**Wilderness Stewardship Performance Partnership Funding Application**

**How to Apply: DUE: April 15, 2022**

Email to: randy@wildernessalliance.org.

Please do not change format or file type of application materials. Only this form is acceptable for 2022 proposals.

**Organization Contact Information:**

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| Organization Name: | Cascade Volcanoes Chapter Great Old Broads for Wilderness |
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| State: | Co |
| Zip Code: | 81301 |

**Organization Financial Information:**

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| EIN Number: | 87-0479828 |
| Annual Budget: | $847,281 |
| # of Employees: | 10 |

**Project Proposal Summary Information:**

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| Grant Amount Requested: |  |
| National Forest(s) where work will occur: | Mt. Hood National Forest |
| Wilderness Area(s) where work will occur: | Salmon Huckleberry |
| Approximate number of volunteers to be involved: | 20 |
| Approximate number of volunteer hours to be accomplished: | 152 |
| Approximate number of staff/crew to be involved: |  |
| Approximate number of staff/crew hours to be accomplished: |  |
| WSP Elements to be completed by project, including expected change in WSP scores for the area: | Opportunities for Solitude: from 2 to 6.Recreation Sites: from 0 to 4 |

**Project/Program Details:**

*Describe your organization’s overall stewardship program, including number of volunteers and trips per year, the areas worked in, and the partners and agencies you work with. (1 page max)*

*The stewardship program for the Cascade Volcanoes was not severely impacted by COVID this past season. In partnership with Columbia Land Trust/Mt Hood Watershed 10 volunteers planted 500 trees at Whisky Creek and 11 Broads planted 200 plants along Hood River. 98 plants were planted by 6 volunteers at Leach Botanical Gardens. Several trails were cleared, and one trail was decommissioned at Whipple Creek Park by 8 Broads in partnership with Washington Trails Association. One volunteer participated in Christmas Bird Count (CBC) with Audubon Society in Klickitat County, Wa. Another Broad further monitored 45 species of birds for CBC in urban neighborhoods in Portland with Portland Audubon Society. 35 bird species were also monitored by 3 volunteers during 2022 CBC at Salmon Creek Greenway Park with Vancouver Audubon Society. 2 events at Hidden Glen Park in Battle Ground, Wa included 4 volunteers who planted 100 plants in partnership with Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership. 2 events with Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership at Steigerwald National Wildlife Refuge included 2 volunteers who planted 25 trees and 7 Broads who planted 170 trees. Furthermore, Broads removed .5 acre of invasive plants at Chehalis River Basin Land Trust by 5 volunteers, as well as planting 125 trees at the same site by 16 volunteers. To determine the survival rate of our 195 previously planted trees 1 volunteer monitored 81 trees to check survival rates at Chehalis River Basin Land Trust. In partnership with Friends of Seminary Hill and Girl Scouts, 5 Broads collaborated in doing field checking at Seminary Hill in Chehalis, Wa. In collaboration with Center for Responsible Forestry, 2 volunteers visited a timber harvest site near Kelso, Wa. to provide field checking data. Further tree planting with Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership was completed by 7 Broads at Sandy River Delta who planted 400 trees. During May through October 2021 season a total of 12 volunteers provided 103 hours of service monitoring solitude in the Mark O Hatfield wilderness in addition to 12 hours of training and 96 hours of travel for a total of 211 volunteer hours. Over 181 miles of trails and 12 occupied campsites were monitored for solitude as well as 24 sessions of monitoring were achieved for the NWSA grant-funded project in 2021.*

*Overall, the Cascade Volcano Broadband totaled 36 trips and engaged 24 different volunteers for 128 volunteer slots during the 2021-22 season.*

*Describe the volunteer project(s) this grant would support, including each designated wilderness area and the number of expected volunteers. (1 page max)*

*The grant would support solitude monitoring in the Salmon Huckleberry Wilderness (SHW) in the Mt. Hood National Forest. The data would complete a total of 20 sessions in 2 solitude monitoring zones that span the SHW.*

*This area would also benefit from an increased presence as volunteers will be able to monitor trail usage numbers, stock, dogs, wilderness permits at the trailhead, pick up trash, and talk with visitors about Leave No Trace principles. Due to a lack of USFS funding there are no field-going wilderness staff for the SHW.*

*20 Broads volunteers would provide a total of 80 hours of service monitoring solitude. These volunteers will also participate in a 1-hour virtual training which would amount to 100 hours total. In addition to 100 hours of training and solitude monitoring would be 2 hours of travel for 20 days which amounts to an additional 40 hours of travel. The total voluntary commitment provided by the Broads Cascade Volcanoes chapter would total 140 total hours of service.*

*The local Broads volunteer leader will be responsible for contacting volunteers and monitoring time completed in the field as well as communicating with the Mount Hood National Forest Wilderness manager, Nathaniel Brodie. Data entry will also be provided by the local Broads leader from monitoring data sheets provided by the trail stewards. Data entry would amount to 10 hours. Final evaluation would involve an additional 2 hours of time. The entire in-kind contribution from the national and local Broads chapter would total 152 hours X $25.43 = $3,865.36.*

