

**State and Private Forestry
FY 2010 Western Competitive
Resource Allocation
Multi-State Project Proposal**

| Filename | |
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| WA_TiesToTheLand..doc | |
| Administration Information | |
| Dollar Amount Requested: | \$276,579 |
| Matching Share: | \$278,983 |

| Lead Applicant Information | |
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| State Forestry Agency: | Washington State Department of Natural Resources |
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| Lead Applicant - Project Information | | | |
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| Descriptive Title of Project: | Ties To The Land: Succession Planning for Family Forest Owners | | |
| Names of Partnering Agencies / Organizations: | Partners in Washington State: Washington State Department of Natural Resources, Washington State University Extension, Washington Farm Forestry Association, Washington Tree Farm Program, Family Forest Foundation, Local and Regional Land Trusts. Partners in other states listed under state-specific Co-Applicant sections below. | | |
| State(s): | ID, CA, OR, WA | Congressional Districts: | All Congressional Districts |
| Counties: | All Forested Counties | Forest Service Regions: | 1, 4, 5 and 6 |

| Lead Applicant – Total Leverage | | | | | | | |
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| Please specify each 3 rd party contributor (partnering organizations and agencies, including other Federal) and the dollar value of each contribution. Please DO NOT show grant requested funds in this table. | | | | | | | |
| 3 | Contributors: (Please specify by name) | WSU Extension Faculty | WA Farm Forestry Association | Family Forest Foundation | WA Tree Farm Program | Land Trusts | TOTAL |
| | Value of Contributions: | \$50,400 | \$5,000 | \$5,000 | \$5,000 | \$1,000 | \$0 |
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| Lead Applicant – Project Budget | | | | | |
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| | Grant Share (\$ requested) | Applicant | Non-Federal Contributors | TOTAL | |
| | | Cash¹ | In-Kind² | | |
| 4 | Personnel / Labor: | \$3,342 | \$59,250 | \$0 | \$62,592 |
| | Fringe Benefits: | \$888 | \$15,750 | \$0 | \$16,638 |
| | Travel: | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$ 0 |
| | Equipment: | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$ 0 |
| | Supplies: | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$ 0 |
| | Contractual: | \$70,000 | \$0 | \$0 | \$70,000 |
| | Construction: | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$ 0 |
| | Other: | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$ 0 |
| | Indirect Costs: | \$770 | \$0 | \$0 | \$ 770 |
| | TOTAL: | \$75,000 | \$75,000 | \$ 0 | \$150,000 |

| 5 | | Project Duration | | |
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| | | What is the duration of this project? <input type="checkbox"/> One Year <input type="checkbox"/> Two Years <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Three Years | | |

| 6 | | National Relevance | |
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| | | Conserve Working Forest Landscapes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Protect Forests From Harm <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | | Enhance Public Benefits From Trees and Forests <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |

¹ 'Cash' is the value of *any qualifying match* the applicant pays for such as cash, staff time, supplies, or equipment.

² 'In-Kind' is the value of *any qualifying match* contributed by a nonfederal 3rd party contributor such as donated time, supplies, or equipment.

| Co - Applicant Information | |
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| 1.1 | State Forestry Agency: Idaho Department of Lands |
| | Contact Person: Mary Fritz |
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| | City/Zip Code: Coeur d Alene, WA 83815 |
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| | Email: mfritz@idl.idaho.gov |
| | Fax: 208-769-1524 |

| Co - Applicant Project Information | | | | |
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| 2.1 | Title of Project: | Ties To The Land: Succession Planning for Family Forest Owners | | |
| | Partnering Agencies / Organizations: | Idaho Department of Lands, Idaho Tree Farm Committee, Idaho Forest Owners Association, Idaho Resource Conservatio and Development Association, Land Trust Organizations | | |
| | State(s): | Idaho | Congressional Districts: | 1 and 2 |
| | Counties: | All | Forest Service Regions: | 1 and 4 |

| Co-Applicant – Total Leverage | | | | | | | | |
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| 3.1 | 3rd Party Contributors: (Specify by name) | Idaho Tree Farm | ID Forest Owners Assoc | RC&D's | U of I Extension | Private Landowners | Land Trusts | TOTAL |
| | Value of Contributions: | \$2,000 | \$250 | \$250 | \$1,000 | \$4,500 | \$500 | \$8,500 |

