

BLAINE COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2020-58

**SNRA WOOD RIVER WATERSHED RESTORATION PROJECT
LAND, WATER & WILDLIFE LEVY PROJECT FUNDING**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BLAINE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVING, PURSUANT TO THE ESTABLISHED CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES OF THE LAND, WATER AND WILDLIFE LEVY PROGRAM, THE DISBURSAL OF LAND, WATER AND WILDLIFE LEVY FUNDS.

WHEREAS, the Land, Water and Wildlife Levy passed successfully through general election on November 4, 2008 to collect funds to protect land, water and wildlife in Blaine County;

WHEREAS, the Blaine County Board of County Commissioners, per Blaine County Resolution #2008-71, set out the goals and purposes of the Land, Water & Wildlife Levy;

WHEREAS, the Blaine County Board of County Commissioners, consistent with the goals and purposes of the Land, Water and Wildlife Levy and per Blaine County Resolution #2011-20, established the working procedures for the Land, Water and Wildlife Levy Program including project evaluation criteria, a citizen advisory committee recommendation process and procedures for the disbursement of levy funds; with amendments adopted by Blaine County Resolution #2013-24.

WHEREAS, The Sawtooth National Recreation Area ("SNRA") has requested as part of the SNRA Wood River Watershed Restoration Project (the "Project") up to one hundred fifty-eight thousand, two hundred dollars (\$158,200) or forty seven percent (47%) of total project costs, whichever is less, from the Land, Water and Wildlife Levy Fund to restore fish and wildlife habitat within the Big Wood River watershed by rehabilitating unnecessary roads and managing dispersed camping. The project is separated into three focus areas which include the North Fork road, the Prairie Creek area, and Galena Lodge and the surrounding area, and are designated in Exhibit A (Vicinity Map). Project activities in these areas focus primarily on relocating and decommissioning routes and reseeding. Exhibits B (Scope of Work) and C (Project Budget and Timeline), attached to this document, outline the Project Goals, Materials and Methods, and Schedule.

WHEREAS, the duly appointed nine-member volunteer citizen advisory committee, known as the Levy Advisory Board (LAB), after finding that the SNRA Wood River Watershed Restoration Project meets the Land, Water & Wildlife Levy Program's conservation criteria recommended Conceptual Approval of the project the terms of which include, among others, the disbursement of up to one hundred fifty-eight thousand, two hundred dollars (\$158,200) or forty seven percent (47%) of total project costs, whichever is less, from the Land, Water and Wildlife Levy Fund for the Project as described.

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WHEREAS, the Land, Water & Wildlife Program's process includes a final review by the LAB, the outcome of which is a LAB recommendation to the Commissioners to approve the Collection Agreement and Exhibits.

WHEREAS, the Blaine County Board of County Commissioners finds that the SNRA Wood River Watershed Restoration Project meets the Land, Water & Wildlife Levy Program's conservation and funding criteria; and

WHEREAS, the Blaine County Board of County Commissioners, after reviewing the Collection Agreement and Exhibits referenced in the Collection Agreement, approved said Collection Agreement (recorded as Instrument # 678602) between Blaine County and the Sawtooth National Recreation Area the terms of which include, among others, the disbursal of up to one hundred fifty-eight thousand, two hundred dollars (\$158,200) or forty seven percent (47%) of total project costs, whichever is less, from the Land, Water and Wildlife Levy Fund for the Project as described.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BLAINE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEREBY APPROVES FROM THE LAND, WATER & WILDLIFE LEVY FUND:

THE DISBURSAL OF UP TO ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHT THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$158,200.00) OR FORTY SEVEN PERCENT (47%) OF THE TOTAL PROJECT COSTS, WHICHEVER IS LESS, TO THE SAWTOOTH NATIONAL RECREATION AREA UNDER THE TERMS OF THE COLLECTION AGREEMENT.

REGULARLY PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Blaine County, Idaho, on this 25 day of May 2021.


BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BLAINE COUNTY, IDAHO



Jacob Greenberg, Chairman

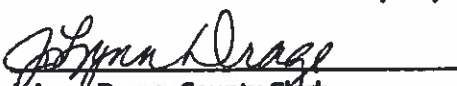


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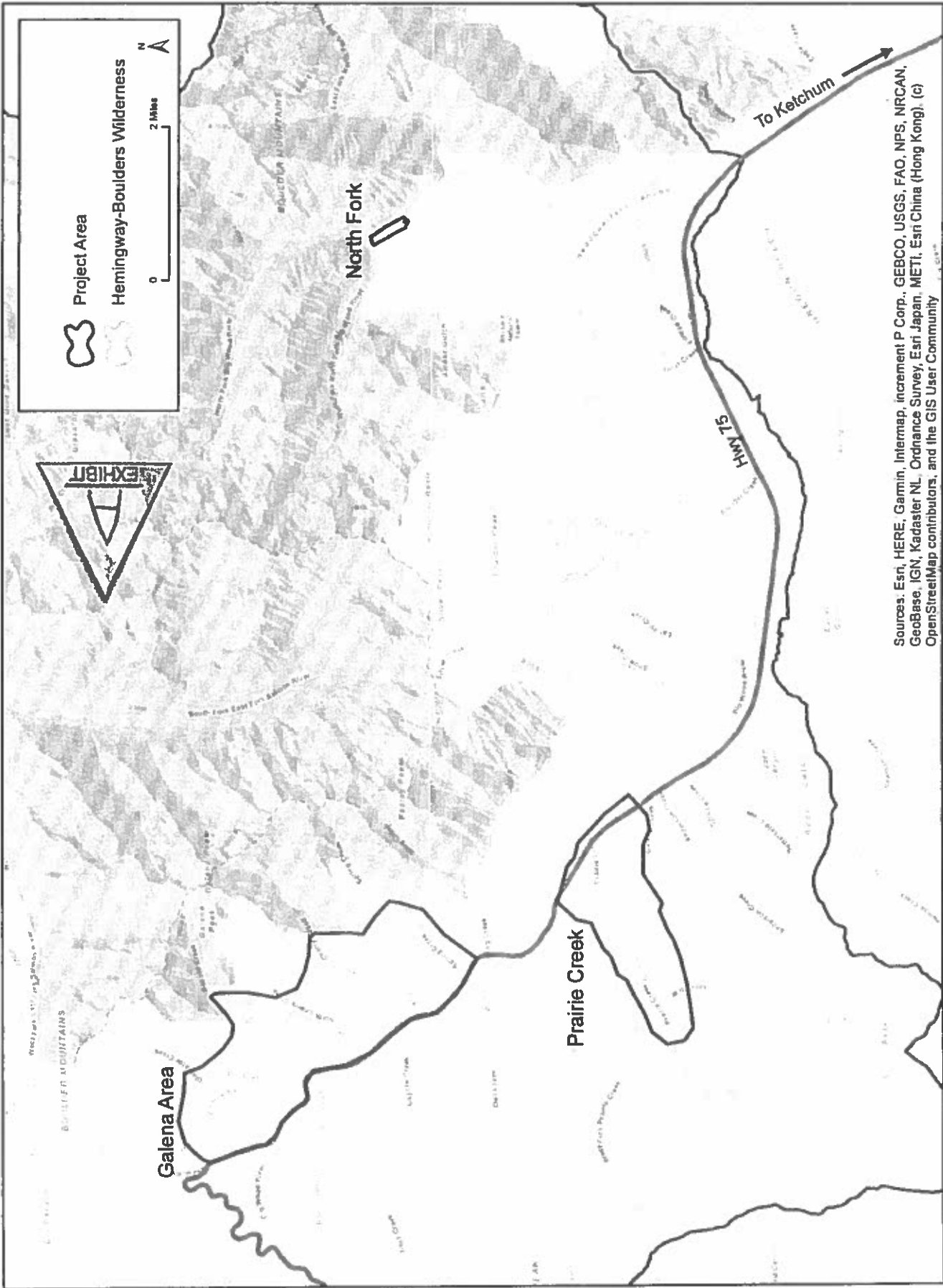


