

Section I: General Information

Project Title East Fork Bitterroot River, Watershed Improvement

Project Sponsor Information

Sponsor Name <u>Trout Unlimited</u>	Tax Identification # <u>38-1612715</u>
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Signature _____	Signature _____

Project Location

Statewide ☐ *If project is not statewide please complete the rest of this section.*

How is project related to a TMDL? Implementing a TMDL

Watershed Name or HUC # <u>1707205</u>	TMDL Planning Area	Bitterroot Headwaters
Project 1 Name <u>East Fork Bitterroot River</u>	Latitude (1) <u>45.926N</u>	Longitude (1) <u>-113.82559W</u>
Project 2 Name _____	Latitude (2) _____	Longitude (2) _____
Project 3 Name _____	Latitude (3) _____	Longitude (3) _____
Project 4 Name _____	Latitude (4) _____	Longitude (4) _____
Project 5 Name _____	Latitude (5) _____	Longitude (5) _____

Nonpoint Source (NPS) Information

319 Project Category <u>Watershed Restoration</u>	Waterbody Type <u>River/Stream</u>
Functional Category <u>Sediment Control</u>	Is waterbody on the 2010 Impaired Waters List? <u>Yes</u>
1st Pollution Category <u>Silviculture (Road Construction/Maintenance)</u>	Percent of Total (%) <u>100</u>
2nd Pollution Category _____	Percent of Total (%) _____
3rd Pollution Category _____	Percent of Total (%) _____
4th Pollution Category _____	Percent of Total (%) _____

Project Funding

319 Funds Requested

Does the project sponsor have any open 319 contracts?

Matching Funds

State Match

State In-Kind Match

Local Funds

Other Match

Total Matching Funds

Other Federal Funds

Total Project Budget

Advance Requested* Administrative Fee

**Advances require additional justification and DEQ approval.*

Project Title

DEQ Contract Number

319 Award

Projected Closing Date

Project Title

DEQ Contract Number

319 Award

Projected Closing Date

Project Description

Methods: Please describe the specific activities of this project.

This project will fully rehabilitate 10 miles of forest roads slated for decommissioning along tributaries to the East Fork Bitterroot River. Road decommissioning will involve decompaction, recontouring, seeding, fertilizing, slashing and/or mulching. Additionally, stream crossing rehabilitation will include culvert removal and regrading to match historic contours. Monitoring activities will include Water Erosion Prediction Project (WEPP) modeling for pre and post project implementation to be collected and analyzed by the Forest Service and Trout Unlimited.

Objectives: Please describe the specific/measurable objectives that will ensure the achievement of the project goal(s).

The project goal is to reduce sediment loading into streams from forest roads and bring the East Fork Bitterroot River into compliance with TMDL's. Objectives include: 1) reduce sediment transport from road surfaces into streams, 2) reestablish natural stream characteristics at road crossings, 3) restore soil productivity and watershed function, and 4) improve water quality and fish and wildlife habitat.

Overview: Please provide a brief summary of the proposed project.

In 2009, the Bitterroot National Forest conducted a survey of the road network throughout priority watersheds on the forest. Agency specialists found that most of the roads were constructed for 1960's era timber harvests or fire suppression, abandoned after use and were causing water quality problems. During the ensuing analysis, roads were prioritized for decommissioning based on their proximity to streams, road-stream crossing density, surface erosion and sediment contributions. Based on that data, West Fork Ranger District developed the Martin Creek Watershed Restoration Project (MCWR) to decommission roads in the Martin, Lodgepole, Swift, Kerlee, Dowling, Bertie Lord, Jennings Camp and Cameron Creek watersheds.

The Bitterroot Headwaters TMDL and restoration plan (2005) specifies that the Forest Service reduce sediment loads from roads in the Bitterroot Headwaters to 42% (TMDL, p.171). During the MCWR project, 122 miles of forest roads will be decommissioned or placed in administrative storage. 59 miles of these roads have been identified for future transportation needs, including fires suppression efforts, but will remain closed to motorized travel. The remainder of the road system, approximately 63 miles, has been identified as surplus, and some of the roads are impacting water quality. 10 miles of roads will be fully obliterated, 10 miles of roads will be partially rehabilitated and the remaining 43 miles are stable and well vegetated and do not need any treatment. Because of the proximity of these roaded drainages to the East Fork Bitterroot River, this project will address the 2007 Montana Nonpoint Source goals for improving water quality by reducing sediment by 42% in the Bitterroot Headwaters.

