**Wilderness Stewardship Performance Partnership Funding Application**

**How to Apply: DUE: April 15, 2023**

Email to: WSPFunding@wildernessalliance.org.

Please do not change format or file type of application materials. Only this form is acceptable for 2023 proposals.

**Organization Contact Information:**

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| Organization Name: | Cascade Volcanoes Chapter Great Old Broads for Wilderness |
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| State: | Colorado |
| Zip Code: | 81301 |

**Organization Financial Information:**

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| EIN Number: | 87-0479828 |
| Annual Budget: | $928,500 |
| # of Employees: | 8 |

**Project Proposal Summary Information:**

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| Grant Amount Requested: |  |
| National Forest(s) where work will occur: | Gifford Pinchot |
| Wilderness Area(s) where work will occur: | Indian Heaven |
| Approximate number of volunteers to be involved: | 20 |
| Approximate number of volunteer hours to be accomplished: | 591 |
| Approximate number of staff/crew to be involved: |  |
| Approximate number of staff/crew hours to be accomplished: |  |
| WSP Elements to be completed by project, including expected change in WSP scores for the area: Be sure the chosen Elements that you will work under are currently selected for the Wilderness by the local unit. | WSP ELEMENT | # of pts to achieve |
| Invasive Species |  |
| Air Quality Values |  |
| Natural Role of Fire |  |
| Water |  |
| Fish and Wildlife |  |
| Plants |  |
| Recreation Sites |  |
| Trails | +4 |
| Non-Compliant Infrastructure |  |
| Motorized Equipment/Mechanical Transport Use Authorizations |  |
| Agency Management Actions |  |
| Opportunities for Solitude | +2 |
| Opportunities for Primitive and Unconfined Recreation |  |
| Cultural Resources |  |
| Livestock Grazing |  |
| Outfitters and Guides |  |
| Other Special Provisions |  |
| Workforce Capacity |  |
| Education |  |

**Project/Program Details:**

*Describe your organization’s overall stewardship program, including number of volunteers and trips per year, the areas worked in, and the partners and agencies you work with. (1 page max)*

*Overall, the Cascade Volcano Broadband totaled 35 trips for the 2022-23 season.*

*During the 2022-2023 field season the Cascade Volcanoes Broads partnered with Vancouver Audubon for Christmas Bird Count and monitored 45 bird species in Urban Portland neighborhoods, while 2 Broads volunteers noted 49 bird species at Bachelor Island North, and 2 more volunteer birders counted 46 bird species in Lyle, Wa.. Further collaboration with Vancouver Audubon involved 2 Broads who identified 38 bird species along the Salmon Creek Greenway in Clark County, Wa., also for Christmas Bird Count. A lone Broad assisted Trail Keepers of Oregon by planting 10 plants and doing trail building at* Scouters Mountain, a county-owned nature refuge in Happy Valley, Or. *23 Visitor Contacts were provided by Broads at Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge (RNWR). 400 native trees were planted at Sandy River Delta, Troutdale, Or by 7 Broads volunteers with Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership (LCEP). In partnership with Master Gardeners of Clark County and Wa Dept of Natural Resources, 3 volunteers planted native plants at LaCamas Prairie, Wa. Another group of 7 Broads planted 170 trees at Steigerwald National Wildlife Refuge (SNWR) with LCEP, and 3 more volunteers planted 100 trees at Hidden Glen Park in Battle Ground, Wa. with LCEP. Another trip of 5 volunteers planted 200 trees at RNWR in conjunction with LCEP. A lone Broad planted 30 trees at Abrams Park, Ridgefield, Wa with Watershed Alliance. Furthermore 300 bulbs were put in the ground by 5 volunteers at RNWR. An additional trip to Sandy River Delta by 2 volunteers yielded 25 native shrubs in the ground. A party of 3 volunteers also planted 125 trees at SNWR with LCEP. 12 Broads volunteers participated in a solitude monitoring and recreation site monitoring project for 2022, completing a total of 15 4-hour sessions of solitude monitoring in Salmon Huckleberry Wilderness with Mt Hood Ranger District. Over 124 miles of trail were monitored for solitude, and 23 recreation sites were also surveyed for usage for the NWSA grant-funded project in 2022.*

