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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:	Williamson Canyon	
	Region:		Priority:		Id:
	<b>Administration Information</b>				
	Funds Requested:			\$300,000	
	Match:			\$300,000	
	<b>Score:</b>	<b>Ranking:</b>	<b>Project Funding:</b>		
		\$600,000			

<b>1</b>	<b>Proposal Cooperator [ID]</b>				<a href="#">Update</a>
	Cooperator Organization:	Bear Lake County			
	Contact Person:	Lisa Transtrum			
	Address:	785 N. 4th Street			
	City:	Montpelier	State:	ID	ZIP Code: 83254
	Phone:	(208) 244-3705	Email:	lisa.transtrum@gmail.com	

<b>1</b>	<b>Applicant Information [ID]</b>				<a href="#">Update</a>
	Applicant:	Idaho Dept of Lands			
	Contact Person:	Tyre Holfeltz			
	Address:	3284 West Industrial Loop			
	City:	Coeur d' Alene	State:	ID	ZIP Code: 83858
	Phone (work/cell):	(208) 666-8653	Fax:	(208) 619-1524	
	Email:	tholfeltz@idl.idaho.gov			
Federal Tax ID:	82-6000952	DUNS#:	878072685		

<b>2</b>	<b>Project Information</b>				<a href="#">Update</a>
	Name of the Project:	Williamson Canyon			
	Community Name(s):	Bear Lake West, Fish Haven			
	Counties:	Bear Lake			
	Congressional District:	2			
	Latitude start:	0.0000	end:	42.0000	
Longitude start:	-111.4200	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>	\$20,000	\$45,500	<b>\$65,500</b>
	<b>Fringe Benefits:</b>			
	<b>Travel:</b>	\$10,000		<b>\$10,000</b>
	<b>Equipment:</b>			
	<b>Supplies:</b>			
	<b>Contractual:</b>	\$240,000		<b>\$240,000</b>
	<b>Construction:</b>			
	<b>Other:</b>		\$254,500	<b>\$254,500</b>
	<b>Indirect Costs<sup>3</sup>:</b>	\$30,000		<b>\$30,000</b>
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>	<b>\$254,500</b>	<b>\$45,500</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>	<a href="#">Update</a>
<b>4</b>	<p>Personnel/Labor - 20,000 for Idaho Department of Lands (IDL) staff to manage and administer sub-grant with Bear Lake County.</p> <p>Travel - 10,000 for IDL staff to travel to and from project at establish State Fleet Motor Pool rates, for on the ground management of sub-grant to Bear Lake County.</p> <p>Contractual - 240,000 is sub-granted to Bear Lake County; 37K for Bear Lake Soil and Water Conservation District to manage contracts, education (1,500 people) and reporting over the 2 1/2 to 3 years of the project; 3K for travel to manage on the ground work; 6K to cover cost of the project signage and outreach materials; 194K for contracted hazardous fuel mitigation to complete a minimum of 140 acres on high priority fuelbreaks within the Williamson Hollow area.</p> <p>Indirect - 30,000 negotiated rate between USFS &amp; Idaho.</p>	

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	<b>Project Area Description and Challenges</b>	<a href="#">Update</a>
<b>5</b>	<p>Williamson Canyon area is a single communal development of 500 homes (25% full time residents), that is part of a myriad of other development within the Bear Lake West area. This larger area contains 1000's of homes and cabins (assessed value of over \$164 million) along the western shores of the famous Bear Lake, "the Caribbean of the Rockies." Scenic landscapes, wildlife and numerous recreational activities make this area extremely popular accounting for 80,000 visitor days at its height during the summer months. The area is considered high elevation desert characterized by mountainous topography (slopes generally greater than 30%), vast acres of unmanaged vegetation (sagebrush transitioning to mixed stands of conifer in various conditions, with underbrush of maple, small groups of aspen, and continuous grasses with a substantial noxious weed component) and an ever expanding development scene (mentioned above). Couple the characteristics with past land management practices (fire exclusion) and a wildfire event of any size would be catastrophic. A wildfire would be catastrophic regarding loss of human life (poor ingress/egress &amp; lack of defensible space), destruction of high dollar assets (homes) and cause significant damage to the</p>	

(poor ingress/egress & lack of defensible space), destruction of high dollar assets (homes) and cause significant damage to the unique natural resources of this area. Such an event is evidenced by the 2012 North Canyon Fire (similar fuels and homes as Williamson Canyon area) which destroyed homes, grazing land and power lines. The Williamson Canyon project will focus on improving safety of ingress/egress, establish strategic fuelbreaks and continue to educate owners within the Bear Lake West area about reducing the impacts of wildfire through mitigation action.

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<p><b>6</b></p> <p><b>Relation to Forest Action Plan   CWPP</b></p> <p>Idaho's Forest Action Plan (FAP) identifies recreation, development and wildfire as issues of concern for this area. The threats posed from uncharacteristic wildfire if not mitigated will create rippling impacts within the Bear Lake Basin that would cripple local economies if steps are not taken to address the concerns and issues identified in the FAP. This project will implement strategies that will help to mitigate wildfire risk for private and USFS Forest lands by completing strategic fuelbreaks on private lands while improving ingress/egress (interior community fuelbreaks) both of which will help to reduce loss of recreation, developments and natural resources during a wildfire event. Additionally, The Bear Lake County CWPP specifically identifies the Williamson Canyon area as a priority to conduct and complete fuels reduction efforts. It also clearly identifies working with landowners to treat high fuel hazards to reduce risk to life and property within the Williamson Canyon area. By completing the proposed activities fire behavior will be modified thus increasing the probability of structure survivability while increasing life safety for residents and firefighters alike.</p>	

