

These are the groups and individuals Idaho Fish & Game have included in their pursuit of an overpass.

NGOs

Wildlife Conservation Society - Kris Inman; Julie Kunen

Yellowstone to Yukon - Kim Trotter

Heart of the Rockies - Gary Burnett; JoAnn Grant; Ann McCauley

Nature Conservancy - Jim F. Berkey (High Divide Headwaters Director); Holly Copeland; Jim F. Berkey; David Weskamp; Lou Lunte

Center for Large Landscape Conservation – Rob Ament; Tyler Creech (Spatial Ecologist); Deborah Davidson (Wilburforce Foundation, American Wildlands, corridors)

Vital Ground – Kim Davitt; Development Director

National Fish & Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) – Chris West

Western Transportation Institute

Marcel Huijse – Research Ecologist, specializing in road ecology

Land Trusts

Okanogan Land Trust - Jerry DeBacker

Lemhi Regional Land Trust - Kristin Troy

Bitterroot Land Trust - Gavin Ricklefs (Ex.Director)

Idaho Coalition of Land Trusts - Jerry DeBacker

Government

Forest Service; Forest and Grassland USDA - Darnell, Jane D

USFWS - Lisa Dlugolecki, Fish and Wildlife Biologist; Tracy Melbiess; Lisa Dlugolecki, Biologist

USFS – Liz Davy, District Ranger

IDFG

Scott Bergen PhD – Senior Wildlife Research Biologist, Statewide, Pocatello

Martha Wackenhut – Regional Wildlife Manager, Southeast Region

Don Kemner; State Habitat Manager since 1989.

Sal Palazzolo - Private Lands/ Farm Bill Program Coordinator

Mike McDonald - Environmental Staff Biologist, Unit 54 Magic Valley

Matt Pieron – Staff biologist

Gregg Servheen – Wildlife Program Coordinator

Greg Burak – State Wildlife Biologist

Jim Teare - regional wildlife habitat manager, Lake Pend Oreille

Palazzolo, Sal - private lands/Farm Bill coordinator

Kira Siitari - evaluates the potential impacts of land and water use proposals on wildlife resources in Idaho Panhandle; Assists decision-makers with fish and wildlife needs in landscape planning process.

David Smith M.Ed. - Grants/Contracts Specialist Wildlife Bureau

ITD

Tim Cramer – Environmental Planner

Karen Hiatt – Engineering Manager

Jason Minzghor – District 6 Engineer

Montana

MT Water Project - Patrick Byorth (Director; Trout Unlimited)

MT Watershed Coordination Council - Erin Farris-Olsen (Ex. Director)

MT Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation - Jennifer Doherty, Director

Mon 7/24/2017 10:57 AM

Palazzolo, Sal

To: Pieron, Matt; Servheen, Gregg; Kemner, Don; Wachenhut, Martha

FW: NFWF Northern Rockies Program Update

See below in case you have any ideas.

Sal Palazzolo

Private Lands/ Farm Bill Program Coordinator

Idaho Department of Fish & Game

From: Chris West

Saturday, July 22, 2017 8:59 AM

To: Kim Trotter; Kris Inman; Julie Kunen; Patrick Byorth; Gary Burnett; JoAnn Grant; Jerry DeBacker;; Kristin Troy; Ann McCauley; Jim F. Berkey; Erin Farris-Olsen; Heather Clarke; Jennifer Doherty;; Darnell, Jane D -FS; Palazzolo,Sal; Tyler Creech; Deborah Davidson; Kim Davitt; Gavin Ricklefs; Kendall; Holly Copeland

Subject: NFWF Northern Rockies Program Update

Friends in the Northern Rockies,

Over the past several months, I have spoken with most of you about NFWF's Northern Rockies – Great Migrations and Crucial Corridors Program. We are still committed to working on refining this program over time and I had high hopes that work would be completed prior to our next grant round. While that revision will not be complete in 2017 due to some other national program priorities, we are moving forward with a modest grant round in 2017 with awards being made before the end of the year.

I wanted to give you a heads up that we will finally be releasing the Request for Proposals for the program in the next two weeks and I expect that this happens by the end of July. Federal budgets and processing of funds have delayed things this year, but it all looks like we are ready to go. The tough part of this is that we are going to have a relatively tight turn around for proposals, likely due on August 31st this year. We need to do it this way in order to keep on our annual schedule of November grant awards.

While none of this is official until the RFP gets posted (keep an eye on the website) I wanted to give you as much time as possible to be prepared. The focus will be on our two existing local business plans as well as overall habitat connectivity (terrestrial and aquatic) and coexistence strategies.

I look forward to hearing from you with any questions that you may have. Thank you once again for the hard work that each of you do for conservation!

Chris

Chris West

**Director, Rocky Mountain Regional Office
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation**

Tue 8/1/2017 5:22 PM

Seidler, Renee

To: Servheen, Greg

Inquiry to NFWF

I plan on sending this email to Chris West, cc'ing the partners I've spoken with (Rob Ament, Marcel Huijser, Tim Cramer and you). Do you want to share any thoughts on the line of research we're currently suggesting before I send it?

Thanks,

Renee

Hi Chris,

I am filling a new role at Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG) as the Transportation Specialist and liaison between IDFG and the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD). Through using solid data and good partnerships, my goals are to decrease wildlife-vehicle collisions and protect and enhance wildlife connectivity along roads throughout the state with a current focus on US 20 in Island Park. Your email below regarding opportunities with the Great Migrations and Crucial Corridors Program was recently forwarded to me through Sal Palazollo.

The timing of your email is exciting; IDFG and ITD are teaming with the Western Transportation Institute and coupling our work with citizen science to help answer important questions about wildlife connectivity along US 20. We aim to collect critical data on wildlife-vehicle collisions and wildlife movement that are lacking in this area. With improved data, we can better understand the full impact of the highway, including impacts on small and mid-sized animals. As ITD moves forward with plans for highway upgrades and expansions, we have a window with ideal timing to collect these data.

We are wondering if the grant opportunity through NFWF has been officially posted yet and if the RFP is for pre-proposals or full proposals? If possible, we would like to have a conversation with you about our proposed work and how it may fit into the RFP and GMGC Program.

Thank you,

Renee

Wed 8/9/2017 12:19 PM

Seidler, Renee

To: Servheen, Gregg

RE: Targhee Pass EA Public Meeting Set for 8/30

Check the group email I just sent about my meeting with Karen for your below questions.

