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<p align="center">State and Private Forestry FY 2015 Landscape Scale Restoration Competitive Program Project Proposal</p>	File Name		
	State: ID	Keyword: BSU	
	Administration Information		
	Funds Requested:		300000.00
	Match:		300000.00
	Score:	Ranking:	Project Funding: 787320.00

1	Applicant Information			
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2	Project Information		
	Is this a Multi-state project? Check "yes" if the proposal crosses into at least one other state AND that state is ALSO submitting a proposal with a separate funding request. Please list the states here: _____		<input type="radio"/> YES or <input type="radio"/> NO
	Descriptive Title of Project:	Community-based Hazard Planning and Mitigation: Planning, Legal, and Policy Implications	
	Partnering Agencies and/or Organizations:	Boise State University Community Regional Planning and Public Policy Center (BSU), University of Idaho's College of Law (UI), Association of Idaho Cities (AIC), American Planning Association Idaho chapter (APA), Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security (BHS), Coeur d'Alene Tribe, Idaho Association of Counties (IAC), Idaho Smart Growth (ISG), Lemhi County, Idaho Department of Lands (IDL)	
Project Duration:	<input type="checkbox"/> One Year	<input type="checkbox"/> Two Years	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Three Years

3	National Relevance		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Conserve Working Forest Landscapes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Protect Forests from Harm	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enhance Public Benefits from Trees and Forests

5 Points. 500 Characters Including Spaces.

Provide a brief overview of the proposed project that includes basic details. This should give the reader the "Big Picture." Information here can, and should, be repeated elsewhere.

Project Overview	
4	<p>Many Idaho Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) areas are threatened with high rates of development and Idaho's smaller local governments often lack knowledge, planning and legal resources to develop land-use policies that mitigate WUI fire risk.</p> <p>This project increases planning capacity by providing ordinance guides for rural communities, conducting risk-perception assessments & hosting outreach programs tailored to local issues, services, & legal environments to decrease wildland fire risk.</p>

Project Budget							
		Leverage¹					
		Grant	Match		Non-Match	Source	TOTAL
		Funds Requested	Applicant	Non-Federal Contributors	Applicant, Non-Federal, and/or Federal	3rd Party Contributor/s	Total Project Cost
5	Personnel / Labor:	23248.00			154320.00	BSU,UI,APA,AIC,I/	177568.00
	Fringe Benefits:	9495.00					9495.00
	Travel:						
	Equipment:						
	Supplies:				33000.00	BSU, AIC,APA, IAC	33000.00
	Contractual:	239984.00					239984.00
	Construction:						
	Consolidated²:		300000.00				300000.00
	Other:						
	Indirect Costs³:	27273.00					27273.00
	TOTAL:	300000.00	300000.00		187320.00		787320.00

¹ Leverage includes all three categories: match, non-match, and source. Funds qualifying as "match" must meet the same program requirements as grant funds (e.g., program authorities, non-federal sources). Other "non-match" leveraged funds do not need to meet the same standards (e.g., may include funds for construction, funds from other federal partners). Partnership with other USFS programs outside of State & Private Forestry, as well as other federal and state programs is encouraged.

² If any part of your match requirement is being covered through a consolidated payment grant (i.e. state spending of non-federal funds on activities that meet S&PF program authorities but are not tied to this proposal), please place it here.

³ Indirect costs must be tied to an established rate. Waived indirect costs are an acceptable source of match.

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What resource issue(s), threats, and/or opportunities does the project address? What is the desired vision or end state? What are the project goals (long-term) and objectives (short-term), and what impacts do you hope to achieve?

Context, Goals, and Objectives

High rates of development threaten wildland-urban interface (WUI) areas, & Idaho's smaller local governments lack knowledge, planning & legal resources to develop land-use policies that mitigate WUI fire risk. Property owners often see hazard mitigation efforts as negatively impacting their property, limiting local governments' ability to enact sensible land-use policies to reduce fire risk.

To maximize success, this project seeks to understand & address landowners' risk perceptions & provides resources to rural communities to plan where demand for new development in the WUI is high.

With proper planning & outreach tools, local governments can design policies that reduce fire threats to communities & which support statewide goals to increase forest resilience, health & stewardship within landscapes.

Vision: Communities within the WUI are resilient to wildfire, & associated damage & costs minimized, through effective planning tools adapted to address local conditions

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Goals:

- . Wildland fire risk-management programs & policies address local risk perceptions to enhance success
- . Communities resilient to wildland fire
- . Sufficient risk-planning capacity statewide, through enhanced state & local partnerships

Objectives:

- 1) Complete a comprehensive review & assessment of Idaho development ordinances/policies
- 2) Conduct two statewide risk-perception assessments to tailor messages & measure project success
- 3) Create resource guides with recommendations & drafts of effective multi-hazard/fire ordinances
- 4) Merge #1-3 to design & conduct a series of 12 tailored workshops providing key community leaders (city/county leaders, planners, policy makers, etc.) with substantial knowledge of model ordinances, perceptions, experience-exchange, ecologic limitations/opportunities, & better planning & policies
- 5) Establish & foster community partnerships, generate effective outreach strategies, & increase planning capacity through partner organizations

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What specific activities will be completed using which grant funds and/or which leveraged resources in the Project Budget? Who will do the work over what time frame? How do the activities contribute to achieving stated project goals and objectives?

