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<b>FY 2017 State Fire Assistance WUI Grant Application</b>	<b>File Name</b>				<a href="#">Update</a>
	State:	ID	Keyword:	Island Park	
	Region:		Priority:		Id:
	<b>Administration Information</b>				
	Funds Requested:		\$300,000		
	Match:		\$300,000		
	Score:	Ranking:	Project Funding: \$600,000		

<b>1</b>	<b>Proposal Cooperator [ID]</b>				<a href="#">Update</a>	
	Cooperator Organization:	Island Park Sustainable Fire Community				
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	City:	Island Park	State:	ID	ZIP Code:	83429
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<b>1</b>	<b>Applicant Information [ID]</b>				<a href="#">Update</a>	
	Applicant:	Idaho Dept of Lands				
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Federal Tax ID:	82-6000952	DUNS#:	878072685			

<b>2</b>	<b>Project Information</b>				<a href="#">Update</a>
	Name of the Project:	Island Park Sustainable Fire Community			
	Community Name(s):	Island Park			
	Counties:	Fremont			
	Congressional District:	2			
	Latitude start:	0.0000	end:	14.3000	
Longitude start:	-111.3300	end:	0.0000		

<b>Applicant Budget [ID]</b>					<a href="#">Update</a>
<b>Leverage<sup>1</sup></b>					
<b>Grant</b>	<b>Match</b>		<b>Non-Match</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Funds Requested	Applicant	Non-Federal Contributors	Applicant, Non-Federal, and/or Federal	3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Contributor/s	Total Project Cost

<b>3</b>	<b>Personnel / Labor:</b>	\$25,000	\$110,000	<b>\$135,000</b>
	<b>Fringe Benefits:</b>			
	<b>Travel:</b>	\$5,000		<b>\$5,000</b>
	<b>Equipment:</b>			
	<b>Supplies:</b>		\$1,000	<b>\$1,000</b>
	<b>Contractual:</b>	\$240,000		<b>\$240,000</b>
	<b>Construction:</b>			
	<b>Other:</b>	\$189,000		<b>\$189,000</b>
	<b>Indirect Costs<sup>3</sup>:</b>	\$30,000		<b>\$30,000</b>
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>	<b>\$189,000</b>	<b>\$111,000</b>

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

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

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	<b>Budget Narrative</b>	<b>Update</b>
<b>4</b>	<p>-Personnel/Labor - (\$25K) for Idaho Dept. of Lands (IDL) staff to manage and administer sub-granting with Island Park Sustainable Fire Community.</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 the Island park Sustainable Fire Community to provide administration of all aspects of project implementation either themselves or through procured services which will include: contract/contractor management, landowner cost share, project layout, travel to sites, slash pickup program, education to residents, media messages about program/projects, photo documentation, fiscal management and reporting. Cost share will be for 20 acres to improve ingress/egress. Contracted services will be for annual slash pickup event within Island Park (700 cubic yards/year) completed by landowners on private lands. Educational services will be for; 5000 brochures/cards for mailing and pass long at events to residents/visitors, host 2 community wildfire awareness events (300 people each) and support door-to-door educators (350 contacts/summer) and home evaluators (150/summer) in Island Park neighborhoods.</p> <p>- Indirect - (\$30K) Negotiated rate between USFS and Idaho.</p>	

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	<b>Project Area Description and Challenges</b>	<b>Update</b>
<b>5</b>	<p>The project area is located in southeastern Idaho and is covered in young lodgepole pine, regenerated from previous harvests, of various densities with a significant urban interface and is highly susceptible to insect epidemics. It is adjacent to Yellowstone National Park and is part of the iconic Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, one of the largest nearly intact temperate-zone ecosystems on earth. Fires return to this area is slow but when it does it is dramatic, i.e. '88 Yellowstone fires and more recently the Willow Creek fire of 2008 (8000 acres). The area contains 7,600 platted parcels, 4,000+ structures within 300 developments, which presents a high to extreme risk for fire ignition and rapid spread due to topography and vegetation type. The area is heavily dependent upon tourism and any unexpected change in the landscape due to fire or other large disturbances would significantly disrupt the local economy through decreased visitation, rentals, retail sales and a dramatic drop in property values. IPSFC has been addressing the community's wildfire concerns through a set of integrated strategies focused on the three Cohesive Strategy goals: restore and maintain resilient landscapes (mitigation), create fire-adapted communities (education), and maintain safe and</p>	

goals, restore and maintain resilient landscapes (mitigation), create fire adapted communities (education), and maintain safe and effective wildfire responses. Due to the nature of the topography, vegetation and the patterns of development with poor ingress/egress, the IPSFC priorities include improving homeowners' knowledge and implementation of defensible space while improving ingress/egress in high-risk neighborhoods.

