



NWSA FUNDING PROGRAMS

A presentation with American Trails
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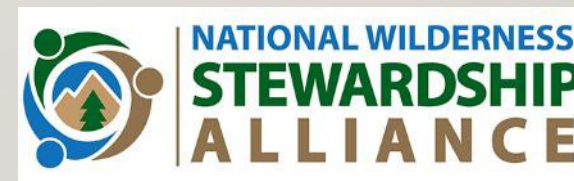
Building a Wilderness Stewardship Community



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Wilderness Stewardship
Performance Partner Funding

National Forest Trail System
Stewardship Partner Funding

Boots on the Ground Grants



Wilderness Stewardship Performance Funding



WILDERNESS STEWARDSHIP PERFORMANCE FUNDING

- Focus is on accomplishing Wilderness Stewardship Performance elements
- Must count for each individual wilderness area
- Calendar year programs
 - Over last 5 years over \$1,000,000 distributed
 - FY2021: Anticipate \$200,000
- Typically 3:1 or more return on investment

2020 WILDERNESS STEWARDSHIP PERFORMANCE FUNDING - \$200,000

- WSP Grant Program info is at www.wildernessalliance.org
- Fact Sheet, Application Form & Budget Form on website
- Streamlined, 3-4 page application, with budget form and narrative
 - Contact Information
 - Organization Information – who you are
 - Project Information – what and where you want to do work, what type of WSP work
 - FS Coordination
 - Timeline
 - Budget details

WILDERNESS STEWARDSHIP PERFORMANCE FUNDING RATINGS

- Screened for Qualifying Work
- Cash and Inkind Matches
- Organization Capability
- Project Feasibility
- Level of Accomplishment – WSP Elements scored
- # of People Involved
- Final Balancing by type and area

WILDERNESS STEWARDSHIP PERFORMANCE FUNDING TIMELINE

- Application Period – Feb 1 to April 15
- Decisions Made by May 1st
- Project work – May 1st to Dec 31st
- Project Final Reports Due – January 15

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Applications
Due
April 15

WILDERNESS STEWARDSHIP PERFORMANCE PARTNER FUNDING - \$220,000

- Focus is on accomplishing Wilderness Stewardship Performance elements
 - Scoring usually ranges from “maintain” to +24 Points, average = 6-8, median = 4
- Must count for each individual wilderness area
 - Some proposals offer work in multiple areas
- Screened for Qualifying Work – all in wilderness areas, not all scoring counted
- Cash and Inkind Matches – average 1:1 cash; 2:1 Inkind; overall 3:1
- Organization Capability
- Project Feasibility – most fine, some work still needed to ensure WSP scoring counts
- Level of Accomplishment – WSP Elements scored

WILDERNESS STEWARDSHIP PERFORMANCE PARTNER FUNDING – 2021 STATS

	Range	Average	Median	Mode
Project Cost	\$2,766 - \$18,425	\$9,704	\$10,000	\$14,000
Cash Match	\$0 - \$50,875	\$9,604	\$5,000	\$0 (4)
In Kind Match	\$1,850 – \$101,720	\$22,701	\$14,452	Teens (5)
# of People	4 – 160	39	25	20
WSP Scoring	“maintain” to 24 pts	6-8	4	4

Balancing By Region

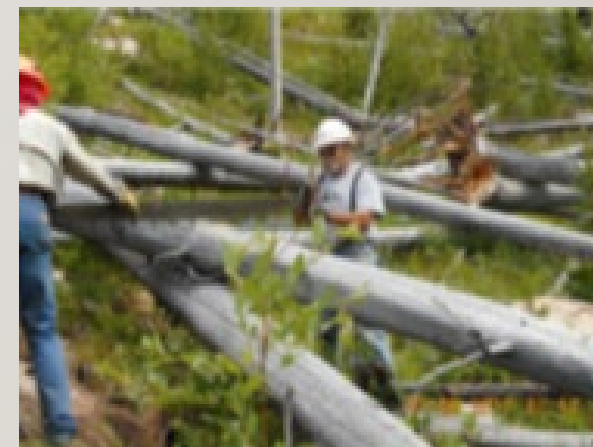
Region	Proposed/ Selected	Region	Proposed/ Selected	Region	Proposed/ Selected
Region 1	3	Region 2	6	Region 3	3
Region 4	6	Region 5	6	Region 6	1
Region 8	0	Region 9	1	Region 10	1

