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Dear Applicant,

The Nevada Division of Forestry (NDF) is requesting proposals for projects that are eligible for funding under the Forest Legacy Program (FLP). FLP is a federal program funded by Congress through the USDA Forest Service (USFS) and administered by NDF.

The purpose of FLP is to protect environmentally important private forest areas that are threatened by conversion to non-forest uses. The preferred method of protection is through the purchase of permanent conservation easements, though the outright acquisition of property through fee simple title can be considered.

Nevada has approved five Forest Legacy Areas where projects will be considered:

- 1. Tahoe/Sierra Front**
- 2. Mt. Charleston**
- 3. Jarbidge River**
- 4. Muddy River**
- 5. Schell Creek Range**

The following five criteria are the primary areas of emphasis to be considered in determining eligible projects to be recommended for funding:

- 1. Protection of wildlife habitat**
- 2. Protection and enhancement of water quality and quantity**
- 3. Protection and enhancement of wetlands and riparian areas**
- 4. Protection of forest lands from development (growth and sprawl)**
- 5. Preservation of scenic landscape views**

The applicant must have written confirmation from a state or local government willing to hold and monitor the conservation easement or own and manage the land in fee title.

There must be a completed Forest Stewardship Plan approved by the State Forester for the proposed property prior to closing.

Private landowners with properties located within the designated Nevada Forest Legacy Areas with a minimum of five acres and at least 75% forested land are eligible to apply. The Forest Legacy Program can provide up to 75% of the costs for the purchase of conservation easements on private forestlands, with a minimum 25% match requirement coming from private, state or local sources. The FLP is a voluntary program that seeks to protect environmentally important forestlands that are threatened by conversion to non-forest uses.

The FLP operates on the “willing buyer, willing seller” principle, and the program assures that both traditional uses of private lands and the public benefits of America’s forests are protected for future generations. The FLP provides an incentive-based mechanism to maintain a working forest, protect important fish and wildlife habitat, conserve watershed functions, and maintain recreation opportunities. Landowners are encouraged to work with a Land Trust Organization to develop their project.

Applications are evaluated by the Nevada Forest Stewardship Committee using the following three core criteria: Importance, Threatened and Strategic. The level of Readiness will also be considered when ranking projects. The top three projects from the state are submitted to the regional and national ranking process for final funding consideration, and funds are awarded to successful projects two years after submitting the initial application. Applications must be received by March 31, 2011 to be considered for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2013, which starts October 1, 2012.

All proposals must address the Application Requirements and include maps, photos and required supporting documentation. Applications received after the March 31, 2011 deadline may be considered for FFY 2014. Please submit 2 hard copies and 1 full electronic copy of the project proposal to the attention:

**Nevada Division of Forestry**

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Sincerely,

John Watermolen

## FOREST LEGACY PROGRAM FFY 2013 APPLICATION

Your application should be in outline form, cover all topics listed below, and be presented in this exact order. This ensures that all projects are evaluated in a fair and equitable manner by the State and National review panels.

### APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Phone (home):

Phone (work):

Phone (cell):

Fax:

E-mail:

### SPONSOR INFORMATION

Organization:

Contact:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Phone (work):

Phone (cell):

Fax:

E-mail:

### FOREST LEGACY AREAS

#### Jarbidge

All privately owned forested parcels within Northern Elko County, west of US 93, north of the Southern Edge of the Ruby Mountains and east of State Road 225 and County Road 748

#### Sierra Front

All privately owned forested parcels within Carson City, Douglas and Storey Counties and Southern Washoe County west of State Roads 446 and 445 and south of High Rock Road

#### Mt. Charleston

All privately owned forested parcels within the Spring Mountains National Recreation area in Clark County. Parcels are located in townships 18 and 19 south and ranges 56 and 57 east

## **Muddy River**

All privately owned forested parcels within 1 mile of the Muddy River from Interstate 15 to US Highway 6 in Clark and Lincoln Counties