When you say “that gives us some time” what exactly do you mean? I have a strong sense that the EA process will land us with 0-1 crossing structure. From my meeting yesterday, Karen said that she and Jason have agreed that if the EA process is finalized with no crossing structures, they may do a “pilot” project which would install a single overpass in the project area for evaluation over time to inform other crossings. Their thinking is that this pilot language could help ease public opposition, as well as provide a safety –net for wildlife in the EA process.

Karen also said that she thought it was possible to augment the final decision for Targhee Pass project by bringing in outside dollars (a FLAP and/or NFWF grant written by IDFG or other) to install a crossing structure later, totally unrelated to the current project. These are all new concepts to me so I’m still trying to understand the pros and cons here.

Another thing I’m struggling with is whether funding ends the possibility of certain alternatives. At one point I remember Andrea Moser saying that lack of funding does not direct the final alternative decision, but then I get the sense from others on the team that one of the screening criteria, feasibility, will be partially defined by funds available. I have a call out to Andrea to re-discuss this.

Thanks,

Renee

From: Servheen,Gregg
Sent: Wednesday, August 09, 2017 12:05 PM
To: Seidler,Renee
Subject: RE: Targhee Pass EA Public Meeting Set for 8/30

That works. did not think Targhee pass construction was as far out as 2021. That gives us some time.

Also made me look at the other projects forecast for 20.

So have not been tracking the Ashton Hill to Dump Ground Road project. Assume it is all said and done?

Have you heard anything about the other NEPA efforts for the 4 other projects listed for the 2017-19 time period?

From: Seidler,Renee
Sent: Wednesday, August 09, 2017 11:58 AM
To: Servheen,Gregg
Subject: RE: Targhee Pass EA Public Meeting Set for 8/30

Hi Gregg,

Take a look at this and tell me if slides 4 and 5 answer your questions. http://islandparkus20.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/TargheePass_Boards_07.27.17_web.pdf

Cheers,

Renee

From: Servheen, Gregg
Sent: Wednesday, August 09, 2017 11:29 AM
To: Seidler, Renee
Subject: RE: Targhee Pass EA Public Meeting Set for 8/30

I got em. Thx

Can you give me an outline of the Targhee pass schedule from now to expected implementation.

Would like to provide to Lou Lunte with TNC to give him some perspective in terms of need for easements.

thx

From: Seidler, Renee
Sent: Wednesday, August 09, 2017 11:09 AM
To: Servheen, Gregg
Subject: FW: Targhee Pass EA Public Meeting Set for 8/30

Do you get these?

From: Targhee Pass [<mailto:targheepass@langdongroupinc.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, August 09, 2017 10:33 AM
To: Targhee Pass
Subject: Targhee Pass EA Public Meeting Set for 8/30

Thank you for your continued interest in the Targhee Pass Environmental Assessment (EA) in Island Park, Idaho. You are receiving this email as an update on the EA process.

Overview

The Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) has initiated an EA to evaluate risks, benefits, opportunities, and costs associated with reconstruction of Targhee Pass (U.S. 20 between its junction with Idaho 87 and the Montana state line).

SAVE THE DATE!

The Targhee Pass EA Study Team will be hosting a public meeting to present proposed alternatives.

**Wednesday, August 30 from 4-7 p.m.
Island Park EMS Building (4124 County Circle Road)**

An upcoming email update will provide more information on meeting format and details.

What's Next?

- **Comment Period** – ITD is in the midst of a public comment period regarding comments and ideas for alternatives for the Targhee Pass EA. This comment period ends Thursday, August 10. When the draft alternatives are developed, they will become available for review prior to analysis.

- **Impact Analysis** – ITD will spend the fall/winter incorporating comments and refining the alternatives.
- **Environmental Analysis Comment Period and Public Meeting** – When ITD has completed the impact analysis for the EA alternatives, we will share all of this information with the public via the website, stakeholder working group, and a public meeting. At this time, we will be looking for your additional feedback on these more defined alternatives, and ITD will provide another 30-day comment period. This is currently expected to occur in early summer 2018.

Additional Information

Stay updated on the EA by sending an email to targheepass@langdongroupinc.com with “Join the Contact List” in the subject line. You can also visit www.islandparkUS20.com to learn more.

For other inquiries, please contact the Targhee Pass EA team at:
 Targhee Pass EA Team (c/o The Langdon Group)
 677 South Woodruff Avenue, Idaho Falls, ID 83401
 Phone: (208) 220-5937
 Email: targheepass@langdongroupinc.com

OR

Bruce King, ITD District 6 Public Information Officer

Wed 8/9/2017 4:53 PM

Seidler, Renee

To: Servheen, Gregg

Call with Andrea re screening criteria

Hi Gregg,

I just want to relay a couple more items from Andrea Moser because we just spoke.

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Finally, she asked me to not bring any other IDFG folks to the alternatives screening meeting on the 17th (even though I was originally told to invite GF folks) because with the visibility of the project and the

scrutiny it's receiving they could "get called out" if someone that wasn't on the EA team was part of this process.

Cheers,

Renee

Wed 8/9/2017 6:02 PM

Seidler, Renee

To: Servheen, Gregg

RE: Call with Andrea re screening criteria

(I know you had said to ignore the money thing and move forward as ITD is, but I already had a call in to Andrea with the question...)

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Renee

Fri 8/11/2017 10:59 AM

Seidler, Renee

To: Servheen, Gregg

RE: another project idea

Sounds super cool! I need to learn more about monarch ecology to enter the conversation.

FYI, here is some info from the NFWF business plan

<http://www.nfwf.org/northernrockies/Documents/greatmigrations-business-plan.pdf>):

Table 1. The portfolio of Phase I linkage considerations.

Linkage	Long-distance migration	Sensitive population	Priority linkage site	Road ecology issue	Key strategies	Status
Path of the Pronghorn, WY	✓	pronghorn	✓	✓	Easements, retrofit fencing, highway overpass, mitigate energy development	Active
Cabinet Yaak Corridors, MT/ID		brown bear	✓	✓	Highway safety, outreach to avoid unnecessary mortality, habitat protection, population enhancement	Active
Road Ecology of US-20, ID	✓	pronghorn	✓	✓	Highway crossing structures	Potential
Lynx lifeline of the Columbia Highlands, WA		lynx	✓	✓	Highway crossing structure, range riders, easements, habitat restoration, tribal capacity-building	Active (developmental)
Wolverine of the High Divide, ID/MT		wolverine	✓	✓	Habitat management, carnivore conflict reduction, mitigate road impacts	Active (developmental)
Pinedale Anticline, WY	✓	mule deer	✓	✓	Easements	Potential
Long-distance migration of the glaciated plains, MT	✓	pronghorn			Fencing retrofit, mitigate railway and reservoir barriers	Potential (also under Northern Great Plains keystone)

Landscape Conservation Cooperatives. Among these, they recognize the Great North Landscape as representing "one of the most relatively intact and functional ecosystems in the United States with diverse groups of species and important conservation and restoration opportunities....The United States' greatest communities of free-roaming bison, elk, deer and other ungulates, wolves and bears and diverse salmon and trout populations are hallmarks of the Great Northern geographic area." The following map and tables summarizes the current portfolio of linkages under consideration within the Great North Landscape Conservation Cooperative geography.