The Bitterroot National Forest has completed an Environmental Assessment for the MCWR project. Project treatments for the road rehabilitation work have been developed by Forest Service Hydrologists, based upon past successful work in the Piquett Creek and other Bitterroot N.F. watersheds. Trout Unlimited will provide additional funding, as well as increased capacity for project management, monitoring and education outreach. Implementation will begin in the summer of 2013. The EA can be reviewed at the following website: <http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/fs-usda-pop.php/?project=30974>.

A: Statement of Need and Intent

The East Fork of the Bitterroot River is a TMDL listed waterbody for sediment impairments, as well as a watershed targeted by the Bitterroot National Forest, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks and other partners for the recovery of native salmonids. The strategy for addressing water quality and habitat impairments in the East Fork of the Bitterroot River watershed is supported by a suite of documents, including the Bitterroot Headwaters TMDL and restoration plan, the Martin Creek Environmental Assessment, and the Bitterroot Subbasin plan.

This project is important for two reasons. First, the Bitterroot Headwaters TMDL and restoration plan (2005) specifies that the Forest Service reduce sediment loads from roads in the Bitterroot Headwaters to 42% (TMDL, p.171). Sediment and thermal loading are the main impairments to the East Fork of the Bitterroot River. Groups such as the Bitter Root Water Forum have begun a campaign to vegetate riparian buffers along the East Fork of the Bitterroot River to reduce stream temperatures and act as a sediment trap. Trout Unlimited will compliment these efforts by decommissioning forest roads and stream crossings in the East Fork watershed. Second, Trout Unlimited is involved in this project because it provides the highest chance of success to restore, protect, and reconnect fish habitat. The East Fork and its tributaries including Martin Creek, Meadow creek, Bertie Lord creek, Middle East Fork and Cameron creek contain at least one ESA listed species (bull trout, or *Salvelinus confluentus*) and one sensitive fish species (westslope cutthroat trout, or *Oncorhynchus clarki lewisi*). Road densities are high in all the above 6th code HUCs. The roads have reduced watershed health and the quality of fish habitat (Martin Creek EA, 2011). This project will reduce road densities and the number of stream crossings to improve water quality and ultimately lead to improved fish habitat and native fish populations.

B: Collaborative Effort

Partner	Role
Bitterroot National Forest	Land manager, funding partners
Bitter Root Chapter Trout Unlimited	Volunteer labor and funding
Bitter Root Water Forum	Large scale watershed project partner
Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks	Monitoring, technical support

Additional Information (Collaborative Effort)

Trout Unlimited has a history of working with the Bitter Root Water Forum and other partners in a collaborative capacity through cooperative fundraising, in-kind contributions, and group planning. TU regularly communicates with Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, BRWF and the Bitterroot National Forest on project work, goals and objectives and strategic approaches to restoration by participating in the Bitterroot Conservation Partnership meetings. BRWF is currently developing the Watershed Restoration Plan for the Bitterroot headwaters which will be available summer of 2013. TU's road decommissioning work will compliment the efforts of BRWF to reduce thermal loading and sediment impairments to the East Fork of the Bitterroot River.

Funding Organization	Award Amount	Project Description	Project Status	Contact Information
Lolo National Forest	\$90,000	Petty Creek highway revegetation and road stabilization project	In progress	Traci Sylte Lolo National Forest tsylte@fs.fed.us
Bitterroot National Forest	\$50,000	Road decommissioning, revegetation and volunteer monitoring	In progress	Matt Gordon, Grants and agreements specialist (406) 329-1012 office
Lolo National Forest	\$50,000	Riparian road revegetation project - using excavator mounted stinger to plant willow cuttings in riprap and hardened banks on forest roads	Completed	Traci Sylte Lolo National Forest tsylte@fs.fed.us
National Forest Foundation	\$7,500	Road decommissioning, revegetation and volunteer monitoring	In progress	Adam Liljeblad National Forest Foundation aliljeblad@nationalforests.org

Additional Information (Planning and Management)

Section III: Project Components

A: Education and Outreach: Please briefly describe the education and outreach component of this proposal and the target audience.

The Bitterroot and Westslope chapters of Trout Unlimited will host volunteer days in the East Fork watershed to help spread native grass seed, mulch and fertilizer on the newly decommissioned roads. Intended outcomes of this event are to provide the Forest Service in-kind services and provide the Bitterroot and Missoula community an opportunity to participate in on the ground restoration in their watersheds. TU has had success in hosting numerous planting and seeding volunteer days in the Bitterroot watershed and plan on drawing from this same group of volunteers for the East Fork work. Volunteer days will include presentations from staff specialists in the fields of hydrology, soils and restoration including, informational handouts on project work.