Dick Fosbury, Commissioner
Chairman



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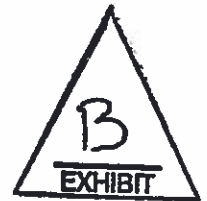
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Big Wood Travel Plan Implementation Project Area

Appendix B



Scope of Work

This proposal address three areas within the upper Big Wood River watershed.

North Fork of the Big Wood

The current trailhead located at the end of the North Fork road is in riparian area/spruce bog causing adverse impacts to riparian habitat. The trailhead will be moved approximately 0.4 miles downriver to an upland site that is sustainable. Approximately 0.2 miles of the existing road between the current and new trailhead will be converted to a non-motorized trail and the remaining 0.2 miles of road will be returned to as close to natural conditions as feasible. Restoration treatments include a combination of the following: installing barriers to block use of a route, installing water bars; removing culverts; breaking compaction and conditioning the former surface; adding fine and course woody debris; pulling road shoulders to reestablish former topography and drainage; and restoring vegetation. Native seed will be purchased and applied to restored areas as needed. Restoration will be done using an excavator, backhoe and dump truck under the supervision of staff experienced in this type of restoration method.

Prairie Creek

This tributary of the Big Wood River contains many roads that have been created over the years from dispersed camping and firewood cutters that have resulted in high road density and negative impacts to the riparian area of Prairie Creek. Additionally, many dispersed campsites are causing negative impacts to the riparian area. Approximately 7 miles of road causing unacceptable resource impacts will be returned to as close to natural conditions as feasible. The Mill Creek Trailhead is in a spruce bog at the mouth of Mill Creek within the Prairie Creek watershed causing adverse impacts to riparian habitat. This trailhead will be removed and parking and access for the Mill Creek Trail will be relocated to the existing Prairie Creek Trailhead. Restoration treatments include a combination of the following: installing barriers to block use of a route, installing water bars; removing culverts; breaking compaction and conditioning the former surface; adding fine and course woody debris; pulling road shoulders to reestablish former topography and drainage; and restoring vegetation. Native seed will be purchased and applied to restored areas as needed. Signing will be purchased and installed to indicate road closures. Restoration will be done using an excavator, backhoe and dump truck under the supervision of staff experienced in this type of restoration method.

Dispersed campsites that are causing unacceptable resource damage will be eliminated or moved to sites more sustainable. Restoration activities include reducing the overall size, installing barriers, and reestablishing native vegetation. Campsites that will be eliminated will be returned to as close to natural conditions as feasible using techniques described for roads. Signing will be purchased and installed to indicate designated campsites.

Galena Area

This area includes the Big Wood River tributaries of Spring Creek, South Cherry Creek, Cherry Creek, North Cherry Creek, Senate Creek, Gladiator Creek, and Horse Creek. As in Prairie Creek these tributaries contain many roads that have been created over the years from dispersed camping and firewood cutters that have resulted in high road density and negative impacts to the riparian areas. Additionally, many dispersed campsites are causing negative impacts to the riparian area. Approximately 13 miles of road causing unacceptable resource impacts will be returned to as close to natural conditions as feasible. The current Gladiator Creek Trailhead will be moved to an upland site approximately 0.5 miles south. This will allow the last 0.4-mile section of the Gladiator Creek Road

to be converted to a non-motorized trail and moved out of the spring that it passes through. Restoration treatments include a combination of the following: installing barriers to block use of a route, installing water bars; removing culverts; breaking compaction and conditioning the former surface; adding fine and course woody debris; pulling road shoulders to reestablish former topography and drainage; and restoring vegetation. Native seed will be purchased and applied to restored areas as needed. Signing will be purchased and installed to indicate road closures. Restoration will be done using an excavator, backhoe and dump truck under the supervision of staff experienced in this type of restoration method.