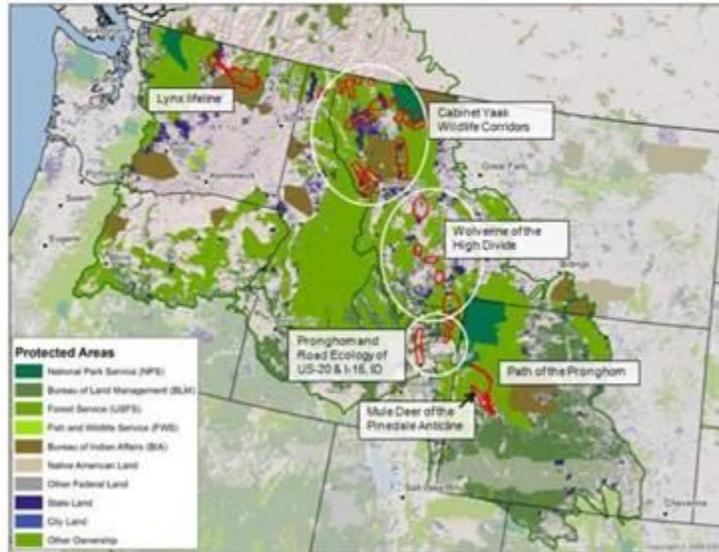


Fig. 1. Map of active and potential focal linkages that are the initial focus of the Great Migrations and Crucial Corridors Initiative (Phase 1, 2009-2014). Proposed linkages are under consideration because of partner interest and conservation opportunity. Area of emphasis is the US portion of the Great North Landscape Conservation Cooperative (GNLCC, US Fish and Wildlife Service). While we

From: Servheen, Gregg
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To: Seidler, Renee
Subject: another project idea

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Gregg Servheen

Wildlife Program Coordinator

Fri 8/11/2017 4:00 PM

Seidler, Renee

To; Servheen, Gregg

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I'm having a hard time prioritizing everything on my plate right now, but I do think that grant money for a crossing structure is a top item. I really feel like I need to talk to Chris before I start writing anything to determine a few important things, 1) am I interpreting that NFWF wants to fund a crossing structure on US20? 2) Can match money be federal or state (I'm pretty sure not, so that limits us).

I feel like we're in a catch 22 with the alternatives screening around the corner and no great leads on additional funds. Additionally, as I mentioned, I'm having a hard time prioritizing as well as finding big chunks of time to get items off my plate. I'll try to put a to-do list together and maybe you can help me review it.

Cheers,

Renee

From: Servheen, Gregg

Sent: Friday, August 11, 2017 11:13 AM

To: Seidler, Renee

Subject: RE: another project idea

Not sure what they want for a full proposal but I agree, Sept 5 is coming fast.

Who did I cc?

The other approach to such things is to build it as you envision and then get it out to folks for input and agreement.

But I understand the work involved. Would be nice to have some help and cooperation.

From: Seidler, Renee

Sent: Friday, August 11, 2017 11:01 AM

To: Servheen, Gregg
Subject: RE: another project idea

Chris West has not returned any of my calls to answer questions. At this point, time is ticking away on NFWF. They want a full proposal (not pre) by September 5. I think WTI is bailing on the timeline. I'm wondering if the initially cc'd folks on the email you forwarded to me had already been through the pre-proposal process..?

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Gregg Servheen
Wildlife Program Coordinator

Fri 8/11/2017 5:26 PM

To: Servheen, Gregg; Bergen, Scott; Siitari, Kiira; McDonald, Mike; Teare, Jim

FW: IDFG projects and NFWF opportunity

All,

The window is very short on this National Fish and Wildlife Foundation RFP, but it could be a good opportunity for many of our transportation and wildlife projects. The largest grant available to any awardee is \$200,000 and a non-federal 1:1 match is required. I have a call next week to talk more about

projects fit with the Great Migrations and Crucial Corridors business plan. If you'd like to know more or have me run an idea past my contact, don't hesitate to call.

<http://www.nfwf.org/northernrockies/Pages/nrp2017rfp.aspx>

Cheers,

Renee

From: Seidler,Renee
Sent: Friday, August 11, 2017 5:18 PM
To: Seth Gallagher NFWF
Subject: IDFG projects and NFWF opportunity

Hi Seth,

Thank you much for the great information on our call today. While we have several projects that fit the existing NFWF Great Migrations and Crucial Corridors business plan, it's great to hear that there is flexibility in the plan and RSP as you are updating the plan. I look forward to talking with Chris next week to run some project ideas by him to talk about what is most exciting to NFWF. Chris can contact me at...

Thank you for the opportunity.

Best,

Renee

Renee Seidler
Transportation Specialist
Idaho Department of Fish and Game

Fri 8/18/2017 10:11 AM

Seidler, Renee

To: Eric Verner

CC: Tim Cramer

NFWF RFP

Hi Eric,

Here is the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation RFP (<http://www.nfwf.org/northernrockies/Pages/nrp2017rfp.aspx>). I will write a proposal for \$200,000 to contribute to the construction of a crossing structure. I am hoping that the state monies on the Targhee Pass project can be used as matching funds. If not, or if there is not enough match, can we look in to using relevant salaries as match?

This full proposal is due September 5, 2017. I hope to submit this on behalf of IDFG and ITD as partners on this project.

Thank you!

Renee

Renee Seidler
Transportation Specialist
Idaho Department of Fish and Game

Tue 8/22/2017 9:50 AM

Seidler, Renee

To: Smith, David

CC: Servheen, Gregg

RE: Requirements for NFWF application

...and here's the RFP.

From: Smith,David
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2017 9:03 AM
To: Seidler,Renee
Subject: RE: Requirements for NFWF application

Renee, attached are the required financial documents. I provide grant support for Wildlife Bureau grants. Do you happen to have a copy of the RFP for this grant? I have downloaded the tips sheet as well as the budget details and narrative sheets. Please feel free to ask me any questions. I would be glad to review materials prior to submission.

