

**2008 - 2011 SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS
PUBLIC LAW 110-343
TITLE II PROJECT SUBMISSION FORM
USDA FOREST SERVICE**

Name of Resource Advisory Committee:
Project Number (Assigned by Designated Federal Official):
Funding Fiscal Year(s):

2. Project Name: Gallatin Collaborative – Phase 1	3a. State: Montana 3b. County(s): Gallatin
4. Project Submitted By: Yellowstone Business Partnership (YBP)	5. Date: October 15, 2010
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8. Project Location: Hyalite Porcupine Buffalo Horn Wilderness Study Area	
a. National Forest(s): Gallatin	b. Forest Service District (s): Bozeman, Hebgen Lake
c. Location (Township-Range-Section) Gallatin Range north of Yellowstone National Park	

9. Project Goals and Objectives: The long-term goal is to sunset the wilderness study area designation by reaching a consensus agreement through a public, collaborative process.
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10. Project Description:
a. Brief: (<i>in one sentence</i>) For Phase 1, YBP will assess the prospects for a successful collaborative process to resolve the HPBHWSA issues and if favorable prospects exist, recommend next steps.
b. Detailed: see attached narrative

11. Types of Lands Involved?
State/Private/Other lands involved? X Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Land Status: WSA
If Yes, specify: also involves adjacent State wildlife management land and private land.

12. How does the proposed project meet purposes of the Legislation? (Check at least 1)
<input type="checkbox"/> Improves maintenance of existing infrastructure.
X Implements stewardship objectives that enhance forest ecosystems.
<input type="checkbox"/> Restores and improves land health.
<input type="checkbox"/> Restores water quality

13. Project Type	
a. Check all that apply: (check at least 1)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Road Maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/> Trail Maintenance
<input type="checkbox"/> Road Decommission/Obliteration	<input type="checkbox"/> Trail Obliteration
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Infrastructure Maintenance (specify):	
<input type="checkbox"/> Soil Productivity Improvement	<input type="checkbox"/> Forest Health Improvement
<input type="checkbox"/> Watershed Restoration & Maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife Habitat Restoration
<input type="checkbox"/> Fish Habitat Restoration	<input type="checkbox"/> Control of Noxious Weeds
<input type="checkbox"/> Reestablish Native Species	<input type="checkbox"/> Fuels Management/Fire Prevention
<input type="checkbox"/> Implement CWPP Project	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Project Type (specify): WSA Conflict Resolution through a Public Collaborative Process
b. Primary Purpose (select only 1): Wildlife, soils, forests and waterways all will benefit if an agreement can be reached on this WSA. This is a research project to assess the viability of collaboration process for this issue	

14. Identify What the Project Will Accomplish
Miles of road maintained:
Miles of road decommissioned/obliterated:
Number of structures maintained/improved:
Acres of soil productivity improved:
Miles of stream/river restored/improved:
Miles of fish habitat restored/improved:
Acres of native species reestablished:
Acres of hazardous fuel treatment
Miles of trail maintained:
Miles of trial obliterated:
Acres of forest health improved (including fuels reduction):
Acres of rangeland improved:
Acres of wildlife habitat restored/improved:
Acres of noxious weeds controlled:
Timber volume generated (mbf):
Jobs generated in full time equivalents (FTE) to nearest tenth. .6 FTE for the 12 week assessment period
People reached (for environmental education projects/fire prevention): Cross section of WSA stakeholders, plus institutional leaders able to assess the climate for collaborative success in Gallatin County. General public will be reached through various outreach methods (press releases, online surveys etc.)

Direct economic activity benefit: Phase 1 provides for 12 weeks of YBP employment (see above)
Other:

15. Estimated Project Start Date: 1-1-11	16. Estimated Project Completion Date: 3-31-11
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17. List known partnerships or collaborative opportunities.

YBP will ensure that those with the greatest stake in the WSA outcome – recreational and environmental interests, special use permittees, adjacent landowners, and Yellowstone National Park – will invited to participate in the assessment in some fashion. In addition, the assessment team will reach out to chambers of commerce and elected officials throughout Gallatin County to assess their interest in a collaborative approach and to evaluate the climate for civil dialogue. The public will be made aware of the assessment through press releases and online survey opportunities.

