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FY 2017 State Fire Assistance WUI Grant Application	File Name				Update
	State:	ID	Keyword:	Goose Creek	
	Region:		Priority:		Id:
	Administration Information				
	Funds Requested:			\$300,000	
	Match:			\$300,000	
	Score:	Ranking:	Project Funding:		

1	Proposal Cooperator [ID]				Update	
	Cooperator Organization:	Pheasants Forever, Inc.				
	Contact Person:	Ron Leathers				
	Address:	1783 Buerkle Circle				
	City:	Saint Paul	State:	MN	ZIP Code:	55110
	Phone:	651-209-4919	Email:	rleathers@pheasantsforever.org		

1	Applicant Information [ID]				Update	
	Applicant:	Idaho Department of Lands				
	Contact Person:	Tyre Holfeltz				
	Address:	3284 West Industrial Loop				
	City:	Coeur d' Alene	State:	ID	ZIP Code:	83815
	Phone (work/cell):	(208) 666-8653	Fax:	(208) 169-1524		
	Email:	tholfeltz@idl.idaho.gov				
Federal Tax ID:	82-6000952	DUNS#:	878072685			

2	Project Information				Update
	Name of the Project:	Goose Creek			
	Community Name(s):	Oakley and Burley			
	Counties:	Cassia			
	Congressional District:	2			
	Latitude start:	0.0000	end:	42.2100	
Longitude start:	-113.9700	end:	0.0000		

Applicant Budget [ID]					Update
Leverage¹					
Grant	Match		Non-Match	Source	TOTAL
Funds Requested	Applicant	Non-Federal Contributors	Applicant, Non-Federal, and/or Federal	3 rd Party Contributor/s	Total Project Cost

3	Personnel / Labor:	\$25,000			\$25,000
	Fringe Benefits:				
	Travel:	\$5,000			\$5,000
	Equipment:				
	Supplies:				
	Contractual:	\$240,000	\$50,000		\$290,000
	Construction:				
	Other:		\$250,000		\$250,000
	Indirect Costs³:	\$30,000			\$30,000
	TOTAL:	\$300,000	\$250,000	\$50,000	

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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	Budget Narrative	Update
4	<p>Personnel/Labor - (\$25K) for Idaho Dept. of Lands (IDL) staff to manage and administer sub-granting with Pheasants Forever.</p> <p>Travel - (\$5K) for IDL staff to travel to and from project at established State Fleet Motor Pool Rates.</p> <p>Contractual - (\$240K) The contractual amount is to Pheasants Forever to administer, contract and pay for work on contracts on private/state lands for fuels reduction. Specifically, administrative portion will cover landowner contracting, project layout, contractor management, travel to sites, photo documentation and reporting. Contracted work (1500 acres) will be for juniper removal to reduce the impact of a wildfire event on range systems and communities.</p> <p>Indirect - \$30,000 Negotiated rate between USFS and Idaho.</p>	

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	Project Area Description and Challenges	Update
5	<p>The Goose Creek area is located in the south central area of Idaho, bordered by Utah at its southern extent. It is an area that can be characterized as high desert plateau with vast expanses of sagebrush that have been heavily encroached on by Juniper. This encroachment has changed the fire ecology of the area from moderate severity to high severity as evidence by the Soda fire (280,000 acres) in SW Idaho and Oregon and 2012 Cave Canyon fires (88,950 acres) that burned in the same sagebrush type that was encroached on by juniper. On average there are 5 fires per year burning approximately 4000 acres each year that detrimentally impact the communities of Burley and Oakley. Additionally, human development continues to expand ever further into previously undeveloped areas, creating an increasingly complex situation of life protection and resource value protection when fires occur. The primary objectives of this project are (1) thin juniper to increase the successful suppression and reduce spread of wildfire into communities; while (2) simultaneously reducing the impacts (erosion, weeds, water, etc.) in the event that that wildfire occurs in the area; and (3) complement efforts on adjacent federal lands to increase effectiveness of total effort. Additionally,</p>	

occurs in the area, and (3) complement efforts on adjacent federal lands to increase effectiveness of total effort. Additionally, completing this project will help to create a multi-tiered fuel break that will enhance the protection of the communities of Burley and Oakley, specifically the breaks will provide strategic locations to conduct safe and effective actions to suppress wildfires in the Goose Creek area.