David Smith M.Ed.

Grants/Contracts Specialist

Wildlife Bureau

From: Servheen, Gregg
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 11:25 AM
To: Seidler,Renee
Cc: Smith,David
Subject: RE: Requirements for NFWF application

Renee,

Thx for the info.

As you put together the grant and materials, David Smith can help you.

He likely can run down some of the fiscal docs for the agency that NFWF requires.

And for IDFG, we need to submit a form to Div of Finanacial Mgmt. This form and an example letter from IDFG stating that there will be no fiscal repersuccisions if we do not get the grant are in the attached email from David.

Please work both of these simple forms/letters up and send them back to David and I.

And I think Toby (Assit Bureau Chief) has to sign off on the grant before it is submitted. I will talk to Toby and see if there are any concerns.

Thx

From: Seidler,Renee

Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 11:07 AM

To: Servheen,Gregg

Subject: Requirements for NFWF application

FYI as you are checking to see who needs to review the application within IDFG, these items are required upon submission, unless we are already on file with EasyGrants

(<http://www.nfwf.org/northernrockies/Documents/2017tipsheet.pdf>; page 3 of the tip sheet).

Upload	Required	Notes
Narrative	Yes	Template provided in Easygrants online application "Uploads" section.
Project Maps	Yes	In addition to the Mapping Tool, please submit maps and/or diagrams of on-site work proposed, if applicable. Strongly recommended for restoration or green infrastructure projects.
Letters of Support	No	Recommended from significant partners, especially those providing matching contributions. Letters of support should not be mailed directly to NFWF. Scan all letters of support into one single file and upload the file in the "Uploads" section of your online application.
Other documents	No	Ten (10) page limit.
Statement of Litigation	Yes	Template provided in Easygrants online application "Uploads" section. Federal, state, and local government applicants are not required to complete this section.
Board of Trustees or Directors	Yes	Provide a list of members. If your organization is not a nonprofit and does not have a Board, upload a document stating that none exists.
GAAP Audited Financial Statements*	Yes	Please refer to the Required Financial Documents and FAQs webpage for details on all financial information required for submission.
IRS Form 990*	Yes	Please refer to the Required Financial Documents and FAQs webpage for details on all financial information required for submission.
Single Audit*	Yes	Please refer to the Required Financial Documents and FAQs webpage for details on all financial information required for submission.
Conceptual or Engineered Plans	No	Conceptual or engineering designs of green infrastructure, restoration, best management practices, and other technology or techniques that will be employed during the course of the project, if applicable.
Photos	No	Applicant is welcome to add up to 3 relevant photos. Please compress photos to minimize file size.

Renee Seidler
 Transportation Specialist
 Idaho Department of Fish and Game
 Attached pdf



2017rfp.pdf

Wed 8/23/2017 1:40 PM

Seidler, Renee

To: Servheen, Gregg

NFWF proposal

Hi Gregg,

I've attached my first stab at the NFWF proposal. Note that it is laid-out in the format that I think it will need to be in for online submission, so it seems a little out of order. Please put as much red down as you feel appropriate!

I've included comments/questions from me in red font. One of my biggest questions is how to frame this honestly in our timeline without having NFWF blow over this because we're still in process and without having ITD concerned that we're talking too much about crossing structures that aren't yet decided upon. Quite a quandary- any advice you have here would be awesome.

I've also attached the "tip sheet" from NFWF, the RFP, and the business plan for this program which will be helpful to guide your edits. Note that the project description and abstract have character limits (1,000 and 1,500) and that the narrative part of this should not be longer than 6 pages (which I've only got ~2 pages so far... I wonder if it could be too short..?).

After a first round of edits from you, I'll get this to ITD and David Smith ASAP.

Cheers,

Renee

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Transportation Specialist
Idaho Department of Fish and Game



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Wed 8/23/2017 2:14 PM

Seidler, Renee

To: Smith, David

CC: Servheen, Gregg

RE: Requirements for NFWF application

Hi David,

I have filled out the form and updated the exit strategy letter as best I can and attached them here. I wasn't sure what the "XXXX" part of the letter was, so I highlighted it and left it as is. Also, the project won't cease without these funds so I modified the language in the letter and form to reflect that. And I didn't fill out how many FTEs will be on this project. I'm new enough at IDFG that I don't know how that language works. I'll be working on the project, but not as a full time effort (only part of my time will be spent applying for and managing this grant). Is that still 1 FTE? I hope this all seems right... Let me know if you need further information for these documents.

The draft proposal is in Gregg's hands right now and I also have to run this through ITD for edits. After a bit more input, I'll send a draft along to you. I can't remember if I sent you the RFP so it is attached here as well.

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To: Servheen,Gregg
Subject: Requirements for NFWF application

Attached documents to email, the first is a letter from Virgil Moore, IDFG Director

 DFM Exit Strategy
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 2017rfp.pdf
Letter Template- NFAApproval Form 2017

Wed 8/23/2017 5:29 PM

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Attached Report



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Thu 8/24/2017 12:05 PM

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Thu 8/24/2017 1:28 PM

Seidler, Renee

To: Servheen, Gregg

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Hi Gregg,

I haven't read closely enough to interpret the road density, but you are probably right. I just wasn't sure that the models had clearly defined what part of dense roads was impacting grizzly bear survival. I'm fine to drop the source-sink models for that reason.

However, just knowing my past experiences with NFWF and what is in their business plan, keeping grizzly bears in the proposal is a good idea (but can remove the source-sink reference). Does that cover staying away from the particulars, if the species is still included in target species?

And while on the topic of NFWF's business plan, I included the fish passage stuff because 1) the work is getting done (and paid for by ITD, so I'll see if it can be match), and 2) fish passage is listed as 2 out of 9 Project Metrics in the RFP so I was framing to include more of NFWF's needs. Do you still want it reduced from the proposal?

I have only had a quick scan at your comments so far, but I noticed some other places where you discussed changing some language that I had actually included because of the language NFWF uses. If I feel strongly about any of these spots, I'll circle back around and check in with you again. I hope to work on this at the end of the day.

Thanks,

Renee

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Fri 8/25/2017 3:42 PM

Seidler, Renee

To: Servheen, Gregg

NFWF draft 8.25.2017

Hi Gregg,

I am still working on this a little (figures, etc.), but the major points you made have been updated. If you have time before the end of the day could you let me know if you're ok for this to go to Tim Cramer and Eric Verner for their review? I'm headed out for a run and was hoping to catch you before you leave the office.

