

Forest Collaborative Assistance Program (FCAP) Application

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1. Applicant Information:

Collaborative Project Title: Sublette County Forest Collaborative

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Is someone other than the Contact listed responsible for signing agreements or contracts? If so;

Name: _____ Title: _____

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.

Sublette County along with federal and state land management agencies have always had a good working relationship on natural resource management and projects within the County. One example of that is the Piney Creeks Project, which was the result of the Fontenelle wildfire in 2012. This was a landscape scale cooperative restoration project involving both federal and state land management agencies, private land owners, Sublette County Weed and Pest, Sublette County Commissioners, Wyoming Game and Fish Department, and the Sublette County Conservation District. The group partnered with several groups to secure funding to aid with restoration projects and grazing deferral within the fire perimeter.

The formal formation of a collaborative will continue to improve upon cooperation within Sublette County, and hopefully build upon and add to the list of stakeholders that are involved with forest health and management in the County. With the one meeting that has occurred between interested parties the group has realized that not all stakeholders have been identified. As listed below the group has made it our main goal to make sure we have all stakeholders identified and at the table for projects that are developed from the collaborative effort.

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TOTAL	3148409

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(water management representative) TBD	
(range management representative) TBD	
(recreation management representative) TBD	
(timber management representative) TBD	
(wildlife management representative) TBD	
Rob Hoelscher, Pinedale District Range/BTNF <small>(state or federal land management representative)</small>	<i>Please see attached original application for signatures</i>
Andy Nelson, Chairman/Sublette County Commission <small>(local or state elected official)</small>	
Michael Henn, District Manager/Sublette County Conservation District <small>(other)</small>	
Brook Lee, District Forester/WSFD <small>(other)</small>	
Don Kranendonk, Big Piney District Ranger/BTNF <small>(other)</small>	
Tim Wakefield, High Desert District Manager/BLM <small>(other)</small>	
Shad Cooper, Fire Chief/Warden/Sublette County Unified Fire <small>(other)</small>	
<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.

Many of the same people involved in the Piney Creeks Project have started the Collaborative to foster better relationships and gain other partners within the County. There are a few projects that have been identified at the first meeting and through the collaborative process they will be discussed with all parties involved, with an end product of some if not all getting implemented in the near future.

As stated in other parts of the application this collaborative is in its infancy stage and has had only met with a hand full of people that have expressed interest in forest health. The group realizes that additional stakeholders are needed as the collaborative continues to grow. Some of the issues in Sublette County in regards to forest health are wildland-urban interface, fuels management, and vegetation management in response to the mountain pine beetle. Specific projects have yet to be brought in front of the group by individual members at the time of this application to describe them in detail.

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

Goal 1: Always be looking at making sure that the group represents every stakeholder that needs to be involved in the projects the groups is working on.

Goal 2: In the first six months review the group's actions/projects, then add or subtract identified actions/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 Sublette County Forest Collaborative's is striving is to take what the Governor's task force has identified and utilize the recommendations as a framework for the collaborative. With the stakeholders already identified we have a good representation of all three themes and hopefully will build upon the representation as the collaborative grows. The group has already identified that recommendation 3 is a priority with many rural subdivisions that are in need of vegetation and fuels projects to help protect them from wildfire. These projects not only fall under recommendation 3, but also recommendations 5,6,9, and 12. We know as these projects come on line they will satisfy more than one recommendation in the report.

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.

Wyoming State Forestry Division: State forest management - unknown at this time until project areas has been identified.

Bridger Teton National Forest: The Chief of the US Forest Service issued his Strategic Plan for FY 2015 - 2020, and it consists of four elements; Sustain, Deliver, Apply and Excel. The outcomes of each of these four elements specifically discuss building collaborative efforts to enhance resilient and adaptive environments and communities.

The Forest Service's Region 4 Business Plan for 2016 (which includes the Bridger-Teton NF) also includes Ecosystem Restoration and Sustainability, and Communities as two of its five emphasis items. These two emphasis items highlight seeking collaborative opportunities to address unprecedented land-management challenges and fostering and sustaining healthy landscapes near communities while augmenting stakeholder opportunities.