*The data collection protocol will include a minimum of 5 weekday and 5 weekend (or holiday) monitoring sessions which will be conducted for each of the 2 zones. A total of 20 monitoring sessions will be accomplished. These periods will consist of at least 4 hours within the identified monitoring region and be completed during high-use, daytime hours. The monitoring sessions will occur between 8:00 am and 6:00 pm. Sampling times will generally occur in three different time periods of the day. Data collection of the number of visitors, dogs, and stock will be provided. Volunteers will work in teams of 2 people and carpool out to the trailhead. Each pair will carry a SPOT device for safety.*

*The grant would also include travel and meal reimbursement to and from trailheads.*

*Identify the wilderness area in which work will be completed and describe the Wilderness Stewardship Performance elements that would be improved by this grant?*

*(1/2 page) (also complete Attachment A - Wilderness Stewardship Performance attachment)*

*The grant would support solitude monitoring in the Salmon Huckleberry Wilderness (SHW) in the Mt. Hood National Forest. Baseline data is needed for solitude in 2 zones within the region. Lack of USFS capacity, as well as catastrophic wildfires in other regions of the Forest, has decreased the ability of the Agency to collect this data. The project will support data from the -----season. This will increase the opportunities for solitude WSP rating from 2 to 4 points, with the monitoring being done in conjunction with USFS staff, and complete the solitude monitoring for this wilderness area. There is the potential that the wilderness score could increase from 2 to 6 if \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*

**Forest Service Coordination:**

*Describe coordination with the local Ranger District. (Include a letter of support from local Forest Service Ranger District for this project. A letter from the District Ranger or Forest Supervisor is preferred.)*

*The Broads volunteers would be trained and supervised by Nathaniel Brodie, Wilderness and West-Zone Trails Manager, USFS. Monthly communication via email/phone calls would also occur. A letter of support is attached.*

**Timeline:**

*Describe the timeline for completion of the project. Projects should be complete by December 31, 2021.*

*A pre-season virtual training would occur in May 2022. 4 sessions would be completed for each month of June, July, August, and September. The additional 4 sessions would be split between May and October 2022, depending upon weather. This would complete 20 sessions for the season.*

*Safety measures regarding COVID would follow the most up-to-date recommendations and public health orders for Clackamas County, Or. Full vaccination status would be a requirement for the volunteers.*

**Budget Narrative:**

*Complete and attach the Budget Narrative document which describes the cost components, assumptions, and amounts for each project cost category. See Attachment B – Budget Worksheet*

*Complete and attach the NWSA WSP Budget Excel Worksheet. Only include costs attributable to this project, not your entire program of work for your organization.*

*List summary information by category below from Budget Worksheet.*

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| ***Category*** | ***Major Cost Components*** | ***Amounts*** |
| *Salaries* | *Support from Great Old Broads Grassroots Leadership Program Staff* | *$550* |
| *Fringe Benefits* | *$30 per volunteer in swag items* | *$600* |
| *Travel/Transportation* | *Mileage ($.58.5 per mile)**Meals*  | $1,170*$1200* |
| *Equipment* | *2 SPOT subscriptions (6 Months)* | *$*179.40 |
| *Materials/Supplies*  | *5 maps @ $14.95**Liability forms, data sheets* | *$74.75**$100* |
| *Contractual* |  |  |
| *Training* |  |  |
| *Other \** | *Administrative Costs* | *387 (10%)* |
| ***TOTAL:*** |  | *$4261.15* |

*\* May include up to a 10% indirect cost of project to cover organization administrative costs. (must be within funding amount). May include cost of membership in NWSA (required)*

**Financial Match Information:**

*Describe the match source(s) for this funding (ie, private donations, corporate funds, membership, etc.)*

*Additional information may be added in Attachment B. Only include match relative to this project, not your entire program of work of your organization.*

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| ***Match Source (Cash or Inkind)*** | ***Cash $ Amount*** | ***In-Kind Value including******Volunteer Hours Value (@25.43 per hour)*** |
| *CASH* |  |  |
| *MWSA Membership* | *$75* |  |
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| *Cascade Volcanoes Chapter 152 Volunteer Hours* |  | *$3865.36* |
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| ***Totals:*** | ***$75*** | ***$3865.36*** |

***Attachment A***

***Wilderness Stewardship Performance Framework***

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| *Category* | *Element Title* | *Which Elements will be supported and How?* |
| *Natural Quality of Wilderness Character* | *Invasive Species* |  |
| *Air Quality Values* |  |
| *Natural Role of Fire* |  |
| *Water* |  |
| *Fish and Wildlife* |  |
| *Plants* |  |
| *Undeveloped Quality of Wilderness Character* | *Recreation Sites* |  |
| *Trails* |  |
| *Non-Compliant Infrastructure* |  |
| *Motorized Equipment/Mechanical Transport Use Authorization* |  |
| *Untrammeled Quality of Wilderness Character* | *Agency Management Actions* |  |
| *Solitude Quality of Wilderness Character* | *Opportunities for Solitude* | *Trail Stewards collect data* |
| *Opportunities for Primitive and Unconfined Recreation* | *Trail Stewards collect data* |
| *Other Features of Value Quality of Wilderness Character* | *Cultural Resources* |  |
| *Special Provisions* | *Livestock Grazing* |  |
| *Outfitters and Guides* |  |
| *Other Special Provisions* |  |
| *Administration* | *Workforce Capacity* |  |
| *Education* |  |
| *Wilderness Character Baseline* |  |

