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Alabama

Auburn HVAC Repair, Energy Upgrade and LEED-EB Certification

Date of Announcement: March 9, 2009

Estimated Funding: \$ 550,000 for Capital Improvement and Maintenance

County: Lee

Jobs will be created to replace this Southern Research Station (SRS) laboratory's antiquated and failing HVAC system and make the facility a model for energy efficiency. The SRS has completed 60-percent of the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design for Existing Buildings' (LEED-EB) certification process, as established by the U.S. Green Building Council, for the 23,340 square foot facility. These updates include retro-commissioning, water reduction measures, waste management and recycling programs, and storm water management projects. The project will replace major components of the 38-year-old system and will add new fresh air economizers and a new direct digital control system. The project will create an estimated energy savings of 35-percent. The G.W. Andrews Forestry Sciences Laboratory will be the first LEED-EB certified facility in the Forest Service inventory. The research engineers are documenting the LEED-EB process and will publish a guide to help other Forest Service facilities achieve LEED-EB certification.

Alaska

Alaska Public and Administrative Facilities Reconstruction and Maintenance

Date of Announcement: March 9, 2009

Estimated Funding: \$ 985,000 for Capital Improvement and Maintenance

County: Skagway-Hoonah-Angoon Census Area

These projects support a wide variety of activities, including brown bear viewing, subsistence, and health and safety. Subsistence is a lifestyle of living from the land and streams and is a way of life for residents in rural villages in Alaska. These projects will stabilize failing structures, establish code compliance, and repair buildings. Anan Creek is the second most heavily visited bear viewing site in southeast Alaska. The project replaces the float system that supports the living quarters for employees who provide visitor services to the viewing site. In Hoonah, a cabin will be replaced using locally manufactured wood products, thus supporting an emerging market. And this will also provide much needed jobs and training for the economically depressed native community. In Cordova, the project replaces deteriorated siding on three buildings at the Cordova Work Center. At the Kenai Lake Work Center, the project provides replacement of an existing fuel storage building. That building is deteriorated and does not meet current codes. Replacing it with a new, prefabricated building will meet all codes and prevent environmental contamination.

Tongass Road Repair, Closure, and Fish Stream Improvement in Southeast Alaska

Date of Announcement: March 9, 2009

Estimated Funding: \$ 1,450,000 for Capital Improvement and Maintenance

County: Skagway-Hoonah-Angoon Census Area

The roadwork portion of the project will repair roads, clean culverts, brush roadsides, and resurface roads with crushed rock over 18 miles of high use public thoroughfares. The work will provide safer driving surfaces and reduce erosion into high-value salmon streams critical to the existence of subsistence, charter, sport and the commercial fisheries. This project will also reduce future costs of transportation maintenance which will enable the Forest Service to focus on other critical community access needs to the national forests in this economically depressed area. This project also includes the temporary closure of several miles of road on the False Island road system. It will rehabilitate 38 miles of roads and remove up to 120 deficient culverts and 10 blocked fish crossings. This will restore fish streams, wetlands and reconnect disrupted wildlife corridors.

Fairbanks North Star Borough and Yukon-Koyukuk Area Hazardous Fuels Reduction

Date of Announcement: March 9, 2009

Estimated Funding: \$ 1,500,000 for Wildland Fire Management

Partners: Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry

Counties: Fairbanks North Star Borough, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area

Grants will be provided to the Alaska Division of Forestry for the Fairbanks North Star Borough for hazardous fuels reduction. The work will be in the Washington Creek, Salcha and South Fork Chena river drainages. Local work crews will thin forests by hand and mechanical means. Local rural village crews in the Yukon-Koyukuk area will thin black spruce and mixed hardwoods for 200 feet around homes and village infrastructure facilities, as well as construct firebreaks in areas identified with hazardous fuels buildups. The villages of Ruby, Venetie, Bettles/Evansville, Stevens Village, and Allakaket will benefit from the fuels reduction work. Many of these communities are so remote there are no connecting roads to other towns and few escape routes in the event of a wildfire. This will provide safety and much-needed jobs to small communities where unemployment is very high.

Arizona

Rim Country Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) Hazardous Fuels Treatment

Date of Announcement: March 9, 2009

Estimated Funding: \$ 3,125,000 for Wildland Fire Management

County: Gila

The Rim Community WUI Treatment is located on the Tonto National Forest in Gila County,

Arizona. This project consists of six treatment areas within the WUI along the Mogollon Rim. The project will treat approximately 7,933 acres, primarily within the ponderosa pine vegetative type. Implementing this hazardous fuels reduction project will reduce the risk of wildfire to 13 communities and support the restoration of fire-dependent ecosystems. These communities have been threatened by several large wildfires over the past 10 years and are very supportive of all efforts to reduce the risk from catastrophic wildfire.

