



MEMORANDUM

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

CC: Mark Lichtenstein, Acting Associate Deputy Chief, State and Private Forestry, USDA Forest Service; Anne Buckelew, Deputy Area Budget Coordinator, State and Private Forestry, USDA Forest Service

FROM: Laura Schweitzer, Executive Director, CWSF/WFLC

SUBJECT: FY 2022 Western State & Private Forestry Landscape Scale Restoration Funding Recommendations

DATE: April 1, 2022

Please find enclosed recommendations for the FY 2022 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. 38 eligible project proposals were submitted for a total request of \$11,189,172.

The Western Forestry Leadership Coalition (WFLC) Executive Board approved the following FY2022 grant proposals as the recommendation for funding at the anticipated total of \$4,000,000 and it has been adjusted to the funding level of \$4,156,667 for the west. This would fully fund 12 projects, two of which are multi-state proposals; and partially fund one project: Recommendation #15 at \$77,026 (Can I Burn?, OR). 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 #28 Yap Agroforestry, a multi-island project for Guam (\$60,144) and the Federated State of Micronesia (\$125,748) at a project total of \$185,892. \$185,892, represents the total for this year's Pacific Island set aside. No other eligible proposals from the Pacific Island applicants were received.

The remaining \$114,108 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. If the final allocated amount for the FY 2022 Western Competitive Resource Allocation Grants differs from the anticipated \$4,000,000, an indication of this from you would be appreciated so that we may adjust the recommendation list accordingly. Any questions regarding the enclosed recommendations can be directed to myself at lschweitzer@westernforesters.org and to Danielle Okst at dokst@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 2022 Western LSR Competitive Grant Rankings and Funding Recommendations
from CWSF to the USDA Forest Service Washington Office¹**
Final/approved by WFLC as of January 31, 2022

<i>FY 2022 Western LSR Projects Recommended for Funding to USDA Forest Service Washington Office at \$3,970,775</i>						
Ranking	USFS Region	State	Project Name	Average Rank	Funds Requested	Funds Recommended
1	5	HI	Invasive Plants	2.16	\$300,000	\$300,000
2	1	MT	SW Zone Rx Fire	3.66	\$300,000	\$300,000
3	6	WA	Cle Elum	4.16	\$294,199	\$294,199
4	2	NE	CTAP 2	4.16	\$300,000	\$300,000
4	2	CO	[CTAP 2] ²	4.16	\$300,000	\$300,000
4	2	KS	[CTAP 2]	4.16	\$299,550	\$299,550
5	5	HI	Disease Surveys	4.16	\$300,000	\$300,000
6	2	NE	Small Projects	4.33	\$300,000	\$300,000
7	1	MT	Basin Creek Resvr.	4.66	\$300,000	\$300,000
8	4	NV	Whittell Forest	5.00	\$300,000	\$300,000
10 ³	2	KS	HealthyForests	6.00	\$300,000	\$300,000
12 ⁴	6	OR	Jacksonville Protect	6.33	\$300,000	\$300,000
14 ⁵	6	WA	Snohomish	7.00	\$300,000	\$300,000
15	6	OR	Can I Burn?	7.16	\$300,000	\$77,026 ⁶
TOTAL					\$4,193,739	\$3,970,775
<i>PIFC Sub-competition - WLSR Projects Recommended for Funding to USDA Forest Service Washington Office⁷</i>						

Ranking	USFS Region	State	Project Name	Average Rank	Funds Requested	Funds Recommended
28	5	FM	Yap Agroforestry	9.66	\$60,144	\$60,144
28	5	GU	[Yap Agroforestry]	9.66	\$125,748	\$125,748
TOTAL					\$185,892	\$185,892

NOTES

1. **Grant pool for FY2022 is set at \$4,156,667.**
 - Forestrygrants.org System is set to \$3,970,775 to account for the Western Pacific Islands Sub-competition applications to be funded.
 - Maximum request per applicant set at \$623,499 (15.7022% of the \$3,970,775 and 15% of the original \$4,156,667).
2. Brackets denote a multi-state proposal.
3. NE EAB not funded due to NE hitting 15% per state cap limit after a non-viable level of funding.
4. NE Tree Diversity not funded due to NE hitting 15% per state cap limit.
5. MT Big Hole Forest CoOp not funded due to MT hitting 15% per state cap limit after a non-viable level of funding.
6. \$4,156,667 total funding was exhausted after partially funding OR Can I Burn? at \$77,026. Original request was for \$300,000.
7. **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.**
 - A multi-state proposal was submitted together with Guam and the Federated State of Micronesia. Guam requested \$125,748 and the Federated State of Micronesia requested \$60,144. This project will receive full funding at \$185,892 and \$114,108 was returned to the general competition pot of money.

FY2022 Western LSR Projects Recommended for Funding: Subtotals by USFS				
Ranking	USFS Region	State	Project Name	Funds Recommended
2	1	MT	SW Zone Rx Fire	\$300,000
7	1	MT	Basin Creek Resvr.	\$300,000
R1 Total				\$600,000
4	2	NE	CTAP 2	\$300,000
4	2	CO	[CTAP 2]	\$300,000
4	2	KS	[CTAP 2]	\$299,550
6	2	NE	Small Projects	\$300,000
10	2	KS	HealthyForests	\$300,000
R2 Total				\$1,499,550
8	4	NV	Whittell Forest	\$300,000
R4 Total				\$300,000
1	5	HI	Invasive Plants	\$300,000
5	5	HI	Disease Surveys	\$300,000
28	5	FM	Yap Agroforestry	\$60,144
28	5	GU	[Yap Agroforestry]	\$125,748
R5 Total				\$785,892
3	6	WA	Cle Elum	\$294,199
12	6	OR	Jacksonville Protect	\$300,000
14	6	WA	Snohomish	\$300,000
15	6	OR	Can I Burn?	\$77,026
R6 Total				\$971,225