*Highlighted Elements most likely to be supported by Volunteer activities.*

**Attachment B**

**Budget Narrative**

**Project Name: Solitude Monitoring Salmon Huckleberry**

**Organization: Cascade Volcanoes Great Old Broads for Wilderness**

**Personnel**

(Describe types of positions, wage rates or stipends, and length of service)

Great Old Broads for Wilderness supports the Cascade Volcanoes chapter with two primary staff: the Grassroots Leadership Director and the Grassroots Regional Coordinator. They provide continued training, administration, and membership support, and mentorship for the Cascade Volcanoes volunteer leadership team in order for the chapter to maintain robust volunteer recruitment and retainment and therefore be reliable partners to other organizations, such as NWSA. $550 in the project budget accounts for 26 hours of staff support time, which is about 18% of the total estimated staff time for supporting the Cascade Volcanoes Chapter throughout the year.

**Fringe Benefits**

(Describe allowances for employee benefits, including any housing or food allowances)

Broads swag items valued at $30 each for 20 volunteers would amount to $600.

Volunteers assisting with the monitoring would be reimbursed for one meal per trip at a rate of $30/meal. For 20 trips for 2 volunteers each, this would amount to 40 meals @$30 for a total of $1200.

**Travel/Transportation**

(Describe vehicle costs, including mileage rates and allowances. Describe any travel costs, including reimbursement for meals and incidentals. Describe any allowances for field per diem)

Travel expenses would include mileage reimbursement to and from trailheads. The average RT mileage from Vancouver, Portland area averages 100 miles. A total of 20 trips would be assumed at a rate of $.58.5/mile for a total of $ 1,170 (20 X 100 X $.585).

**Equipment**

(Describe any costs for equipment purchased to complete this project)

The subscription for 2 SPOT devices from May through October would be $14.95/month for a total of $179.40 ($14.95 X 2 X 6).

**Materials/Supplies**

(Describe any supplies purchased for the project, including consumables for volunteers, project materials, and other items needed to complete the project.)

Five National Geographic maps ($14.95) of Mt Hood would total $74.75. Printing costs for liability forms, data sheets, attendance forms, and others would total $100.

**Contractual**

(Describe any contracts necessary to complete the project.)

None

**Training**

(Describe any training costs associated with completing this project)

None

**Other**

(Describe any other unique costs to the project, like printing, leases, or rents)

Administrative costs cover volunteer reimbursements, any additional printing, and overhead from our national office, including website and communications staff time.

**Matching Funds Financial Information Narrative**

Describe the nature and type of matching funds and cash equivalents.

**Partner Non-federal Cash Funds**

(Describe cash funds to be contributed by the organization)

NWSA Membership

**Partner Cash Equivalent Contributed Funding**

(Describe cash equivalent funding that the organization will provide such as existing staff time, equipment, materials or supplies, not paid for by this grant)

**Partner In-kind Contributions**

(Describe volunteer hours, and other items donated from other sources for this project)

20 GOB volunteers will provide a total of 80 hours monitoring solitude and 40 hours of travel time. These volunteers will also participate in a 1-hour virtual training which would amount to 140 hours total voluntary commitment.

*The local Broads volunteer leader will be responsible for contacting volunteers and monitoring time completed in the field as well as communicating with the SHW Forest Ranger, Nathaniel Brodie. Data entry will also be provided by the local Broads leader from monitoring data sheets provided by the trail stewards. Data entry would amount to 10 hours. Final evaluation would involve an additional 2 hours of time. The entire in-kind contribution from the national and local Broads chapter would total 152 hours X $25.43 = $3,865.36.*

**Other Federal Funds**

(Describe any other federal funds to be applied to this project)

The Wilderness and West-Zone Manager, Nathaniel Brodie, will provide a one-hour solitude monitoring training for the Broads volunteers before monitoring sessions begin in May. This training will also cover an update on trail conditions/status and all the wilderness specific regulations as well.

Regular check-ins with the local Broads volunteer leader will also be maintained by the USFS Wilderness Manager. These check-ins will serve to ensure data from monitoring sessions is being shared, awareness around any issues encountered that require immediate management action from the USFS are discussed and support the team of Broads volunteers as they complete their field data collection.

USFS SHW seasonal education and trail staff will also be performing solitude monitoring in areas that are harder to access. Staff time for these hard to reach monitoring areas will amount to ­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_hours of monitoring.