Hoyer Campground Reconstruction

Date of Announcement: March 9, 2009

Estimated Funding: \$ 1,230,000 for Capital Improvement and Maintenance

County: Apache

Hoyer Campground is on the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest in Apache County, Arizona. The project provides additional economic benefit of sustaining tourism in one of the highest unemployment counties in Arizona. It replaces 30-year-old, non-accessible restrooms with accessible restrooms and the associated site work necessary for their accessibility. It also provides reconstruction of a road system for the campground. Hoyer Campground is located 20 minutes from the recreation and tourism-dependant towns of Eagar and Springerville, Arizona and 5 minutes from Greer, Arizona.

California

Region-wide Fuels Reduction Project

Date of Announcement: March 9, 2009

Estimated Funding: \$ 1,500,000 for Wildland Fire Management

Partners: California Conservation Corps, Silverthorne Recreation Residence Association, Mule Deer Foundation, California Deer Association, Central Sierra Environmental Resource Center, Summerville High School

Counties: Shasta, Siskiyou, Trinity, Tulare, Tuolumne

This project involves hazardous fuel reduction work on the Shasta-Trinity and Stanislaus National Forests and a transportation grant to Sierra Forest Products. On the Shasta-Trinity, fire-prone vegetation is being removed around popular campgrounds, administrative field offices, recreation residence tracts, and along popular trails and forest roads. The work is being accomplished by local Youth Corps crews. On the Stanislaus, the work involves a contract for thinning stands on 2700 acres. These stands were planted after the devastating 1973 Granite Fire and have become overly dense with vegetation, creating a fire risk and unhealthy watershed conditions. By thinning the stands to reduce fuel ladders and the number of trees per acre, the remaining trees will be healthier and more resistant to the effects of drought, insects and disease and wildfires. Sierra Forest Products is a local small business sawmill in Terra Bella, CA. The transportation grant funds will be used to transport small saw logs from the Granite fuels project to assist the mill sustain jobs and remain in business.

San Joaquin Barracks Repair and Restoration

Date of Announcement: March 9, 2009

Estimated Funding: \$ 2,269,000 for Capital Improvement and Maintenance

Partners: Universities, National Science Foundation, Fish and Wildlife Service, Region 5

County: Fresno

The San Joaquin Experimental Range (SJER) facility is an historic adobe structure that is in need of repair and restoration to provide safety and working conditions for scientists and collaborators. SJER has been key to the development of sustainable grazing systems in California's oak woodland savannas. Recently, research has expanded to include watershed management related to water quality and watershed stability, wildland and plant ecology, species biodiversity, and climate change research.

Arcata Forest Science Lab Seismic and Safety Retrofit

Date of Announcement: March 9, 2009

Estimated Funding: \$ 825,000 for Capital Improvement and Maintenance

Partners: Universities, Fish and Wildlife Service, California Department of Forestry

County: Humboldt

The Arcata Forest Science Lab has been undergoing seismic upgrade. One pending plan is to build out and retrofit the third floor to be used as the library and meeting rooms. In addition, the heating and air circulation systems upgrade is included in this work. The project provides jobs for local contractors and construction workers.

Riverside Lab Improvements

Date of Announcement: March 9, 2009

Estimated Funding: \$ 1,150,000 for Capital Improvement and Maintenance

Partners: Universities, Region 5, International research community

County: Riverside

The Riverside Fire Laboratory has three Forest Service-owned buildings that house about 60 research employees and research equipment. Repairs to the roofs and replacement windows and doors with energy efficient ones will protect the buildings from winter weather, save energy, and improve the work environment. The project will provide immediate employment to construction roofing crews and building retrofit businesses in the surrounding area.

Dinkey Mills Barracks Construction

Date of Announcement: March 9, 2009

Estimated Funding: \$ 1,300,000 for Capital Improvement and Maintenance

Partners: Universities, Region 5, Fish and Wildlife Service

County: Fresno

The Sierra Nevada Research Center of PSW is collaborating closely with the Sierra National Forest (Region 5) on a number of science and management projects including the Teakettle Experimental forest, the Kings River Experimental Watershed and wildlife monitoring. The Forest is closing several sites and consolidating them at the Dinkey Mills site. PSW needs barracks at this site to accommodate field crews and collaborators and provide access to conduct field work. The investment will build two barracks and pay for the associated infrastructure needs. The barracks will house field crews that will be recruited from local communities.

