

Organization Type: 501(c)(3) EIN# <u>88-0211763</u> Governmental entity? <u>No</u>			
Address: 1360 Greg St., Sparks NV 89431			
Project Name: Burn Area Rehabilitation on the Hanson, Tom Basin, and Lost Fires - 2014			
Amount requested: \$27,342		Website: www.nevadawilderness.org	
Project start date (mm/yyyy): 07/2014		Project completion date (mm/yyyy): 11/2015	
This funding will be used to (complete this sentence with a max of 2 sentences): Ongoing habitat rehabilitation on the Hanson and Tom Basin burn areas as well as the Lost Fire (new area). The primary activity will be planting native species in the burn areas.			
Key People:	Director:	Shaaron Netherton, Executive Director of Friends of Nevada Wilderness	
	Board Chair:	Roger Scholl	
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Organization Mission: Friends of Nevada Wilderness is dedicated to preserving all qualified Nevada public lands as Wilderness, protecting all present and potential Wilderness from ongoing threats, educating the public about the values of and need for wilderness, and improving the management and restoration of wild lands.			
Project is on (check all that apply) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private land.			
Are government permits or decision documents needed for the project? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If so, are those permits and decision documents already secured? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If permits and decision documents are needed but not yet secured, in #4 of the Narrative Requirements provide a list of permits and documents needed and a schedule for securing them.			
Has your organization received other grants from the Dream Tags Fund? Yes (use additional to list ALL funded projects)	If yes,		
	Date awarded:	Sept 2012	
	Project # & title:	#22 Burn Area Rehabilitation	
	Amount of Award:	\$25,980	
	Date awarded:		
	Project # & title:		
	Amount of Award:		

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT UNDER CONSIDERATION

Indicate the description that best fits the project you are proposing. Mark no more than three categories:

- ☒ A. Projects that improve, protect, or restore habitat
☒ B. Projects that embrace unique opportunities for advancing the mission of wildlife conservation in Nevada
☒ C. Projects that address emergent needs
☐ D. Other projects that meet the evaluation criteria

NARRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Provide answers for all sections below; use the numbers and topics (in **bold**) to label each section in your response. Your application is limited to 5 narrative pages, including the cover sheet. Your budget is page 6. **All projects are required to have measurable outcomes:**

1. **Project goals and measurable outcomes.**

The project's goal is to restore critical wildlife habitat lost in the Hanson Fire (2012), Tom Basin Fire (2011) and the Lost Fire (2012).

Seedling Planting and Protection – The intent is to plant several thousand seedlings in high priority areas as identified by the Forest Service and BLM. Protective cages may be used in some areas to help the seedlings get established and improve survival rates. Bitterbrush and sagebrush seedlings will be used. Other native seedling species may be included depending on availability and cost.

Measurable Outcomes for Seedling Plants and Protection – FNW will track volunteer hours, seedling planting trips, number of seedlings planted and number of cages utilized.

Monitoring Effectiveness – NDOW will continue to monitor rehabilitation efforts on the Tom Basin and Hanson Fires. This will include an assessment of the most effective planting techniques and providing recommendations on ways to increase survival rates. In addition, FNW will do some monitoring of areas that were planted the previous year and will determine if it is feasible to collect and recycle protective cages that have broken loose over the winter. BLM will monitor the planting effectiveness for areas within the Lost Fire burn area.

2. **Project location.**

Two general areas are proposed. One area is in Humboldt County on the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, Santa Rosa Ranger District and is a continuation of restoration work in the Tom Basin Fire (2011) and the Hanson Fire (2012). The second area is in Washoe County on land administered by the Northern California District Office of the Bureau of Land Management that burned in the Lost Fire (2012).

3. **Project description.**

The Hanson and Tom Basin Fires are on the Santa Rosa Ranger District in Humboldt County and the work will help to restore wildlife habitat destroyed by recent fires. The Lost Fire on BLMs Northern California District burned extensive amounts of sage grouse habitat within Washoe County and the intent of this project would be to assist with seeding and seedling planting within the burn area.

4. **Permitting.**

All work will be on federal land administered by either the Forest Service or BLM. FNW will be working in partnership with the Forest Service and BLM so there will be no permitting requirements.

Future phases:

The project will be ongoing with coordination through both the US Forest Service, Nevada Division of Wildlife (NDOW) and BLM. Those agencies are providing direction for prioritizing areas for rehabilitation. NDOW has provided ongoing monitoring support and the Forest Service and BLM will provide equipment and labor support to the project work.

