



WESTERN NATIVE TROUT INITIATIVE

Application for WNTI Funding

Application Deadline: 5 pm Mountain time October 25, 2017

Application not to exceed 10 pages total (including the 3 page cover sheet)

Cover Sheet

Applicant Information

Lead Applicant Organization or Entity:
Contact Person Name:
City, State, Zip:
Telephone:

Address:
Email:
Website Address:

Project Information

Project Title:
Project Location State: County: Nearest Town:
Congressional District of Project:
Watershed/Stream/Lake:
WNTI Native Trout and Char Species/sub-species Benefitted by Project:
Total Project Budget: \$ Total Amount Requested: \$
Total Matching Funds or In-Kind Support: \$
Total Matching Funds or In-Kind Support *Secured*: \$
Project Map Coordinates (decimal degrees) Lat: Long:
Project Start Date: Project Completion Date:

Is there a monitoring plan following Partnership guidelines? Yes No

If multiyear project, is there a breakdown of tasks, accomplishments, and budget by year in distinct phases? Yes No

Land Ownership (public or private or Tribal; if public, specify managing agency):

If project is located on private land, please attach a letter of support from landowner (template below)

In which USFWS Region is the project located? (1, 2, 6, 7, 8) ____

Region 1: Idaho, Oregon, Washington Region 2: New Mexico, Arizona

Region 6: Montana, Colorado, Utah, Wyoming Region 7: Alaska

Region 8: California, Nevada

Is your project currently listed in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife FONS system? Yes / No

Please indicate FONS Project Number (if applicable):

Note: Many previously submitted, but unfunded projects have been placed in the Fishery Operational Needs System (FONS). Please check with your local U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Office if you are unsure about the question.

Sponsoring Professional (state, federal, or tribal agency resource manager)

Name:

Title:

Affiliation:

Signature (required):

Mailing Address:

Phone:

Email:

WNTI Funds Requested: \$ _____

Total Matching Contributions (cash and in-kind): \$ _____

Match ratio (WNTI:Partners) _____ : _____

Total Project Cost: \$ _____

Partner Contribution Detail (List and briefly describe the project partners and their financial contributions.)

Partner	Cash	In-Kind
Budget Totals		

Note: NFHP funds granted to project applicants are processed through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Regional Offices. These are federal funds, administered on WNTI's behalf through a federal agency. Grants are paid on a reimbursable basis. A project agreement will be completed with successful applicants through interactions with USFWS regional and/or local staff.

Project Partners (list all project partners and contact information)

Partner Organization:

Contact Name:

Email:

Position:

Telephone:

Partner Organization:

Contact Name:

Email:

Position:

Telephone:

Partner Organization:

Contact Name:

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Project Components (select all that apply)

- Riparian or In-Stream Habitat Restoration
- Barrier Removal or Construction
- Watershed or Population Assessment
- In-Stream Flow Acquisition Planning

- Watershed Connectivity
- Monitoring
- Education/outreach
- Watershed Planning

Anticipated Outcomes (fill in values applicable to project)

___ # Stream Miles Restored or Enhanced

___ # Stream Miles Reconnected or Reopened

___ # Acres of Lake/Wetlands Restored/Enhanced

___ # Barriers Removed or Constructed

___ Other: (i.e. number of individuals reached by an educational program, number of presentations given, number of materials produced, etc.)

___ # Watersheds or Rivers Assessed

___ # Stream Miles Assessed

___ # Populations Assessed

Project Narrative

Please use 12 pt. font, single line spacing, and standard margins. This portion of your application should not exceed 7 pages.

I. Project Summary - a one paragraph description of what tasks will be accomplished.

II. Problem the Project Addresses - A description of why the project is important to the resource and which WNTI and NFHP objectives and strategic priorities will be met. What are the major factors limiting the healthy function of the watershed/habitat? Describe how your proposed project addresses the causes of degradation rather than the symptoms, and how your project addresses species recovery needs or other species conservation needs. Describe how the project is important to the long-term persistence of the species.

