

General Discussion: May 24, 2016

9:00 a.m. – BCC Conference Room

Commissioners Cherryl Walker, Keith Heck, and Simon G. Hare; Terri Wharton, Recorder

Chair Cherryl Walker called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

1. FMAG-HMGP Grant (Hall)

Jenny Hall, Emergency Services Manager, explained following the Krauss Lane Fire the County qualified for the Natural Hazard Mitigation Grant, and was awarded \$441,555 for rehabilitation of certain properties. She explained she met with several fire districts, Forestry, and Josephine Soil and Water Conservation District (JSWCD) to develop a project list and distributed **Exhibit 1 – Josephine County FMAG-HMGP Application List**. She said the grant will cover 75% of costs with a 25% match. Dave Streeter, Forestry Program Manager, explained the projects Forestry will be involved with and that the 25% match can be satisfied with salaries, seedlings, and labor, and the project JSWCD will be working on is with individual landowners. Jenny explained the actual applications need to be submitted by August and she needs to submit the pre-applications to the State soon. The Board advised they will review the applications and make a decision at the May 26, 2016 Administrative Workshop.

2. Allowing Fireworks Display in the County (Hall)

Commissioner Walker distributed a letter from the Office of State Fire Marshal regarding supervision of fireworks displays saying she was not in favor of issuing permits in the unprotected areas of Josephine County (**Exhibit 2 – Supervision of Fireworks Displays**). Following a short discussion the Board agreed not to issue fireworks display permits. Commissioner Walker said she would send a letter to the State Fire Marshal's Office explaining the Board's position and will send out a press release.

3. Other (*ORS 192.640(1) “. . . notice shall include a list of the principal subjects anticipated to be considered at the meeting, but this requirement shall not limit the ability of a governing body to consider additional subjects.”*)

Commissioner Walker distributed **Exhibit 3 – Draft Letter Regarding BLM Suitability Report on a 63.5-mile Segment of the Rogue River** and asked if the Board would like her to send it on their behalf or not at all. Commissioner Heck suggested the full Board sign the letter and Commissioner Hare agreed. *Staff was directed to prepared the letter and place it in the Board's signature file.*

Commissioner Walker mentioned that next week there will be a General Discussion meeting with Kirk Brust, Kirk Administrator, regarding Courthouse Replacement Projects. *Staff was instructed to invite Ryan Johnson, Building Maintenance Manager, to attend the meeting.*

Commissioner Walker discussed grant funding for broadband in rural areas and said she was continuing to look for funding. Commissioner Hare suggested she contact Congressman Walden's office for assistance.

The meeting adjourned at 9:46 a.m.

EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1 – Josephine County FMAG-HMGP Application List

Exhibit 2 – Letter Regarding Supervision of Fireworks Displays

Exhibit 3 – Draft Letter Regarding BLM Suitability Report on a 63.5-mile Segment of the Rogue River

EXHIBIT A
General Discussion
5/24/16

Josephine County FMAG-HMGP Application List:

JoCo Rehab project:	\$105,000
JoCo Fuels Reduction project:	\$233,805
<u>Josephine SWCD</u>	<u>\$102,750</u>
Total	\$441,555



**Oregon Office of Emergency Management
HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM (HMGP)
2015 FMAG-HMGP Pilot**



A. Project Title: Hazard/Fuels Reduction Project

B. Sub-Applicant Identification

- 1. Name of Organization: Josephine Soil and Water Conservation District**
- 2. Type of Organization: Conservation District, Sub-unit, OR Dept of Agriculture**
- 3. Current Jurisdiction Mitigation Plan/Date: January 2012**

C. Sub-Applicant's Representative (This applicant's agent, project manager or official contact.)

Name: Randi A. Omley-Tatum

Title: District Manager

**Address: Josephine SWCD
1440 Parkdale Drive
Grants Pass OR 97527**

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Email: joswcd@outreachinternet.com

D. Projects linked to similar Mitigation Projects on Federal Lands

As Identified in BAER Team Report: _____

Will the proposed hazard mitigation project complement a like mitigation restoration project on Federal lands? If so, what is the scope of the like mitigation restoration project on Federal lands? FEMA FMAG-HMGP Pilot mitigation funding *cannot* be used on Federal lands. Please describe. Use additional sheets if necessary.

The Bureau of Land Management has on-going and similar projects occurring within Josephine County, OR. Of their current and future projects, many are located near or directly adjacent to the work areas suggested in this application.

OBJECTIVES

A. **Project Objective** (Is this project or strategy Identified in your local natural hazards mitigation plan?)

Objective: To minimize potential for wildfire across residential acreage by reducing vegetative fuel loads.