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Relation to Forest Action Plan CWPP		Update
6	<p>The project will occur within the newly designated Sage-Steppe Special Landscape Area (SSLA) within Idaho's Forest Action Plan. The addition of this area was added to address the unique system and its associated threats, such as conifer encroachment and invasive annual grasses. The project specifically addresses the following from the plan (1) the need for restoration to reduce the conditions that favor uncharacteristically large, severe and costly wildfires and (2) support partnerships strategies that address multiple critical issues of statewide importance in areas where doing so will have the greatest impact. Additionally, the Goose Creek area is identified in Cassia County CWPP as an area of high importance (on a scale of low to high) for restoration of the sage steppe type through the removal of juniper to create landscape scale thinning and the strategic placement of fuelbreaks to protect the communities of Burley and Oakley.</p>	

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Proposed Activities		Update
7	<p>Two methods of treatment-lop/scatter and mastication-have been used very successful on surrounding federal lands and will be employed for this project are . These same methods will be used to complete 1500 acres of juniper removal located on private/state lands to create a fuel break that when combined with federal treatments, will stretch nearly 15 miles. Treatment activities for lop and scatter will be: stump heights not to exceed 6 inches, trunks/branches over six inches will be cut into three foot lengths or less and residual slash will be scattered so that slash is no deeper than 2 feet in an uncompact form. For mastication: 100% of all live trees shall be severed from the stump with stump height not to exceed 6 inches, no live green branches shall remain attached to the remaining stump of any tree, all slash shall be reduced to 6 inches deep or less and will not contain material 3 inches in diameter or over 18 inches in length. Any residual juniper left in the treatments will be spaced sufficiently apart based on slope, surrounding vegetation and aspect (apx 40 feet) to significantly reduce the probability of tree to tree ignition in the event of a wildfire. All project treatments will be contracted by Pheasants Forever to qualified local vendors who will employ the above practices. As part of this contracting effort Pheasants Forever will also work with landowners to finalize prescriptions, layout treatment units, manage contract work, provide initial inspections of completed work and complete required reporting. At this time there is a waiting list of interested landowners for participation in the fuels reduction projects. Landowner education is currently being provided by Pheasants Forever staff, Idaho Fish and Game staff, USFS and BLM concerning wildfire in the local environment. Specifically, how to prepare for wildfire and how to maintain treatment efforts by using Idaho Firewise materials, Univ of Idaho Extension and national publications, groups presentations, and one-on-one contact with landowners.</p>	

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	Landscape	Update
8	<p>The project is an integral part in the completion of the BLM's Burley Landscape Restoration 1 project (5,000 acres) and proposed Burley Landscape Restoration 2 project (10,000 acres) in the Burley/Oakley area and will tie directly to the proposed USFS landscape restoration project (10,000 acres). By completing the work funded through this request on non-federal lands within the Goose Creek area it will create an onion effect of fuels reduction/removal of work across all ownerships in the watershed to help protect the residents and their local vitality. The work will further have a direct impact on the communities of Burley (population 10,450) and Oakley (population 780) protecting these larger communities from the devastating effects large wildfires pose in this location and fuel type.</p>	

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	Project Collaboration	Update
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Idaho Dept of Fish and Game has provided \$50K for additional work to be completed on private lands within the project area. -Idaho Dept of Lands (non-grant funded) - Planning, technical expertise, education and includes match (\$250K) in the form of consolidated payment expenditures associated with Forestry and Fire assistance support of private and State land ownership/management. -BLM and USFS - Planning, consultation, mapping technical expertise, education and 25,000 acres of HFT within the Goose Creek area. -Private Citizens and Landowners - collection and use of juniper material (post/poles and firewood), neighbor-to-neighbor education, meeting attendance, maintenance of completed work. Treatment coordination with agencies and adjoining landowners to create a more cost effective and collaborative project. -Pheasants Forever - planning, technical expertise and coordination outside of grant funded project elements. 	

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	Project Timeline	Update
<p>1 0</p>	<p>Summer 2017 complete landowner agreements from waiting list; Sept-Dec 2017 begin project implementation, complete 500 acres; Jan- May 2018 winter shut down; June-Dec 2018 continue work, complete 700 acres; Jan - May 2019 winter shut down; June - Sept 2019 complete project 300 acres; Oct 2019 complete final report, enter monitoring phase.</p>	

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	Project Sustainability	Update
<p>1 1</p>	<p>Regeneration of juniper within the project area is generally low as the area receives little moisture which is common in this part of Idaho. Re-sprout of juniper will be the primary maintenance need within the first 5-7 years and thereafter will be seedling establishment from residual trees. To deal with this landowners sign a 10 year maintenance agreement prior to treatment initiation that they will maintain the property as is at final inspection of work. Packets containing Firewise education information are given to landowners and additional education/training is done through the project life on the various aspects of maintenance needs, by Pheasants Forever staff, USFS, BLM and IDL personnel. Monitoring will be done by IDL, BLM and USFS annually to determine maintenance needs and to provide follow-up education with landowners on the importance of treatment maintenance to keep the integrity of the project intact.</p>	