*Describe the volunteer project(s) this grant would support, including each designated wilderness area and the number of expected volunteers. (1 page max)*

*The grant would support solitude monitoring and social trail monitoring in the Indian Heaven Wilderness (IHW) in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest. Opportunities for solitude monitoring will constitute a total of 50 sessions in \_\_\_\_monitoring zones that span the IHW. Gifford Pinchot National Forest has a robust Solitude Monitoring Plan and Protocol in place. Social Trail monitoring will consist of ?????*

*The area would also benefit from an increased presence as volunteers will be able to monitor trail usage numbers and permits at the trailhead, as well as pick up trash, and talk with visitors abut Leave No Trace principles. Due to reduced USFS funding and limited capacity there are few field-going wilderness staff for the IHW.*

*20 Broads volunteers would provide a total of 50 4-hour sessions for a total of 200 hours of service monitoring solitude. RT driving time for monitoring would total 200 hours (50 X 4hrs RT). The volunteers will also participate in a 4-hour in-person training which would also amount to 80 hours of service. Another 80 hours of travel would include RT driving time to the training location (4hrs X 20). The number of hours for voluntary commitment provided by the Broads Cascade Volcanoes chapter would total 560 hours (200 + 200 + 80 + 80).*

*The local Broads volunteer leader will be responsible for contacting volunteers and monitoring time completed in the field as well as communicating with the Mt. Adams National Forest Wilderness Manager, Tyson Cross. Data entry will also be provided by the local Broads leader from monitoring data sheets provided by the trail stewards. Data entry would amount to 25 hours. Final evaluation and data submission would involve an additional 6 hours of time for a total of 31 hours. The entire in-kind contribution from the local Broads chapter would total $15,029 (591 X $25.43).*

*The data collection protocol for solitude monitoring will include a minimum of 5 weekday and 5 weekend (or holiday) monitoring sessions which will be conducted for each of \_\_zones. A total of 50 monitoring sessions will be accomplished over the 2023-24 seasons. These periods will consist of at least 4 hours within the identified monitoring region and be completed during high-use, daytime hours. The monitoring sessions will occur between 8:00 am and 6:00 pm, June – September. Sampling times will generally occur at three different time periods of the day. Data collection will include the number of total encounters, total visitor contacts, and contacts with no permits. Volunteers will work in teams of 2 people and carpool to the trailhead. Each pair will carry a SPOT device for safety.*

*The social trail monitoring inventory will consist of ???????????????????*

*Identify the wilderness area in which work will be completed and describe the Wilderness Stewardship Performance elements that would be improved by this grant?*

*(1/2 page) (also complete Attachment A - Wilderness Stewardship Performance attachment)*

*The grant would support Solitude Monitoring and National System Trails monitoring in the Indian Heaven Wilderness (IHW) of the Gifford Pinchot National Forest. The Forest Service currently scores at 6 points for Opportunities for Solitude and would increase the score to 8 for Opportunities for Solitude. The Forest Service score for National System Trails would increase from 2 points to 6 points.*

**Forest Service Coordination:**

*Describe coordination with the local Ranger District. (Include a letter of support from local Forest Service Ranger District for this project. A letter from the District Ranger or Forest Supervisor is preferred.)*

*The Broads (will) have received a letter of support from the local District Ranger; the letter is attached. The Broads volunteers would be trained and supervised by Edward “Tyson” Cross, Wilderness, Wild and Scenic Rivers, and Climbing Program Manager. Training will consist of in-person on-site training. Monthly communication via email/phone calls would also occur. FS field staff will assist with trail steward monitoring in order to achieve the desired outcomes.*

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**Timeline:**

*Describe the timeline for completion of the project. Projects should be complete by December 31, 2021.*

*A pre-season in-person training would occur in May 2023. 10 sessions of solitude monitoring would be completed for each month of June, July, August, and September of 2023 and 5 additional sessions to be completed for any combination of May and October 2023. An additional 5 sessions would be completed during the field season of 2024, as well as any sessions not completed in 2023 due to unforeseen weather, illness, timber harvest, etc. As there is a potential for wildfires in these areas, the timeline would be modified as needed to complete the project by 10/30/2024.*