B. **Project Description** (Briefly describe the proposed project and its scope of work. Include how the proposed project will reduce the hazard's effects and risks):

Josephine County has been working strategically to mitigate high vegetation loads that further call attention to an extreme wildfire hazard to its forests and residents. Using County assistance in similar programs (FIREWISE) will help identify landowners within these areas who are prepared to work toward extending local efforts to reduce the fuel loads with an understanding that this, along with suggested maintenance, will initiate development of healthier, more fire-resilient forests. Contracts will be awarded to local established forest companies skilled in fuels reduction and healthy forest practices.

C. **Project Location** (Description of Location, Attached Maps)

Project proposed will be countywide prioritizing areas that have experienced a burn where remaining materials or vegetative regeneration pose a hazard, or areas of dense vegetative fuel loads around rural or WUI neighborhoods and communities including existing, newly formed or potential Firewise Communities. Fuels work will be conducted on properties and neighborhoods located within high risk/high hazard areas identified by the local fire community as critical for wildfire mitigation.

Cave Junction, OREGON - Western Portion of Josephine County
Williams, OREGON - Southern Portion of Josephine County
Wolf Creek, OREGON - Northern Portion of Josephine County
Other small communities within Josephine County

COST ESTIMATES

A. Cost Summary (A complete cost description including a list of materials and services will be required after submission of the basic application). HMGP projects are based on a maximum 75% federal share with a 25% non-federal share contribution.

1. Federal Share (HMGP):	\$102,750.00
2. Applicants Share (25%):	\$ 34,250.00
3. Other Non-Federal Shares (describe):	\$ _____

Total Funds Required to Complete the Project: \$137,000.00

WORK SCHEDULE

- A. Starting Date: **JANUARY 2017**
B. Completion Date: **DECEMBER 2017**

C. Provide a General Outline of the Work Schedule Necessary to Complete this Project. (A complete work schedule that clearly describes project milestones and shows the anticipated flow of the project from the time of initiation to completion will be required after submission of the basic application):

General Outline of Work Schedule consists of Pre-Implementation, Implementation and Project Completion. Components of these consist of but are not limited to the following:

Pre-Implementation

Non-Technical Assistance (In-house)

*Administration
Landowner contact and Marketing
Mapping
Prepare Contracts*

Implementation

Technical Assistance (on-the-ground)

*Landowner site visit
Develop Scopes of Work for each site
Allocate contracts with SOW
Fuels work commences
Conduct Final Inspection of each completed worksite*

Project completion

Non-Technical Assistance (In-house)

*Distribute funds as required for fuels treatments
Reporting as required*

ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

All projects must comply with the National Environmental Policy Act. FEMA is responsible for preparing the necessary documentation; however, the applicant is required to provide the necessary data. At this time, please provide a description of any environmental concerns and impacts associated with this project.

Floodplains, Wetlands: *None known at this time*

Archaeological, Historical, Tribal and Other Cultural Resources: *None known at this time*

Endangered Species: *None known at this time*

Benefit - Cost Analysis (BCA)

Describe how the project will reduce future (potential) disaster damages and that, minimally, every dollar expended on mitigation will reduce future losses by at least one dollar. (For the FMAG-HMGP Pilot, FEMA has developed certain baseline determinations when considering a project's cost effectiveness; this waiver will be essential on projects that focus on site restoration that minimizes impacts of other hazards downstream in the watershed. Use additional pages as necessary (see attached data collection forms):

Mitigating wildfire is efficient in terms of cost when compared to the cost of putting one out and very effective in minimizing or eliminating potential loss or damage both immediately and in the use of long-term management. It is estimated that fuels reduction projects can meet the minimum of \$1.00 and supersede this amount in value.

If you have any questions and/or RETURN THIS APPLICATION TO:

**Dennis Sigrist
OMD.Office of Emergency Management
2015 FMAG-HMGP Pilot Application
US Mail Address:**

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Salem OR 97309-5062
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Oregon Office of Emergency Management
HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM (HMGP)
2015 FMAG-HMGP Pilot

A. Project Title: Josephine County Forestry Fuels Reduction Project

B. Sub-Applicant Identification

- 1. Name of Organization: Josephine County**
- 2. Type of Organization: County Government – Forestry Department**
- 3. Current Jurisdiction Mitigation Plan/Date: January 10, 2012**

C. Sub-Applicant's Representative (This applicant's agent, project manager or official contact.)

Name: Dave Streeter

Title: Forestry Program Manager

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D. Projects linked to similar Mitigation Projects on Federal Lands

As Identified in BAER Team Report: _____

Will the proposed hazard mitigation project complement a like mitigation restoration project on Federal lands? If so, what is the scope of the like mitigation restoration project on Federal lands? FEMA FMAG-HMGP Pilot mitigation funding *cannot* be used on Federal lands. Please describe. Use additional sheets if necessary.