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<p><b>7</b></p> <p><b>Proposed Activities</b></p> <p>The Bear Lake Soil &amp; Water Conservation District (SWCD) will be the project manager, complete the public engagement (education, work plans, treatment prescriptions, etc.), manage contractor(s), perform site reviews and be responsible for fiscal administration and reporting. SWCD has already been in contact with several of the landowners within the project area who are interested in participating in the project and who have engaged in mitigation actions around their homes (just waiting for grant dollars to begin major work). They additionally have worked with USFS and State staff to identify the locations for the fuelbreaks for the Williamson Hollow community. The strategically placed fuelbreaks will account for 9 miles by 60 feet wide (65 acres), while the vegetation mitigation actions along the road system (in right-of-way easement and on private land) will account for another 10 miles by 60 feet wide (75 acres). Contracted services will be obtained through the procedures of the county open bid system. Services sought will include logging/mastication to thin standing and downed timber to decrease tree densities (residual tree spacing 30-40 feet between crowns), remove ladder fuels and underbrush within the fuelbreak. In non-mastication units slash will be utilized for firewood or chipped for hog fuel as the market will accept at Basic American in Rexburg, Idaho. If the market cannot take hog fuel during project time frame then slash will be piled and burned under appropriate conditions (winter). Saw logs will be utilized (Jensen Lumber in Ovid, ID) or left for collection by landowners as firewood. Contract services will also be sought for the mowing, spraying and planting (Kochia and native seed mix) of green strips as part of the ingress/egress work. Educational site visits will occur through the completion of the project work, which will be used to inform and motivate neighboring communities to participate in similar activities. Additionally an outreach program will be used (Firewise, Ready, Set, Go!, and Idaho Firewise materials) to educate 1,500 individuals, property owners association groups and home owners associations' at annual meetings, local events (Raspberry Days, County Fair, etc.) and through targeted contact exercises, about the importance of fire safety and what steps they can take on their private property to reduce the threat from wildfire.</p>	

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	<b>Landscape</b>	<b>Update</b>
<b>8</b>	<p>The Williamson project is the second of a three phase project to create a continuous fuelbreak from French Dutch (awarded during 2015 WSFM process to complete 150 acres - in progress) through the Hollows development and south into Utah where the project will be continued to help protect the community of West Bear Lake (in total nearly 25 miles long). All three of the communities contain approximately 2500 homes with several thousand more vacant lots. The population of the area swells during the summer recreation season to over 50K creating significant fire related risks for starts and evacuations. Additionally, the Forests (Uintah-Wasatch Cache and Caibou-Targhee) and BLM have identified this area as their next priorities to complete NEPA in order to reduce vegetation loading on their adjacent lands which will enhance the efforts being proposed as part of the Hollows project and being completed in French Dutch. Due to the scale/size of this project public discussions will be opened. Public education programs will be initiated through public meetings in Paris, Bloomington, Montpelier and West Bear Lake. Also, on-site show-me trips prior to and during the work on how the project will have a positive public safety and environmental benefit (i.e. reduction of large fire probability). Landowners, recreationists and residents alike will see the steps taken to help ensure their safety within the Williamson Canyon area. Additionally, visitors of NF will see that fire prevention is important and will be reminded of the dangers of not using caution while camping, hiking in the NF and adjacent private lands.</p>	

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	<b>Project Collaboration</b>	<b>Update</b>
<b>9</b>	<p>Bear Lake County (5500) - Planning and administration                      Bear Lake Co. Soil &amp; Water Conservation District (\$30K beyond grant amount)- Education (homeowners, county fair, students), Presentation (Legislature, Idaho Association of Conservation Districts annual meeting, South West Regional Conservation Districts Convention and National Association of Conservation Districts Conference), public tours of project, personnel time, vehicles and board member time.                      IDL - will contribute in the form of consolidated payment expenditure associated with Forestry and Fire Assistance in support of private and State land forest ownership/management. (\$254500)                      Landowners - Sweat equity in projects to include stacking slash, removing firewood and participation in meeting and education of neighbors.                      USFS - Technical expertise and education.                      Local Weed Management area (Highlands CWMA -\$10K) - education, chemical for brush and noxious weed control and maintenance of fuelbreaks.</p>	

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	<b>Project Timeline</b>	<b>Update</b>
<b>10</b>	<p>Fall 2017 Bear Lake SWCD target contact 100 landowners, sign agreements and begin project layout. Mitigation work will only occur during spring/fall to ensure public safety due to the high summer and winter recreational use. Year 1 complete 40 of acres prior to winter shut down due to snow accumulation. Spring 2018 SWCD contacts 500 landowners thru spring HOA meetings, sign additional agreements and continue project layout. Summer 2018 outreach to 200 thru local events. Spring/Fall 2018 complete 50 acres (shut down in summer due to recreational use). Spring 2019 complete remaining 500 landowner contacts thru spring HOA meetings. Summer 2019 outreach to 200 thru local events. Spring/Fall 2019 complete 50 acres. Winter 2019 close project complete reporting enter monitoring phase.</p>	

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	<b>Project Sustainability</b>	<b>Update</b>
<b>11</b>	<p>Regeneration of brush within the project area is generally low as the area receives little moisture outside of the winter months which is common in this part of Idaho. Re-sprout of brush will be the primary maintenance need within the first 5-7 years and there after will be seedling establishment from residual brush. 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 Bear Lake Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD), USFS, and IDL personnel. Monitoring will be done by SWCD, IDL, 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. The materials used as part of the educational elements for the project come from national resources and are accessible electronically. As new materials are made available they will be integrated into the SWCD educational program and forwarded to past and current participant communities/individuals for their use and local integration.</p>	