| Co-Applicant – Project Budget | | | | | |
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| | Grant Share (\$ requested) | Applicant | | 3rd Party Contributors | TOTAL |
| | | Cash | | In-Kind | |
| 4.1 | Personnel / Labor: | \$5,631 | \$0 | \$2,050 | \$7,681 |
| | Fringe Benefits: | \$2,486 | \$0 | \$360 | \$2,846 |
| | Travel: | \$0 | \$0 | \$1,590 | \$1,590 |
| | Equipment: | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$ 0 |
| | Supplies: | \$0 | \$0 | \$4,500 | \$4,500 |
| | Contractual: | \$11,500 | \$0 | \$0 | \$11,500 |
| | Construction: | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$ 0 |
| | Other: | \$0 | \$13,079 | \$0 | \$13,079 |
| | Indirect Costs: | \$1962 | \$0 | \$0 | \$1,962 |
| | TOTAL: | \$21,579 | \$13,079 | \$8,500 | \$43,158 |

| Co - Applicant Information | |
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| 1.2 | State Forestry Agency: Oregon Department of Forestry |
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| | Fax: (503) 945-7416 |

| Co - Applicant Project Information | | | | |
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| 2.2 | Title of Project: | Ties To The Land: Succession Planning for Family Forest Owners | | |
| | Partnering Agencies / Organizations: | Oregon Department of Forestry, Oregon State University Extension Service, Oregon Association of Conservation Districts, Oregon Forest Resources Institute, Oregon Small Woodlands Association, Oregon Society of American Foresters, OSU Austin Family Business Program, Oregon Tree Farm Program | | |
| | State(s): | Oregon | Congressional Districts: | 1,2,3,4, and 5. |
| | Counties: | All | Forest Service Regions: | 6 |

| Co-Applicant – Total Leverage | | | | | | | | |
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| 3.2 | 3rd Party Contributors: (Specify by name) | ODF | OSU Extension | OFRI | CFF,OSWA, OTFS, OSAF | OAC | Austin Family Bus Prog | TOTAL |
| | Value of Contributions: | \$10,000 | \$33,000 | \$12,000 | \$9,000 | \$1,000 | \$6,000 | \$71,000 |

| Co-Applicant – Project Budget | | | | | |
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| | Grant Share (\$ requested) | Applicant | 3rd Party Contributors | TOTAL | |
| | | Cash | In-Kind | | |
| 4.2 | Personnel / Labor: | \$14,000 | \$12,883 | \$60,000 | \$86,883 |
| | Fringe Benefits: | \$6,000 | \$5,521 | \$24,000 | \$35,521 |
| | Travel: | \$7,000 | \$0 | \$7,000 | \$14,000 |
| | Equipment: | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$ 0 |
| | Supplies: | \$3,000 | \$0 | \$3,000 | \$6,000 |
| | Contractual: | \$74,500 | \$0 | \$0 | \$74,500 |
| | Construction: | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$ 0 |
| | Other: | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$ 0 |
| | Indirect Costs: | \$5,500 | \$0 | \$0 | \$5,500 |
| | TOTAL: | \$110,000 | \$18,404 | \$94,000 | \$222,404 |

| Co - Applicant Information | |
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| 1.3 | State Forestry Agency: California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection |
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| | City/Zip Code: Sacramento, CA 94244-2460 |
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| | Email: jeff.calvert@fire.ca.gov |
| | Fax: (916) 653-8957 |

| Co - Applicant Project Information | | | | |
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| 2.3 | Title of Project: | Ties To The Land: Succession Planning for Family Forest Owners | | |
| | Partnering Agencies / Organizations: | University of California Cooperative Extension, Forest Owners of California, California Farm Bureau Federation, Sierra Business Council, Buckeye Conservancy, CA Assn. of Conservation Districts | | |
| | State(s): | CA | Congressional Districts: | 1,2,3,4,18,19,20,21,40,41,43,44,48,49,50,51,52 |
| | Counties: | All Forested Counties | Forest Service Regions: | 5 |

| Co-Applicant – Total Leverage | | | | | | | | |
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| 3.3 | 3rd Party Contributors: (Specify by name) | UC Extension | Forest Owners of CA | Farm Bureau | Buckeye Conservancy | Sierra Bsns Council | CA Assn Cons. Districts | TOTAL |
| | Value of Contributions: | \$80,000 | \$10,000 | \$10,000 | \$10,000 | \$10,000 | \$10,000 | \$130,000 |

