



WESTERN FORESTRY LEADERSHIP COALITION

MEMORANDUM

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

CC: Beatra Wilson, Acting Associate Deputy Chief, State, Private & Tribal Forestry, USDA Forest Service; Anne Buckelew, Deputy Area Budget Coordinator, State and Private Forestry, USDA Forest Service

FROM: Danielle Okst, Executive Director, CWSF/WFLC

SUBJECT: FY 2024 Western State, Private & Tribal Forestry Landscape Scale Restoration Funding Recommendations

DATE: April 9, 2024

Please find enclosed recommendations for the FY 2024 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. 25 eligible project proposals were submitted for a total request of \$7,144,342.

The Western Forestry Leadership Coalition (WFLC) Executive Board approved the following FY 2024 grant proposals as the recommendation for funding at a total of \$3,849,075 for the west. This would fully fund 11 projects, 1 of which is a Pacific Island proposal, and partially fund 4 projects: Recommendation #7 at \$277,361 (Invasive Albizia, HI), #9 at \$277,361 (Electric Lake, UT), #10 at \$277,361 (Spokane Post-fire, WA), and #16 at \$71,992 (Oak resiliency, 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 not scored alongside the general pool of applications and 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 #23 CNMI Rota LSR, a project for the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) (\$200,000). No other

proposals from Pacific Island applicants were received. The remaining \$100,000 not used for the Pacific Island subcompetition will be 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, 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 2024 Western Competitive Resource Allocation Grants differs from \$3,849,075, 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 dokst@westernforesters.org and to Leena Visnak 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 2024 Western LSR Competitive Grant Rankings and Funding Recommendations
from CWSF to the USDA Forest Service Washington Office¹**
Approved by WFLC Executive Board February 20, 2024

| FY 2024 Western LSR Projects Recommended for Funding to USDA Forest Service Washington Office at \$3,849,075¹ | | | | | | |
|---|------------------------|--------------|------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Ranking | USFS Region | State | Project Name | Aver age Rank | Funds Requested | Funds Recommended |
| 1 | 2 | NE | Reforestation | 3.33 | \$300,000 | \$300,000 |
| 2 | 1 | MT | Custer Co. RX Fire | 3.50 | \$250,000 | \$250,000 |
| 3 | 6 | WA | Trail (Sxwuytn) | 3.66 | \$300,000 | \$300,000 |
| 4 | 4 | UT | Springdale | 3.66 | \$300,000 | \$300,000 |
| 5 | 5 | HI | Maui Watershed | 4.00 | \$300,000 | \$300,000 |
| 6 | 1 | MT | Blackfoot Watershed | 4.33 | \$300,000 | \$300,000 |
| 7 | 5 | HI | Invasive Albizia | 4.33 | \$300,000 | \$277,361 ² |
| 8 | 2 | NE | Riparian Forest | 4.50 | \$95,000 | \$95,000 |
| 9 | 4 | UT | Electric Lake | 4.66 | \$300,000 | \$277,361 ³ |

¹ Grant pool for FY2024 is set at \$3,849,075.

- Forestrygrants.org System is set to \$3,649,075 to account for the Western Pacific Islands Sub-competition applications to be funded.
- Maximum request per applicant set at \$577,361 (15.82212% of the \$3,649,075 and 15% of the original \$3,849,075).

² Invasive Albizia, HI was partially funded at \$277,361 due to HI hitting 15% per state cap limit. Original request was for \$300,000.