Region-wide Trail Maintenance Project

Date of Announcement: March 9, 2009

Estimated Funding: \$ 3,750,000 for Capital Improvement and Maintenance

Partners: Los Angeles Conservation Corps (LACC), San Gabriel Conservation Corps (SGCC), Outward Bound Los Angeles (OBLA), Economic Opportunity Commission (EOC), Students Conservation Association (SCA), High Sierra Volunteer Trail Crew (HSVTC), Urban Conservation Corps of the San Bernardino National Forest Association, California Conservation Corps

Counties: Fresno, Los Angeles, Madera, Riverside, San Bernardino

This project involves trail maintenance work on the Angeles, San Bernardino and Sierra National Forests. The trail work includes grooming trail surfaces and tread improvement work, rock removal, repairing or creating erosion control features, removing vegetation such as dangerous tree limbs and brush, graffiti removal, repairing or replacing signs, and trash pickup. Popular motorized and non-motorized trails and trailheads are being repaired throughout these Forests. Some of the trails are in wilderness areas which require more labor intensive work due to the remote location of the trails and the fact that mechanized equipment is not allowed to be used in Wilderness areas. Virtually all the work is being accomplished through agreements with local Youth Corps that employ young adults from some of the state's most financially distressed areas.

Region-wide Road Maintenance Projects

Date of Announcement: March 9, 2009

Estimated Funding: \$ 2,000,000 for Capital Improvement and Maintenance

Partners: Northern California Indian Development Council (NCIDC), Trinity County Resource Conservation District (TCRCD)

Counties: Fresno, Madera, Mariposa, Riverside, San Diego, Siskiyou, Tuolumne

This project involves road maintenance on the Cleveland, Six Rivers, Sierra, and Stanislaus National Forests. On the Cleveland, damaged road surfaces at campgrounds, fire stations and a district ranger station are being repaired. Much of the old roadbed material is being recycled on-site and used in the new paving. The work is being done by a local small business contractor. On

the Six Rivers and Sierra, the project involves roadside brushing on the most popular roads throughout the Forest. The work includes removing and disposing of roadside brush that is creating hazardous driving conditions for forest users. On the Six Rivers, the work is being done through the Northern California Indian Development Council, a private nonprofit corporation that serves the employment and training needs of American Indians residing in Del Norte, Humboldt and Siskiyou counties. On the Stanislaus, the project involves road maintenance on Forest roads being used to transport saw logs and biomass from the Forest to local mills. The work is under contract with a local small business.

Region-wide Facility Improvement Projects

Date of Announcement: March 9, 2009

Estimated Funding: \$ 2,000,000 for Capital Improvement and Maintenance

Partners: Los Angeles Conservation Corps (LACC)

Counties: El Dorado, Los Angeles, San Bernardino

This project involves much needed building maintenance work on the Angeles, Eldorado and San Bernardino National Forests. On the Angeles, the San Gabriel River District Office, a National Historic property, will be repainted and have its leaking roof replaced. At the popular Crystal Lake Recreation Area, the historic restroom building will have its leaking roof replaced and two new 3,000-gallon vault toilets will be installed at the site. In San Dimas Canyon, a popular hiking area, 13 abandoned, dilapidated buildings will be demolished, the materials recycled and the site restored. On the Eldorado, the Placerville Work Center and the popular Echo Summit Ski Lodge will have their leaking roofs replaced. And on the San Bernardino, the Headquarters Office, Interagency Communication Center and Training Center will receive energy retrofits. Outdated windows, heating and ventilation systems and water systems will be replaced with energy efficient, state of the art systems. This will not only help the environment by reducing energy and water consumption, but reduce future operating costs as well.

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Colorado

Rocky Mountain Region Bark Beetle and Hazardous Fuels Reduction Projects

Date of Announcement: March 9, 2009

Estimated Funding: \$ 5,000,000 for Wildland Fire Management

Partners: Colorado Youth Corps Association

Several hazardous fuels projects will be completed on three national forests in Colorado. These include using contractors to remove beetle-killed trees along roads on the Routt National Forest in Routt, Jackson and Grand Counties, to clear dead trees that pose public safety risks as well as clear roads of dead trees to enable firefighter access and provide fuel breaks in the event of wildfire. The Rocky Mountain Region has forged a participating agreement with the Colorado Youth Corps Association (CYCA). This provides the framework for the region and its elements to work with the ten accredited Colorado Youth Corp organizations throughout the state in association with projects developed through ARRA. One of those entities, Rocky Mountain Youth Corps, will work directly with the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest to clear bark-

beetle killed trees from campgrounds, picnic areas, trails and trailheads. Several other projects, part of the Front Range Fuels Treatment Partnership, will remove hazardous fuels on the Arapaho-Roosevelt and Pike-San Isabel National Forests to reduce fire danger in wildland/urban interface in many Front Range counties.

Fort Collins Lab Improvements

Date of Announcement: March 9, 2009

Estimated Funding: \$ 1,543,000 for Capital Improvement and Maintenance

County: Larimer

The project will provide functional laboratory space that is energy efficient and more flexible to meet the changing research and technology requirements of Station scientists. The laboratory improvements include the use of solar energy as a source of clean and renewable energy.

