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Gentlemen,

Quick turn around on this but thought we would throw this out there to see if there is any interest. The Cooperative Recovery Initiative is once again offering over \$5M for cooperative restoration/management actions for T&E species on or associated with NWR. This year there is a pre-proposal due to Denver by Oct 27th.

We have tried for funds in the past for the work in the Crown of the Continent with no luck. This year Grizzly Bears are listed as a regional priority as is Sage Steppe Habitat. I'm wondering if we should try to submit a pre-proposal for work on conflict and restoration in the greater Centennial Valley area surrounding Red Rock Lakes NWR?

I've attached all the details (probably more then you want to look at) as well as a very draft first cut at portions of the pre-proposal to see if you guys think this makes sense?

- I'm open to any and all suggestions including scraping it, so take a swing. On a bright note could be some nice money coming into our different programs for a couple of years if we could get in.

Thanks ,

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The attached announcement, guidelines, and submission forms regarding the 2016 Cooperative Recovery Initiative (CRI) were recently released by HQ. This year the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) proposes to spend \$5.8 million (pending Congressional appropriation) on recovery of federally listed species on National Wildlife Refuges and surrounding lands through the CRI.

Region 6 will again be eligible to submit 4 proposals, which must be approved by the Assistant Regional Directors (ARD) of Ecological Services and the National Wildlife Refuge System. In addition to meeting the criteria established by the National Review Team, the following Region 6 priorities also will be considered by the ARD's in making a final determination regarding which proposals will be submitted for consideration. We do not anticipate limiting proposals to these priorities, but they will be an additional factor.

<u>Priority Species</u>	<u>Priority Landscapes</u>
Black-footed Ferret	Bear River Watershed
Bull Trout	Flint Hills
Colorado River Fishes	Prairie Potholes
Grizzly Bear	Rainwater Basin
Whooping Crane	Sage-steppe
Wyoming Toad	San Luis Valley

The Region 6 Points of Contact (POC) are Amelia Orton-Palmer (ES; amelia_orton-palmer@fws.gov; 303-236-4211) and Murray Laubhan (Refuges; murray_laubhan@fws.gov; 620-486-2393). Please contact one of these individuals if you have any questions.

Given the short time available to develop proposals and obtain approval and appropriate signatures from the Regional Office, individuals interested in competing for CRI funds should submit a completed Pre-proposal (template attached) via e-mail to one of the above POCs **by**

Tuesday, October 27, 2015. Service staff from different divisions and programs should collaborate on development of pre-proposals if possible.

Pre-proposals will be compiled and submitted to the ARD-ES and ARD-Refuges for review and determination of which proposals will be selected for full proposal development. The primary contact listed on successful pre-proposals will be notified prior to the webinar that will be hosted by the HQ National Review Team on November 5th to discuss qualifying criteria and answer questions.

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Hello All,

The memo for the Cooperative Recovery Initiative (CRI) Request for Proposal (RFP) was signed today and sent to the Regions via DTS (signed memo is attached). I wanted to forward this information directly to you to distribute as well. Each region is asked to submit their top 4 projects via DTS to Headquarters by **COB Monday, December 14, 2015**.

There were some significant changes made to the RFP from years past and the following attachments should reflect and explain those changes. Specifically, we're asking proposals to more closely align project goals and objectives to Recovery Plans, Comprehensive

Conservation Plans, Habitat Conservation Plans, Recovery Outlines, 5-year Reviews, and other Service Plans. This information and the clear linkages to plans should be recorded in our revised project data tables (attached excel table). We are no longer requiring a separate CRI monitoring template form, but ALL CRI projects submitted for consideration should include monitoring plans and/or monitoring templates that should be uploaded into ServCat and recorded in PRIMR (if applicable). Please refer to the following attachments for more information regarding the FY2016 CRI RFP:

- **FY16 Qualifying Criteria Attachment:** includes additional guidance and project examples
- **Project Narrative Template Attachment:** provides specific instructions on information required in your Narrative Template including where information should be provided.
- **CRI Cover Signature update:** The number of required signatures have been reduced to streamline the process.
- **Reviewer Guidelines Attachment:** Provides information on how projects will be scored
- **Project Data tables Attachment** (Excel table): contains 3 tabs for applicants to record pertinent project information including target species, project details, and budget. There is also a management activity reference table with details for management categories & activities in table 2B.

All this information should **soon** be available at the following *insideFWS* page (you must be on a network computer to access):

<https://inside.fws.gov/go/post/Cooperative-Recovery-Initiative>

Lastly, as mentioned in a previous update, the HQ National Review Team will be holding a webinar for Service Staff interested in submitting a proposal on **Thursday, November 5 from 1-3pm EST**. We will be going over the Qualifying Criteria, each document, and answering questions. To ensure that we have adequate phone lines to accomodate all interested parties, **please RSVP by COB Friday, October 30, 2015 to Linh_Phu@fws.gov**. I'll send out the call-in information and webinar link closer to the date via a calander invitation to those that RSVP.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me or your NRT Program Representative. Have a fabulous fall!

Best, Linh

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