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<p><b>6</b></p> <p><b>Relation to Forest Action Plan   CWPP</b></p> <p>Island Park is an area of top priority for Fremont County as listed in the CWPP. Specifically, this project will focus on completing the tasks of providing education to residents and landowners concerning the need to mitigate vegetation around their homes after the completion of a home risk assessment to create defensible space by thinning the surrounding forest on their lands to moderate expected fire behavior. Additionally, this project will accomplish mitigation actions listed for the community of improved ingress/egress which will have the added benefit of creating fuelbreaks for the community which are also listed as a project priority for the community in the CWPP. The project area is described as high risk to wildfire in the Teton West Slope Priority Area as identified in Idaho's Forest Action Plan (FAP) and will address 5 of the 6 goals identified in the FAP. Specifically to maintain or increase forest resiliency to- climate change, ecosystem services, human impacts- while improving protection of forest resources and providing for economically vibrant forest markets.</p>	

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<p><b>7</b></p> <p><b>Proposed Activities</b></p> <p>The proposed grant activities will be coordinated through a contracted project coordinator who will oversee the educational and mitigation deliverables described hereafter and will include; coordination with the Island Park Sustainable Fire Community board, fiscal oversight/management, landowner cost share program management, slash pickup organization/implementation, project inspection/approval and completing required reports. EDUCATION 1) Provide one-on-one door-to-door education to 700 residents to increase awareness of wildfire and steps to take to become more fire adapted, utilizing; Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, Firewise and Idaho Firewise educational materials. 2) Provide technical assistance to 300 property owners over three summers through free wildfire risk evaluations, resulting in approximately 200 acres of in-kind fuels reduction efforts completed by landowners. 3) Develop, print and distribute educational brochures and postcards to over 5000 residents and 700 forest visitors to increase wildfire awareness and to promote Firewise and Fire Adapted Community standards. 4) Host two community oriented Wildfire Awareness events that will reach 300+ people each time. Presentations will cover Firewise and emergency management concepts, give demonstrations on fire safety practices, and educate attendees about the purpose of IPSFC. 5) Present at 6 HOA meetings per year - reaching at least 10% of the HOA residents per meeting providing information on wildfire risk and Firewise principles; HAZARD MITIGATION 1) 20 acres of fuels reduction along roadsides in the at-risk subdivisions of Bills Island, Pinehaven and Aspen Ridge, to address ingress/ egress issues. Prescriptions for aforementioned work will increase tree spacing to 25-30 feet between crowns and limb residual trees 10 feet or 1/3 height. Work will be done by hand operations procured through open market bidding and follow organization purchasing guidelines. Hand operations are due to the adjacency of homes and will include the activities of cutting, limbing and chipping. 2) Monitor 2 disposal sites for non-hazardous fuels materials in the IPSFC focus area where residents are able dispose of slash. Material collected at sites will be disposed of by chipping and used at a local biomass facility or burned at the sites in cooperation with the Island Park FD and USFS when conditions allow. 3) Provide slash pickup days during the first weeks of September for two years (700 cubic yards/ per year) in the above mentioned sub-divisions and surrounding developments. This is an existing program that has received substantial community support and the grant dollars will be used to expand the current program to meet the demand for the services offered. It has been found through interview and follow up discussions with residents who participate in the program that they take more ownership in their fire issues and diligently work on mitigation actions to increase the probability that they will have a cabin to return to in the event of a wildfire.</p>	

