

USDA Forest Service Stewardship Contracting Proposal

Project Name: Establishment of the Hebo Stewardship Group

Region: Pacific Northwest- Region 6

Forest: Siuslaw

Ranger District: Hebo

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A.1 Project Summary/Objectives:

The formation of the Hebo Stewardship Group will contribute to the social, cultural and economic needs of the local communities along with improving watershed health and develop desired late-successional conditions in young plantations and other stands of the Siuslaw National Forest and Salem District BLM Lands. Receipts from commercial thinning of plantations on Forest Service and BLM lands, and commercial thinning of natural stands on BLM lands would provide funding opportunities to: improve roads, improve fish passage, improve fish habitat, improvement riparian buffers, improve upland wildlife habitat, manage invasive species and other improvements in forest health. This is a multiyear umbrella project, encompassing the area described below. It is anticipated that the project will involve multiple thinning-and-goods-for-services contracts, as well as multiple projects funded with retained receipts, both on federal lands and on private lands connected in accordance with Wyden authority.

A.2 Project Location:

The Hebo Stewardship Area includes all lands managed by the Hebo Ranger District of the Siuslaw National Forest. It includes the entire Drift Creek/Siletz, Little Nestucca, Neskowin, Nestucca, Salmon and Sand Lake watersheds; and portions of the Lower Siletz, Tillamook River and Yamhill watersheds as shown on the attached map. The Hebo Stewardship Area includes the communities of Beaver, Hebo, Cloverdale, Pacific City, Neskowin, Otis and Lincoln City, Oregon.

A.3 Size of Project Area:

The proposed stewardship area contains approximately 386,137 acres of land in the following ownerships:

Owner	Acres	Percent of Area
USFS	146,492	38
BLM	41,839	11
USFWS	1,245	>1
Grand Ronde Tribe	9,928	3
Siletz Tribe	3,544	>1
State of Oregon	15,365	4
County	2,151	>1
Private	165,573	43

A.4 Proposed Activities:

The group's activities will be designed to address the following goals. It is understood that all activities will need to meet the applicable criteria of the Stewardship Authority.

1. Improve forest health and ecological function of federal lands consistent with Northwest Forest Plan objectives and direction.
2. Restore and maintain watershed function, connectivity and ecological diversity, including native plants, fish and wildlife habitat.
3. Manage Road and trail system for improved water quality and supply, hydrologic function and forest health while meeting the social, cultural and economic values of the community.
4. Promote soil productivity, water quality and sustainability of other resources including critical ecosystem services.
5. Manage vegetation to improve composition, structure, condition, and health of stands, or to improve wildlife habitat.
6. Control of invasive species and re-establish native species through natural re-colonization or active management (seeding, planting, release etc.), while minimizing the use of herbicides, pesticides or surfactants.
7. Restore estuary and wetland function and processes.
8. Maintain and promote recreational uses that are compatible with watershed health.
9. Develop and conduct multi-party monitoring per Stewardship Authority.
10. Provide economic opportunities to residents of the local area through restoration activities.

A.5 Proposed Contract Procedures:

Authorities and Procedures	Mark if Proposed for Use								
Trading Goods for Services	X								
Designation by Description or Prescription <u>1/</u>	X								
Retention of Receipts	X								
Use of Retained Receipts from Another Approved Stewardship Project	X								
Retention of KV or BD Funds from Receipts	X								
Best Value Contracting	X								
Multi-year Contracting	X								
Other than Full and Open Competition <u>2/</u>									
Non-advertisement with product value exceeding \$10,000	X								
Non-USDA Administration of Timber Sales	X								
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1/ Will require use of Washington Office or regional special provisions. Designation by Prescription is for noncommercial material or scaled sales only.

2/ Will require special Regional Forester approval - summarize the need this authority.

Was there consultation/coordination with AQM in development of the proposal?

No Yes Not applicable at this time.

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A.5.1 Timeline:

Not applicable at this time – see A.6 below

A.6 Current Status:

The Hebo Ranger District currently has three planning efforts underway that could utilize stewardship contracting for implementation of Northwest Forest Plan objectives. The Salmon-Neskowin EA Decision Notice should be signed within the next two months. This project proposes to commercially thin approximately 1,936 acres and pre-commercially thin approximately 800 acres. The Niagara/Boulder project proposes to commercially thin approximately 900 acres and is expected to have a signed Decision Notice in late 2011. The North Nestucca project proposes to commercially thin approximately 7,000 acres and a signed Decision Notice is expected in 2012. These projects include a suite of activities such as riparian planting, stream restoration, road management and vegetation management that meet the restoration goals of stewardship contracting. The Hebo Ranger District anticipates commercial thinning approximately 1,000 acres per year for the next 15 years.