Thank you!

Renee

Renee Seidler
Transportation Specialist
Idaho Department of Fish and Game
Copy of proposal



IDFG-ITD NFWF ppl
8.25.2017.docx

Mon 8/28/2017 11:39 AM

Seidler, Renee

To: Gregg Servheen

Updated budget and figures

Hi Gregg,

Here is the version of the proposal that I would like to send to Eric and Tim and David Smith. I made some map changes and modified the budget to reflect ~3 miles of fence (instead of 2). I wasn't sure if you wanted to chat before I send this to others. I'm curious your thoughts on the missing budget balance (\$668,955).

Thanks,

Renee

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Attached document



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Tue 8/29/2017 10:35 AM

Seidler, Renee

To: Servheen, Gregg

Comments back on last NFWF ppl draft

Hi Gregg,

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Cheers,

Renee
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Tue 8/29/2017 10:49 AM

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Tue 8/29/2017 11:22 AM

Eric Verner

To: Seidler, Renee; Tim Cramer; Smith, David

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Karen – FYI and your response.

Thanks,

Eric

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Project Information

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Grants | Northern Rockies - Great Migrations and Crucial Corridors | Northern Rockies - Great Migration:

Instructions

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- **Home** brings you back to your Home page and out of this submission task.
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Validation Summary

Page Name	Status
Contact Information	✓ Complete
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Permits and Approvals	✓ Complete

This is the Project Details Screen: The Description is limited to 1000 characters. Yours has 384 characters remaining. The abstract is limited to 1500 characters. Yours is 269 over. Please reduce to 1500. Perhaps you can move some of the abstract into the description???????

Project Details

Project Title *

Project Start Date * 

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Map page: Do you have a shapefile for this location I can upload? See description below.

Map your project at the finest scale by any of the three options:

Upload Shapefile

- Select a Zip file(.zip) containing a shapefile(.shp,.dbf,.prj) from your local file system.
- The shapefile must be of POLYGON geometry type.
- The shapefile must not exceed 1 MB.

No file chosen

Metrics Page: I believe I selected the appropriate metrics. However, your proposal does not show values. Can you provide them?

- To view and select the available metrics, click **Select Metric**. A page will display all of the available metrics. If the list of available metrics is long, you can filter the list by clicking on the *Show* options - **Templates** and/or **Strategies**: Templates allows you to filter on metric templates, if there is more than one; Strategies allows you to filter on a single Strategy, e.g., Habitat Management - *Show All* is the default for both. For more details on each metric, "mouse-over" the question mark icon.
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- To remove a metric after you've selected it, click the **red X** to the right of the line item. To delete several metrics at once, click the checkbox to the left of each metric name and click **Delete Selected** at the bottom of the page. The system will request confirmation before deleting Metrics, and the page will refresh with the remaining metrics. All metrics remaining on the page must contain values before final submission.
- When you are finished providing values, click **Save and Continue** to save your metrics and move to the next page.

Note: The metrics provided here are those selected by the Foundation. If you would like to report on additional metrics, please include these in your project narrative.

Applicant Submission Version

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Budget Page: Can you provide a budget breakdown? I have attached a spreadsheet we use with formulas if that helps

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- Type: Cash or In kind
- Description

Matching Contribution Editor

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Permits and Approvals Page: I need additional information. You show letters of support but nothing on permits or approvals. I didn't want to assume that is because there aren't any.

- Status: Applications Submitted, Intend to Apply, Received, or Completed.

**Instructions**

Please describe the Permits or Approvals that are required for this project by completing the fields below. Fields marked with a red asterisk (*) are required. Click **Save** regularly to save your work. **The system will timeout and you will lose unsaved work if you do not save at least once every hour.** Click **Save and Close** to save and return to the Permits list page. Click **Help** for examples and instructions.

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Permit/Approval Description *	<input type="text"/>
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Anticipated Submittal/Approval Date *	<input type="text"/>

Save and Close**Close**

David Smith M.Ed.
Grants/Contracts Specialist
Wildlife Bureau

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Budget Detail
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Tue 8/29/2017 12:17 PM

Seidler, Renee

To: Smith, David

CC: Servheen, Gregg

E: NFWF DRAFT PROPOSAL: SHORT TURN-AROUND

Thank you David! My apologies for not re-checking the number of characters in the abstract. I had it below 1500, then made changes and did not re-check. I will wait for edits and comments from ITD and then modify accordingly.

Files for the study area shapefile are attached. Together, those files will all create one shapefile.

For the metrics, the starting values area 4 miles of road and 1 mile of stream. It appears that the target values are what gets reported after the project is complete. Is that how you interpret it?

I believe that the budget and matching elements will be \$200,000 used for contractual service. Match is \$200,000 non-federal; the money is cash and has been received. However, let's wait for ITD to respond on these items to be sure.

On a side note, is the budget sheet you sent also used to balance existing budgets at IDFG? I'm looking for a format for tracking my own project budget.

Let me know if I missed anything-

Thank you!!

Renee

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(The following was the same information as in the previous email regarding application screenshots; there were also 7 study area attachments in this email that could not be opened)

Tue 8/29/2017 12:48 PM

Seidler, Renee

To: David Weskamp

CC: Lou Lunte; Servheen, Gregg

Letter of support

Hi Dave,

I'm delighted that you are interested in providing us a letter of support for our proposal to NFWF. Apologies again for such a short turn around. I am still getting details on submission of a letter, but if nothing else you can send it to us and it will be submitted with our entire proposal package.

I've attached the RFP and the NFWF Great Migrations and Crucial Corridors Business Plan. Below is the abstract for our proposal. Please do not distribute the proposal outside of TNC. Don't hesitate to call back if you have any questions.