Campground Facilities Replacements and Reconstruction

Date of Announcement: March 9, 2009

Estimated Funding: \$ 616,000 for Capital Improvement and Maintenance

County: Chaffee

The Pike-San Isabel National Forest, in southern Colorado, is responding to the number one complaint received from forest visitors by replacing 20 restroom facilities at numerous campgrounds and picnic areas located throughout the forest. Some of the facilities are 50 years old, and in some cases create safety and health concerns. The upgrades are a welcome and much-needed improvement and will result in greater public satisfaction with forest facilities.

Florida

Florida Community Fuels Management Program, Phase 1

Date of Announcement: March 9, 2009

Estimated Funding: \$ 900,000 for Wildland Fire Management

Counties: statewide

Wildland fire protection in Florida has become increasing complex over the years. The influx of new residents, current trend to live in a more natural wooded environment, and alterations in historical water recharge areas have added to the risk and severity of wildfires in the wildland urban interface. On average, 4,000 wildfires burn more than 216,000 acres in Florida each year, and over 13,000 communities are at high to very high risk of damage by wildfire. The Florida Division of Forestry provides fire protection services on over 26 million acres of forest and wildlands statewide. The program funded under this grant is focused on reducing wildland fire damage in at-risk communities across the state by funding hazardous fuels mitigation projects and promoting Firewise educational campaigns to enhance local involvement in protecting communities and structures from wildfire. Hazardous fuels management programs will include

contracting for mechanical fuel reduction and additional hazardous fuels treatments by Division of Forestry field unit personnel. Benefits include reduced threat of wildfires and job creation and retention.

Idaho

North Idaho Counties - Hazardous Fuel Reduction on Private Lands

Date of Announcement: March 9, 2009

Estimated Funding: \$ 2,300,000 for Wildland Fire Management

Partners: State of Idaho, Boundary County, Benewah County, Bonner County, Kootenai County, Panhandle Area Council

Counties: Benewah, Bonner, Boundary, Kootenai

This project funds hazardous fuel reduction in the wildland urban interface on private lands in Boundary, Benewah, Bonner and Kootenai counties as identified in the Counties' Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPP). Local wildfire protection plans can take a variety of forms, based on the needs of the people involved in their development and may address issues such as wildfire response, hazard mitigation, community preparedness, or structure protection or all of the above. This project issues grants to the counties, who in turn, would contract for the work to be accomplished. Activities include commercial thinning (carefully selected cut of merchantable timber to thin forests surrounding the communities); intensive treatment of hazardous fuels through labor-intensive hand-cutting; pre-commercial thinning (thinning of young, immature, over-stocked trees); piling and burning of potential fuels; under burning (controlled, low-intensity fire to clear undergrowth) and roadside fuels reduction. Utilization of commercial products and biomass will be provided. We estimate this project will treat fuels on over 2,000 acres surrounding communities, reducing future risk from wildfire.

Caribou-Targhee National Forest - Forest-wide Road Reconstruction and Aquatic Passage

Date of Announcement: March 9, 2009

Estimated Funding: \$ 6,590,000 for Capital Improvement and Maintenance

States: Idaho, Wyoming

Partners: Bonneville County, ID; Clark County, ID; Madison County, ID; Caribou County, ID; Bear Lake County, ID; Teton County, ID; Franklin County, ID; Lincoln County, WY

County: Clark

The Caribou-Targhee National Forest Forest-wide Road Reconstruction and Aquatic Passage project contains multiple projects including: Aggregate surface replacement to increase user safety and comfort, and reduce ecologic impacts; Pavement chip seals to improve the driving surface and extend the life of the pavement; Culvert replacement, to improve drainage and provide for aquatic organism passage; Roadside brush removal to improve sight distance & user safety; Parking lot resurfacing to improve user comfort and convenience, and reduce ecologic impacts. All projects are Forest and public priorities that have been under public discussion for years, and are on priority roads and parking lots with extensive public use. Projects are

distributed over 8 counties, and will have a positive impact on multiple communities in South East Idaho and Western Wyoming.

Kentucky

Kentucky Ice Storm Trails and Roads Restoration

Date of Announcement: March 9, 2009

Estimated Funding: \$ 558,200 for Capital Improvement and Maintenance

Counties: Bath, Clay, Estill, Lee, Leslie, Menifee, Morgan, Powell, Rowan, Wolfe

Trails and roads in several areas on the Daniel Boone National Forest in eastern Kentucky were damaged by severe ice and wind storms during the winter of 2009. Many of these locations were at popular tourism destinations such as the wilderness area of the Red River Gorge, campgrounds at Cave Run Lake, and the Redbird Crest Trail. Removal of debris and trees blocking roads and trails was necessary to reduce health and safety risks to visitors, as well as re-open routes to recreation attractions that draw tourists who support local merchants and the regional economy. This project focused on clearing and repairing damaged trails and roadways. The rugged terrain and back country locations required much of the work to be done by hand, and there was an emphasis on using local crews and contractors. This tourism-dependent area had already been impacted by layoffs and plant closures, and could have been further devastated by a reduction in the local eco-tourism industry if access had not been restored.

