

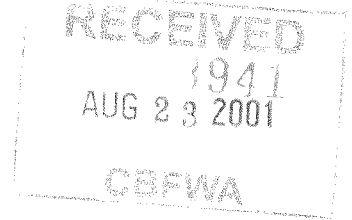


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FY 2002 Funding for Project 21014

"Mitigate streambank sediment sources in Fifteenmile Watershed using bioengineering techniques"

- Ref: (a) Wasco County SWCD Proposal #21014
(b) ISRP 2000-8 Prelim Gorge review ..
(c) Wasco County SWCD letter dated 5/29/01
(d) ODFW letter dated 5/31/01

We request that you include FY 2002 budget of \$69,000 for this project and \$5,000 in total out-year costs for 2003 and 2004.

Our original proposal, reference (a) was for a total budget of \$203,558 for the project. ISRP judged the project to be fundable per reference (b). CBFWA recommended funding but assigned a lower priority: "recommended action".

Subsequently, as reported in reference (c), Wasco County SWCD was able to obtain funding through the federal 319 program and National Fish and Wildlife Foundation totaling \$80,000, significantly reducing the funding needed through the Fish and Wildlife Program. At that time ODFW, by reference (d), recommended funding the project at the next funding opportunity. That opportunity is now as the 2002 budget is being developed.

Most recently the SWCD has had favorable review of a \$46,000 Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board grant application and expects approval in September. That third funding source will bring the amount needed through the Fish and Wildlife program to only \$74,000 or about 37% of the original proposal.

Therefore, we request that project 21014 be added to the FY 2002 budget in the amount of \$69,000 with an additional \$5,000 planned for 2003+.

Sincerely,

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To whom it may concern:

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife has implemented fish habitat restoration measures in the Fifteenmile Creek Subbasin through the Fifteenmile Creek Habitat Restoration Project (#199304000). The project has received funding from the Bonneville Power Administration since 1987. Many stream and fish habitat restoration successes have been measured in the Fifteenmile Creek Subbasin resulting from implementation of the project. Although much progress has been made restoring stream conditions, poor water quality remains a concern for resource managers as a threat to aquatic resources in the Subbasin.

The Wasco County Soil and Water Conservation District submitted a project proposal titled Mitigate Streambank Sediment Sources in Fifteenmile Watershed using Bioengineering Techniques (Project #21014) to the Northwest Power Planning Council for funding in FY2002. This project is designed to reduce sediment input into Fifteenmile Creek by stabilizing highly erodible streambanks and improve water quality. The proposed project received a low priority for funding by the Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority.

It is our understanding that the overall cost of this project to the Bonneville Power Administration has been considerably reduced from the original proposal with the addition of several other outside grants. Based on the lower project costs and potential water quality benefits, therefore we recommend that this project be reconsidered for funding in the next appropriate funding opportunity.

Sincerely,

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