³ Electric Lake, UT was partially funded at \$277,361 due to UT hitting 15% per state cap limit. Original request was for \$300,000.

| | | | | | | |
|--------------|---|----|---------------------|-------|--------------------|------------------------|
| 10 | 6 | WA | Spokane Post-fire | 5.00 | \$300,000 | \$277,361 ⁴ |
| 11 | 5 | HI | Waikaloa Dry Forest | 5.33 | \$300,000 | \$0 ⁵ |
| 12 | 5 | CA | Forest Resiliency | 5.66 | \$300,000 | \$300,000 |
| 13 | 4 | ID | PCEI | 5.83 | \$300,000 | \$300,000 |
| 14 | 6 | WA | Duwamish | 6.00 | \$300,000 | \$0 ⁶ |
| 15 | 2 | KS | Streambank | 6.16 | \$300,000 | \$300,000 |
| 16 | 6 | OR | Oak Resiliency | 6.33 | \$300,000 | \$71,992 ⁷ |
| 17 | 4 | UT | Price River | 6.50 | \$299,342 | \$0 ⁸ |
| 18 | 2 | NE | Canopy | 6.50 | \$300,000 | \$0 |
| 19 | 2 | CO | Resiliency SW CO | 6.66 | \$300,000 | \$0 |
| 20 | 6 | OR | RX Fire Capacity | 7.00 | \$300,000 | \$0 |
| 21 | 1 | MT | Blackfoot LTPBR | 7.00 | \$300,000 | \$0 |
| 22 | 2 | NE | Tree Diversity | 7.16 | \$300,000 | \$0 |
| 24 | 5 | CA | Deer Park | 8.66 | \$300,000 | \$0 |
| 25 | 5 | HI | Invasive Ginger | 10.00 | \$300,000 | \$0 |
| TOTAL | | | | | \$6,926,053 | \$3,649,075 |

⁴Spokane Post-fire, WA was partially funded at \$277,361 due to WA hitting 15% per state cap limit. Original request was for \$300,000.

⁵ Waikaloa Dry Forest, HI was not funded due to HI hitting 15% per state cap limit after a non-viable level of funding.

⁶ Duwamish, WA was not funded due to WA hitting 15% per state cap limit after a non-viable level of funding.

⁷ Oak Resiliency, OR was partially funded at \$71,992 due to the funding pool being exhausted.

⁸ All below projects are not funded due to total funding being exhausted for the FY2024 LSR grant process.

**PIFC Sub-competition - WLSR Projects Recommended for Funding to USDA Forest Service
Washington Office⁹**

| Ranking | USFS Region | State | Project Name | Aver age Rank | Funds Requested | Funds Recommended |
|----------------|------------------------|--------------|---------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 23 | 5 | MP | CNMI Rota LSR | 7.16 | \$200,000 | \$200,000 |
| TOTAL | | | | | \$200,000 | \$200,000 |

⁹ 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 Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) requested \$200,000. This project will receive full funding and \$100,000 was returned to the general competition pot of money.

| FY2024 Western LSR Projects Recommended for Funding: Subtotals by USFS | | | | |
|---|--------------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Ranking | USFS Region | State | Project Name | Funds Recommended |
| 2 | 1 | MT | Custer Co. RX Fire | \$250,000 |
| 6 | 1 | MT | Blackfoot Watershed | \$300,000 |
| R1 Total | | | | \$550,000 |
| 1 | 2 | NE | Reforestation | \$300,000 |
| 8 | 2 | NE | Riparian Forest | \$95,000 |
| 15 | 2 | KS | Streambank | \$300,000 |
| R2 Total | | | | \$695,000 |
| 4 | 4 | UT | Springdale | \$300,000 |
| 9 | 4 | UT | Electric Lake | \$277,361 |
| 13 | 4 | ID | PCEI | \$300,000 |
| R4 Total | | | | \$877,361 |
| 5 | 5 | HI | Maui Watershed | \$300,000 |
| 7 | 5 | HI | Invasive Albizia | \$277,361 |
| 12 | 5 | CA | Forest Resiliency | \$300,000 |
| 23 | 5 | MP | CNMI Rota LSR | \$200,000 |
| R5 Total | | | | \$1,077,361 |
| 3 | 6 | WA | Trail (Sxwuytn) | \$300,000 |
| 10 | 6 | WA | Spokane Post-fire | \$277,361 |
| 16 | 6 | OR | Oak Resiliency | \$71,992 |
| R6 Total | | | | \$649,353 |