauthorized in Public Law 117-58

Dear Ms. Whitman:

Based on the proceedings from the Western Oregon Resource Advisory Council (RAC) meeting held on December 5 and 6, 2023, the Western Oregon RAC recommends funding the projects identified in the attachment using Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act funds. This recommendation is based on our understanding that all projects recommended for funding meet the purposes of the Act and are in the public interest.

In consultation with you, as the Designated Federal Officer (DFO), as well as other Bureau of Land Management staff, the RAC believes that all proposed project satisfy the following conditions:

- (1) Each project complies with all applicable Federal laws (including regulations).
- (2) Each project is consistent with the applicable resource management plan and with any watershed or subsequent plan developed pursuant to the resource management plan and approved by the Secretary concerned.
- (3) Each project was approved by the Western Oregon RAC in accordance with duties outlined in the law, including the procedures regarding a quorum of RAC members for approval.
- (4) A project description was submitted for each project.
- (5) Each project will improve the maintenance of existing infrastructure, implement stewardship objectives that enhance forest ecosystems, and restore and improve land health and water quality.

All reviewed projects are consistent with the current Resource Management Plans (RMP) for Western Oregon: Northwestern and Coastal Oregon RMP and the Southwestern Oregon RMP (August 2016) and will comply with all applicable Federal laws and regulations.

The RAC meeting was held in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) and Western Oregon RAC Charter requirements. A quorum was present at the meeting on December 5 and 6, 2023. All projects that were recommended for funding received majority support from all three RAC membership categories. Public notices for these meetings were published in the Federal Register, and a public forum time was incorporated into the agenda.

Applications for these projects were submitted to the RAC for their review consistent with the Act's requirements. The project applications contained the following information required for projects to be funded and were provided to all RAC members prior to the scheduled meetings:

- Purpose of the project
- Description of how the project meets the purposes of the Act
- Statement of how the project benefits O&C Lands and resources
- Expected duration and costs of the project
- Expected beneficial outcomes
- Monitoring plan


All projects will improve the maintenance of existing infrastructure, implement stewardship objectives that enhance forest ecosystems, and/or will restore and improve land health and water quality.

Please find attached the complete list of projects recommended for your approval.

Samara Phelps

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BLM Western Oregon Resource Advisory Council Chairperson