Proposed Activities	
7	<p>GF=Grant Funds, PF=Partner Funds (see Q9 for breakdown of PF)</p> <p>1. Legal Review. UI Law students & BSU (GF: \$39,680; PF: \$24,808) - Year 1 . UI conducts a comprehensive ordinance/policy review and identifies information gaps. UI and BSU develop policy/ordinance resource guides for communities & workshops</p> <p>2. Risk Perception Survey, Analysis and Guides. BSU graduate students & faculty (GF: \$71,193; PF: \$63,244) - Years 1&3 . Inventory & analyze current data available in communities; design science-based risk-perception assessment (written & interview format) . Conduct surveys (2 x 20,000 households) and interviews in Priority Landscape Areas (PLAs) to establish baseline measures (yr 1) to evaluate changes in behavior & perception in year 3. . Spatially analyze & map survey results using GIS & statistical software . Create guides for informing wildfire risk planning based on survey results</p> <p>3. Statewide Public/Educational Outreach. UI, BSU, & Partners (GF: \$96,638; PF: \$75,484) - Years 2&3 . Design curriculum & conduct 12 interactive local and regional workshops in rural communities for volunteers or professional fire fighters, part-time city-clerks, planning directors, etc. Merge legal & survey results with information scaled to specific local circumstances (size, perceptions, forest health, etc.). Workshops will address County Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPP), local issues and will be tailored to community resources. . With partners, evaluate effectiveness of workshops & behavioral change . Develop continuing education program . Provide print & online education resources. Online resources hosted on UI, BSU, IDL, AIC websites</p> <p>4. Partnership development. UI, BSU, & Partners (GF: \$32,473; PF: \$23,784) - Years 1-3 . Strengthen relations with tribes, professional forestry & fire organizations, & agencies to increase communication, education & impacts of project. . Present at the following organizational conferences: APA Idaho, AIC, IAC, Idaho's Forest Landowner Conference, Firewise and BSU/UI events (i.e. Law Review Symposium). Conduct webinars & social media outreach to targeted audiences. . Develop a continuing education program beyond project's timeline with local governments & partners on legal & planning issues that meet APA and Idaho Bar continuing educational credit requirements</p> <p>Project coordination/administration by IDL (GF \$32,743). Match is through consolidation. FS approved Indirect is \$27,273.</p>

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What are the project deliverables, outputs, and outcomes? What metrics or indicators will be used to measure and monitor progress? Outcomes and outputs should relate directly to proposed activities, goals, and objectives.

Deliverables, Outputs, and Outcomes	
8	<p>Outputs/ Deliverables</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Comprehensive review of development and risk-management regulations & policies for all counties and communities in Idaho . Policy/regulation guides developed and scaled to community needs . Two risk-perception surveys. Total residences=40,000. Spatially analyzed with baseline & changes/impacts . 12 one-day workshops in areas of highest need . Survey findings, products and outreach efforts presented at conferences/workshops (APA Idaho, Fire Mitigation Forums, AIC events, Forestry Forums) . Reports and guides available on UI, BSU, and IDL's web pages & social media . Science-based publications to raise national awareness level . Comprehensive and ongoing awareness and outreach program for planners, leaders, risk managers, commissioners and policy makers on land-use planning regulations respective of local risk and policy perceptions, coordinated and delivered by all partners <p>Outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Informed local community leaders develop and implement land-use policies and regulations that address fire risk management issues adapted to local community perceptions and dynamics . Rural planning capacity in ID increases through workshops and networking . By design, better planning will carry across boundaries yielding healthier forests, increased forest stewardship and reduced post fire hazards (mudslides & debris flows) and associated costs . Increased public awareness on wildfire risk and consequences of development in the WUI . Landowners & communities implement Firewise and forest health improvement practices . WUI planning education continues at BSU and UI and within communities <p>Measures of Success</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . # of presentations and attendees at conferences, workshops; positive workshop evaluations . # survey responses for yrs. 1 & 3, % positive change in behavior yr 3. . # guides distributed, # of communities requesting assistance or additional materials . # of communities integrating WUI legal framework . # of new partnerships

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Describe the contributions and commitments that each partner has made toward the proposed project, such as project planning, implementation, financial resources, etc.? How does this project cross boundaries and integrate S&PF and/or other programs in a meaningful and complementary way?