These two documents amplify and support the Bridger-Teton's efforts in seeking collaborative and engaged partners to address threats and issues that our local public forest lands currently face. On the Bridger-Teton National Forest there are several themes that could potentially be addressed through a local collaborative effort and those themes include; Watershed conditions, Wildland fire potential, Wildlife habitats, and Community relationships.

High Desert District BLM: The entry of the Pinedale and Rock Springs Field offices into a collaborative forestry management program with Sublette County and other entities is consistent with the goals and management objectives of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Collaborative management will enhance treatment possibilities and promote or enhance the probability of successful forestry treatments on BLM lands.

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.

The group's first meeting was January 15, 2016. If selected for the grant the group plans on expending the allotted funding by fall of 2016.

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		240	740
Mapping / survey			2250	2250
Contractual Services	1500			1500
Materials / Supplies	1000			1000
In-State Travel	2000			2000
Facilitation	5000	1000		5000
Equipment Rental				
Other (specify)				
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TOTAL	10,000	1000	2490	13,490

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
Sublette County Conservation District	\$ 480	I
Bridger Teton National Forest	\$ 600	I
Sublette County Unified Fire	\$ 180	I
Sublette County Commission	\$ 1180	I
Wyoming State Forestry Division	\$ 450	I
BLM/Pinedale Field Office	\$ 600	I
	\$	
	\$	
TOTAL	\$ 2590	

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 \times .50/\text{mile} \times 8 \text{ trips} \times 3 \text{ yrs} = \960

Grant Funds:

Facilitation- Hiring of one consultant to assist in meetings at \$500/meeting X 10 meetings = \$5,000.

Administration- Processing and administering the grant, contracts, and reporting associated with the project for an amount of \$500.

Contractual Services- Hiring of a consultant to assist with meetings for leadership training or other needs that are identified by the group for an estimated \$1,500.

Materials/Supplies- To purchase materials and supplies necessary to conduct meeting or project planning in the amount of \$1,000.

In-State Travel- To cover expenses associated with an travel for people that the group brings in for expertise in the amount of \$2,000.

In-Kind Funds:

Administration- Employee time associated with the grant 8 hours X \$30/hour = \$240.

Mapping/Surveying- Partners time associated with project planning, layout, and design 75 hours averaging \$30/hour = \$2,250.

Facilitation- Sublette County Commission is sponsoring a field trip to identified project sites for the group in the amount of \$1,000.