5. **Principals involved** in leading or coordinating the project or activity.

Friends of Nevada Wilderness

- Renee Aldrich, Stewardship Manager
- Mike Rowan, Grants Manager

BLM, Northern California District, Surprise Field Office

- Scott Soletti, Wildlife Biologist

Humboldt Toiyabe National Forest, Santa Rosa Ranger District

- Boyd Hatch, Rangeland Management Specialist

Nevada Department of Wildlife

- Lee Turner

6. Number of **staff positions involved** in project: Fulltime____0____ Part-time____4____ (“Fulltime” means 100% of their staff position will be dedicated to this project; “part-time” means only a portion of their staff position will be dedicated to this project)

7. Number of **volunteers involved** in project and an estimated number of volunteer hours.

Our intent is to host at least 3 volunteer projects with at least 8 volunteers per trip (at least 24 volunteers). We will use a match rate of \$19.05/hour which is the rate calculated for volunteers by *Independent Sector* for the State of Nevada and is in line with rates used by federal agencies for unskilled and skilled labor. Estimated volunteer hours is 256.

8. **Time Line** of Project:

FNW will coordinate with the Forest Service and BLM on the best timing for planting to increase the survival rate of the seedlings. While there may be some plantings during the summer the best times will be spring and fall. The intent would be have two volunteer planting project completed by November 2014 and at least one additional project by June 2015. If weather, wildfires, or other logistical problems prevent any of those scheduled events our intent would be to add an event or two in fall of 2015. Additional volunteer planting events may be scheduled if funds are still available.

9. **Success.**

Much of the success of this project depends on public/volunteer involvement. Our intent is to host at least three events and hopefully one or more additional events. Three events would be considered a success. The ultimate measure of success, however, will be successful habitat restoration within the burn areas. We will rely on NDOW, BLM and the Forest Service to assist with evaluating habitat restoration success as well as input on how to improve the effectiveness of these planting efforts in the future.

10. **Grant match.**

Total match estimate is approximately 28%

11. **Project budget** (see Sample Budget Template on page 5 of this RFP). Provide detail on line-item expenditures and show which costs are to be paid for by the Dream Tags Charitable Fund grant, which

expenses will be paid by other sources of funding, and which will be paid for with in-kind services.
See project budget on Page 6.

Grant Match

Match amount to be provided:		\$ 10,937
Match details:	Please provide the form of your matching funds. If match is made up of both cash and in-kind, fill in both sections.	
	Match is:	
	Cash	\$ 0
	In-kind	\$10,937
	Note: Provide an itemized breakdown of volunteer match in your budget with rationale.	
	For the cash portion of your match, is the funding already being held by the applicant for this project? Yes ___ No ___ N/A – no cash match	
Description of matching funds/inkind donations:	The Forest Service and BLM are providing logistical support in the form of labor as well as some materials and supplies (planting tools, power auger + maintenance and fuel). Volunteer events will result in at least 256 hours of labor valued at \$19.05/hour.	

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

Submit the following attachments via email. Clearly label each file with your organization's name.

Nonprofits submit:

- ☒ Last audited financial statements if your organization has been audited
- ☒ List of Board of Directors
- ☒ Copy of agency's IRS 501(c)(3) Tax Determination Letter
- ☒ Copy of the agency's most recent IRS Form 990

Governmental entities submit:

- ☐ Departmental budget in lieu of audited financial statements

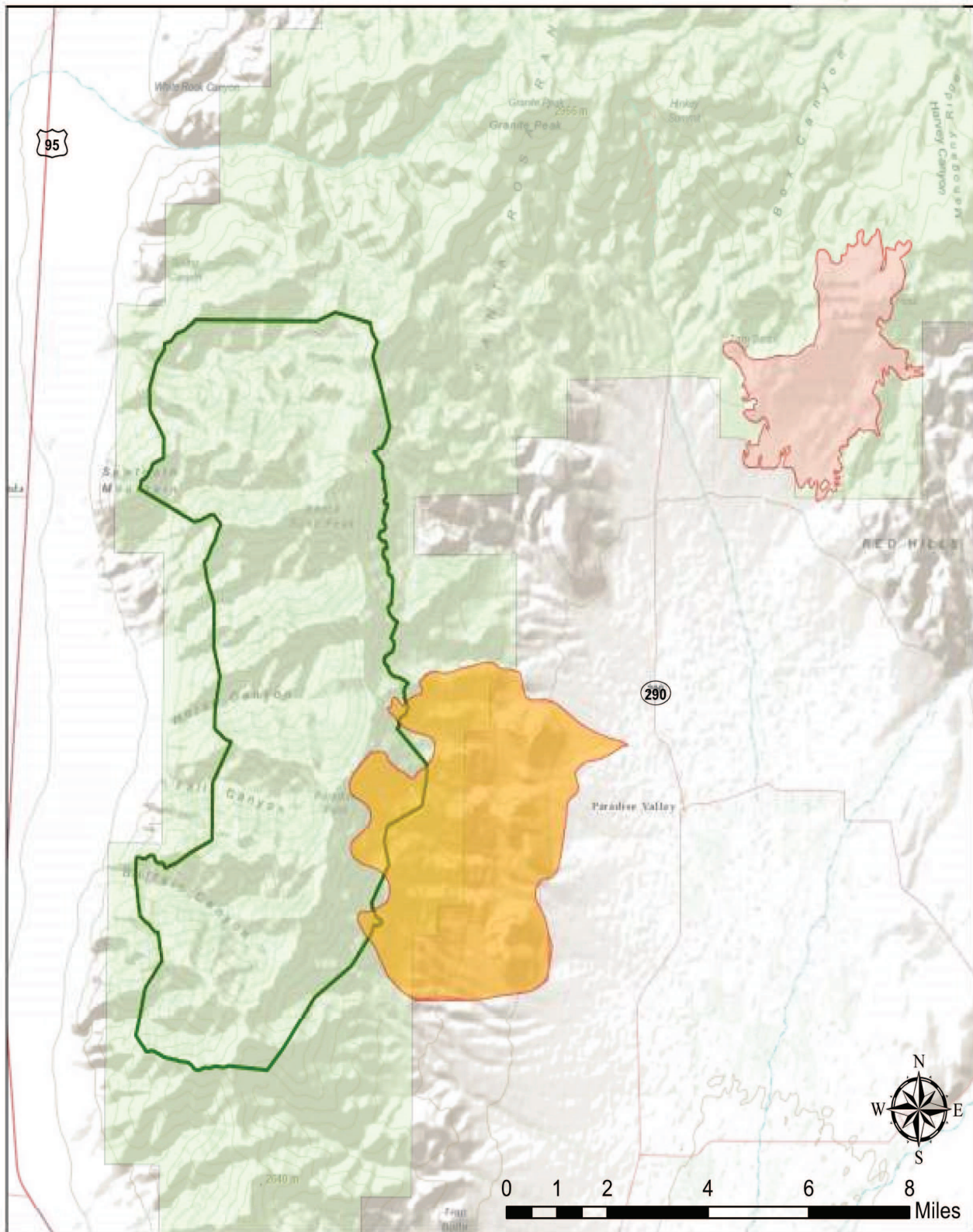
Project Budget

	ORIGINAL PROJECT BUDGET				REIMBURSEMENT REPORT	
Budget Item Description	DT \$	Other Funding Name	Match \$	Total	Expenditures to date DT	Expenditures to date (other sources)
Design/Engineering	\$0		\$0	\$0		
Permitting	\$0		\$0	\$0		
Labor--paid		Americorps	\$2000	\$2000		
Labor-paid*		FS	\$1400	\$1400		
Labor-paid*		BLM	\$2160	\$2160		
Labor-paid - FNW crew leader \$27/hourly rate x 128 hours = \$3456	\$3456			\$3456		
Labor-paid-FNW crew \$16/hourly rate x 256=\$4096	\$4096			\$4096		
Labor—volunteer 256 hours x \$19.05/hour = \$4877			\$4877	\$4877		
Seedling Bags	\$300			\$300		
Auger and bits	\$1000			\$1000		
Auger fuel and mtnc	\$500	FS	\$500	\$1000		
Seeds/seedlings**	\$6000			\$6000		
Vehicle cost/month- Truck rental at \$2200/month for 4 months = \$8800	\$8800			\$8800		
500 miles per trip; 4 events plus 2 staff trips;3000 x .25/mile = \$750	\$750			\$750		
Overhead (10%)	\$ 2440			\$ 2440		
TOTAL	\$27342		\$ 10937	\$38279	\$xx.xxx	\$x,xxx
*FS and BLM estimates of project support costs **Seedling costs have varied widely. We will work with BLM and FS to find the best seedling sources.						

