

August 31, 2012

Trout Unlimited
Rob Roberts
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RE: FY2013 319 Project Proposal: Upper Ninemile Creek Mine Reclamation

Dear Trout Unlimited,

Thank you for submitting your 2013 Clean Water Act Section 319 grant project proposal entitled "Upper Ninemile Creek Mine Reclamation" on behalf of Trout Unlimited. This year we received 21 project proposals with a total request of about \$1,229,300; we anticipate being able to award about \$900,000 in 319 funds, therefore the competition for 2013 project funding will be high.

Attached are comments that DEQ is providing for your consideration in preparing your final application. These comments are meant to provide you with the technical advisory reviewers and DEQ's perspectives in hopes of helping you develop a successful grant application.

I recommend you contact and work closely with the Technical Coordinator listed below in developing a final grant application. The technical coordinator is your primary DEQ contact throughout this application process.

Name	Title	Telephone	Email
Elena Evans	Technical Coordinator	406-444-0531	eevans2@mt.gov

As a reminder, the final application needs to be e-mailed and a signed hard copy must be post-marked to me no later than 5:00 p.m. Monday, October 1, 2012. The Agency Review Panel will be meeting Tuesday, October 23, 2012 in Helena to review final applications; applicants should plan on attending the meeting to present and answer questions regarding applications. Additional details to follow.

Again, thank you for your project proposal submission and I hope your project is successful.

Sincerely,

Robert Ray, Manager
Watershed Protection Section
Water Quality Planning Bureau

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Comments for FY2013, 319 Project Proposal

Category: Watershed Restoration
Sponsor: Trout Unlimited
Title: Upper Ninemile Creek Mine Reclamation
319 Request: \$300,000

General comments

- 319 funding is competitive this year. Please be thoughtful in your request for funds.
- Please ensure that your project relates to the goals and furthers the action plan of the 2012 NPS Management Plan.
- Please take the time to proofread the final application and ensure that it is consistent, free of errors and reads clearly.
- Please ensure that all the information in Section 1 of the Final Application is completed. This includes Project Location, Functional Category, Pollution Categories and relative Percents, Administrative Fee, Open Contracts (do not include mini-grants) and associated information.
- Please ensure timelines are included in the final application and that they are consistent with 319 funding, which will be available July 1, 2013.
- Please make sure that you include an Education and Outreach task and activities. The 319 funding request for E&O activities must be limited to no more than 10% of the total 319 funds request, however local match associated with E&O activities can exceed the 10% cap.
- Please ensure that a task is included to administer this contract. This task should include status reports, annual reports and a final report as well as appropriate billing and contract management. The 319 request for administrative activities must not exceed 10% of the total 319 funds request; however local match associated with administrative activities can exceed the 10% cap.
- Please ensure that you include a monitoring component for your project. For watershed restoration projects, monitoring is generally related to on-the-ground activities and relates to the impairment listings. For education & outreach monitoring is generally more of an evaluation of the project and how effective it was at achieving the desired outcomes.
- Late or incomplete applications will not be considered. If you have any questions please call your technical coordinator well before October 1, 2012.