2021 WILDERNESS STEWARDSHIP PERFORMANCE PARTNER FUNDING

- WSP Grant Program info is at www.wildernessalliance.org
- Program Fact Sheet, Application Form & Budget Form on website
- News Releases and Selected Project Fact Sheets from prior years
- Final Reports from previous years



National Forest System Trail Stewardship Partner Funding



NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM TRAIL STEWARDSHIP PARTNER FUNDING



- Support for goals of National Trail Stewardship Act
- Focus is on trail maintenance accomplishment – trails to standard and backlog reduction and volunteer engagement
- Work must be on National Forest Trail System
- Includes all trails - both motorized/nonmotorized & wilderness/non-wilderness
- Partnership with American Trails, American Hiking Society, Back Country Horsemen of America, International Mountain Bicyclist Association, National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council and the American Motorcyclist Association

NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM TRAIL STEWARDSHIP PARTNER FUNDING

- 48 of 92 Projects Selected
 - \$547,689 awarded - over \$1,000,000 requested
- 2021
- \$1,145,000 cash match - \$2,521,000 in kind contributions – 6.7:1 return
 - 6,700 volunteers and staff to be engaged
 - Over 2,700 miles of trail to be maintained

TRAIL STEWARDSHIP PARTNER FUNDING RATINGS

	Range	Average	Median	Mode
Project Cost	\$1,745 - \$20,000	\$11,410	\$10,000	\$20,000
Cash Match	\$0 - \$193,000	\$23,850	\$7,950	0 (7) & Teens (7)
In Kind Match	\$2,769 - \$340,000	\$52,522	\$26,260	Teens (12)
Miles of Trail Maintained	.1 – 600 miles	56 miles	22.5 miles	Teens (11)
Cost per Mile	\$33 – \$5,700	\$740	\$317	100's (11)
# of People	15 – 1,000	140	76	40's (6)

Balancing By Region

Region	Proposed	Selected	Region	Proposed	Selected	Region	Proposed	Selected
Region 1	5	3	Region 2	17	11	Region 3	15	9
Region 4	16	7	Region 5	20	8	Region 6	6	4
Region 8	11	7	Region 9	7	3	Region 10	1	0

	Total from Projects Proposed	Total from Projects Selected	% of Proposed in Selected Projects
Cash Match (dollars)	\$1,512,382	\$1,144,779	76%
In Kind Match (dollars)	\$3,067,285	\$2,521,086	82%
Number of Volunteers	7,441	6,504	87%
Number of Volunteer Hrs	105,211	89,135	85%
Number of Staff/Crew	383	203	53%
Number of Staff/Crew Hrs	56,006	39,139	70%
Miles of Trail Maintained	3,126	2,709	87%

TRAIL STEWARDSHIP FUNDING RATINGS

- Screened for Qualifying Work – on NF system trail
- Cash and Inkind Matches
- Organization Capability
- Project Feasibility
- Level of Accomplishment – miles maintained – backlog eliminated
- # of People Involved – volunteers and staff engaged
- Final Balancing by type and area

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Follow the instructions
- Don't modify the forms or formats
- Ensure work qualifies
- Early and complete coordination with the Forest Service
- Some cash increases competitiveness
- Work within the period
- Trails – miles matter; WSP – scores matter



NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM TRAIL STEWARDSHIP PARTNER FUNDING

- Program Fact Sheet, Application Form & Budget Form on website
- Selected Project Fact Sheet and News Release
- Previous Year Final Report Summaries
- Check NWSA website for latest announcements at www.wildernessalliance.org
- Project Proposals DUE April 15th

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QUESTIONS?

- Check www.wildernessalliance.org/funding_programs
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