

# Forest Collaborative Assistance Program (FCAP) Application

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**COMPLETED FORM MUST ACCOMPANY ALL APPLICATIONS**

## 1. Applicant Information:

Collaborative Project Title: Greys River Collaborative Working Group

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Title: Chair, Star Valley Conservation District

## 2. General Information

Explain in a few paragraphs, a brief summary on what your collaborative group does and a brief track-record or history if available.

There is a current opportunity for coordinating efforts aimed at implementing the Governor's Task Force recommendations to address resource issues on Federal forestlands across the state. Discussions are underway at the Wyoming State Forestry and the Governor's Office as to how best to implement the recommendations. The formation of this work group of key stakeholders is a first step toward a targeted effort to implement the recommendation outline in the report.

This work group will be founded on the principle that a collaborative and sustainable partnership of federal, state and local governments, forest industries, environmental groups and other non-governmental organizations can add value to efforts improving forest health, economic vitality and other social and environmental benefits derived from federal forest lands and its forest-dependent communities.

In the past, many similar reports on the condition of Wyoming's forests have been completed only to "sit on the shelf and gather dust." A significant amount of time and effort has been expended to reach agreement on how to proceed. But to create the results envisioned by the Governor, we need the support of a strong group willing to work together and dedicated to implementation.

To be successful, the next steps will be to implement the intent of the Task Force recommendations with the resources and commitments in these agreements. This includes developing local community-based collaborative partnerships to address Federal lands forest health landscape scale across the Greys River District, and pursuing National Solutions recommendations that may require Congressional action.











### 3. Project Land Area Included

- A map of the project area that delineates the project borders is required.
- Please list the number of acres included in this project by land ownership if applicable.

Land Ownership	Acres
Bureau of Land Management	
United States Forest Service	484,542
State Land	
Private Land	
Other (specify)	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>484.542</b>

### 4. Partners for the project

Required partners include private landowners, multiple use interests, elected officials and all federal or state land management agencies in the project area. Additional partners shall be determined by the applicant and are encouraged. Examples include other local, private, and non-governmental partners.

Partner Name, Title, Organization/Agency	Signature of support for the project
Brenda Ashworth, District Manager, Star Valley Conservation District <small>(water representative)</small>	
Joe Nield, Permittee, Wyoming Stock Growers Association <small>(cow/cattle representative)</small>	
Steve Ashworth, RLA Parks & Recreation <small>(recreation/agricultural representative)</small>	
McKay Erickson, Timber Contractor <small>(timber representative)</small>	
Tim HABERBUCHER, WYOMING HUNTERS & GUIDES ASSOCIATION <small>(hunter)</small>	
Richard Raione, Greys River District Ranger, USFS <small>(state or federal land management representative)</small>	
Jerry Harmon, Chairman, Board of Lincoln County Commissioners <small>(local or state elected official)</small>	
Kennis Lutz, Mayor of Alpine <small>(other)</small>	
Justin Visser <small>(other)</small>	
David Allred <small>(other)</small>	
Roger Coles <small>(other)</small>	
Jeff Johnson <small>(other)</small>	
Mel Shumway <small>(other)</small>	

## 5. Project Narrative

**A project narrative is required.** Consideration will be given to applications addressing ALL of the following components. If a collaborative partnership is in the early stages or has not been formally established, please provide what would be the desired outcome for each part of the description questions below.

**Project.** General need for a FCAP project and the problems to be addressed by the collaborative for the proposed area.

The Lincoln County Public Land's Policy identifies forest health and sound stewardship of federal forestlands as critical to Lincoln County's future well-being. However, there are many problems that pose major impediments to sustaining forest values. These include, but are not limited to:

- Forest health and resiliency have been disrupted in Lincoln County's forests. Problems like uncharacteristic wildfire, modified hydrologic regimes, and insect epidemics may result in the loss of key ecological components.
- Reduced timber harvest from federal forestlands has resulted in diminished forest industry infrastructure with unintended economic and social losses to rural communities. This limits the ability to carry out needed forest health related treatments on the landscape.
- Changing public values, lack of clear goals, court challenges, and the inability to implement decisions have led to a lack of trust with federal land management policies and decisions.
- Federal forest funding has declined. Funding is not adequate or appropriately allocated to achieve land management objectives on federal lands. Adequate stable funding sources are necessary to achieve long-term management goals and sustainability.

The Collaborative Working Group will meet over the next two years to engage the public, government officials, and the scientific community; collect information; review pertinent documents; discuss concerns and ideas; and formulate solutions to address forest restoration.

Funding will be used to implement Task Force recommendations in the 2016-2017 biennium. This includes funding to facilitate and support federal agency and local community efforts to improved forest health on federal forestlands, and to establish landscape-scale collaboration to build trust and help identify scientifically informed and socially acceptable forest management projects to improve forest health. Due to the dire economic outlook with the Forest Service, any funding is likely to be limited. Therefore, the working group will look at resources available to triage an implementation plan to address these projects.