Other Comments

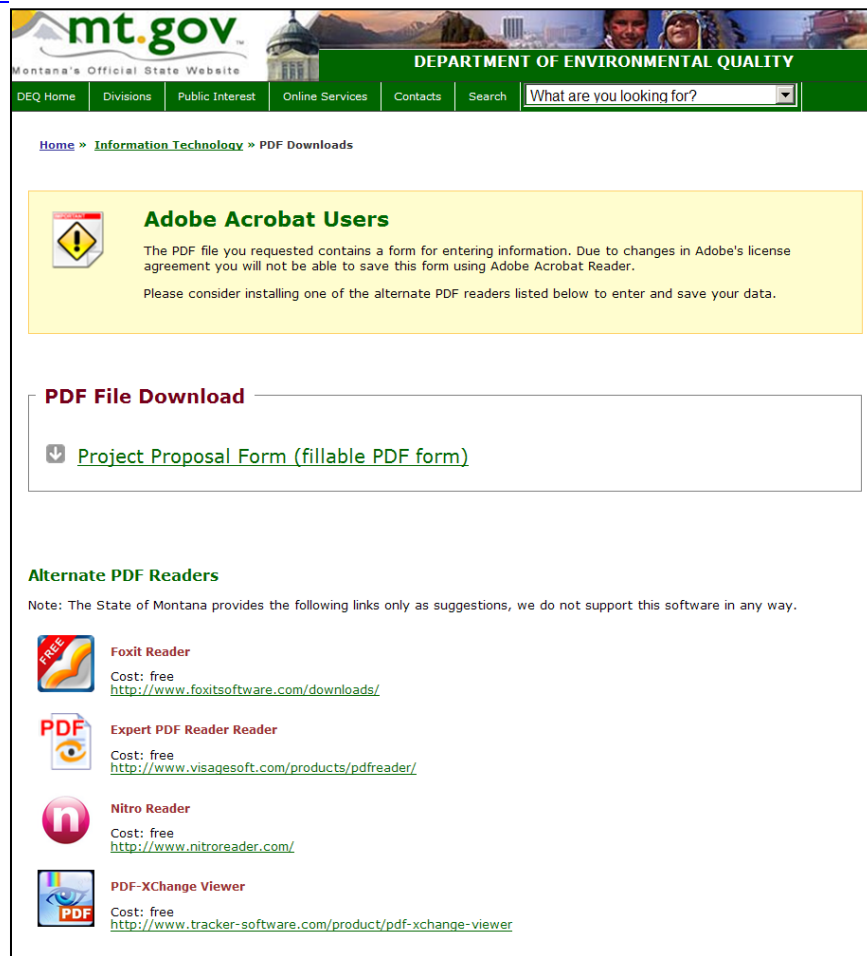
- Please discuss how this project fits within the Ninemile Watershed Restoration Plan, identified priorities, types of recommended actions, progress towards meeting interim milestones, load reductions, etc .
- Please include the role the DEQ will take in review of the design and monitoring plan.
- Identify where tailings will be stored and the benefit of this storage method.
- Monitoring: Please include a more detailed monitoring plan and schedule.
- Education and Outreach: What deliverables will result from these activities?
- Which reference reaches do you plan to use and are these the same ones that were used to develop the TMDL?
- How many landowners does this project hope to engage?
- Are you anticipating seeing the kind of success with this project that you have seen with previous projects?

- Have any of the landowners on the mainstem been involved with the WRP work or engaged in the process at all?
- Under Task 1, if obtaining permits is part of the process you will need to put that information in to the final application.
- The monitoring aspect usually requires an associated SAP and QAPP. This will need to be noted in the final application.
- Is there still active mining in the area? Within the proposed project area, is there any potential for re-mining? What about the claims that are currently in place?
- Will there be a revegetation plan associated with the design work? It is not clear if you will be doing revegetation work with the \$200,000, or if you plan on it using some other funding source. This should be noted either way.
- In your final application, be sure to describe the fate of the 37,000 cubic yards of removed material
- Have you looked into opportunities for banking mitigation credits from this project?

To: 319 Grant Applicants
From: MT DEQ (Stephanie Crider)
Date: August 17, 2012
Subject: Change in Grant Application PDF Reader

Recently, Adobe Acrobat changed its licensing agreement resulting in the immediate change of format for any editable PDF files created by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). The result of this is still an editable PDF file for the Final 319 Grant Application, however, it will likely need to be opened and edited in a different PDF reader.

When you go to the DEQ website to download the final application you will be directed to a page detailing this change (see below). There are several options for free PDF readers; Foxit Reader is very similar to Adobe Acrobat, and quite user friendly. If you have any questions regarding the format of the application and how to use a different reader, please direct them to me, Stephanie Crider, at scrider@mt.gov or 406-444-2478.



The screenshot shows the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) website. The header includes the "mt.gov" logo and the text "Montana's Official State Website". The navigation bar lists "DEQ Home", "Divisions", "Public Interest", "Online Services", "Contacts", and a search box. The breadcrumb trail reads "Home » Information Technology » PDF Downloads".

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