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Enclosure

County	Proposals	Applicant	Funding Recommended by WORAC
Benton	2_Benton_Lincoln_Recovering System Process in Shotpouch Creek, Phase III	Marys River Watershed Council	\$223,389
Clackamas	3_Clackamas_AntFarm supports the Molalla River Corridor and the Sandy River Basin in Clackamas County	AntFarm, Inc	\$37,423
Clackamas	4_Clackamas_Clackamas County Priority Weed Management 2023	Clackamas Soil and Water Conservation District	\$30,000
Coos	5_Coos_Brummet Creek Road Rehabilitation	BLM, Coos Bay District	\$0
Coos	6_Coos_Dement Creek Road Improvements	Coquille Watershed Association	\$0
Coos	7_Coos_Shotgun Tributary Stream Crossing Upgrade	Coos Watershed Association	\$0
Coos	8_Coos_South Coast Native Grass Seed Production	Coos Watershed Association	\$0
Coos	9_Coos_Curry_Douglas_Coos Bay District Invasive Plant Control O&C and Beyond Seasonal Crew Member	BLM, Coos Bay District	\$0
Coos	10_Coos_Curry_Douglas_eDNA sampling for Special Status aquatic species	BLM, Coos Bay District	\$0
Coos	11_Coos_Douglas_Coos Bay Northwest Youth Corps Youth Stewardship	Northwest Youth Corps	\$2,022
Curry	12_Curry_Forest Road Surveys in the Sixes Subbasin	Curry County Soil and Water Conservation District	\$35,000
Curry	13_Curry_willow Creek Restoration 2023	Curry County Soil and Water Conservation District	\$40,001
Curry	See Project 9 in Coos County	BLM, Coos Bay District	\$25,939
Curry	See Project 10 in Coos County	BLM, Coos Bay District	\$5,000
Curry	See Project 11 in Coos County	Northwest Youth Corps	\$14,708
Douglas	15_Douglas_Cox Creek Portuguese Broom Control	Elk Creek Watershed Council	\$20,000
Douglas	16_Douglas_Herb and Sweden Creek Instream Restoration	Smith River Watershed Association	\$0
Douglas	17_Douglas_Hubbard Creek Instream Enhancement	BLM, Roseburg District	\$0
Douglas	18_Douglas_Pheasant Creek Fish Passage Improvement	Elk Creek Watershed Council	\$0
Douglas	19_Douglas_Smith River Basin: Noxious Weed Surveying, Mapping, and Control	Smith River Watershed Association	\$0
Douglas	20_Douglas_Smith River Priority Passage Design	Smith River Watershed Association	\$30,000
Douglas	21_Douglas_Soggy Bottoms Stream Restoration	BLM, Roseburg District	\$15,489
Douglas	22_Douglas_Umpqua Basin Collaborative Monitoring	Partnership for the Umpqua Rivers	\$47,831
Douglas	23_Douglas_Wasson Ranch Blackberry Control	Smith River Watershed Association	\$0
Douglas	24_Douglas_Wolf Creek Splash Dam Removal Restoration and Design	Partnership for the Umpqua Rivers	\$0
Douglas	25_Douglas_Yellow Creek Instream Restoratiion Phase II	Partnership for the Umpqua Rivers	\$0
Douglas	26_Douglas_Yellow Creek Tributary Culvert Design	Partnership for the Umpqua Rivers	\$0
Douglas	27_Douglas_Lane_Invasive Crayfish Monitoring of the North Umpqua Subbasin and Potential Transfer Areas - Phase 1	The North Umpqua Foundation	\$0
Jackson	28_Jackson_Josephine_Birds and Blackberry: Improving Riparian Restoration Practices	Klamath Bird Observatory	\$0
Jackson	29_Jackson_Josephine_Rogue Basin Invasive Weed Coordination, Outreach, and Mapping Project	Rogue Basin Partnership	\$0
Jackson	30_Jackson_Big Butte Creek Gravel Augmentation and Large Wood Project	BLM, Medford District	\$94,300
Jackson	31_Jackson_Cantrall Buckley Park Vegetative Management and Improvement Project	Applegate Partnership, Inc.	\$126,395
Jackson	33_Jackson_Mardon Skipper Habitat Monitoring and Restoration Actions	The Understory Initiative	\$79,178
Jackson	34_Jackson_South Fork Little Butte Creek Ecological Restoration	Rogue River Watershed Council	\$218,195
Jackson	35_Jackson_Tribal Workforce Development in West Bear All-Lands	Lomakatsi Restoration Project	\$132,181
Josephine	32_Josephine_Late Munger Monitoring	Southern Oregon Forest Collaborative	\$118,527
Josephine	36_Josephine_Mungers Creek Instream Habitat Restoration	Applegate Partnership, Inc.	\$40,810
Josephine	37_Josephine_Provolt Recreation Site Large Wood Project	Applegate Partnership, Inc.	\$77,303
Josephine	38_Josephine_Watts Toppin Irrigation Efficiency Project	Applegate Partnership, Inc.	\$112,888
Josephine	See Project 28 in Jackson County	Klamath Bird Observatory	\$199,782
Josephine	See Project 29 in Jackson County	Rogue Basin Partnership	\$57,794
Josephine	See Project 35 in Jackson County	Lomakatsi Restoration Project	\$88,013
Klamath	39_Klamath_IYS Kids Summer Work Experience	Integral Youth Services	\$24,968
Klamath	40_Klamath_Klamath River Canyon ACEC Fence	BLM Lakeview	\$0
Lane	41_Lane_Carnine Upland Oak Prairie Restoration Phase 2	Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council	\$45,000

Lane	42_Lane_Lane County Sheriff's Office Work Crew Debris Cleanup	Lane County Sheriff's Office	\$77,433
Lane	43_Lane_Revitalizing Ecocultural Fire in Prairie and Oak Habitats	EcoStudies Institute	\$72,648
Lane	44_Lane_Sniffer Creek Aquatic Organism Passage Enhancement	Siuslaw Watershed Council	\$40,000
Lane	45_Lane_Yamhill_Linn_Benton_Protecting and enhancing rare prairie and oak habitat in the Northwest Oregon District	Institute for Applied Ecology	\$52,769
Lane	See Project 27 in Douglas County	The North Umpqua Foundation	\$49,412
Lincoln	See Project 47 in Tillamook County	Tillamook Estuaries Partnership	\$21,932
Linn	46_Linn_Marion_New Beginnings Garden Native Plant Nursery (Linn County Juvenile Department)	Linn County Board of Commissioners/Linn County Juvenile Department	\$27,000
Tillamook	47_Tillamook_Lincoln_Lane_Incarerated Youth Salary for the Northwest Oregon Restoration Partnership	Tillamook Estuaries Partnership	\$8,111
Washington	48_Washington_Yamill_Outdoor Stewards Oregon Internship Program	Tillamook Bay Community College	\$44,436
Yamhill	See Project 45 in Lane County		\$109,931
			\$2,445,807