Included in the assessment will be references to past reports on collaboration in the Northern Rockies, including case studies that reinforce the value of engaging all parties in consensus decision making. Those entities in the Northern Rockies that have successfully employed collaborative approaches to resolve specific natural resource conflicts will be evaluated for their process’ applicability to this situation in Gallatin County. This includes the Clearwater Basin Collaborative, The Blackfoot Challenge and the Henry’s Fork Watershed Council.

18. Identify benefits to communities.

This assessment should prove valuable to all communities in Gallatin County even if a negative conclusion is reached regarding further collaboration on this WSA issue. The findings of such a comprehensive assessment on the potential for consensus-building in Gallatin County should of use to all agencies and organizations attempting to resolve conflict within their jurisdictions.

19. How does the project benefit federal lands/resources?

YBP believes that collaborative approaches are necessary to resolving complex, cross-boundary challenges across the Greater Yellowstone ecosystem. While the HPBHWSA crosses only forest district boundaries, the resolution of final boundaries and management designations will benefit adjacent lands, forests and Yellowstone National Park in making their decisions. A consensus solution should lead to greater respect of forest resources in terms of user compliance and stewardship, and equip collaborators with the tools they’ll need to resolve future resource challenges.

20. What is the Proposed Method(s) of Accomplishment? (check at least 1)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contract for final deliverable (assessment)	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal Workforce
<input type="checkbox"/> County Workforce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Volunteers will be involved
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grant is also acceptable	<input type="checkbox"/> Agreement
<input type="checkbox"/> Americorps	<input type="checkbox"/> YCC/CCC Crews
<input type="checkbox"/> Job Corps	<input type="checkbox"/> Stewardship Contract
<input type="checkbox"/> Merchantable Timber Pilot	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):

21. Will the Project Generate Merchantable Timber? Yes No

22. Anticipated Project Costs

a. Title II Funds Requested: **\$13,963**

b. Is this a multi-year funding request? Yes No Phase 2 will likely be multi-year, however

23. Identify Source(s) of Other Funding: Cash contributions to date include \$500 from the Rocky Mountain Truck Center in Belgrade, MT, and \$500 from the Montana Mountain Bike Alliance. Additional cash contributions are anticipated. In addition, YBP expects in-kind time contributions from interested business members to assist in the assessment, plus all stakeholders who volunteer for the one-on-one interviews and focus groups will contribute their time as well.

24. Monitoring Plan (provide as attachment) –

- a. Provide a plan that describes your process for tracking and explaining the effects of this project on your environmental and community goals outlined above.
- b. Identify who will conduct the monitoring:
- c. Identify total funding needed to carry out specified monitoring tasks (Worksheet 1, Item k):

25. Identify remedies for failure to comply with the terms of the agreement.

If project cannot be completed under the terms of this agreement:

Unused funds will be returned to the RAC account.

Other, please explain:

Project Recommended By:

/s/ (INSERT Signature)

Chairperson

Resource Advisory Committee

Project Approved By:

/s/ (INSERT Signature)

Forest Supervisor

National Forest

Project Cost Analysis Worksheet

Worksheet 1

Please submit this worksheet with your proposal

Item	Column A Fed. Agency Appropriated Contribution	Column B Requested Title II Contribution	Column C Other Contributions	Column D Total Available Funds
a. Field Work & Site Surveys				
b. NEPA/CEQA				
c. ESA Consultation				
d. Permit Acquisition				
e. Project Design & Engineering				
f. Contract/Grant Preparation				
g. Contract/Grant Administration				
h. Contract/Grant Cost				
i. Salary/Fringe: 300 hrs @ \$45 (YBP Team compensation)		12,500	1,000	13,500
j. Materials & Supplies (includes any meeting costs)		250		250
k. Monitoring				
l. Other				
1. Travel cost @ \$250/mo		750		750
2. Partner Indirect Cost (.025)		363		363
m. Project Sub-Total				
n. FS Indirect Costs				
Total Cost Estimate		\$13,963	1,000	\$14,963

NOTES:

- a. Pre-NEPA Costs
- g. Includes Contracting/Grant Officer Representative (COR) costs. Excludes Contracting/Grant Officer costs.
- i. Cost of implementing project
- l. Examples include overhead charges from other partners, vehicles, equipment rentals, travel, etc.
- n. Forest Service indirect costs, including contracting/grant officer costs if needed.