| Co-Applicant – Project Budget | | | | | |
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| | Grant Share (\$ requested) | Applicant | 3 rd Party Contributors | TOTAL | |
| | | Cash | In-Kind | | |
| 4.3 | Personnel / Labor: | \$0 | \$0 | \$55,300 | \$55,300 |
| | Fringe Benefits: | \$0 | \$0 | \$14,700 | \$14,700 |
| | Travel: | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$ 0 |
| | Equipment: | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$ 0 |
| | Supplies: | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$ 0 |
| | Contractual: | \$70,000 | \$0 | \$0 | \$70,000 |
| | Construction: | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$ 0 |
| | Other: | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$ 0 |
| | Indirect Costs: | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$ 0 |
| | TOTAL: | \$70,000 | \$ 0 | \$70,000 | \$140,000 |

| 1.4 | | Co - Applicant Information | |
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| | State Forestry Agency: | | |
| | Contact Person: | | |
| | Address: | | |
| | City/Zip Code: | | |
| | Phone (Work/Cell): | | |
| | Email: | | |
| | Fax: | | |

| 2.4 | | Co - Applicant Project Information | | | |
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| | Title of Project: | | | | |
| | Partnering Agencies / Organizations: | | | | |
| | State(s): | | Congressional Districts: | | |
| | Counties: | | Forest Service Regions: | | |

| 3.4 | | Co-Applicant – Total Leverage | | | | | | | |
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| | 3 rd Party Contributors: (Specify by name) | | | | | | | | TOTAL |
| | Value of Contributions: | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$ 0 |

| 4.4 | | Co-Applicant – Project Budget | | | |
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| | | Grant Share (\$ requested) | Applicant | 3 rd Party Contributors | TOTAL |
| | | | Cash | In-Kind | |
| | Personnel / Labor: | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$ 0 |
| | Fringe Benefits: | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$ 0 |
| | Travel: | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$ 0 |
| | Equipment: | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$ 0 |
| | Supplies: | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$ 0 |
| | Contractual: | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$ 0 |
| | Construction: | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$ 0 |
| | Other: | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$ 0 |
| | Indirect Costs: | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$ 0 |
| | TOTAL: | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 |

| 1.5 | | Co - Applicant Information | |
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| | State Forestry Agency: | | |
| | Contact Person: | | |
| | Address: | | |
| | City/Zip Code: | | |
| | Phone (Work/Cell): | | |
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| | Fax: | | |

| 2.5 | | Co - Applicant Project Information | | | |
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| | Title of Project: | | | | |
| | Partnering Agencies / Organizations: | | | | |
| | State(s): | | Congressional Districts: | | |
| | Counties: | | Forest Service Regions: | | |

| 3.5 | | Co-Applicant – Total Leverage | | | | | | | |
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| | 3 rd Party Contributors: (Specify by name) | | | | | | | | TOTAL |
| | Value of Contributions: | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$ 0 |

| 4.5 | | Co-Applicant – Project Budget | | | |
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| | | Grant Share (\$ requested) | Applicant | 3 rd Party Contributors | TOTAL |
| | | | Cash | In-Kind | |
| | Personnel / Labor: | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$ 0 |
| | Fringe Benefits: | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$ 0 |
| | Travel: | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$ 0 |
| | Equipment: | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$ 0 |
| | Supplies: | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$ 0 |
| | Contractual: | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$ 0 |
| | Construction: | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$ 0 |
| | Other: | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$ 0 |
| | Indirect Costs: | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$ 0 |
| | TOTAL: | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 |

Project Description

Maximum 10,000 Characters Including Spaces – Clearly summarize the proposed project, including goals, objectives, measurable outputs, outcomes, and how grant funds will be used towards successful completion of the project. – Please specify the components of the project that will occur in each state.

Goal and Objective:

The goal of this four-state project is to protect family forest lands from fragmentation and conversion, that may occur when property passes from one generation to the next, by helping families plan for that transition. Our objective is to deliver critically needed information about succession planning (above and beyond traditional estate planning education) through a unique, award-winning, program called "Ties To The Land", using workshops, newsletters, community networks, and the internet. This information will assist families in developing an effective succession plan to help ensure the long-term retention and effective management of their forest lands. The project will build capacity and a sustained commitment to succession planning education, providing a collaborative model that can be readily applied nationwide.

Rationale/Justification:

Family owned forest lands provide important environmental, social, and economic benefits not just to their owners but to surrounding communities. These lands tend to be managed for more diverse objectives than other types of forest holdings. These ownerships are often on the rural urban interface where they face greater risk of fragmentation and conversion. The future of these lands is unclear -- 44% of America's family forest lands are owned by persons 65 or older and will soon face an ownership transition. Many families are simply not adequately prepared. The National Woodland Owners Survey reveals a widespread desire of landowners to pass family forests on to their heirs, unfortunately, all too often with no plan for the transition or future management of the land. One recent report estimates that 44 million acres of private forest land could be affected by conversion by 2030. The need for succession planning education is both evident and urgent.