Land Between the Lakes Recreation Facilities and Industry Recovery

Date of Announcement: March 9, 2009

Estimated Funding: \$ 2,000,000 for Capital Improvement and Maintenance

Counties: Lyon, Trigg

The Land Between the Lakes (LBL) in western Kentucky and Tennessee was hit by a historically severe ice storm in January 2009. Resulting damage closed all but a handful of facilities at this national recreation area managed by the Forest Service. Stimulating economic growth was part of the reason for creating LBL in the 1960s, so re-opening these major recreation facilities was a priority for maintaining the \$650 million regional tourism industry. Many local businesses are dependent on LBL operations being open and available to the public and the approximately 2 million visitors drawn to the area annually. The focus of this project was to quickly repair and restore services that had been damaged in the ice storm. Local contractors and crews were hired to remove debris and make repairs to recreation facilities. Without this funding, it was unlikely that facilities would be operational for the current tourism season, causing more hardship to local communities already economically distressed and hit hard by recent plant and retail closings.

Land Between the Lakes Roads to Recovery

Date of Announcement: March 9, 2009

Estimated Funding: \$ 500,000 for Capital Improvement and Maintenance

Counties: Lyon, Trigg

The devastating ice storm that hit Kentucky and Tennessee in January 2009 closed hundreds of miles of roads at Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area. Re-opening these key access routes was a vital part of maintaining the local tourism industry, which is a mainstay of the regional economy. This project involved clearing roads to campgrounds and recreation sites, opening access routes to popular lakes, and removing debris from roadways that provided entry to neighboring cemeteries and agricultural fields. Local logging crews and contractors were hired to quickly open roads that had been closed from trees brought down in the ice storm. Without funding from the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act, the widespread damage to roadways throughout the region would have made it unlikely that repairs could have been completed in time to open access to recreation facilities for the current tourism season, causing more hardship to local communities already economically distressed and hit hard by recent plant and retail closings.

Michigan

Enhance Safety and Condition of Forest Highway in Delta County

Date of Announcement: March 9, 2009

Estimated Funding: \$ 3,500,000 for Capital Improvement and Maintenance

Partners: Delta County Road Commission (DCRC)

County: Delta

Funds for these programs of work are for projects that will be carried out on State and Private Lands. Specific projects will be selected by the states. This project will provide safe access to high visibility Great Lakes recreation sites in Delta County, Upper Michigan. Private sector jobs will be created to widen and re-surface Delta County Road 513 in a nine-month cooperative project with the county. The project benefits the local community and visitors by providing safer and easier travel to school and work, as well as easier access to high-use Forest Service recreation sites on the northern shore of Lake Michigan, such as Peninsula Point Lighthouse and Bay de Noc Campground. The project, which will add value to our communities and enhance local resources, has received \$3,500,000 in economic recovery funding.

Minnesota

Enhance Recreational Experiences and Minimize Environmental Impacts by Improving Forest Trails in Minnesota

Date of Announcement: March 9, 2009

Estimated Funding: \$ 557,000 for Capital Improvement and Maintenance

Partners: Minnesota Youth Conservation Corps

Counties: Cook, Lake, Saint Louis

This project will improve conditions on about 1,900 miles of the Superior National Forests extensive trail system, including hiking, portage, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, and other trails using economic recovery funding of \$557,000. Work will be performed by Minnesota

Conservation Corps (MCC) members, a cadre of young adults, ages 18-25 years old. MCC is a partnership with AmeriCorps. Work will occur within and outside of the much-visited Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. In addition to improving trail conditions, the project will also restore and protect soil and water resources. Trail work will involve brushing, tread work, installation of water control structures, boardwalk reconstruction, and trail sign maintenance in various areas on the Forest. This work will have long-standing benefits to visitors to the Forest, as well as the young adults employed through MCC, who will gain valuable skills and an appreciation for natural resource management. This project will help the Forest continue to provide memorable recreational experiences for forest visitors in years to come.