Goal(s). Describe the over-arching goal(s) for the project that take into account resource objectives and concerns.

The purposes of the collaborative group are to:

- Advance corroboratively driven landscape-scale, active restoration of federal forest lands;
- Identify and remove policy and financial barriers; and
- Promote innovate solutions to restoration of forest health.

We will:

- Provide a forum for collaborative groups, federal and local governments to raise and solve barriers to accelerated restoration on federal forest lands;
- Support and contribute to maintaining and growing our innovative Federal - State Partnerships that demonstrates new governance structures and ways of doing business together;
- Discuss and foster implementation of new and emerging governance structures that provide for meaningful involvement of community and collaborative leadership, including identifying the resources and conditions necessary to implement these collaborative structures;
- Articulate the need for a consistent supply of timber offered through restoration and forest management that is corroboratively supported; and,
- Work together to identify and secure increased, consistent, and/or diverse funding to implement landscape scale restoration projects.

Alignment. Explanation of how the project aligns with the Recommendations set forth in the Governor's Task Force on Forests Final Report. Collaboratives should be a be able to at least reference specific recommendations and sub-recommendations from the Final Report.

The purpose of the Working Group has been to pursue implementation of the Governor's Task Force recommendations on how to accomplish resource management on federal lands in partnership with the State. This would include recommendations 3,5,7 and 8.

These activities will restore forests, help sustain communities by creating jobs and maintaining forest-sector infrastructure. The Greys River Collaborative Working Group will work statewide in this regard.

State & Federal Management. If project includes any federal/state-managed lands, a statement by the agency of how this project fits into their management plans.

**The Forest Service** operates under several programs and initiatives approved by Congress that provide the authorities for funding and coordination of activities that relate to community-based collaboration. A brief overview of these follows.

- **Stewardship Contracting:** Stewardship contracting authority allows the agency to apply the value of timber or other forest products needing to be removed to create a "desired future resource condition" as an offset against the cost of services received, and to apply the remaining receipts from a project to other authorized stewardship projects. Stewardship contracts are selected on a "best value" basis, and awarded for periods of up to ten years to help stimulate long term investments in local communities.

- **Biomass:** The Department of Energy, Interior, and Agriculture share a 2003 MOU encouraging use of woody biomass from forest and rangeland restoration and hazardous fuels treatment projects rather than burning or other disposal methods.

- **Healthy Forests Initiative:** The Healthy Forest Initiative helps the agency address conditions on forests and rangelands at risk from catastrophic fire due to fuel accumulation, drought conditions, insect and disease infestations, and invasive species.

- **"Wyden Amendment"** (Public Law 109-54, Section 434) - This Act authorizes the Forest Service to enter into cooperative agreements with willing Federal, tribal, State, and local governments, private and nonprofit entities, and landowners for the protection, restoration, and enhancement of habitats and other resources on public or private land within the watershed.

- **Healthy Forests Restoration Act:** This Act contains a variety of provisions to expedite hazardous fuel reduction and forest restoration projects on specific types of Federal land that are at risk of wildland fire and/or of insect and disease epidemics.

Anticipated project start/stop date. This will be the contract completion date so be sure to include time for data analysis, report compilation, etc. If completion date is unknown, provide an estimate.

Anticipated Start Date - Immediate upon notice of award.

Anticipated Completion Date - December, 2017

## 6. Budget

Please complete the following budget summary form. A total of \$10,000 may be requested for each FCAP Application. While not required, monetary or in-kind match to leverage FCAP funds will be taken into consideration when awarding funds. Funds must be used within 1 years of award.

	Grant Funds	Matching Funds <i>Cash</i>	Matching Funds <i>In-kind</i>	Total Amount
Administration	\$500			
Mapping / survey			\$1,000	
Contractual Services				
Materials / Supplies			\$500	
In-State Travel	\$500			
Facilitation	\$9,000			
Equipment Rental			\$500	
Other (specify)				
Other (specify)				
Other (specify)				
Other (specify)				
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$10,000		\$2,000	\$12,000

Please indicate all federal, tribal, state, local, private, and non-governmental partners and their level of participation (matching funds). Also be sure to include your contribution to the project. **NOTE: The TOTAL here must match the amount on the previous table for cash and in-kind.**

Monetary Contribution Partners	Contribution Amount	<u>C</u> for Cash or <u>I</u> for In-kind
Lincoln County	\$ \$2,000	I
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$	

**Budget justification:** Information providing rationale for both project costs and match must be included with sufficient detail for each budget category. Provide an approximated itemized account for each of the above categories.

**Example budget justification:**

1. Facilitation – One consultant hired for the 2 yrs of the collaborative for 8 meetings from October 2015 through December 2016 at \$500/meeting X 8 meetings = \$4,000.
2. In-state travel – Eight trips to project area (80 miles/trip) each of the 3 project years. 80 X .50/mile X 8 trips X 3 yrs = \$960


Federal Agency Liaison Position - Dedicated to federal forest health issues, providing direct point of contact and means of accountability with US Forest Service, forest collaborative group, and local elected officials. Hired for the two year biennium, the consultant/facilitator will meet quarterly (8 meetings through December 2017).



