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FY 2018 State Fire Assistance WUI Grant Application	File Name			Update
	State: ID	Keyword:	South Victor	
	Region:	Priority:	3	Id:
	Administration Information			
	Funds Requested:		\$300,000	
	Match:		\$300,000	
	Score:	Ranking:	Project Funding: \$600,000	

Proposal Cooperator [ID]				Update
1	Cooperator Organization:	Teton County Fire		
	Contact Person:	Earle Giles		
	Address:	911 North Highway 33, PO Box 474		
	City:	Driggs	State: ID	ZIP Code: 83422
	Phone:	208-715-5201	Email:	egiles@tetoncountyfire.com

Applicant Information [ID]				Update
1	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:	208-669-1524
	Email:	tholfeltz@idl.idaho.gov		
	Federal Tax ID:	82-6000952	DUNS#:	878072685

Project Information		Update
2	Name of the Project:	South Victor Fuels Reduction
	Community Name(s):	Victor
	Counties:	Teton
	Congressional District:	2

GIS Coordinates

Ref. Point Name:
Lat/Long:
Description:

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Area Name:
Boundary Lat/Longs:

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Applicant Budget [ID]				Update
	Grant		Match	TOTAL
	Funds Requested	Applicant	Non-Federal Contributors	Total Project Cost
3	Personnel / Labor:	\$28,000		\$58,000
	Fringe Benefits:			
	Travel:	\$9,727		\$9,727
	Equipment:			
	Supplies:			
	Contractual:	\$240,000		\$240,000
	Other:		\$270,000	\$270,000
	Indirect Costs:	\$22,273		\$22,273
	TOTAL:	\$300,000	\$270,000	\$30,000
				\$600,000

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Budget Narrative		Update
4	Personnel/Labor - (\$28K) for Idaho Dept of Lands (IDL) staff to manage and administer sub-granting with Teton County. Travel - (\$9,727) for IDL staff to travel to/from project at established State Fleet Motor Pool Rates. Contractual (\$240K) - The contractual amount is to Teton County for administration and project management of the South Victor Fuels Reduction project, which includes: landowner education, landowner engagement, project layout, contracting, contractor management, paying invoiced work for completed contracts on private/state lands, documentation, reporting and travel to/from sites. Teton County contracted work (105 acres) will be for tree/brush removal to reduce the impact of a wildfire event on the communities and ecological functions around Victor, ID. Indirect (\$22,273) - Negotiated rate between USFS and Idaho.	

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	Project Area Description and Challenges	Update
5	<p>Victor and the surrounding area is home to over 3000 residents and is found in the southern portion of Teton County which is in southeast Idaho. Area vegetation is characterized by lodge pole pine, douglas fir and ponderosa pine, transitioning to a brush grass mix then into dry land agriculture in the valley bottom. Teton County has experienced a 150+ fires over the last 5 years. In 2016 a Type II wildfire (Tie Canyon), issued evacuations for the Victor area. The geography of this area is stunning with steep slopes in excess of 40 percent, punctuated by peaks that reach over 9000+ feet in elevation. The rugged topography makes access to wildfire ignitions difficult and time consuming for ground suppression forces, exacerbating the suppression efforts. Additionally, entrapment on dead end roads crossing through steep terrain has become a real issue as more people come to the area for its beauty and recreational opportunities. This project will provide for the protection of life and property by identifying and providing mitigation recommendations for areas of high wildfire risks that are in or adjacent to homes/structures (400+) and communities, while increasing public awareness through education, training, and information sharing that addresses wildfire risks and mitigation measures.</p>	

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	Relation to Forest Action Plan CWPP	Update
6	<p>The project area is identified as a high priority within the Teton County CWPP, specifically identifying the reduction and removal of vegetation to reduce risk of wildfire damage. Through the proposed treatment actions in the South Victor area this objective will be achieved as trees and other vegetation are removed. Additionally, the project area is found within the Teton West Slope priority area as identified in Idaho's Forest Action Plan. The area is characterized as being moderate high for uncharacteristic wildfire. One of the priority area strategies tiers to Goal 1 of the FAP with the objective of implementation of CWPP priorities more specifically to reduce hazardous fuels. Furthermore, treatment helps to improve Forest ecosystem resiliency to human activities, trending toward landscapes that are diverse and resilient to climatic changes and other natural and unique stresses to ensure that the Forest Lands with the highest benefits are identified, protected and enhanced as also identified in the FAP.</p>	