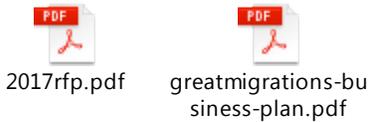
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Renee

Abstract: US Highway 20 (US 20) from Island Park to the Idaho – Montana state line is a barrier to wildlife, with high rates of WVC's creating a safety hazard for motorists. Through an important partnership with Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG), the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) is designing US 20 highway elements to reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions and to maintain or improve wildlife connectivity as part of a highway improvement project on Targhee Pass. The project area traverses the Caribou-Targhee National Forest and private lands of the Yellowstone Plateau and is renowned as part of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem and for its associated megafauna and fisheries. Crossing structures for mule deer, elk, moose, pronghorn, black bear, grizzly bear and wolverine are proposed to be incorporated into the project by ITD and IDFG to improve wildlife connectivity and driver safety. Current allocation of project funding is sufficient to provide for construction of at least one crossing structure, two miles of wildlife fence and two culvert replacements to allow fish passage. However, recommendations of an independent contractor (Cramer 2016) and IDFG professional staff have

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Renee Seidler
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Idaho Department of Fish and Game
Attached documents



Tue 8/29/2017 2:13 PM

Seidler, Renee

To: Servheen, Gregg

RE: Letter of support

I also want to make sure—not sure you caught it in the proposal—that you know that we’re asking for money to help round-out the costs of one overpass and fencing. There’s actually not enough money from ITD (10% of \$22.2 M, the latest figure that was shared in yesterday’s meeting) to pay for an overpass and 3+ miles of fence, by my estimates (if you missed it, the 3+ miles instead of 2 are from Marcel’s 2016 meta-analysis on mitigation lengths). For the culverts, I’ve only estimated to cost \$10,000 total so they are barely a drop in the bucket.

I just didn’t want you to think that we are trying to build a second structure with NFWF’s \$200,000. That will be with FLAP money ;)

Renee

From: Servheen, Gregg
Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2017 1:44 PM
To: Seidler, Renee
Subject: RE: Letter of support

Renee,

How about a letter from the USFWS?

If you draft one, I can see if I can get it signed by someone in Boise the next few days.

From: Seidler, Renee
Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2017 12:48 PM
To: David Weskamp

Cc: 'Lou Lunte'; Servheen, Gregg
Subject: Letter of support

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Thank you,

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Renee Seidler
Transportation Specialist
Idaho Department of Fish and Game

Tue 8/29/2017 4:53 PM

Seidler, Renee

To: Jeff Burrell

Letter of support

Hi Jeff,

Thank you so much for providing a letter of support for our proposal to NFWF. I've pasted a draft version of our abstract below. Please do not distribute. Chris West asked that your letter of support be sent directly to him at:

Chris West
Director, Rocky Mountain Regional Office
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

Good luck to Chris and WCS on your proposal! I wish I could reciprocate the letter!

Best,

Renee

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Renee Seidler
Transportation Specialist
Idaho Department of Fish and Game

Tue 8/29/2017 5:31 PM

Seidler, Renee

To; Servheen, Gregg

Geez- still stuttering with Outlook!

Past Successes should now be attached...

From: Seidler,Renee
Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2017 5:31 PM
To: Seidler,Renee
Subject: RE: Past Successes section

Oops, ok now it's attached.

From: Seidler,Renee
Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2017 5:30 PM
To: Servheen,Gregg
Subject: RE: Past Successes section

Is this helpful? If you need me to fill out more of the text or clean it up I can work on that. I need your help on dates and details.

Thanks!

Renee

From: Servheen,Gregg
Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2017 1:52 PM
To: Seidler,Renee
Subject: RE: Past Successes section

The main addition might be the bridges work now in progress in the Upper Salmon, etc. You heard about that in Salmon.

And of course our agreement and your hire since then. The new MOU, etc in terms of non-construction.

If you want to turn it into text instead of a bullet list, I can help with that. The main idea being that IDFG has/is working with ITD in partnership and has accomplished these projects and work. If you want more, send me the list you want to work with.

You can also include the roadkill database and its # of records, our web services providing data to ITD for their projects.

They should get the idea that the state f/w agency has capacity and ability to accomplish what we are asking for.

Also, what about a letter from WCS and YNP? Have you got contacts that would help make that happen?

Send me what you want fleshed out in terms of info.

From: Seidler,Renee
Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2017 1:43 PM
To: Servheen,Gregg
Subject: RE: Past Successes section

Thanks Gregg, this is helpful! Since it is 2013 info, do you have anything to add in the most recent 4 years? Is there a resource that has a little more information on these so I can turn it into text? Or do I need to find each one separately?

RS

From: Servheen, Gregg
Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2017 1:33 PM
To: Seidler, Renee
Subject: RE: Past Successes section

Renee,

See if the material at the end of the attached briefing paper will do.

From: Seidler, Renee
Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2017 1:18 PM
To: Servheen, Gregg
Cc: Smith, David
Subject: Past Successes section

Hi Gregg,

I'm wondering if you have time to put together text for the Past Successes section of the NFWF application. I got a response from Chris about what they are looking for. See his response below. It appears to be pretty organizationally aligned.

Thank you,

Renee

> 3. What is NFWF looking for in the Past Successes section? Do you want staff bios? Other NFWF projects that staff have been involved with? Successes already achieved on this project? Any conservation successes? For me, since I am new to IDFG/WMI my past conservation successes will not reflect my current employment, if that is the desired metric.

>

We are looking for past successes by the organization and/or the proponents. It's mainly a way to demonstrate that you have the ability and capacity to deliver on the project

Renee Seidler
Transportation Specialist
Idaho Department of Fish and Game
Attached document



Past Successes.docx

Wed 8/30/2017 7:58 AM

Lou Lunte

To: Seidler, Renee; David Weskamp

CC: Servheen, Gregg

RE: Letter of support – Act

Renee,

The grant program seems like a great fit with the proposed project, so hopefully it will be well received by NFWF. This project is one that TNC can strongly support and we are pleased to provide a letter stating that support.

Dave, if you'd like me to review the draft letter of support just let me know. Also, if Toni is unavailable, I'd be happy to sign the letter.

Good luck!

Lou

The Nature Conservancy in Idaho

From: Seidler,Renee

Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2017 12:48 PM

To: David Weskamp

Cc: Lou Lunte; Servheen,Gregg

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Renee Seidler
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Idaho Department of Fish and Game

Wed 8/30/2017 11:44 AM

Seidler, Renee

To: Servheen, Gregg; Tim Cramer; Eric Verner

FW: Letter of support for ID F&G

FYI, we just received this fantastic letter of support from the CTNF.

From: Davy, Elizabeth -FS [<mailto:edavy@fs.fed.us>]

Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 11:38 AM

To: Seidler,Renee; Chris.West@NFWF.ORG

Subject: Letter of support for ID F&G

Chris and Renee, attached is my support letter.

Liz Davy
District Ranger

Forest Service

Caribou-Targhee National Forest, Ashton/Island Park Ranger District

From: Seidler,Renee

Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2017 1:12 PM

To: Davy, Elizabeth -FS

Subject: Where to send letter of support

Hi Liz,

Here is the contact for where you can email your letter of support:

Chris West
Director, Rocky Mountain Regional Office
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

Thank you so much!

