**Wilderness Stewardship Performance Partnership Funding Application**

**How to Apply: DUE: March 30, 2020**

Email to: randy@wildernessalliance.org.

Please do not change format or file type of application materials.

**Organization Contact Information:**

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**Organization Financial Information:**

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| EIN Number: | 87-0479828 |
| Annual Budget: | 1,017,992 |
| # of Employees: | 10 |

**Project Proposal Summary Information:**

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| Grant Amount Requested: | *$10,310* |
| National Forest(s) where work will occur: | Mt. Hood National Forest |
| Wilderness Area(s) where work will occur: | Mark O Hatfield |
| Approximate number of volunteers to be involved: | 25 |
| Approximate number of volunteer hours to be accomplished: | 546 |
| Approximate number of staff/crew to be involved: | 1 |
| Approximate number of staff/crew hours to be accomplished: | 4 |
| WSP Elements to be completed by project, including expected change in WSP scores for the area: | Solitude Monitoring. Score remains at 2 but will contribute 42% of the workload of one of the heaviest used wilderness areas in the US. |

**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)*

*The Cascade Volcano Chapter completed 45 stewardship outings during 2019. Our service projects involved a total of 21 volunteers who filled a total of 76 volunteer slots. A total of 146 miles of trails were monitored by our Broadband in Washington and Oregon. We partnered with a variety of nonprofits and land agencies including: Audubon, Steigerwald National Wildlife Refuge, Cascade Forest Conservancy, Chehalis River Land Trust, Columbia Land Trust, Ridgefield Wildlife Refuge, Mt. Adams Ranger District of FS, Tualatin River Wildlife Refuge, Pierce Wildlife Refuge, City of Washougal, San Juan Preservation Land Trust, Washington Trails Association, and Trail Keepers of Oregon.*

 *Our stewardship trips involved both day and overnight trips in many areas of Washington and NW Oregon. We monitored birds along the Salmon Creek Greenway and placed and cleaned birdhouses in San Juan Island. Broads assisted at Tualatin Wildlife Refuge in removing blackberries, as well as planting a total of over 350 trees in Kerr Park, Pierce and Steigerwald Wildlife refuges. Volunteers further helped in trail maintenance at Whipple Creek park in Ridgefield, Wa. Trails were monitored at Ridgefield and Steigerwald Wildlife Refuges; roads were monitored for culvert conditions at Bear Creek, and beaver habitats were noted in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest in partnering with Cascade Forest Conservancy. A grant-funded project for solitude monitoring was completed in the Mt. Adams and Indian Heaven Wildernesses to assist the FS, and it included campsite monitoring in and around wilderness areas. Current stewardship outings completed involved planting 200 Oregon Grape plants along riparian areas of Hood River with Columbia Land Trust in February 2020.*

*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 in the Mark O. Hatfield Wilderness (MOH) in the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area (CRGNSA) and Mt. Hood National Forest. Due to the devastating fires in the CRGNSA and Mt. Hood wilderness areas, many of the trails have recently been opened and baseline data for solitude is needed. The MOH was expanded in 2009 from the boundary of the MHNF and the CRGNSA north to the southern edge of the #400 trail. Encounter data is not available for the MOH and permit data is only available for the Eagle Creek and Whatum Lake Portals. This area would also benefit from an increased presence as Broads’ volunteers will be able to monitor trail usage numbers, stock wilderness permits at the trailhead, pick up trash, and talk with visitors about LNT.*

*25 volunteers will provide a total of 280 hours of service in monitoring solitude. These volunteers will also participate in 8 hours of training which would amount to an additional 200 hours. The total voluntary commitment provided by the Broads Cascade Volcanoes chapter in solitude monitoring would total 480 hours. The* local Broads leader will be responsible contacting volunteers and monitoring time completed in the field as well as communicating with Wild and Scenic River and Wilderness Manager, Casey Andrews. Entry of solitude data would be online by leader or volunteers. The data entry would amount to 3 hours per week for 20 weeks. This would total 60 hours @$24.24 totaling $1,4544. Mid-term and final evaluations as well as media documentation would be an additional 6 hours. The entire in-kind contribution from the national and local Broads chapter would total (480 + 60 + 6 ) X $25.43= $13,884.78

*The data collection protocol will include a minimum of 5 weekday and 5 weekend (or holiday) monitoring sessions* which will be conducted for each of the 17 identified monitoring areas. This total will amount to 70 sessions from May 15 through October 30, 2020. Each monitoring session 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. Sampling times will generally occur in three different time periods of the day: morning, mid-day, and evening. Data collection on the number of dogs, number of visible or audible low elevation flights, as well as the number of groups with more than 12 visitors will be provided. Volunteers will work in teams of 2 people.