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Proposed Activities	Update
<p>The project area is a transition zone from agricultural fields to the deep canyons, the Teton Mountains are famous for. Much of the area this project will occur adjacent to has been developed for recreational use with trails and roads running into and through most of the canyons. These complexities will determine the type of practices chosen for treatment implementation from mastication to hand operations. Teton County will specifically work with their Teton Fire Department fuels crew module to complete a minimum of 105 acres with 25 landowners, to establish fuelbreaks and fuel reduction efforts through the removal of vegetation. Work will be accomplished in accordance with site specific prescriptions that cover pruning of 10' or 1/3 of the original height of tree, 20' to 40' of crown spacing between leave trees and removing brush from under residual tree crowns. The county will utilize qualified contractors procured through its vendor solicitation process, when activities are beyond the technical or capacity means of the county. Operational activities will be mastication and hand operations (thinning, limbing, piling, chipping and pile burning). The fire department will provide the educational aspects of this project by utilizing already developed materials from 'Firewise' and 'Idaho Firewise'. They will pass out pamphlets door-to-door (100 homes) to targeted neighborhoods within the South Victor project area. They will also provide detailed structure reviews to 50 homeowners within the project area, providing recommendation of home hardening and defensible space work to reviewees. Beyond these personal contacts the fire department will staff booths at the annual Teton County Fire and annual Balloon Festival, where they will hand out literature, and interact with residents/visitors alike. Additionally, 3 articles will be written and submitted for print to the Teton Valley News newspaper that has a circulation of 32,000 providing detail to county residents about the project and tasks (home defense, maintaining a firewise landscape, and evacuation know how), that can be completed individually to better prepare residents for wildfire.</p>	

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	Landscape	Update
8	<p>Treatments are tied into USFS, IDL, BLM, and other private land owners vegetative treatments whenever possible to create or enlarge existing fuel breaks and fuels reduction efforts. The USFS is working on the 3 projects (Smith Canyon 107 acres, Pole Canyon 78 acres and Warm Springs 3000 acres) within this area completing work directly adjacent to this proposed project (private property) and within the larger watershed. The USFS Red Creek Project (6900 acres) which is currently in scoping is also adjacent to the South Victor project area. The South Victor project will also tie into recently funded Victor 2017 HFR grant, which will complete 80 acres of work on private lands that specifically qualify for the funding in the South Victor project area, which when completed will complement the USFS projects and this project proposal because of adjacency and similarly completed prescriptive work. The proposed project will also further enhance and improve the protection of other adjacent developments - Teton Springs, Struebel Acres, Aspen Grove, Hidden Waters, Pine Ridge, Warm Creek, Evergreen - in the area by tying together properties that will not be treated under the 2017 HFR grant do to grant restrictions. Furthermore, work will be done in highly visible areas, thus providing an example of what an individual can do on their own property.</p>	

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	Project Collaboration	Update
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -IDL will contribute match funds (\$270,000) in the form of consolidated payments associated with Forestry and Fire Assistance in support of private landowners. -Teton County will match (\$5,000) beyond what the grant provides through costs associated meeting facilitation, technical expertise, planning and support of project prioritization on public and private lands. -Landowners will contribute (\$25,000) in the completion of d-space work around homes, firewood collection, participating in meeting, and education of neighbors. <p>USFS (Leverage)- education and meetings with landowners. Teton County HFR Project (Leverage of \$240,000) to complete the Victor Project.</p>	

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	Project Timeline	Update
1 0	<p>Fall '18 the county will work with 10 interested landowners to complete prescriptions and agreements, they will also begin implementation of education program. Spring-Early Fall '18 initiate work and complete 25 acres. Fall/Winter '18 complete additional 15 landowner agreements and begin pile burning until winter shut down. Spring/Fall '19 continue work and complete 50 acres. Fall/Winter '19 complete pile burning from '18 acres and start on '19 acres until winter shut down. Spring/Fall '20 complete remaining 45 acres. Fall/Winter '20 complete pile burning, project reports. Spring '21 begin monitoring phase.</p>	

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	Project Sustainability	Update
1 1	<p>Regrowth after treatment will vary but will require continued maintenance every 5 years through removal, mastication or burning. Private property owners who participate in the program sign a contract obligating them to maintain the work for a period of 10 years or until the property changes hands. Education outreach will be given prior to sign up and at project completion through the county fire department, which will utilize 'Firewise' and 'Idaho Firewise' educational materials. Idaho Department of Lands is monitoring compliance through a sampling of past and current endeavors annually. Compliance will continue to be monitored by Teton County Fire and the State of Idaho during the 10 year agreement period and if problems arise landowners will be reminded by the county of their obligations through written and verbal communication. The educational efforts will continue to be sponsored and supported by the Teton County Fire in conjunction with Idaho Firewise after the grant closes, to reach out to the other communities of part time and full time residents within the county to provide information and training about how to prepare both home and land for wildfire.</p>	