DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Fiscal Year 2004 Private Stewardship Grants Program; Request for Grant Proposals

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of request for proposals.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), are soliciting project proposals for Federal assistance under the Private Stewardship Grants Program (PSGP). This document describes how to access the required information for applying for funding under the PSGP through Grants.gov. In the future all notices of Federal assistance and requests for proposals for the PSGP will be made available through Grants.gov. The Service will discontinue the use of the Federal Register for such announcements following this notification.

The PSGP provides grants and other assistance on a competitive basis to individuals and groups engaged in private, voluntary conservation efforts that benefit species listed or proposed as endangered or threatened under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act), candidate species, or other at-risk species on private lands within the United States.

DATES: Project proposals must be received by the appropriate Regional Office (see Table 1 in SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION) no later than March 8, 2004.

ADDRESSES: For additional information, contact the Service’s Regional Office that has the responsibility for the State or Territory in which the proposed project would occur. The contact information for each Regional Office is listed in Table 1 under SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION below. Information on the PSGP is available through the Internet site Grants.gov (http://www.grants.gov), from the Branch of State Grants, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Room 420, Arlington, VA 22203, or electronically from our Web site at http://endangered.fws.gov/grants/private_stewardship.html or e-mail: Privatestewardship@fws.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Program Contact in the appropriate Regional Office identified in Table 1 under SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION or Don Morgan, Acting Chief, Branch of State Grants (703–358–2061).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The majority of endangered and threatened species depend, at least in part, upon privately owned lands for their survival. The help of landowners is essential for the conservation of these and other imperiled species. Fortunately, many private landowners want to help. Often, however, the costs associated with implementing conservation actions are greater than a landowner could undertake without financial assistance. The PSGP provides grants or other Federal assistance on a competitive basis to individuals and groups engaged in private, voluntary conservation efforts that benefit species listed or proposed as endangered or threatened under the Act, candidate species, or other at-risk species on private lands within the United States. The United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Endangered Species Program is soliciting project proposals for Federal assistance under the PSGP (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 15.632). This document describes how to access the required information for applying for funding under the PSGP through the Grants.gov website.

Dates: Proposals must be submitted to our Regional Offices within 60 days of this announcement.

Additional Information

Eligible PSGP projects include those by landowners and their partners who need technical and financial assistance to improve habitat or implement other activities on private lands. Under the PSGP, privately owned means land that is not owned by a governmental entity. The PSGP supports on-the-ground conservation actions as opposed to planning or research activities, and we will not fund the acquisition of real property either through fee title or easements.

Private landowners, individually or as a group, are encouraged to submit project proposals for their properties. Additionally, individuals or groups (for example land conservancies, community organizations, or conservation organizations) working with private landowners on conservation efforts are also encouraged to submit project proposals provided they identify specific private landowners who have confirmed their intent to participate on the project or provide other evidence in the project proposal to demonstrate landowner participation will occur.

A PSGP proposal must include at least 10 percent cost sharing (i.e., at least 10 percent of total project cost) on the part of the landowner or other non-Federal partners involved in the project. The cost share must come from sources other than the PSGP or other Federal funds.

A complete program announcement and request for proposals may be accessed by visiting Grants.gov (www.grants.gov). Grants.gov is the new single point of entry for posting Federal government grant and other assistance opportunities. Potential applicants for the PSGP may access program overview information, the full text of the announcement, and the application package for this request for proposals by accessing Grants.gov and then using the FIND utility (“Find Grant Opportunities,” or http://fedgrants.gov/grants/servlet/SearchServlet/) to access this information. Potential applicants may use the FIND utility by searching for the PSGP either by entering the title “Private Stewardship Grants Program” or by using the PSGP’s Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number of 15.632.
The information collection requirements associated with the PSGP are approved under Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number 1018–0118, which expires on July 31, 2005. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Dated: November 6, 2003.

Marshall Jones,
Acting Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management
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Notice of Availability of the Lakeview Resource Management Plan/Final Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability for the Lakeview Resource Management Plan (RMP)/Final EIS and Record of Decision (ROD).

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has issued a ROD for the Lakeview Proposed RMP/Final EIS. The ROD documents the approval of the BLM’s land use plan for approximately 3.2 million acres of public land managed by the Lakeview Resource Area, Lakeview District, located in Lake and Harney Counties in southeastern Oregon. This decision supercedes the High Desert, Warner Lakes, and Lost River Management Framework Plans.

DATES: A total of 15 protests and 3 comment letters were submitted during the 30-day protest period, which closed March 3, 2003. All of the letters were reviewed and responses provided by the BLM. The land use planning decisions contained in the approved RMP became effective on the date the BLM State Director signed the ROD. In addition, a number of project level implementation decisions are made in the ROD. These decisions are appealable in accordance with 43 CFR part 4. The appeal period will start on the date the notice of availability is published. These project level decisions will be implemented over time, as described in the ROD, as funding and staff are available.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Information about the plan and hard copies of the approved Lakeview RMP/ROD may be obtained by contacting Paul Whitman, BLM, Lakeview District, 1301 South G Street, Lakeview, Oregon 97630. Telephone (541–947–6110), Fax (541–947–6399), e-mail (pwhitman@or.blm.gov). Copies have been mailed to all on the mailing list. The document and supporting data are also available electronically in portable document format on CD–ROM and via the internet at http://www.or.blm.gov/Lakeview/Planning/planning.htm.


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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Arkansas Post National Memorial Final EIS Availability

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.


SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the National Park Service (NPS) announces the availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement and General Management Plan (EIS/GMP) for Arkansas Post National Memorial (ARPO). This notice is being furnished