B.1 Project Funding:

Project specific funding will be submitted with individual stewardship projects.

B.1.1 Estimated Budget:

Project specific budgets will be submitted with individual stewardship projects.

B.2 Collaboration:

1. Initial steps taken to increase public awareness included a joint meeting of all Siuslaw National Forest stewardship groups in December of 2010. Several stakeholders from the area around the Hebo Ranger District attended to learn more about the purpose and activities of stewardship groups from representatives of the Siuslaw, Alsea and Mary's Peak stewardship groups. Jackie Nichols, of Cascade Pacific Resource Conservation and Development, worked with the Hebo Ranger District to convene the initial informational meeting in February of 2011 by contacting approximately 23 people and 14 organizations including local city, county and tribal governments; environmental groups, private timber companies, the local fire district, local watershed councils, soil and water districts, local ports, local landowners, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, the US Bureau of Land Management and the US Fish and Wildlife Service. A complete list of potential partners is attached. These potential partners will be contacted by telephone and e-mail. We continue to expand the list of participants receiving information, based on expressed interest of parties indicating they would like to be involved at one level or another.
2. Formation of a Stewardship Working Group that will be responsible for the following activities (The scale of some of these activities may be dependent on available funding):
 - a. Identify and include community values in planning and implementation.
 - b. Build partnerships and encourage citizen involvement. Provide outreach on the program, including meeting notices, media coverage and website development.
 - c. Develop and manage processes to solicit, review and administer projects.
 - d. Recruit a technical review group including scientific, financial, project management and resource based experience from the area and/or watershed.
 - e. Seek funding for program administration, including meeting facilitation, outreach and managing contracts on private land. The US Forest Service may be able to provide assistance once stewardship harvests begin.
 - f. Provide oversight of multi-party monitoring.
 - g. Recruit and encourage use of the local work force, including unemployed youth and adults, to implement stewardship projects.
 - h. Advocate for improvements in implementing the Stewardship Authority, as needed.
 - i. Ensure fiscal transparency of stewardship projects.
 - j. Tracking of social, economic and cultural benefits of stewardship projects.

SIGNATURE AND CONCURRENCES:

Prepared By:

_____	District Silviculturist	_____
with Hebo Stewardship Group	Title	Date

District Ranger Concurrence:

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	Date

Forest Supervisor Concurrence:

_____	_____
	Date

Regional Coordinator Concurrence:

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	Date

Director of Forest Management Concurrence:

_____	_____
	Date

Director of Acquisition Management Concurrence:

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	Date

Regional Forester Approval:

_____	_____
	Date

List of Potential Group Participants for Forest Stewardship in the Hebo

Salmon-Drift Creek Watershed Councils
Nestucca, Neskowin & Sand Lake Watersheds
Council
MidCoast Watersheds Council
Tillamook Estuary Partnership

City of Lincoln City
Communities of Kernville, Otis, Neskowin,
Pacific City, Tierra del Mar, Sandlake, Hebo,
Cloverdale and Beaver.

Lincoln Co Commissioners
Tillamook Co Commissioners
Lincoln Co Public Works
Tillamook Co Public Works
Lincoln SWCD
Tillamook SWCD
Economic Development Alliance of Lincoln
County
Tillamook County Economic Development
Devils Lake Water Improvement District
Small Business Administrator, OCCC
Oregon Coastal Caucus

Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians

All affected landowners within the Stewardship
Group boundary

Cascade Pacific RC&D
USDA Forest Service
USDA NCRS
USDC NOAA
USDI Bureau of Land Management
USDI Fish & Wildlife Service

Or. Dept. Forestry
Or. Dept. Fish & Wildlife
Or. Dept. Transportation
OSU Extension
OSU Ag & Forestry & Fish Research
OR Dept. of Parks and Recreation

American Rivers
Audubon Society
Coast Range Association
Central Coast Land Conservancy
Ducks Unlimited
Izaak Walton League
Native Fish Society
Nestucca Anglers
NW Steelheaders
Oregon Wild
Pacific Forest Trust
Rocky Mountain Elk
Sitka Center for Arts and Ecology
The Nature Conservancy
The Wetlands Conservancy
Western Rivers
Westwind Stewardship Group

Timber companies: Plum Creek, Weyerhaeuser,
Hampton Affiliates, Hancock Forest
Management, Forest Capital Partners, Miller
Timber, Miami Corporation, Olympic Resource
Management, Stimson Lumber.

CPI, Pioneer, PUD, BPA, if applicable