III. Project Objectives/Supporting Documentation - What specifically will be accomplished? How do these objectives support the goals of the WNTI Strategic Plan, existing species recovery plans and conservation strategies, watershed restoration plans, etc.? Cite relevant plans and their specific objectives and goals that the project addresses.

IV. Project Methodology - Describe what you are planning to do. Multi-year projects **must** be broken into distinct phases with measurable tasks and accomplishments broken down by year, what year(s) the funding you seek will cover, and how other years of the project will be funded. How will the project be completed, and who is responsible for actually doing the work? **Attach photos and map of the project area if possible.**

V. Project Monitoring/Evaluation of Success - How will the success of the project be assessed, and who is responsible for long-term maintenance and monitoring? Has an evaluation/monitoring plan been completed? The benefit(s) should be quantifiable; that is, you can measure or count the amount of habitat and/or species benefited, or the result of your project.

VI. Partnerships for this Project - Briefly describe the project partners' involvement in planning, implementation, and evaluation of this project. Projects that have secured matching funds or in-kind support from partners and/or involve diverse stakeholders are highly valued and encouraged.

VII. Project Timeline - Please provide an estimated timeline for the project, including major milestones and achievements, including plans and responsible person to prepare and submit a final report with high quality digital photographs.

VIII. Supplemental Information

Status of Project Design and Environmental Compliance - Identify the stage of project design and when implementation is expected to occur. Identify what environmental compliance documents are needed and the status of completion for these documents.

Species Present - List all species (including non-WNTI species) that will directly benefit or be affected by your project, and how. Include special status designations if applicable—ESA status, species of special concern, etc.

Outreach/Education - Describe any outreach or education efforts associated with this project, including public workshops, tours, signs, newsletters, scientific journal articles, scientific conference presentations, educational forums, etc.

IX. Budget

Category	WNTI	Partner Match	Total
a. Personnel	N/A		
b. Travel			
c. Equipment*			
d. Supplies			
e. Contractual			
f. Construction			
g. Other			
TOTAL			

**Equipment is any individual item over \$5,000. Even if an item is tangible, nonexpendable, and having a useful life of more than one year, items costing less than \$5,000 should be placed under the Supplies category.*

X. Budget Narrative - For supplies and contractual, provide some detail. Explain budget categories and amounts listed above as needed. If a multiyear project, please provide a budget breakdown by year (e.g., Phase 1 – 2018, Phase 2 – 2019).

XI. Project Staff - List names and relevant qualifications of project staff.

XII. Optional and Required Supporting Materials - Includes maps, photographs, other letters of support, etc. Project proposals must be supported by the state and/or federal fish and wildlife management/natural resource agencies, or Tribal governments within project-area jurisdictions. Letters of support and landowner consent letters do not count toward the 10 page application limit. In addition to the required letter of support from the state fish and wildlife agency, and any additional letters of support from federal or Tribal fish and wildlife agencies, the project application cover sheet must include a signature and contact information for a ‘sponsoring professional’ from the relevant management agency.

XIII. Signature of Applicant - An original signature page must be received with the application.

I certify that the above information is true and accurate,

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Date: _____

Landowner Consent Template

I, _____ as [one of] the owner[s] of the property (street, location), agree to participate in the project being proposed and/or consent to the (((restoration project, inspection, appraisal, and/or survey))) of the property being considered for funding by the Western Native Trout Initiative. I agree to allow members of the (((Blank Organization))), NFHP Program representatives, and associated partners or their designated staff to inspect the property at any mutually agreeable time for the purposes of this proposal. I understand I shall be notified in advance of all inspection visits. I also understand that the project being proposed may not happen if the application does not meet the needs or qualifications of the National Fish Habitat Plan and is subject to availability of funds and ranking priority.

Dated: _____ By: _____