The grant would also include camping and travel reimbursement to and from MOH trailheads. The RT mileage from Vancouver, Wa/Portland, Or averages 150 miles. A total of 58 trips would be assumed at a rate of $.575 for a total of $5002.5. Camping expenses for 12 overnight stays would average $20/night at Whatum Lake or Rainy Lake Campgrounds for a total of $240.

The training session presented by the FS employee prior to the monitoring would also constitute a RT mileage of 150 miles for (5) vehicles at a cost of $431.25 at $.575/mile. Meal reimbursements for 25 meals at $25/meal on the training day would total $625.

Volunteers assisting with the monitoring would be reimbursed for one meal per trip at a rate of $25/meal. For 92 volunteer spots this would amount to a maximum of $2300.

The 25 participating Broads would also receive a choice of an item from the Broads merchandise up to $25 value for an amount equaling $625. Printing costs for the project would total $100.

*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 Mark O. Hatfield Wilderness will be monitored for solitude. Baseline data is not available and solitude monitoring score of (2) would remain; however, Broads volunteers would contribute 42% of the workload for an increase to a (4) in one of the heaviest used areas in the US, if future funding is sought to accomplish this work in 2021 to bring the opportunities for solitude rating from 2 to 4 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 volunteers would be trained and supervised by the Wild and Scenic River and Wilderness Manager, Casey Andrews from the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. Monthly communication via email/phone calls would also occur. A letter of support is attached from Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Chief, Lynn Burditt.*

**Timeline:**

*Describe the timeline for completion of the project. Preference is to complete projects by September 30,2020, though projects may be continued to December 31, 2020.*

*The pre-training would occur in May 2020. (3) monitoring sessions would be completed in May. (16) monitoring sessions would be provided during each of the high-use months of June, July, August, and September. An additional (3) sessions would be documented in October for a total of 70 sessions for the season.*

**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*** | ***100*** |
| *Salaries* |  |  |
| *Fringe Benefits* | *$25 Broads swag items*  | *$625* |
| *Travel/Transportation* | *mileage@$.575**,* *meals,**camping* *snacks* | *$5433.75**$2925**$240**$50* |
| *Equipment* |  |  |
| *Materials/Supplies*  | *printing* | *$100* |
| *Contractual* |  |  |
| *Training* |  |  |
| *Other \** |  |  |
| ***TOTAL:*** |  | *$9373.75 + 10% = $10,310* |

*\* 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)*** |
| *Membership NWSA* |  *75* | $13,884.78 |
| *Grassroots Mentorship* | *2500* |  |
| *National office use* |  *93* |  |
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| ***Totals:*** | ***2668*** | ***13,884.78*** |

***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* |  |
| *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:** Mark O. Hatfield Solitude Monitoring

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

**Personnel**

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

The half day cost of FS personnel for training volunteers would be paid for through the Forest Service budget and not out of the grant.

**Fringe Benefits**

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

Broads swag items valued at $25 each for 25 volunteers would amount to $625.

**Travel/Transportation**

(Describe vehicle costs, including mileage rates and allowances. Describe any travel costs, including reimbursement for meals and incidentals. Describe any allowances for field perdiem)

Camping expenses for 12 overnight stays would average $20/night for a total of $240. Travel expenses would also include travel reimbursement to and from MOH trailheads. The RT mileage from Vancouver, Wa/Portland, Or averages 150 miles. A total of 58 trips would be assumed at a rate of $.575 for a total of $5002.5. The training day mileage would total (5) cars X (150 rt miles) X $.575 for a sum of $431.25. Volunteers assisting with the monitoring would be reimbursed for one meal per trip at a rate of $25/meal. For 92 volunteer spots this would amount to $2300. Meal reimbursements for 25 meals at $25/meal on the training day would constitute a maximum of $625. Volunteers would also be provided with snacks ($50) on the training day.

**Equipment**

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

none

**Materials/Supplies**

none

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

**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)

Printing costs for liability forms, data sheets, attendance forms, and others would total $100.

**Matching Funds Financial Information Narrative**

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

Broads Cascade Volcano chapter paid $75 for NWSA membership. Broads grassroots leadership mentor would total $2500 in outreach and support time from her usual pay. Broads and National use of office services (ie., website, social media) would total $193.

**Partner Non-federal Cash Funds**

(Describe cash funds to be contributed by the organization)

$75 for NWSA Membership

**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)

$93 in national office use, $2500 in national grassroots mentorship

**Partner In-kind Contributions**

(Describe volunteer hours, and other items donated from other sources for this project *The total voluntary commitment provided by the Broads Cascade Volcanoes chapter in solitude monitoring would total 480 hours* @ $25.43 = $12,206.4. Entry of solitude data would be 3 hours per week for 20 weeks. This would include 60 hours @25.43 totaling $1525.8. Mid-term and final evaluations as well as media documentation would be an additional 6 hours for an additional $152.58 in in-kind donation. The entire in-kind contribution from the local Broads chapter would total $13,884.78.

**Other Federal Funds**

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

none