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Project Monitoring

Photopoints will characterize pre-project conditions, and follow-up monitoring with photopoints (typically in years 1 and 5) will assess the success of the project in achieving the objectives.

Existing populations of non-native invasive and noxious plant species within the project area will continue to be inventoried and treated under The Sawtooth National Forest Integrated Weed Management Program using mechanical and biological control agents, and herbicide applications covered in the Biological Assessment and Biological Evaluation of Effects from Noxious and Invasive Weed Management Program on Fisheries, Terrestrial Wildlife and Rare Plant Species, Fairfield Ranger and Ketchum Ranger Districts, and Sawtooth National Recreation Area, Sawtooth National Forest, April 6, 2012. Five years post implementation the project area will be inventoried for the invasion of new non-native invasive and noxious plant species. If located these species would be treated as described above.

Permits and Approvals:

- Project has gone through the NEPA planning process and there is a signed Decision dated August 30, 2018
- Project has been reviewed by US Fish and Wildlife Service through ESA Section 7 Consultation and determined to not likely adversely affect Canada lynx and not jeopardize the continued existence of wolverine
- Project has been reviewed by US Army Corps and authorized under Nationwide Permit No. 27 (Aquatic Habitat Restoration, Establishment and Enhancement Activities)
- Project has been reviewed and approved by Idaho Dep. of Water Resources
- Project has been reviewed by State Historic Preservation Office and determined that there will be no effect to the Class I and Class II sites within the project area

Project Budget and Timeline

Area	Tasks	LWW Requested Funds	Forest Service	RAC	NFF	IDPR	LPF	BCRD	IDFG	Total	LWW % Contribution	Target Completion Date
North Fork	Restore and relocate North Fork TH	\$18,200	\$10,000			\$17,500				\$45,700		2022
	Decommission and restore route	\$21,000	\$10,000							\$31,000		2022
	Purchase and distribute seed	\$5,500	\$1,000							\$6,500		2022
	Total	\$44,700	\$21,000			\$17,500				\$83,200	54	
Prairie Creek	Decommission and restore routes and camp sites			\$8,000	\$10,500		\$7,500			\$53,000		2020-21
	Install ski trail barriers, route maintenance							\$2,000		\$2,000		2020-21
	Restore and reroute Mill Creek Trail		\$3,000			\$8,300				\$11,300		2020
	Purchase and distribute seed	\$2,000	\$1,000							\$3,000		2020-21
	Total	\$19,000	\$14,000	\$8,000	\$10,500	\$8,300	\$7,500	\$2,000		\$69,300	27	
Galena Area	Decommission and restore routes and camp sites						\$7,500		\$10,000	\$163,500		2021-2022
	Install ski trail barriers, route maintenance							\$14,000		\$14,000		2021-2022
	Purchase and distribute seed	\$5,500	\$1,000							\$6,500		2021-2022
	Total	\$94,500	\$8,000			\$7,500	\$14,000	\$10,000		\$184,000	51	
Total*		\$158,200	\$93,000	\$8,000	\$10,500	\$25,800	\$15,000	\$10,000	\$16,000	\$336,500	47	

RAC - Secure Rural Schools Title II Fund - South Central Idaho
 NFF - National Forest Foundation
 IDPR - Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation
 LPF - Idaho Specialty License Plate Fund
 BCRD - Blaine County Recreation District
 IDFG - Idaho Department of Fish and Game

*The total project cost is \$336,500, which includes all Forest Service and partner contributions. Because the Collection Agreement is between Blaine County and the Forest Service the Collection Agreement Financial Plan total (\$251,200) only includes the LWW funds and the Forest Service funds.