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Missouri

Enhance Safety and Condition of Forest Roads in Missouri

Date of Announcement: March 9, 2009

Estimated Funding: \$ 369,000 for Capital Improvement and Maintenance

Counties: statewide

This project will address an urgent backlog of needed road maintenance in the Mark Twain National Forest on routes damaged by extensive natural disasters (flooding, ice storms, and wind events) over the past two years. Economic recovery funding of \$369,000 will provide new jobs in the private sector to accomplish this work. Forest Service roads in the Mark Twain intertwine with county road systems in 29 Missouri counties. These road systems are used for school bus routes, firefighting, ambulance services, and recreational activities. This project will have long-standing benefits to the community for daily activities and emergency services, as well as enhanced recreational opportunities.

Enhance Public Safety and Recreational Experiences in Missouri

Date of Announcement: March 9, 2009

Estimated Funding: \$ 2,300,000 for Capital Improvement and Maintenance

Counties: Oregon, Ripley, Wayne

National forest roads not only provide access into our public lands, but they are also used by public service vehicles, such as school buses, ambulances, fire engines, mail trucks, and police cars, notes Regional Forester Kent Connaughton. Economic recovery funding of \$2.3 million will be used to re-surface 56 miles of national forest system roads that cross most of the 29 counties in southern Missouri occupied by the Mark Twain National Forest. Additional work will involve improving popular and heavily-used recreation sites, including campgrounds and day-use areas, across the Forest. The work will be accomplished through local contractors and existing agreements.

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Montana

Montana Roads Restoration Project 1

Date of Announcement: March 9, 2009

Estimated Funding: \$ 1,905,000 for Capital Improvement and Maintenance

Counties: Carbon, Gallatin, Park, Ravalli

The Montana Roads Restoration Project 1 funds much needed work on high use, high priority roads. Contractors will reconstruct roads, reshape prisms (the area of the ground containing the road surface) and resurface roads to restore public safety to an acceptable level and extend the useful life of the roads. This work also improves water quality and enhances critical fish passage and habitat by reducing sediment delivery into streams, improving drainage and increasing the size of culverts so that fish may move freely. Specifics include about 7 miles of surfacing and road drainage improvements on the Upper Taylor Fork and Cache Creek roads on the Gallatin National Forest; replacing 4 existing culverts in the Smith Creek Road to meet fish passage standards for Yellowstone Cutthroat trout; reconstruction and resurfacing work on the West Fork Rock Creek road on the Custer National Forest; and reconditioning approximately 8 miles of the Rye Creek Road on the Bitterroot National Forest.

Montana Roads Restoration Project 2

Date of Announcement: March 9, 2009

Estimated Funding: \$ 3,600,000 for Capital Improvement and Maintenance

Counties: Carbon, Gallatin, Lincoln

The Montana Roads Restoration 2 project incorporates road reconstruction and maintenance projects on three national forests. Work includes installing guardrail on portions of about 4 miles of the Hyalite Road on the Gallatin National Forest. The Hyalite drainage is one of the most heavily used recreation areas in Montana and is the municipal watershed for the city of Bozeman and this project addresses serious safety and municipal water supply issues. It also includes another phase of reconstruction and resurfacing work on the West Fork Rock Creek road on the Custer National Forest, which addresses safety and evacuation concerns by improving access for fire protection engines and improving vehicle pullout sites. This project also includes needed road maintenance on the Kootenai National Forest to improve public safety and enhance water quality by reducing sediment run-off.

Shields River Road and Bridges Reconstruction

Date of Announcement: March 9, 2009

Estimated Funding: \$ 4,000,000 for Capital Improvement and Maintenance

County: Park

The Shields River Road on the Gallatin National Forest provides primary access to over 35,000 acres of public land and 15,000 acres of private lands within the Shields River Drainage. Increased use due to recreational activities and more private residences have resulted in damage to the road and increased danger to the public. The project includes reconstruction of approximately 5.6 miles of the road from a single lane to a double lane, adding and replacing

culverts, widening an existing bridge and restoring and improving the surface of the road. This project will improve public safety and also protect water quality and fish passage and habitat by reducing sediment delivery into streams, improving drainage and replacing culverts.

Nevada

Lincoln County Multidisciplinary Hazardous Fuels/Ecosystem Restoration on State and Private Forestry Lands Project

Date of Announcement: March 9, 2009

Estimated Funding: \$ 1,314,100 for Wildland Fire Management

Partners: Pioche Conservation Camp

County: Lincoln

This project consists of 7802 acres of public lands that will be treated to reduce hazardous fuels and improve health of forest and rangeland ecosystems, including management actions such as: - Reducing hazardous Fuels -Treating Invasive Plants and Diseases on forests and rangelands - Planting and reseeded both forests and rangelands -Controlling erosion There will also be biomass utilization and wood industry infrastructure improvements: Woody biomass resulting from forest treatments will be utilized by local pellet mill, and utilization and marketing options will be expanded to create sustainable industry. Fire risks will also be reduced as community economic, social and environmental health is enhanced.

