

# Coast Range Stewardship Fund

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

June 1, 2011 - September 1, 2011

### Fund Availability

Cascade Pacific RC&D (CPRCD) is accepting proposals through the Coast Range Stewardship Initiative for projects located in the Siuslaw Watershed and Coastal Lakes area, the Alsea Stewardship area, and the Mary's Peak Stewardship area. Maps for these areas are provided at [www.cascadepacificstewardship.org](http://www.cascadepacificstewardship.org). Approximately **\$160,000** is available from the Coast Range Stewardship Fund through the USFS Siuslaw National Forest. Projects need to support and promote watershed and community health and benefit the National Forest. Projects can be awarded up to \$50,000, although larger proposals will also be reviewed. Projects may begin Spring of 2012.

### Project Objectives

- Promote sustainable use and enhancement of natural resources in the Siuslaw River Basin and Coastal Lakes area, Alsea Stewardship area, Mary's Peak Stewardship area or the Hebo Stewardship area.
- Promote natural resource management based on recent data and sound science
- Benefit public lands and resources administered by the Siuslaw National Forest

### Potential Projects

The Coast Range Stewardship Fund can support a wide variety restoration projects. Potential projects include, but are not limited to:

- Riparian planting, fencing, protection, and release of seedlings
- Aquatic structures, in-stream structures to improve aquatic habitat
- Culverts repair or replacement for fish passage or sediment reduction
- Wildlife habitat improvement, foraging/meadows improvement, snag creation
- Thinning, non-commercial stand improvement, non-commercial riparian conversion
- Wetland restoration, tidal and fresh water
- Noxious weeds eradication or control
- Road drainage, road decommissioning
- Water quality improvements
- Storm water drainage

### Prohibited Projects

In general, the Coast Range Stewardship Fund is limited to on-the-ground projects. The following activities cannot be funded:

- Maintenance
- Indirect administration
- Analysis/Research
- Monitoring, surveys or evaluation
- Education, signage
- Technical design
- NEPA Planning
- Facilities

### Submission Process:

**Proposals must receive endorsement by the appropriate Siuslaw National Forest Service Staff AND Stewardship Group prior to submittal.**

The Coast Range Stewardship Initiative Proposal Form is available on the website: [www.cascadepacificstewardship.org](http://www.cascadepacificstewardship.org) or by contacting Cascade Pacific RC&D at (541) 967-5925 ext. 126.

**One paper copy AND one digital copy (CD) must be submitted to Cascade Pacific RC&D at the address below postmarked no later than September 1, 2010.** Faxed or e-mailed proposals will not be accepted. Applications can be dropped off (in an envelope to the attention of Jackie Nichols) at any office in the Tangent Service Center between 8 AM and 4:30 PM weekdays. Questions about guidelines should be directed to Jackie Nichols at [jackie@cascadepacific.org](mailto:jackie@cascadepacific.org).

### SELECTION CRITERIA

**Scoring System:** Eligible proposals will be evaluated and ranked on a scoring system up to 100 points. (see page 2)

**PROJECT ACTIVITY CRITERIA is worth up to 70 points • BUDGET CRITERIA is worth up to 30 points**

**THRESHOLD QUESTIONS** (All answers must be “Yes” for the project to be eligible). In general, the application/project:

- Yes**  **No** Benefits the National Forest \*
- Yes**  **No** Project is within the boundaries of the Siuslaw, Alsea or Marys Peak Stewardship areas
- Yes**  **No** Meets the requirements of the Stewardship Criteria
- Yes**  **No** Improves water quality, or fish or wildlife habitat
- Yes**  **No** Is complete enough to review

\* Initial Consultation with Siuslaw NF staff is required. See **Coast Range Stewardship Guidelines** at

[www.cascadepacificstewardship.org/fund.html](http://www.cascadepacificstewardship.org/fund.html)

<b>PROJECT ACTIVITY CRITERIA</b> (Refer to Section III for all questions below)	<b>COMMENTS</b> (Recommend possible alternatives where scores are low).	<b>SCORE</b>
R1. The application adequately describes current conditions and limiting factors.		( 0 – 5 )
R2. The application clearly defines (a) problem(s) and (b) root causes of the problem(s).		( 0 – 5 )
R3. The project and each element are clearly described.		( 0 – 5 )
R3. The project has clearly defined, <i>measurable</i> objectives		( 0 – 5 )
R4. The project addresses important watershed or ecosystem function.		( 0 – 5 )
R4. The project connects well with other conservation work in the watershed or ecoregion, and if a continuation, builds on the experience of previous work.		( 0 – 5 )
R5.(a) The project designer is experienced and qualified.		( 0 – 5 )
R5.(b) Project planning and design take into consideration extreme events and alternatives.		( 0 – 5 )
R5.(c) The applicant has considered alternatives and selected the most effective and reasonable alternative.		( 0 – 5 )
R6. The proposed PROJECT SCHEDULE is well thought out and appears to be realistic (see Section V also)		( 0 – 5 )
R7. The project clearly and adequately addresses a realistic monitoring or inspection and release schedule.		( 0 – 5 )
R8. The project meets basic expectations for educating and raising public awareness.		( 0 – 5 )
R9. Final Reporting and Post-Project Inspection or monitoring are carried out by the appropriate entities.		( 0 – 5 )
R10. The right elements are being maintained at the right frequency by the right people.		( 0 – 5 )
<b>BUDGET CRITERIA</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>	<b>SCORE</b>
1. The budget shows sufficient detail for all categories.		( 0 – 5 )
2. Unit quantities and costs appear to be reasonable and appropriate, and consistent with local market rates.		( 0 – 5 )
3. <b>Project Management</b> costs are reasonable.		( 0 – 5 )
4. The project has appropriate levels of involvement and support from the right parties and partners (see Section II #4)		( 0 – 5 )
5. The applicant has sought match, although 25% minimum match is not mandatory (see Section II #4 and Match Form Section VI).		( 0 – 5 )
6. Monitoring and other costs ineligible for Stewardship funds are adequately addressed and covered by matching funds.		( 0 – 5 )
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>0-100</b>

**SCORING GUIDE:** 95 - 100 = High (Fund)  
 75 – 84 = Medium (Possibly a Fund)  
 65 – 74 = Medium Low (Generally a No Fund)  
 0 – 64 = Low (No Fund)