C: Operation and Maintenance

After project activities - road decommissioning and rehabilitation - are completed, the Bitterroot National Forest and Trout Unlimited will be conducting an extensive effectiveness monitoring project. While the project team does not expect any needs for long term operation or maintenance in the project, any problem areas that are identified will be remedied by staff from the Bitterroot National Forest or TU. Furthermore, this project is being completed by the Martin Creek Environmental Assessment recently completed by the Bitterroot National Forest. The EA contains specific language requiring the forest to monitor the project and manage the lands to protect the watershed improvements. No equipment that requires long term maintenance will be purchased with 319 grant monies for this project.

D: Monitoring: Please briefly describe the monitoring component of this proposal.

The Bitterroot National Forest has conducted Watershed Erosion Prediction Project modeling on the forest in the past and plans to coordinate this monitoring for the East Fork Bitterroot river project. With the help of TU staff, the FS will collect on the ground data documenting site conditions for vegetation and sediment transport and then model the difference between no treatment and treatment areas. The modeling will show the decrease in sediment contributions in tons/year which will then be submitted to DEQ in the STORET database system.

Section IV: Scope of Work

Task 1 Title Project Implementation

Description

This project proposes to fully decommission approximately 10 miles of forest roads in the East Fork watershed. Road decommissioning work will involve a range of activities including decompaction, recontouring, seeding, fertilizing and mulching. Additionally, all stream crossings will be re-worked to meet natural grades and culverts will be removed. All project work will be conducted on Bitterroot National Forest lands. Funding will be directly applied towards excavator rental and operation contract, laborer, seed, fertilizer, mulch and mobilization.

Deliverables

10 miles of road fully recontoured and decommissioned roads with reduced sediment contributions to the East Fork of the Bitterroot River watershed.

Task 1 Funding

319 Funds	<input type="text" value="\$30,000.00"/>
Non-Federal Match	<input type="text" value="\$20,000.00"/>
Other Federal Funds	<input type="text" value="\$50,000.00"/>
Total Cost	<input type="text" value="\$100,000.00"/>
Is Match Secured?	<input type="text"/>

Timeline July to October 2013

Match Source Bitterroot National Forest, Trout Unlimited, Montana FWP

Task 2 Title Project Monitoring

Description

The Bitterroot National Forest has conducted WEPP modeling on the forest in the past and plans to coordinate this monitoring for the East Fork Bitterroot river project. With the help of TU staff, the FS will collect on the ground data documenting site conditions and then model the difference between no treatment and treatment areas. The modeling would show the decrease in sediment contributions in tons/year which will then be submitted to DEQ in the STORET database system.

Deliverables

The WEPP model will compute spatial and temporal distributions of soil loss and deposition and provide an estimate of control soil loss and sediment yield of the project area. This number in tons/year will be entered into the STORET database.

Task 2 Funding

319 Funds	<input type="text" value="\$2,000.00"/>
Non-Federal Match	<input type="text" value="\$5,000.00"/>
Other Federal Funds	<input type="text" value="\$5,000.00"/>
Total Cost	<input type="text" value="\$12,000.00"/>
Is Match Secured?	<input type="text"/>

Timeline July to October 2014

Match Source Trout Unlimited

Description

The Bitter Root and West Slope chapters of Trout Unlimited will host a volunteer day in the East Fork drainage to help spread seed, mulch and fertilizer on the newly decommissioned roads. Intended outcomes of this event are to provide the Forest Service in-kind services and provide the Bitterroot and Missoula community an opportunity to participate in on the ground restoration of their watersheds. TU has had success in hosting several planting and seeding volunteer days in the Bitterroot watershed and plan on drawing from this same group of volunteers for the East Fork work. Volunteer days will include speakers in the profession of hydrology, soils and restoration including informational handouts on project work.

Deliverables

Education outreach delivered to 20 volunteers.

Task 3 Funding

319 Funds	<input type="text"/>
Non-Federal Match	<input type="text" value="\$5,000.00"/>
Other Federal Funds	<input type="text"/>
Total Cost	<input type="text" value="\$5,000.00"/>
Is Match Secured?	<input type="text"/>

Timeline October 2013

Match Source Trout Unlimited

Task 4 Title Sampling and Analysis Plan

Description

Representatives of the B.R. National Forest, Trout Unlimited will convene to develop a Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP) based on the EPA approved TMDL for the Bitterroot headwaters watershed. The SAP will follow guidelines provided by DEQ Water Quality Planning Bureau (WQPB) and the EPA Office of Water, Wetland, and Oceans to ensure that final products meet state and federal data quality requirements. Through short and long term post-restoration monitoring, the SAP will allow contractor to measure the effectiveness of the project and include sampling design, project team responsibilities, and measures for quality assurance and control.