New Hampshire

Enhance Recreational Experiences and Minimize Environmental Impacts by Improving Forest Trails in New Hampshire

Date of Announcement: March 9, 2009

Estimated Funding: \$ 100,000 for Capital Improvement and Maintenance

Partners: Appalachian Mountain Club, Randolph Mountain Club, Wonalancet Outdoor Club, Dartmouth Outing Club, Rey Center

Counties: Carroll, Coos, Grafton

The Eastern Region of the Forest Service is privileged to work with outstanding partners, notes Regional Forester Kent Connaughton. Economic recovery funding for this project will help our counties and communities. White Mountain National Forests project partners the Appalachian Mountain Club, Randolph Mountain Club, Wonalancet Outdoor Club, Dartmouth Outing Club, and the Rey Center -- can now hire local workers to reconstruct portions of heavily used hiking trails on extraordinarily steep and rocky terrain in New Hampshire's only national forest. The work, which addresses resource damage due to erosion and sedimentation, will allow the Forest to continue to provide safe and memorable recreation experiences to visitors to Coos, Grafton, and Carroll Counties. The two-year project has received \$100,000 in economic recovery funding.

New Mexico

**Clean up of Hazardous Materials and Ground Water
on Abandoned Mine Lands at Nacimiento Mine**

Date of Announcement: March 9, 2009

Estimated Funding: \$ 1,100,000 for Capital Improvement and Maintenance

County: Sandoval

The Nacimiento Mine environmental cleanup project is located on the Santa Fe National Forest in Sandoval County, New Mexico. The work will clean up and restore 25 million gallons of groundwater at Nacimiento Mine near Cuba, New Mexico. The goal of remedial action(s) at the Nacimiento site is to protect human health and the environment from risks associated with the contaminants of potential concern in groundwater contaminated from previous mining activities. Specific remedial action objectives include remediating COPC levels in groundwater and surface water to current New Mexico standards. The remedial action(s) may consolidate waste rock. The cleanup supports increased economic opportunities and improved quality of life in rural America by treating the surface/ground water for human consumption and for the small farmer/rancher.

**16 Springs Tribal Forest Protection Act (TFPA) Stewardship Project
(Hazardous Fuels Reduction)**

Date of Announcement: March 9, 2009

Estimated Funding: \$ 3,699,000 for Wildland Fire Management

Partners: Mescalero Apache Tribe, Southwest Bureau of Indian Affairs, Otero County, Lincoln County, Village of Ruidoso

County: Otero

The 16 Springs Tribal Forest Protection Act (TFPA) Stewardship Project is a forest health improvement project that also reduces hazardous fuels and fire risk to a large WUI community (Village of Ruidoso), the 16 Springs community, and National Forest system and tribal lands. The Stewardship Project will involve both the 16 Springs and the Perk/Grindstone watersheds on the Lincoln National Forest. This collaborative project will further enhance the relationship between the Forest Service and the Mescalero Apache Tribe. The removal of commercial timber not only provides and maintains jobs to a specialized group, but makes a usable product for local small sawmills. Additionally, the utilization of small diameter biomass generated by the project will be critical to the new wood pellet mill currently under construction north of Alamogordo. Along with being beneficial to local and Regional wood dependent industries, the project will stimulate the local economy and will have a cascade affect on maintaining and creating jobs within local tribal communities and area municipalities.

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Ohio

**Expanded Use of Green Energy by Installing Solar Panel Systems,
leading by example**

Date of Announcement: March 9, 2009

Estimated Funding: \$ 400,000 for Capital Improvement and Maintenance

County: Athens

This project will allow the Wayne National Forest to expand their current solar program, increasing their energy efficiency and contributing to the local economy. Through this project, the Forest will expand the current solar panel array on the roof of the Forests Headquarters building. The current system is generating 7% of the buildings energy needs. It is estimated that once the expansion is completed later this summer, up to 50% of the Headquarters building will be powered by the sun during the summer months. This work will create four jobs for a locally-owned company operated by a service-disabled veteran. The six-month project also gives business to Ohio's growing solar panel industry, primarily made up of former auto glass plants. This project will highlight an already notable solar program on the Forest, which was part of Ohio's 2008 Solar Tour.

Oregon

Oregon Youth Employment Initiative

Date of Announcement: March 9, 2009

Estimated Funding: \$ 3,250,000 for Capital Improvement and Maintenance

Partners: Oregon Youth Conservation Corps, Association of Oregon Counties, Oregon Department of Education, State of Oregon Governor's Office, Business Education Compact

Counties: statewide

The project is an intergovernmental effort to put young adults to work across the State of Oregon. The youth will be working on natural resource conservation and restoration on public and private lands. During the school year, the school districts are implementing the program through expansion of their existing youth conservation corps-like youth employment programs. During the summer the initiative is delivered through existing youth conservation corps-like programs orchestrated by the Oregon Youth Conservation Corps. It will enable youth throughout Oregon to earn money and enhance their work/life education experiences and greatly expand summer youth employment. The youth will work on trail maintenance, watershed restoration, campground maintenance, hazardous fuel reduction and other natural resource restoration and maintenance projects.