Collaboration	
9	<p>Under BSU leadership, all partners met in 2013-14 to develop this proposal & each has a significant role in the project. Partners are committed to implementing this project & maximizing the value of combined work & outreach across WUI jurisdictions & boundaries. Partner contributions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . BSU will manage project, coordinate project components, design & conduct the risk-perception surveys, & provide oversight & instruction to graduate students working on project tasks (\$148,920) . UI provides oversight & supervision to the law students in the legal assessment (\$18,000) . BSU & UI will lead the curriculum building for the workshops in concert with ID APA & local planners . Idaho APA assists with workshop development, promotion & implementation across the state (\$15,000) . IDL provides administration, project oversight & technical resources* . AIC manages workshops logistics (location, invites, & registration) & incorporate presentations into their annual conferences for their members (\$4,500) . IAC communicates & incorporates presentations into their annual conferences for their members (\$900) . Idaho Smart Growth assists with workshop development & legal guides* . Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security will communicate/interface the integration of CWPP & statewide mitigation plans with the project & will participate in workshops* . The Coeur D'Alene tribe will interconnect the project & outreach with other tribal nations in Idaho* . County & city planning staff, emergency managers, & other local partners within the five PLAs participate in local workshops & expand outreach efforts* <p>The Idaho Lands Resource Coordinating Council (ILRCC), a 22-member joint advisory group for all Idaho S&PF programs, identified the need to increase locally adapted planning capacity to address WUI planning issues & opportunities. ILRCC & IDL worked with BSU & partners to help design the project.</p> <p>* Leveraged contributions not quantified</p>

10 Points. 1250 Characters Including Spaces.**How does the project align with stated priority issues, areas, and/or activities in the State Forest Action Plan?**

Forest Action Plan Integration	
10	<p>This project will reduce threats to Idaho communities and ecosystems from uncharacteristic wildland fire, one of seven Idaho Forest Action Plan (FAP) priority issues. It also addresses two of the FAP's five overarching goals. ID forests ecosystems are resilient to natural stresses (goal 1) and human activities (goal 4), and implements three FAP statewide strategies to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Assist local governments, planners, leaders, and others to better understand and adequately respond to the implications and types of development in the WUI . Emphasize consequences of wildland fire fighting to wildlife, timber supplies and the true costs to local governments . Strengthen state and local partnerships with organizations to increase local/regional planning capacity and risk management capabilities and success <p>Project partners have targeted five FAP Priority Landscape Areas with the highest recreation and development pressures to conduct assessments and workshops and provide enhanced planning services. This project implements FAP goals and strategies and is the foundation for successful transfer to other counties and communities across Idaho.</p>

10 Points. 1250 Characters Including Spaces.**What is the scale of the project? Why/How will the scale of the project facilitate achievement of the stated goals, objectives, and outcomes?**

Meaningful Scale	
11	<p>This project targets five of Idaho's 13 Priority Landscape Areas (PLAs). These five areas are designated as the highest areas of need, & are exemplar of many other Idaho rural landscapes that are at high risk for development & wildfire yet lack planning capacity to deal with these issues.</p> <p>BSU will coordinate outreach to local governments & organizations to facilitate, strengthen & expand partnerships & community relations. The ordinance review & the survey data will inform the development of the resource guide & workshop content, thus providing planners & community partners with specific tools to increase risk-planning capacities.</p> <p>Idaho has 44 counties & 200 cities. The legal guides will be a vetted resource that saves time when developing ordinances. While the guides will be an immediate resource at the 12 workshops, they will provide long-term benefits on a statewide scale as outreach expands to other communities. Print & online information (reports, materials) will be open to all communities & stakeholders & not limited to the project areas.</p> <p>BSU will ensure statewide outreach & distribution of materials through partnerships to help build strong statewide resiliency in fire prone communities.</p>

10 Points. 1250 Characters Including Spaces.**What skills and capabilities will result from and extend beyond the life of the project; how? Can the project be replicated in other areas; how? What plans are in place or are being developed to replicate or expand the project, to build on skills, capabilities, and lessons learned?**

Sustainability of Outcomes	
12	<p>This project is Idaho's first coordinated statewide effort to increase skills & capabilities for effective community-based wildfire risk planning. Local & regional organizations will extend the life of this project in the following ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . The BSU Public Policy Center will foster long-term partnerships with stakeholders and decision-makers across ID on multi-hazard issues . UI's legal assessments will continue to provide communities with options to build resiliency . BSU's Department of Community & Regional Planning, whose mission is to increase planning capacity in Idaho, will continue functioning as a neutral messenger and catalyst to Idaho's private landowners and local governments in sensible land-use development policies . Data from the science-based survey and workshop evaluations will inform future workshop design . Students will be well versed in WUI planning issues and able to assist communities in which they work during their career . The BSU, AIC, IAC and ILRCC members will continue to provide resources for additional workshops/ continuing education, leading to communities resilient to wildfire statewide . Online resources and presentations to national groups will enable replication by other states