## **Schell Creek Mountains**

All privately owned forested parcels within White Pine County, east of US 93, south of State Road 893 and north of US 50

### **PROJECT INFORMATION**

**Project Name:**

**Project Description: (Provide a general description of the property including location and current land uses):**

**Project nearest Town:**

**Project County:**

**Project Location: Latitude: \_\_\_\_\_ Longitude: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Legal Description: Township: \_\_\_\_\_ Range: \_\_\_\_\_ Section: \_\_\_\_\_ Quarter: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Project Acres:**

**Estimated Current Land Value Per Acre: \$**

**Estimated Conservation Easement Value Per Acre (Total Project Cost): \$**

**Forest Legacy Program Funding Request: \$**

**Non-Federal Cost-Share (minimum 25% match required): \$**

### **IMPORTANCE**

Describe the environmental, social, and economic public benefits gained from the protection and management of the property. More points will be given to projects that demonstrate multiple public benefits at the national or multi-state scale. This criterion reflects the ecological assets and the economic and social values conserved by the project and the scale of people's interest in its protection. It is meant to assess the attributes to be conserved and who is receiving those benefits.

- 1. Scenic: (Describe the site's scenic attributes and if it is located within a viewshed of a formally designated scenic feature or area (such as trail, river, or highway.)**
- 2. Historic/Cultural: (Describe formally documented cultural or historical features that are located on site.)**
- 3. Forestry: (Describe how the Landowner has demonstrated the use of sound forest management principles and/or contributes to the resource-based economy for a community or region.)**
- 4. Threatened or Endangered Species Habitat: (Does the site have known individuals and/or habitat for designated rare, threatened or endangered plants and animals?)**
- 5. Fish, Wildlife, Plants, and Unique Forest Communities: (Describe the site's unique forest communities and/or important fish or wildlife habitat as specified by a wildlife conservation plan or strategy.)**
- 6. Water Supply Protection: (Describe any contiguous riparian areas, forested wetlands, shorelines, river systems, sensitive watershed lands, buffer to public drinking water supply or an aquifer recharge area.)**
- 7. Public Access/Recreation: (Does the property have full or limited access, [may include specific use restrictions]?)**

## **THREATENED**

Describe the possible current and future threat of conversion to non-forest uses and how it will result in a loss of forest values and public benefits.

1. **Legal:** (Describe the degree of legal protections, or lack of, that currently exists on the property (e.g. current zoning or existing easements) and if these protections remove the threat of conversion.)
2. **Landowners Circumstances:** (e.g. good land steward interested in conserving land, property held in an estate, aging landowner and future use of property by heirs is uncertain, property is up for sale or has a sale pending, landowner has received purchase offers, etc.)
3. **Adjacent land use changes:** (rate of development growth and conversion, rate of population growth, rate of change in ownership, etc).

## **STRATEGIC**

How does the project fit within a larger conservation plan, strategy, or initiative and enhances previous conservation investments. Describe how the project would:

1. **Support Federal/State conservation efforts/plans** (i.e. USFS Northwest Forest Plan, buffers state/federal lands)
2. **Complement state and/or federal land investments in the area** (land base, land management, land purchase, conservation programs)
3. **Be part of an organized land conservation effort** (state, regional, local, land trust, initiatives)

## **LEVEL OF READINESS**

1. **Landowner commitment** (willing seller, status of negotiations, agreements; written, verbal, purchase options)
2. **Status of transaction/due diligence** (appraisal, conservation easement, purchase and sale agreement, environmental assessment, baseline documentation, Landowner Forest Stewardship Plan)
3. **Describe sources and amounts of non-federal match.**
4. **Describe sources of other federal or private funds and amounts.**

## **SUPPORTING PARTIES**

How is the project supported by organizations, partners, stakeholders? List partners; include letters of support; describe big picture; how organized landscape conservation effort is supported.

## **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

1. **Letters of support**
2. **Maps – topographic/USGS**
3. **Photos – aerial/project area**
4. **GIS Data of the Project Area**