## 7. Checklist

- Completed FCAP Application
- Map delineating project area
- Project Partners listed with signatures
- Project Narrative
- Budget
- Letter of Recommendation (optional)

*I certify the information provided in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand this program is done with the voluntary cooperation and participation of all partners named in this agreement. I further understand I will be required to sign a program agreement and other necessary documentation containing the terms and conditions for inclusion in the program and funding conditions (if applicable) if this application is approved.*

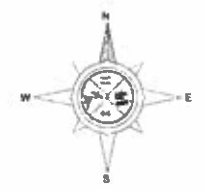
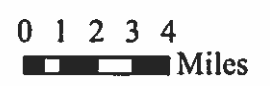
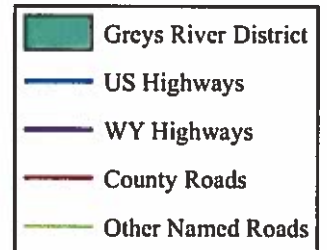
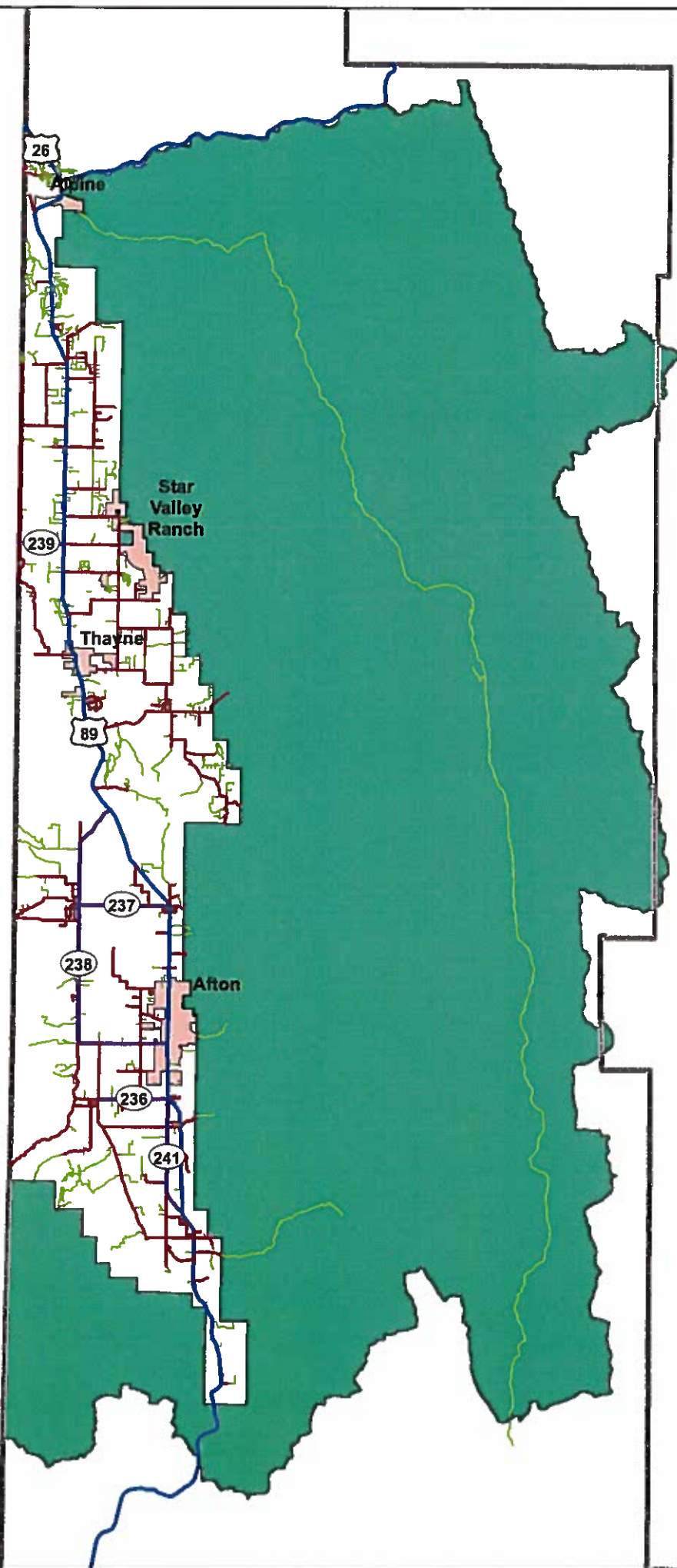
  
Signature

*S.V.G.D. chairman*  
Title

*1-27-16*  
Date



# Greys River District - Bridger-Teton National Forest



Map created by Destry Dearden, GISP, on Jan. 25, 2016 using the most current data available. This map is for informational purposes only and should not be construed to be an official survey of any data presented.