Wildlife Habbit Restoration Project Areas



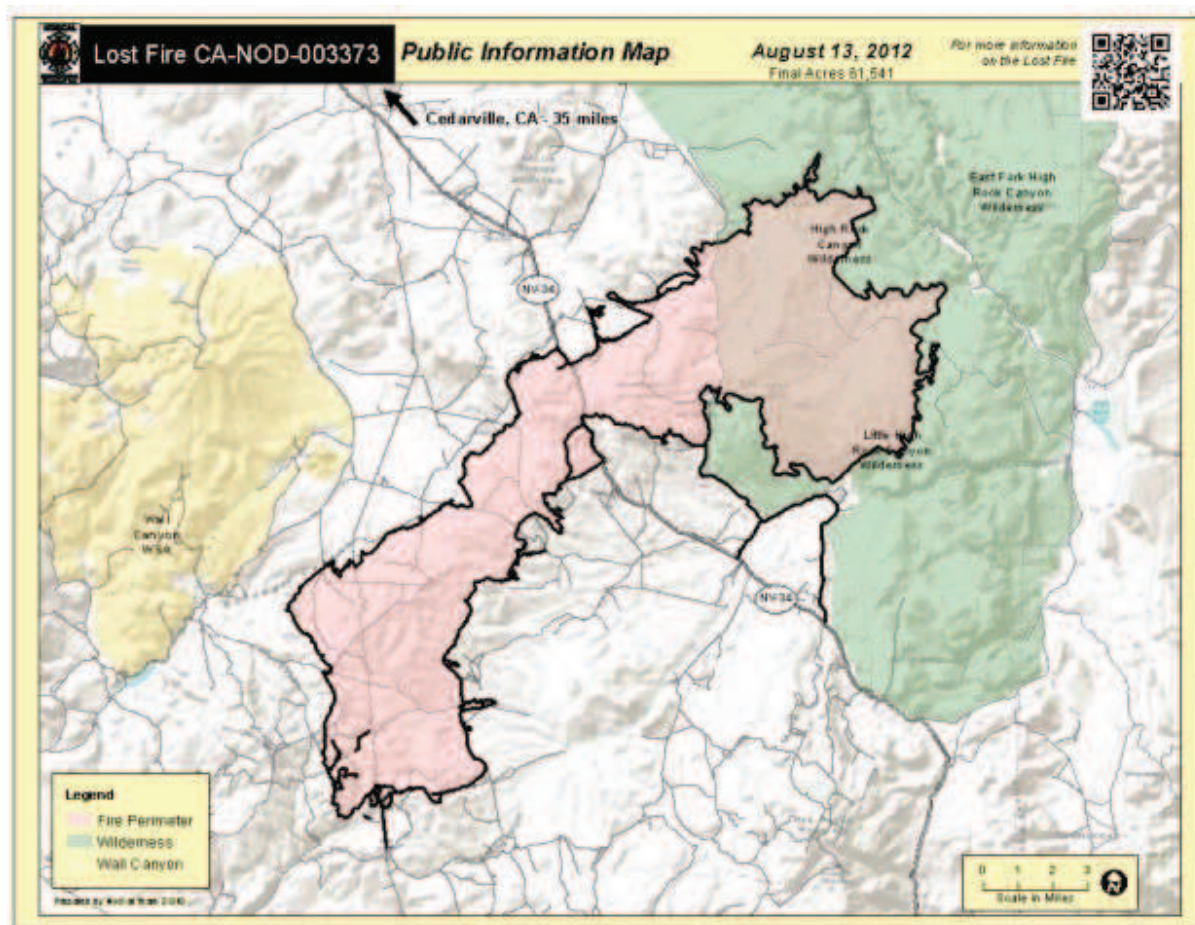
FRIENDS of NEVADA WILDERNESS



- Hanson Fire Burn Area
- Tom Basin Fire Burn Area
- Santa Rosa Wilderness Boundary
- FS Administrative Forest

Acres Affected:

Hanson Wilderness - 1,206
 Hanson Total - 12,469
 Tom Basin Fire - 5,135



Lost Fire Perimeter Map - FINAL 08/2012

Credit: BLM