The Proposed project has units that are either adjacent to or in the vicinity of Federal hazard fuels reduction areas.

OBJECTIVES

A. Project Objective (Is this project or strategy identified in your local natural hazards mitigation plan?)

Objective: To reduce fire hazard fuels. The Hazard Fuels Reduction Strategy is identified in the Josephine County Integrated Fire Plan as a significant means to minimize loss of property, life and resources due to wildfire.

B. Project Description (Briefly describe the proposed project and its scope of work. Include how the proposed project will reduce the hazard's effects and risks):

Crews to reduce hazardous fuels by cutting, stacking and burning or removal of flammable vegetation from areas near private homes. Hazard fuel reduction projects have proven to reduce impact of wildfire by eliminating fuel source.

C. Project Location (Description of Location, Attached Maps)

Project proposed will be on four separate tracts of County Land as Indicated on attached maps and summary.

COST ESTIMATES

A. Cost Summary (A complete cost description including a list of materials and services will be required after submission of the basic application). HMGP projects are based on a maximum 75% federal share with a 25% non-federal share contribution.

1. Federal Share (HMGP):	\$233,805.00
2. Applicants Share (25%):	\$ 78,395.00
3. Other Non-Federal Shares (describe):	\$ _____

Total Funds Required to Complete the Project: \$312,200.00

WORK SCHEDULE

- A. Starting Date: **NOVEMBER 2016**
B. Completion Date: **DECEMBER 2017**

- C. Provide a General Outline of the Work Schedule Necessary to Complete this Project. (A complete work schedule that clearly describes project milestones and shows the anticipated flow of the project from the time of initiation to completion will be required after submission of the basic application):

General Outline of Work Schedule consists of Pre-Implementation, Implementation and Project Completion. Components of these consist of but are not limited to the following:

Pre-Implementation
Acres identified

Implementation
Crews begin on ground work

Project completion
Reporting as required

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Oregon HMGP Basic Project Identification/Concept and Description & Environmental Considerations

ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

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Floodplains, Wetlands: *None*

Archaeological, Historical, Tribal and Other Cultural Resources: *None reported by SHPO*

Endangered Species: *None known*

Benefit - Cost Analysis (BCA)

Describe how the project will reduce future (potential) disaster damages and that, minimally, every dollar expended on mitigation will reduce future losses by at least one dollar. (For the FMAG-HMGP Pilot, FEMA has developed certain baseline determinations when considering a project's cost effectiveness; this waiver will be essential on projects that focus on site

restoration that minimizes impacts of other hazards downstream in the watershed. Use additional pages as necessary (see attached data collection forms):

Healthy forest conditions will be more resistant to stand replacement fires and have more benefit to the general public than brush fields that can fuel future fires. A desired future forest will reduce the need for fire suppression in excess of \$1.00.

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**Oregon Office of Emergency Management
HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM (HMGP)
2015 FMAG-HMGP Pilot**



A. Project Title: Rehabilitation of Wildfire Damaged Lands Project

B. Sub-Applicant Identification

- 1. Name of Organization: Josephine County**
- 2. Type of Organization: County Government – Forestry Department**
- 3. Current Jurisdiction Mitigation Plan/Date: January 10, 2012**

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The Bureau of Land Management has several like projects adjacent to and in the immediate vicinity of this project.

OBJECTIVES

A. Project Objective (Is this project or strategy identified in your local natural hazards mitigation plan?)

Objective: To reforest and rehabilitate area's burned in wildfire.

B. Project Description (Briefly describe the proposed project and its scope of work. Include how the proposed project will reduce the hazard's effects and risks):

As part of the County's efforts to rehab land burned in 2013, the County is proposing to reforest 800 acres of burned over land with 230,000 tree seedlings. Other County projects to rehab these lands into healthy forest includes: brush control, erosion control, and repaired access roads.

C. Project Location (Description of Location, Attached Maps)

Project proposed will be countywide, providing fuels reduction in higher risk areas identified by local fire community in conjunction with planning emergency conditions and mitigation.

Several tracts of land in Northern portion of Josephine County. See attached aerial image for example.