Best,

Renee

Renee Seidler
Transportation Specialist
Idaho Department of Fish and Game
Attached Letter



IDFG support
letter059.pdf

Thu 8/31/2017 11:32 AM

Seidler, Renee

To: Smith, David

CC: Servheen, Gregg

Past Successes

Hi David,

I've attached a document that can be used for the Past Successes portion of the NFWF grant application.

I'm working to do some edits on the Narrative, after receiving comments from IDFG. These edits will need to be approved by IDFG. I hope to send this back out to them today and have edits back from them tomorrow. How is your schedule looking for a last-minute submission? What else do you need from me?

Thank you!

Renee

Renee Seidler
Transportation Specialist
Idaho Department of Fish and Game
Copy of Past Successes



Past Successes.docx

Thu 8/31/2017 3:51 PM

Seidler, Renee

To: Karen Hiatt

CC: Servheen, Gregg; Eric Verner; Tim Cramer

Updates to NFWF ppl

Hi Karen,

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Thank you!

Renee

Renee Seidler
Transportation Specialist
Idaho Department of Fish and Game
Attached document



IDFG-ITD NFWF ppl
8.31.2017 v2.docx

Fri 9/1/2017 10:44 AM

Lou Lunte

To: Chris West

CC: Seidler, Renee; Servheen, Gregg; David Weskamp; Tim Cramer

TNC Support Letter for ITD & IDFG Grant Proposal

Hi Chris,

It is with great enthusiasm that I submit the attached letter of support for the ITD & IDFG grant request to NFWF for their proposed project to provide a safe wildlife crossing and to restore fish passage along the Targhee Pass highway.

I know you will receive many worthwhile proposals and I thank you in advance for giving this proposal careful review and consideration.

Best,

Lou

Attached Letter



TNC Support LTR
for Targhee Pass Wil

Fri 9/1/2017 2:37 PM

Karen Hiatt

To: Seidler, Renee

CC: Servheen, Gregg; Eric Verner; Tim Cramer; Jason Minzghor

RE: Updates to NFWF ppl

Renee, I have reviewed the NFWF grant proposal and do not feel comfortable with ITD supporting the application for this grant with the Targhee Pass project where it is currently in the NEPA process.

I apologize for this short notice and suggest that we set up a time that Jason Minzghor, Gregg Servheen, you and I can sit down and discuss concerns and strategies moving forward. Jason Minzghor is out of the office next week, so it would need to be the second week of September for a meeting.

Please let me know some dates and times that work and we will go from there.

Sincerely,

Karen Hiatt

Engineering Manager

From: Seidler,Renee
Sent: Thursday, August 31, 2017 3:51 PM
To: Karen Hiatt
Cc: Servheen,Gregg ; Eric Verner; Tim Cramer
Subject: Updates to NFWF ppl

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Thank you!

Renee

Renee Seidler
Transportation Specialist
Idaho Department of Fish and Game

Mon 9/4/2017 11:12 AM

Seidler, Renee

To: Chris West

CC: Gregg Servheen

Question about NFWF GMCC proposal

Hi Chris,

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Thank you,

Renee

Renee Seidler
Transportation Specialist
Idaho Department of Fish and Game

Mon 9/4/2017 11:16 AM

Seidler, Renee

To: Smith, David

CC: Servheen, Gregg

Need to resolve risk concern on NFWF proposal

Hi David,

We've run into a glitch with ITD regarding our proposal to NFWF. They have concerns that the risk of applying for grant money that will help pay for wildlife elements on the project during NEPA process is too great. We're trying to come up with a creative work-around, but so far have none. Stand by for the final grant application (with fingers crossed). If you want to talk this through, I am available later this afternoon or tomorrow morning. If I don't pick up, just leave a message with timing for me to call you back.

Thanks,

Renee

Renee Seidler
Transportation Specialist
Idaho Department of Fish and Game

Mon 9/4/2017 12:33 PM

Chris West

To: Seidler, Renee

CC: Servheen, Gregg

Re: Question about NFWF GMCC proposal

I should be around this afternoon. My cell is *****. Otherwise let's catch up in the morning Tuesday

On Sep 4, 2017, at 11:12 AM, Seidler,Renee wrote:

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Thank you,

Renee

Renee Seidler
Transportation Specialist
Idaho Department of Fish and Game

Tue 9/5/2017 11:48 AM

Burak, Greg

To: Seidler, Renee

CC: Servheen, Gregg

Re: USFWS letter of support for NFWF grant application for US highway 20 crossing work?

Hi Renee and Gregg,

I have the signed letter of support to send to Chris West.

Would you like me to cc you and Gregg on the email?

Thanks.

Greg

(This was in response to the Tue, Aug 29, 2017 at 4:48 PM, Seidler, Renee email)

Tue 9/5/2017 11:59 AM

Seidler, Renee

To: Burak, Greg

CC: Servheen, Gregg

RE: USFWS letter of support for NFWF grant application for US highway 20 crossing work?

Hi Greg,

That would be fantastic, thank you!

Best,

Renee

From: Burak, Greg
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2017 11:48 AM
To: Seidler,Renee
Cc: Servheen,Gregg
Subject: Re: USFWS letter of support for NFWF grant application for US highway 20 crossing work?

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Would you like me to cc you and Gregg on the email?

Thanks.

Greg

On Tue, Aug 29, 2017 at 4:48 PM, Seidler,Renee > wrote:

Hi Greg,

It would be fantastic if you are able to put together a letter. National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Rockies Program Director, Chris West, has asked the letter be sent directly to him via email. Here is his contact info:

Chris West
Director, Rocky Mountain Regional Office
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

Apologies again for the tight turn around and thank for your time on this!

Best,

Renee

From: Servheen,Gregg
Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2017 2:45 PM
To: 'Burak, Greg'
Cc: Seidler,Renee
Subject: RE: USFWS letter of support for NFWF grant application for US highway 20 crossing work?

I think if we got it Tuesday during business hrs we can upload it as part of the application just fine.

From: Burak, Greg
Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2017 2:33 PM
To: Servheen,Gregg
Cc: Seidler,Renee
Subject: Re: USFWS letter of support for NFWF grant application for US highway 20 crossing work?

Hi Gregg,

Let me see what I can do.

Do you need it by COB Tues the 5th to include in the app?

Greg

On Tue, Aug 29, 2017 at 2:23 PM, Servheen, Gregg wrote:

Greg,

Rene (cc'd here and who works for me as our IDFG transportation specialist on contract with WMI) and I are working on a grant application to the NFWF for \$200K to help put in a crossing and fencing on US 20 in the 4 miles on the ID side from the state line.