*Safety measures regarding COVID would follow the most up-to-date recommendations ands public health orders for Skamania County, Wa. Full vaccination status would be a requirement for the volunteers.*

**Budget Narrative:**

*Complete and attach the Budget Narrative document which describes the cost components, assumptions, and amounts for each project cost category. See Attachment B – Budget Worksheet*

*Complete and attach the NWSA WSP Budget Excel Worksheet. Only include costs attributable to this project, not your entire program of work for your organization.*

*List summary information by category below from Budget Worksheet.*

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| ***Category*** | ***Major Cost Components*** | ***Amounts*** |
| *Salaries* | *Support from the Great Old Broads Grassroots Leadership Program Staff* | *$550* |
| *Fringe Benefits* | *$30 per volunteer* | *$600* |
| *Travel/Transportation* | *Mileage (150)($.655)(50)**Mileage (150) X (5) X ($.655)**100 meals @ $30**Snacks**Camping* | *$4,912.5**$491.25**$3000**$60**$160* |
| *Equipment* | *2 SPOT Subcriptions/Activation fees* | $439.06. |
| *Materials/Supplies*  | *6 maps @ 19.99 + $3.99 shipping* | *$123.91* |
| *Contractual* |  |  |
| *Training* |  |  |
| *Other \** | *Administrative Costs* | *$1063.67* |
| ***TOTAL:*** |  | *$11.775.39* |

*\* May include up to a 10% indirect cost of project to cover organization administrative costs. (must be within funding amount). May include cost of membership in NWSA (required)*

**Financial Match Information:**

*Describe the match source(s) for this funding (ie, private donations, corporate funds, membership, etc.)*

*Additional information may be added in Attachment B. Only include match relative to this project, not your entire program of work of your organization.*

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| ***Match Source (Cash or Inkind)*** | ***Cash $ Amount*** | ***In-Kind Value including******Volunteer Hours Value (@25.43 per hour)*** |
| *CASH* |  |  |
|  | *May include member’ship fees from nat’l office $$$$?* |  |
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|  *Cascade Volcanoes Chapter 591 Volunteer Hours* |  | *15,029* |
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| ***Totals:*** | ***0*** | ***15029*** |

***Attachment A***

***Wilderness Stewardship Performance Framework***

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| *Category* | *Element Title* | *Which Elements will be supported and How?* |
| *Natural Quality of Wilderness Character* | *Invasive Species* |  |
| *Air Quality Values* |  |
| *Natural Role of Fire* |  |
| *Water* |  |
| *Fish and Wildlife* |  |
| *Plants* |  |
| *Undeveloped Quality of Wilderness Character* | *Recreation Sites* |  |
| *Trails* | *Trail Stewards collect data* |
| *Non-Compliant Infrastructure* |  |
| *Motorized Equipment/Mechanical Transport Use Authorization* |  |
| *Untrammeled Quality of Wilderness Character* | *Agency Management Actions* |  |
| *Solitude Quality of Wilderness Character* | *Opportunities for Solitude* | *Trail Stewards collect data* |
| *Opportunities for Primitive and Unconfined Recreation* | *Trail Stewards collect data* |
| *Other Features of Value Quality of Wilderness Character* | *Cultural Resources* |  |
| *Special Provisions* | *Livestock Grazing* |  |
| *Outfitters and Guides* |  |
| *Other Special Provisions* |  |
| *Administration* | *Workforce Capacity* |  |
| *Education* |  |
| *Wilderness Character Baseline* |  |

*Highlighted Elements most likely to be supported by Volunteer activities.*

**Attachment B**

**Budget Narrative**

**Project Name: Indian Heaven Solitude Monitoring 2023/24**

**Organization: Cascade Volcanoes Great Old Broads for Wilderness**

**Personnel**

(Describe types of positions, wage rates or stipends, and length of service)

Great Old Broads for Wilderness supports the Cascade Volcanoes chapter with one primary staff: the Grassroots Leadership Director. She provides continued training, administration, and membership support, and mentorship for the Cascade Volcanoes volunteer leadership team in order for the chapter to maintain robust volunteer recruitment and retainment and therefore be reliable partners to other organizations, such as NWSA. $550 in the project budget accounts for 26 hours of staff support time, which is about 18% of the total estimated staff time for supporting the Cascade Volcanoes chapter throughout the year.