Project Activities:

7 State Forestry and Extension will coordinate each state's efforts. Each state will coordinate with other organizations and agency partners to develop a statewide strategy to deliver Ties To The Land succession planning workshops at times and geographic locations that best meet landowners needs. Responsibilities of each collaborator will be customized according to available resources and state and local needs. Generally, Land Grant University Extension will take a leadership role, as reflected in the "contractual" portion of each state's budget above. Collaborators will work to build awareness of the critical need for succession planning, help to promote the workshops, and provide logistical support. Each state will extensively advertise and aggressively promote the workshops through direct mail, newsletters, websites, peer to peer learning, and emerging social marketing and networking channels. States will train and support facilitators to conduct the workshops. Program effectiveness will be measured by a statistically-valid participant survey conducted by Oregon State University across all four states.

Workshops and Curriculum:

The award-winning Ties To The Land curriculum was developed and tested by Oregon State University. OSU has now developed a Ties To The Land Initiative, with support from the American Forest Foundation, which coordinates further curriculum development and dissemination of educational support materials nationwide. The basic framework for success is in place, however, funds from this grant are needed to train and support facilitators, pay for advertising and promotion campaigns, purchase educational materials, logistically support workshops, further curriculum development, and program evaluation. Workshops will typically be conducted in a series of two to four sessions. The "core" Ties To The Land Workshop, supported by OSU-developed audio-video materials and workbook is typically delivered in two sessions. These workshops will also be supplemented by workshops on related supporting topics, as determined by each state. Supplemental workshop topics will include subjects like estate and tax planning and conservation easements. OSU will revise and add new curriculum materials to be used to all states in the project, with potential for use nationwide. The new curriculum units (e.g. conservation easements, family communications, techniques for engaging successors) will become part of the growing catalog of nationally-available Ties To The Land curriculum support materials.

Outputs and Outcomes:

1) Approximately 70 Ties To The Land, and related supporting workshops, will be conducted statewide in each of the four states (10 in Idaho, 20 each in California, Oregon, and Washington).

- 2) An estimated 1600 individuals (770 families) will learn how to develop an effective plan for inter-generational succession of their property.
- 3) The long-term retention and management of over 200,000 family forest acres will be positively effected across four states. (Acreage estimates for each state made using National Woodland Owner Survey data).
- 4) New curriculum materials will be developed, as previously described, and made available for use nationwide.
- 5) Program effectiveness will be formally evaluated by a university-designed and conducted sampling protocol across all 4 states. (When Ties To The Land was first "pilot tested" 77% of participants indicated that they received valuable tools which allowed them to pursue effective succession planning for their land).
- 6) Ties To The Land succession planning education will become "institutionalized" as regular part of on-going landowner assistance and education programs in each state.
- 7) Improved Ties To The Land curriculum and educational materials will be available, through the OSU Ties To The Land Initiative, for use anywhere in the nation by agencies and organizations concerned with long-term retention and management of family-owned forest, farm, and ranch lands.

How Grant Funds Will Be Used:

Funds from this grant, are needed and will be used for the following specific purposes:

- 1) Training workshop facilitators
- 2) Travel support for facilitators and workshop collaborators.
- 3) Advertising and promotion.
- 4) Facility rental.
- 5) Curriculum development and production of new educational materials
- 6) Purchase and distribution of educational materials.
- 7) Program evaluation,.
- 8) Program administration and reporting.

| Program Integration | |
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| 8 | <p>Maximum 1250 Characters Including Spaces</p> <p>This project will integrate with several S&PF programs to encourage long-term conservation and management of family forest lands.</p> <p>Specifically:</p> <p>Forest Stewardship Program - State Forestry agency foresters and University Extension foresters will cooperate to provide technical and educational assistance to program participants.</p> <p>Forest Health Program - Agency Forest Health staff will provide assistance to Ties To The Land Participants regarding identification of current and potential future forest health problems and effective management strategies to restore, improve, and maintain forest health.</p> <p>State Fire Assistance (National Fire Plan) - Funds from this program will be available as cost-share, in a portion of the project area, to Ties To The Land participants who wish to implement practices to improve forest health and reduce wildfire risk.</p> |