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	<b>Landscape</b>	<b>Update</b>
<b>8</b>	<p>Currently, Federal and state agencies are working hand-in-hand to mirror efforts on private lands to create a more strategic implementation of mitigation efforts within the priority at-risk subdivisions of the Island Park community. These include the BLM Shotgun Valley project (2751 acres) within Shotgun Valley next to the subdivisions of Ice House, Yale Creek and Sheridan; IDL mitigation and timber sale activities on 320 acres surrounding the Palmer subdivision; and the USFS, Big Horn Fuels Reduction project (207 acres) near the Bighorn Estates subdivision. The benefit to the Island Park community in the long term is a landscape offering increased defensible space and a community attitude that is more accepting of natural disturbances such as fire. Public and firefighter safety will also be increased through rights-of-way enhancements providing improved evacuation ingress/egress and staging locations for emergency equipment and personnel.</p>	

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	<b>Project Collaboration</b>	<b>Update</b>
<b>9</b>	<p>IPSFC has a broad base of active members that include the; Forest Service, BLM, Idaho Department of Lands, Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security, Greater Yellowstone Coalition (GYC), The Nature Conservancy (TNC), High Country RC&amp;D, Bureau of Reclamation, Fall River Electric, Fremont County Commissioners &amp; fire officials, Island Park Mayor, Idaho Fire Marshal, homeowners and homeowners associations. The land management agencies contribute forestry technical expertise, fuel treatments, meeting facilitation and project planning. TNCs, Fire Learning Network and Fire Adapted Community Network and the GYC provide assistance with strategic planning, facilitation, and outreach/education (\$5,000). Homeowners provide match through risk planning, event attendance, HOAs host educational meetings, work to adopt WUI standards in their covenants and fuels treatments (\$105K). Farm Bureau Insurance provides expertise, graphic design and outreach materials (\$1000). Idaho Office of Emergency Management-contracting &amp; planning. Idaho Dept of Lands (non-grant funded) - includes match (\$189K) in the form of consolidated payment expenditures associated with Forestry and Fire assistance support of private and State land ownership/management.</p>	

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	<b>Project Timeline</b>	<b>Update</b>
<b>10</b>	<p>July 2017- Host annual Wildfire Awareness event (300 people); advertise and award contract for slash pick-up in Sept '17 / '18. Sept 2017 - Layout and contract roadside fuel reduction being work (1 acre), complete slash pick up days (700 cubic yards). July-Sept 2017 - Perform 350 door-to-door community educational contacts and 150 risk evaluations. April 2018- Open slash disposal sites for residents to deposit slash and begin monitoring of sites. Mail 5000 postcards to Island Park property owners notifying them of important event dates and the availability of free risk evaluations. May-July 2018- Attend 6 HOA meetings in priority subdivisions. July 2018- Host annual Wildfire Awareness event (300 people). July-Sept 2018 - 350 door-to-door community educational contacts and 150 risk evaluations and complete fuels reduction along roadsides (19 acres). Sept 2018 - Complete slash removal contract (700 cubic yards). Nov 2018 final reports submitted enter into monitoring.</p>	

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	<b>Project Sustainability</b>	<b>Update</b>
<b>11</b>	<p>1) Regeneration of veg in the area is slow due to the short growing season so maintenance needs will be minimal for conifer regeneration. 2) Island Park homeowners and visitors will be targeted through events and by door-to-door and evaluation contacts. Evaluations provide landowners with information on potential fire risk and how to reduce that risk through modification of veg on property and home hardening actions. Similar efforts in the area have resulted in entire developments coming together to address fire issues thru individual and group mitigation actions. 3) Homeowners sign an agreement that they will maintain the roadside treatments for 10 years reducing flashy fuels (grasses) by mowing and removing conifer regeneration every 5-10 years to manage ladder fuels. Slash mgmt has been found to be a limiting factor for residents because of the volume created. For participants in the slash pick up program once their slash is removed from their lots maintenance of their sights has/will be substantial easier as there is less residual material to manage. High priority developments have been and will continue to be targeted for education efforts and fuels reduction projects as identified in the CWPP and IPSFC 3 yr strategic plan. Agencies are planning for future projects adjacent to the high priority developments. 4) Long term success will be monitored by IDL staff and IPSFC Board annually to determine; effectiveness of outreach materials (done by polling focus groups, lots treated by landowners after contacts, attendees at events, participants in slash days,etc.); and maintenance of fuels reduction work and make necessary corrections as needed/identified with landowners.</p>	