From: Pyron, Jason
To: Edgar, Leith
Subject: Re: Connecting People With Nature - Request for Region One Proposals due March 4, 2015
Date: Wednesday, March 04, 2015 10:04:20 AM

Letih - I'm working on edits... could you pass along the 2015 priorities that were in the original RFP?

On Tue, Mar 3, 2015 at 8:58 AM, Edgar, Leith <leith_edgar@fws.gov> wrote:

Jason,

A friendly reminder that the deadline is tomorrow.

A digital version of the hard copy I previously provided is attached. I know you had some edits since I was working from an old version. Please let me know if you need my assistance.

Thanks,

Leith

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From: **Thorson, Robyn** <robyn_thorson@fws.gov>
Date: Mon, Feb 9, 2015 at 4:53 PM
Subject: Connecting People With Nature - Request for Region One Proposals due March 4, 2015
To:

I am pleased to announce the opportunity for employees or offices to apply for our Region One Connecting People with Nature grant program by submitting a *Request for Proposals* (RFP). The theme of this year's internal competition: "The Power of Nature Connection."

This RFP is open to all Region 1 employees who wish to submit a proposal to acquire grant funding for a project.

"Connecting People with Nature" is a priority in Region 1 across all programs, and past participation from throughout the regions demonstrates that it is a high priority for employees and offices. The Regional Directorate is providing grant funding to assist staff in implementing their "Connecting" projects across the Region. It is exciting and inspiring to see the power, joy and effect of the experiences in the outdoors delivered by the activities funded with these grants, bringing benefits to children, adults, families, and ultimately to the fish,

wildlife, plants and habitats that we are working together to conserve.

The total funding available for these competitive projects is $23,000. These funds are used to leverage other dollars and in-kind support (FWS program and partners), so the maximum request per project proposal is $1,000. The intent of these small grants is to assist staff with on-the-ground projects that help connect people with nature and support our FWS mission. **Interested applicants need to submit project proposals by March 4, 2015**. Proposals should be addressed to (both) Julie Concannon and Jana Grote in the Regional Office. Supervisor approval is required on the proposal. More details on the format and process are provided in the attached guidance.

For many years Region One has been a leader in working with people and communities to share the connection with nature. I encourage your interest in submitting a proposal to involve new audiences and to create those powerful connections. Thanks for the outstanding interest and accomplishments in the past, and for 2015 ideas and proposals.

Thank you,

Robyn

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