| Collaboration | |
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| 9 | <p>Maximum 1250 Characters Including Spaces</p> <p>Ties To The Land emerged from, and continues to be driven by, the collaborative work of a diverse group of partners. Some key entities which will collaborate in this effort, and their specific individual contributions are:</p> <p>State Forestry agencies (4): Program administration and support for educational programs. Recruiting workshop participants. Technical assistance to participants.</p> <p>University Cooperative Extension Services (4): Lead entity. Plan, promote, conduct, and evaluate workshops and facilitator training. Develop curriculum and educational materials.</p> <p>Family Forest Landowner Associations (4): Promote workshops, recruit participants, provide workshop logistical support and volunteer facilitators.</p> <p>State Tree Farm Programs (4): Promote workshops, recruit participants, provide workshop logistical support.</p> <p>Conservation Districts (numerous): Promote workshops and recruit participants.</p> <p>Land Trusts (several): Promote workshops, recruit participants, provide educational support regarding conservation easements.</p> <p>Family Forest Foundation (WA): Logistical support including landowner registration for workshops.</p> <p>OSU Ties To The Land Initiative: Nationwide curriculum and educational materials development and distribution.</p> |

| Leverage | |
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| 10 | <p>Maximum 1250 Characters Including Spaces</p> <p>This project is already very heavily leveraged by the extensive initial investments in the development of the Ties To The Land Program by the American Forest Foundation, Oregon Forest Resources Institute, and Oregon State University. Extensive additional leverage will be contributed by the "in kind" contributions of the many partners, and direct cash leverage by program participants:</p> <p>State Forestry and Extension -- Staff time, Master Woodland Owner, Master Forest Stewards volunteers support workshops and become trained facilitators to conduct workshops.</p> <p>Forest Owner Associations and Tree Farm -- promotion and recruitment, members volunteer time to support workshops, members become trained facilitators to conduct workshops.</p> <p>Land Trusts -- Staff and volunteer time to support workshops.</p> <p>Conservation Districts -- Staff time and cost of newsletters/promotional materials.</p> <p>Attorneys, Tax Advisors, Estate Planning and Tax Advisors -- Pro bono support for educational programs.</p> <p>Ties To The Land Initiative - Staff time.</p> <p>Landowners - Time spent in workshops, doing successional planning, and peer to peer education and recruitment of new owners.</p> |

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| | Farm Bureau and Other state-specific organizations: Promote workshops and recruit participants. |
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| Meaningful Scale | |
| 11 | <p>Maximum 1250 Characters Including Spaces</p> <p>This project has three levels of meaningful scale, depending on the specific component function: Nationwide --The scope of the problem nationally (400 million acres owned by 10 million forest owners families who need to develop a successional plan) cannot be addressed by any one project. However, the development of curriculum and materials with this grant will have the most impact if done with the ultimate goal of supporting programs nationwide -- vs more localized materials with limited effectiveness. Statewide -- This is the only really meaningful and appropriate scale at which to conduct the workshops in order to have a measurable impact on such a widespread problem. Through a well-coordinated series of locally delivered workshops, success at a statewide scale will be easily achievable. Regional -- Program evaluation is most efficiently and effectively conducted on a standardized basis across all four states.</p> |

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| Sphere of Influence | |
| 12 | <p>Maximum 1250 Characters Including Spaces</p> <p>Forest conversion, fragmentation, and lack of effective succession planning are unquestionably national issues. The ultimate potential sphere of influence of Ties To The Land program includes all family-owned forest, farm, and ranch lands nationwide (although developed for forest landowners, the program's concepts and content are directly transferable to other land ownership types and are already in use to support farmland preservation in some locales). Once exposed to the program, potential users almost immediately "get it" -- as evidenced by very rapid expansion of the program from Oregon to the four states cooperating in this project. The model, improved curriculum, and expanded materials will be in place and supported nationally by the Ties To The Land Initiative. Ties To The Land can be used anywhere in the country and by any organization wishing to further the goal of long-term retention and management of family owned lands. We anticipate rapid adoption of Ties To The Land across the west and the nation.</p> |

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| 13 | Sustainability of Outcomes |
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Maximum 1250 Characters Including Spaces

The partnering agencies and organizations in Ties To The Land are long-established entities thoroughly committed to supporting long-term retention and sustainable management of family forest lands. It is anticipated that Ties To The Land will become an "institutionalized" part of landowner assistance programs in each state, continuing after the initial project is completed.

The Ties To The Land Institute at Oregon State University has specifically been established to ensure that the Ties To The Land program has a permanent home, and to ensure on-going support as the program expands across the region and nation -- the "infrastructure" to ensure program sustainability is already in place.

The ultimate "sustainable outcome" of this project will be family forest lands which successfully transition through generational ownership change, as a result of effective succession planning, and continue to be family-owned and sustainably managed in the long-term.