**Fringe Benefits**

(Describe allowances for employee benefits, including any housing or food allowances)

Broads swag items valued at $30 each for 20 volunteers would amount to $600.

**Travel/Transportation**

(Describe vehicle costs, including mileage rates and allowances. Describe any travel costs, including reimbursement for meals and incidentals. Describ150 e any allowances for field per diem)

RT Travel to the TH with 5 cars @ 150 miles ($.655/mile) = $491 for training travel. The travel for 50 trips @150 miles RT ($.655/mile) = $4912.5 for solitude monitoring. The total travel costs would add up to be $5403.5.

100 meals for 50 trips @ $30 would total $3000 for one meal per trip per person. Volunteers will provide more than one session of monitoring. Snacks for the training day would add $60. Volunteers who chose to camp would be reimbursed for $20/night for a total of $160 for the group for the season.

**Equipment**

(Describe any costs for equipment purchased to complete this project)

(2) Cascade Volcanoes Spot devices are currently inactivated. In order to activate each device a $29.95 activation fee is budgeted ($29.95 X 2). In addition to the activation fee is a Flex Plan fee of $34.99 for each device ($69.98) for the start of the season 2023. The Flex plan fee would need to be reinstated again in 2024 for an additional $69.98 for both devices. On top of that the monthly charge for each device for (4) months is $14.95/month for a total of $59.8 for each device. $59.8 for (2) devices for each season would total $119.6. To add another season of service in 2024 would increase the price another $119.6 for a total of $239.2. The sum of the service fees would amount to ($29.95 X 2)+($69.98)(2)+($14.95)(4)(2) + ($119.6) = $439.06.

**Materials/Supplies**

(Describe any supplies purchased for the project, including consumables for volunteers, project materials, and other items needed to complete the project.)

6 Mt. Adams Ranger District maps @ $19.99 would total $119.92 plus $3.99 shipping for a total $123.91.

**Contractual**

(Describe any contracts necessary to complete the project.)

None

**Training**

(Describe any training costs associated with completing this project)

None

**Other**

(Describe any other unique costs to the project, like printing, leases, or rents)

Administrative costs cover volunteer reimbursements, any additional printing, and overhead from our national office, including website and communication staff time.

**Matching Funds Financial Information Narrative**

Describe the nature and type of matching funds and cash equivalents.

**Partner Non-federal Cash Funds**

(Describe cash funds to be contributed by the organization)

Membership fees for NWSA for 2023 ?????

**Partner Cash Equivalent Contributed Funding**

(Describe cash equivalent funding that the organization will provide such as existing staff time, equipment, materials or supplies, not paid for by this grant)

The Cascade Volcanoes owns 2 SPOT devices each valued at approximately $150 which will be used during the project.

**Partner In-kind Contributions**

(Describe volunteer hours, and other items donated from other sources for this project)

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**Other Federal Funds**

(Describe any other federal funds to be applied to this project)

The Wilderness, Wild and Scenic Rivers, and Climbing Program Manager, Edward “Tyson” Cross will provide a half day, in-person training in May 2023 in solitude monitoring and social trails monitoring for the volunteers before the session begins. The training will also include an update on trail and road conditions as well as all the wilderness specific regulations.

Regular check-ins with the local Broads volunteer leader will also be maintained by the USFS Wilderness Manager. These check-ins will serve to ensure data from monitoring sessions is being shared, awareness around any issues encountered that require immediate management actions from the USFS are discussed, and support the team of Broads volunteers as they complete the field data collection.

USFS IHW seasonal wilderness rangers and trail staff will also be collecting trail data for the project. Staff time for these staff will amount to approximately \_\_\_\_\_ hours of monitoring.

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