From: Edgar, Leith
To: Pyron, Jason
Subject: Re: Connecting People With Nature - Request for Region One Proposals due March 4, 2015
Date: Wednesday, March 04, 2015 11:35:29 AM

I need to talk to you before I put my name on this. Feel free to stop by. I can submit it after a discussion either way.

On Wed, Mar 4, 2015 at 12:08 PM, Pyron, Jason <jason_pyron@fws.gov> wrote:

> Thanks Leith... I've provided an updated version. You can take a look and let me know if you have any questions, but think that we could send this off to the RO. I'm not sure that we should leave my name in there.?.? I would be fine if you put your name as the lead... but either way its good for now and we can deal with any transitions internally to Idaho. Would you submit it for us?
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> Thanks again,
> Jason
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> On Wed, Mar 4, 2015 at 11:23 AM, Edgar, Leith <leith_edgar@fws.gov> wrote:
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> > FYI: I did take a stab at addressing the 2015 priorities in the version I shared.
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> > On Wed, Mar 4, 2015 at 11:04 AM, Pyron, Jason <jason_pyron@fws.gov> wrote:
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> > > Never mind... got them. Sorry.
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> > > On Tue, Feb 10, 2015 at 7:47 AM, Edgar, Leith <leith_edgar@fws.gov> wrote:
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> > > > Jason,
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> > > > I believe that I do have last year's version that can be updated. I'll run it by you later this week before submission. If I run into any problems, I'll let you know.
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> > > > FYI: I did speak to Anna yesterday re INRJ. She said she would keep me in the loop on the Idaho portion and I'll share info as I receive it.
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> > > > Thanks,
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> > > > Leith
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> > > > On Tue, Feb 10, 2015 at 7:42 AM, Pyron, Jason <jason_pyron@fws.gov> wrote:
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> > > > > Can you help us with this Leith? Hopefully Meggan has some of the old application information.?.? If not, I maybe able to dig through my files. It is very likely that she kept better records than me ;).
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> > > > > Thanks,
> > > > > Jason
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> > > > > ---------- Forwarded message ----------

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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