Other small communities within Josephine County

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|---|--------------|
| 1. Federal Share (HMGP): | \$105,000.00 |
| 2. Applicants Share (25%): | \$ 35,000.00 |
| 3. Other Non-Federal Shares (describe): | \$ _____ |

Total Funds Required to Complete the Project: \$140,000.00

WORK SCHEDULE

A. Starting Date: JANUARY 2017

B. Completion Date: MAY 2017

C. Provide a General Outline of the Work Schedule Necessary to Complete this Project. (A complete work schedule that clearly describes project milestones and shows the anticipated flow of the project from the time of initiation to completion will be required after submission of the basic application):

General Outline of Work Schedule consists of Pre-Implementation, Implementation and Project Completion. Components of these consist of but are not limited to the following:

Pre-Implementation

*Rehab acres identified
Seedling ordered*

Implementation

*Contract services planting and other rehab work
Josephine County supervision and quality control*

Project completion

Reporting as required

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Archaeological, Historical, Tribal and Other Cultural Resources: *None reported by SHPO*

Endangered Species: *None known*

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EXHIBIT 2
General Discussion
5/24/16



Oregon

Kate Brown, Governor

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Josephine County

MAY 23 2016

Board of Commissioners

Premier Public Safety Services

May 19, 2016

Commissioner Chair Cherryl Walker
Josephine County
500 NW 6th Street
Grants Pass, OR 97526

Subject: Supervision of Fireworks Displays under ORS 480.140(2)

Dear Commissioner Walker,

With fireworks season approaching, the Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM) is establishing a record and requesting current contact information for the designated individual at each county responsible for supervision of fireworks displays under ORS 480.140(2).

Oregon Revised Statute 480.140 addresses the supervision of fireworks displays in Oregon, and provides that when a fireworks display is held outside the boundaries of any municipality or fire protection district, such display shall be under the supervision of the county court:

- (2) Every such display held outside the boundaries of any municipality or fire protection district shall be under the supervision of the county court of the county in which the display is to be held and shall be of such character, and so located, discharged or fired as, in the opinion of the county court or of a county official duly authorized by the county court, after proper inspection, shall not be hazardous to property or endanger any person.

Because your county has established a board of county commissioners, we assume that the board of county commissioners has assumed this role under ORS 203.240(2).

Kindly provide us with the name and telephone number of the appropriate contact person for these matters with the Board of County Commissioners. If the Commission has delegated its authority under ORS 480.140 to another county official, please provide us with written notice of the delegation, including the name, title, department, and contact information for the individual to whom authority was delegated.



COPY TO Board 5/23/16 ~

An applicant seeking a permit to hold a fireworks display outside the boundaries of any municipality or fire protection district within your county will submit the permit application to this designated contact person for signature, prior to submitting the application to OSFM for final approval or denial.

In 2015 our office did not receive any applications for a fireworks display in areas of Josephine County that did not have fire protection.

Should the Commission or its designee be asked to sign an application for a display fireworks permit, our Deputy State Fire Marshals are available to provide technical assistance and fire and life safety information regarding fireworks displays. To identify the Deputy State Fire Marshal that services your county please go to our web site at

http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/pages/fls_new2007.aspx#Deputy_State_Fire_Marshals.

Should you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,



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EXHIBIT 3
General Discussion
5/24/16

Josephine County Board of Commissioners
Cherryl Walker, Chair K. O. Heck, Vice Chair Simon G. Hare, Commissioner

May 23, 2016

~~Congressman~~ **Representative Peter DeFazio**
~~Senator~~ **Representative Jeff Merkley**
~~Congressman~~ **Representative Greg Walden**
~~Senator~~ **Representative Ron Wyden**

Senator Herman Baertschiger
Senator Jeff Kruse
Representative Dallas Heard
Representative Wayne Krieger
Representative Duane Stark
Representative Carl Wilson

Re: Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Suitability Report on a 63-mile segment of the Rogue River.

The Josephine County Board of Commissioner put an advisory question on the recent May 17, 2016, Primary Election ballot. The purpose of this question was to determine public opinion for the potential listing as "Wild and Scenic" of a 63 mile section of the Rogue River that extends from the confluence of the Rogue and Applegate Rivers in Josephine County to the Lost Creek Dam in Jackson County. The Rogue River flows through the heart of Grants Pass, the Josephine County seat.

The lower Rogue River was appropriately designated Wild and Scenic in the original National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, PL 90-542 (1968). Most of the property adjoining the lower Rogue River is public land with very few parcels of private land. BLM estimates that the new proposal of 63 miles of the Rogue River has about 85% private land adjoining the river. The river goes through the heart of the City of Grants Pass where homes and businesses are located along the river. A Wild and Scenic designation would place a burden on future enjoyment and/or development of property in our county.

Considering the above named issues, the Board of Commissioners sought the public's opinion on the May 17th ballot. The question was posed as follows: "In your opinion, should Congress designate 63 additional miles of the Rogue River as a Wild and Scenic River?" The results are: Yes 31.26% and No 68.74%.

COURTHOUSE

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Based on the results of this election, the people of Josephine County do not want any further Wild and Scenic designation on this section of the Rogue River. Your consideration of these facts would be appreciated in representing our constituents here in southern Oregon.

Sincerely,

Cherryl Walker
Chair, Josephine County Commissioner