We intend to apply cooperatively with ITD. We hope they agree to commit to the match of the grant.

As we think multiple crossings are the best thing, so we are looking to supplement the existing funding with this grant to help get the first crossing/fencing and then are looking to go for a grant via Western Federal Highways folks (an FLP grant) for more than 1 crossing. The draft Rene has put together for the NFWF rfp is attached. ITD is reviewing the draft now and we are looking to finalize by due date which is next Tuesday COB eastern time.

What I am wondering is if the FWS could provide a letter of support in this short turn around time?

Any help you can provide that way would be great. I have attached a basic draft of a letter plus background info.

My apologies for the tight deadline. I should have asked you sooner.

Thx for any help you can provide.

Gregg Servheen
Wildlife Program Coordinator

Tue 9/5/2017 12:01 PM

Seidler, Renee

Another standby

To: Smith, David

CC: Servheen, Gregg

The project monies that come to me are originally federal money (ITD has a pot of federal dollars that they use to pay consultants and contractors and this is the source they used). So, the money came from federal sources, went to the state transportation department, then to the state wildlife management agency and is then funneled through the Wildlife Management Institute (non-profit) as a contract agreement with the state. I have sent this email out to Chris West (NFWF) and left a similar voice mail for him. Waiting to hear back whether this will work or not...

Best,

Renee

Renee Seidler
Transportation Specialist

Tue 9/5/2017 12:10 PM

Burak, Greg

To: Chris West

CC: Servheen, Gregg; Seidler, Renee; Tracy Melbihess

Letter of Support for IDFG NFWF Proposal

Hi Chris,

Please see the attached letter of support.

The reference link to our office's Priority Conservation Strategy did not come out in the letter, so if you are interested, it can be found here:

https://www.fws.gov/idaho/documents/SHC/IFWOstrategicframework_10August2017_FINAL-6c_lo-res.pdf

Thanks.

Greg

Greg Burak

US Fish and Wildlife Service
Attached Letter of Support



Signed IFWO letter
of support 0901201.

Tue 9/5/2017 1:04 PM

Seidler, Renee

To: Servheen, Gregg

FW: NFWF

From: Smith,David

Sent: Tuesday, September 05, 2017 12:54 PM

To: Seidler,Renee

Subject: FW: NFWF

Renee, see the e-mail below I sent to Brad Compton. He is our former Federal Aid Coordinator. If my description of your e-mail is correct, Brad says we cannot use your salary as match. It is a federal source.

David Smith M.Ed.

Grants/Contracts Specialist

Wildlife Bureau

From: Smith,David

Sent: Tuesday, September 05, 2017 12:17 PM

To: Compton,Brad

Subject: NFWF

Importance: High

Brad, I am working on a NFWF grant and was concerned about the source of match. Renee is asking to use her salary as match. I asked her to trace its origin. Below is her answer. I don't believe she can use it. Thoughts?

ITD funds provided to IDFG who then contracts with WMI to hire Renee.

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From: Seidler,Renee

Sent: Tuesday, September 05, 2017 12:01 PM

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Renee Seidler
Transportation Specialist
Idaho Department of Fish and Game

Tue 9/5/2017 3:55 PM

Seidler, Renee

To: Servheen, Gregg, Smith, David

FW: Matching money source

Response from Chris:

From: Chris West]

Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2017 3:37 PM

To: Seidler,Renee

Subject: RE: Matching money source

Renee,

Here is what I go back from our compliance shop on the topic. It doesn't sound like this is positive news for us in this case... Unfortunately, almost all of our funding in this grant round is non-federal in origin on our end.

"Matching contributions cannot be paid by the Federal Government under another Federal award unless there is a Federal statute authorizing Federal funds to be made available as match. I am not aware of any NFWF funding sources with a statute that allows for Federal match. My answer would be that no, this is not eligible."

Chris

Chris West

Director, Rocky Mountain Regional Office

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

From: Seidler,Renee

Sent: Tuesday, September 05, 2017 11:56 AM

To: Chris West

Cc: Servheen,Gregg

Subject: Matching money source

Hi Chris,

I left a message for you on your voicemail, but thought I'd double up here. ITD tells me that the money that pays my position and my project is originally federal money (they have a pot of federal dollars that they use to pay consultants and contractors and this is the source they used). So, the money came from

federal sources, went to the state transportation department, then to the state wildlife management agency and is then funneled through the Wildlife Management Institute (non-profit) as a contract agreement with the state. Does this still fit in the parameters of an acceptable match for the current GMCC grant cycle?

Thank you,

Renee

Renee Seidler
Transportation Specialist
Idaho Department of Fish and Game

Wed 9/6/2017 8:34 AM

Seidler, Renee

To: David Weskamp

CC: Servheen, Gregg

Targhee Pass project proposal to NFWF

Hi Dave;

I want to let you know that we elected not to move ahead with the NFWF proposal related to the Targhee pass project.

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Nonetheless we look forward to working with you and others to find similar but more timely funding opportunities and hope TNC can continue to provide support for such efforts.

Thank you again for all your help. It is much appreciated.

Best,

Renee

Renee Seidler
Transportation Specialist
Idaho Department of Fish and Game

Wed 9/6/2017 8:36 AM

Seidler, Renee

To: Davy, Elizabeth -FS

CC: Servheen, Gregg

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Hi Liz,

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Renee

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Idaho Department of Fish and Game

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Seidler, Renee

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I want to let you know that we elected not to move ahead with the NFWF proposal related to the Targhee pass project.

As we got closer to submitting the proposal, it became clear that we needed to be cautious about how ITD and their matching funds were represented in the proposal given where the NEPA process is and that no alternative with a wildlife crossing has been picked at this point.

To avoid any implication that the proposal was pre-decisional about the project, we elected not to submit the proposal and instead will look for another opportunity to help fund the work on Targhee pass and US 20.

We appreciate your support of our efforts. I apologize for the time you and others put into getting us a letter on such short notice.

Nonetheless we look forward to working with you and others to find similar but more timely funding opportunities and hope WCS can continue to provide support for such efforts.

Thank you again for all your help. It is much appreciated.

Best,

Renee

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Dlugolecki, Lisa

Draft Support Letter

To: Servheen, Gregg

Hi Gregg

I am not sure if you already have a copy of this, and I can track down the final copy if you need it, but this is a draft letter of support that was written in support of wildlife crossings for the NFWF grant.

However, if any other letters of support are needed for this project please let me know and I will see what we can do!

Thanks

Lisa Dlugolecki
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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
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