Oregon Youth Employment Initiative - Phase I

Date of Announcement: March 9, 2009

Estimated Funding: \$ 3,250,000 for Wildland Fire Management

Counties: statewide

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Reducing threat of wildfires in central and southwest Oregon

Date of Announcement: March 9, 2009

Estimated Funding: \$ 10,000,000 for Wildland Fire Management

Partners: State of Oregon, Lomakatatsi Restoration Project, The Siskiyou Project, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Wild Turkey Federation, Portland General Electric, Quail Unlimited

Counties: Coos, Crook, Curry, Deschutes, Douglas, Jackson, Jefferson, Josephine

This project will protect lives, buildings and other resources by reducing hazardous burnable materials such as brush and small trees on thousands of acres in central and southwest Oregon. Contracts and agreements are putting people to work across six counties Deschutes, Jefferson, Crook, Curry, Josephine and Douglas - encompassing four National Forests and a National Grasslands that are historically threatened by wildfire. The work is labor-intensive, using crews and machinery to clear brush. The work will improve the health and resiliency of forests and grasslands and provide biomass for energy production.

Utah

Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest, Forest-wide Road Reconstruction

Date of Announcement: March 9, 2009

Estimated Funding: \$ 11,600,000 for Capital Improvement and Maintenance

Partners: Box Elder, Cache, Juab, Utah, and Wasatch counties; State of Utah

County: Juab

The Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest Forest-wide Road Reconstruction project contains multiple projects including: Aggregate surface replacement and asphalt pavement to increase user safety and comfort, and reduce ecologic impacts; Pavement chip seals to improve the driving surface and extend the life of the pavement; Culvert and bridge replacement, to increase public safety, improve drainage and provide for aquatic organism passage; Roadside brush removal to improve sight distance & user safety. All projects are Forest and public priorities that have been under public discussion for years, and are on priority roads with extensive public use. Projects are distributed over 5 Counties, and will have a positive impact on multiple communities in northern Utah.

Washington

Energy-efficient windows installed at Olympia Forestry Sciences Laboratory

Date of Announcement: March 9, 2009

Estimated Funding: \$ 260,000 for Capital Improvement and Maintenance

County: Thurston

This project replaced 150 single-pane, low thermal-rated windows at the Pacific Northwest Research Station's Olympia Forestry Sciences Laboratory with new energy-efficient windows. The new windows provide better insulation than the old ones, which were installed in the 1960s, and reflect infrared light. This is expected to lower the heating and cooling cost of the building while conserving energy. This project was initiated within 30 days of approval. Fifteen people, including glazers, painters, carpenters, managers, and clerical staff, worked on this project which replaced the single-pane, low thermal-rated windows with modern energy-efficient windows. This project created job opportunities over six weeks. The new energy efficient windows enable the federal government to conserve energy and save money on heating and cooling costs.

Olympic Peninsula Structure Repair and Restoration

Date of Announcement: March 9, 2009

Estimated Funding: \$ 500,000 for Capital Improvement and Maintenance

Counties: Clallam, Grays Harbor, Jefferson, Mason

Four administrative sites and several recreation facilities (both historic and non-historic) will receive much needed maintenance on the Olympic National Forest. It will provide employment for up to 9 basic maintenance/repair workers in four counties around the Olympic Peninsula. The work will include interior and exterior cleaning and painting, flooring, re-roofing, and other minor building repairs needed to restore the buildings to current health and safety standards. Job opportunities will be scattered across the Hood Canal and Pacific Ranger Districts and include the Snyder Work Center and several campgrounds.

Wisconsin

Green Retrofit of Forest Service office

Date of Announcement: March 9, 2009

Estimated Funding: \$ 200,000 for Capital Improvement and Maintenance

County: Oneida

Regional Forester Kent Connaughton has long supported providing more energy-efficient administrative facilities to save public money and reduce the carbon footprint of Forest Service offices. Economic recovery funding for this project lets us do that and provide jobs, too, he says. Over the last 12 months with the assistance of Blackwell Job Corps, the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest has been renovating the building that will become the new Supervisors Office in Oneida County. Economic recovery funding of \$200,000 will provide the remaining needed renovations, including a more energy efficient building and new restrooms that will use less energy and water and be fully accessible. The project will create several jobs for six months for a local contractor, while purchase of green-certified materials and labor will directly benefit the local economy and lower the carbon footprint of the administrative building. Also, Job Corps

enrollees will learn highly marketable green trade building skills that will serve them well when they graduate from the program.