7. Checklist

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

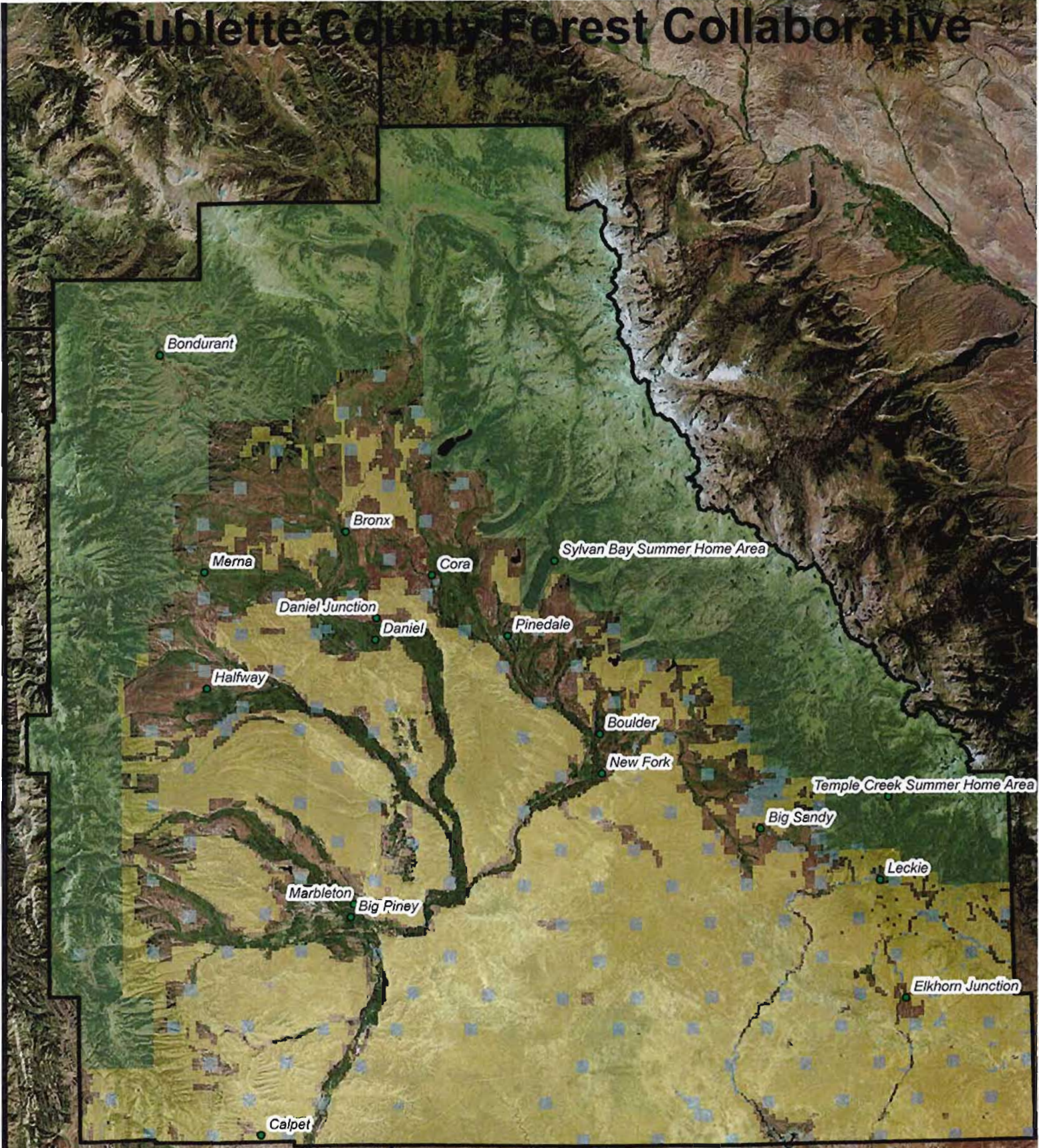
I certify the information provided in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand this program is done with the voluntary cooperation and participation of all partners named in this agreement. I further understand I will be required to sign a program agreement and other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


Signature


Title


Date

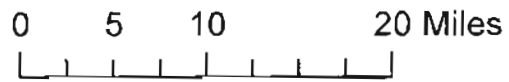
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Source: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA, USGS, AEX, Getmapping, Aerogrid, IGN, IGP, swisstopo, and the GIS User Community

Legend

- City/Towns
- ▭ County Boundaries
- ▭ Bureau of Land Management
- ▭ Forest Service
- ▭ State



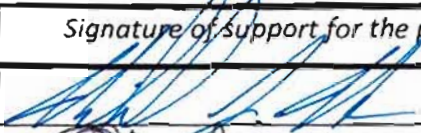

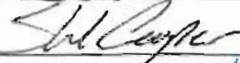


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Tim Wakefield, High Desert District Manager/BLM <small>(timber representative)</small>	see attached form
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Rob Hoelscher, Pinedale District Range/BTNF <small>(state and/or federal land management representative)</small>	
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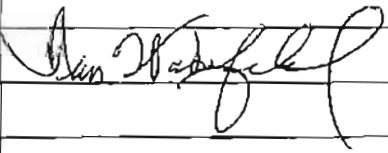
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Joel Bousman, County Commissioner	
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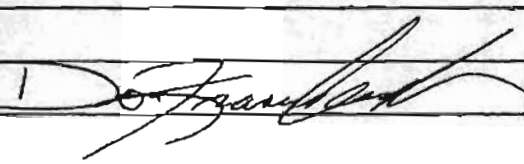
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