Deliverables

A completed SAPP and QAP developed with the assistance of MTDEQ.

Task 4 Funding

319 Funds	<input type="text" value="\$5,000.00"/>
Non-Federal Match	<input type="text"/>
Other Federal Funds	<input type="text"/>
Total Cost	<input type="text" value="\$5,000.00"/>
Is Match Secured?	<input type="text"/>

Timeline June 2013

Match Source

Description

Trout Unlimited will serve as the lead contractor with MTDEQ. TU will submit all reports for the project, as well as billing and match statements.

Deliverables

Quarterly, annual and final reporting submitted on time and in appropriate format.

Task 5 Funding

319 Funds	<input type="text" value="\$3,000.00"/>
Non-Federal Match	<input type="text"/>
Other Federal Funds	<input type="text"/>
Total Cost	<input type="text" value="\$3,000.00"/>
Is Match Secured?	<input type="text"/>

Timeline	<input type="text" value="June 2013 to December 2014"/>	Match Source	<input type="text"/>
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Task 6 Title

Description

Deliverables

Task 6 Funding

319 Funds	<input type="text"/>
Non-Federal Match	<input type="text"/>
Other Federal Funds	<input type="text"/>
Total Cost	<input type="text"/>
Is Match Secured?	<input type="text"/>

Timeline	<input type="text"/>	Match Source	<input type="text"/>
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Section V: Supporting Documents

A: Detailed Project Budget

	Cash Match			In-Kind Match				
Task Number and Specific Action	Private	State	Federal	Private	State	Federal	319 Funds	Total Costs
Task 1 - Mobilization			\$5,000					\$5,000
Task 1 - Road decommissioning		\$10,000	\$45,000				\$30,000	\$85,000
Task 1- Supplies and materials	\$5,000	\$5,000						\$10,000
Task 2 - Data collection				\$5,000			\$2,000	\$7,000
Task 2 - Data analysis						\$5,000		\$5,000
Task 3 - Volunteer restoration				\$5,000				\$5,000
Task 4 - Develop SAP							\$5,000	\$5,000
Task 5 - Contract Administration							\$3,000	\$3,000
TOTAL	\$5,000	\$15,000	\$50,000	\$10,000		\$5,000	\$40,000	\$125,000

B: Project Milestone Table: Please complete the following Project Milestone Table by entering task numbers and titles in the left hand column, then check the box(es) for the appropriate quarter(s) and year(s) in which the task will take place.

Milestone	2QT 2013	3QT 2013	4QT 2013	1QT 2014	2QT 2014	3QT 2014	4QT 2014	1QT 2015	2QT 2015	3QT 2015	4QT 2015	1QT 2016
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Task 2 - Sampling and Analysis Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Task 3 - Project Monitoring	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Task 4 - Education and Outreach	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Please ensure that you submit a project map(s) and letters of support along with this Final Application form. If design drawings are available please provide those as well. For on-the-ground work please include copies of the applicable permits.

☒ **C: Project Map**

☒ **D: Letters of Support**

☐ **E: Design Drawings**

☐ **F: Applicable Permits**

G: Comments: Please use the space provided for any additional information that may not have been captured by this application form.

Definition of Decommissioning on Bitterroot National Forest Lands:

36 CFR 212.5 - Decommissioning roads involves restoring roads to a more natural state. Activities used to decommission a road include, but are not limited to, the following: reestablishing former drainage patterns, stabilizing slopes, restoring vegetation, blocking the entrance to the road, installing water bars, removing culverts, reestablishing drainage- ways, removing unstable fills, pulling back road shoulders, scattering slash on the roadbed, completely eliminating the roadbed by restoring natural contours and slopes, or other methods designed to meet the specific conditions associated with the unneeded road. Forest officials should give priority to decommissioning those unneeded roads that pose the greatest risk to public safety or to environmental degradation.

Decommissioned roads are removed from the National Forest System and are returned to the productive land base.

Typically decommissioned roads on the Bitterroot are actively treated through decompacting, recontouring, seeding, fertilizing, & mulching. All crossings are removed and natural drain is established.

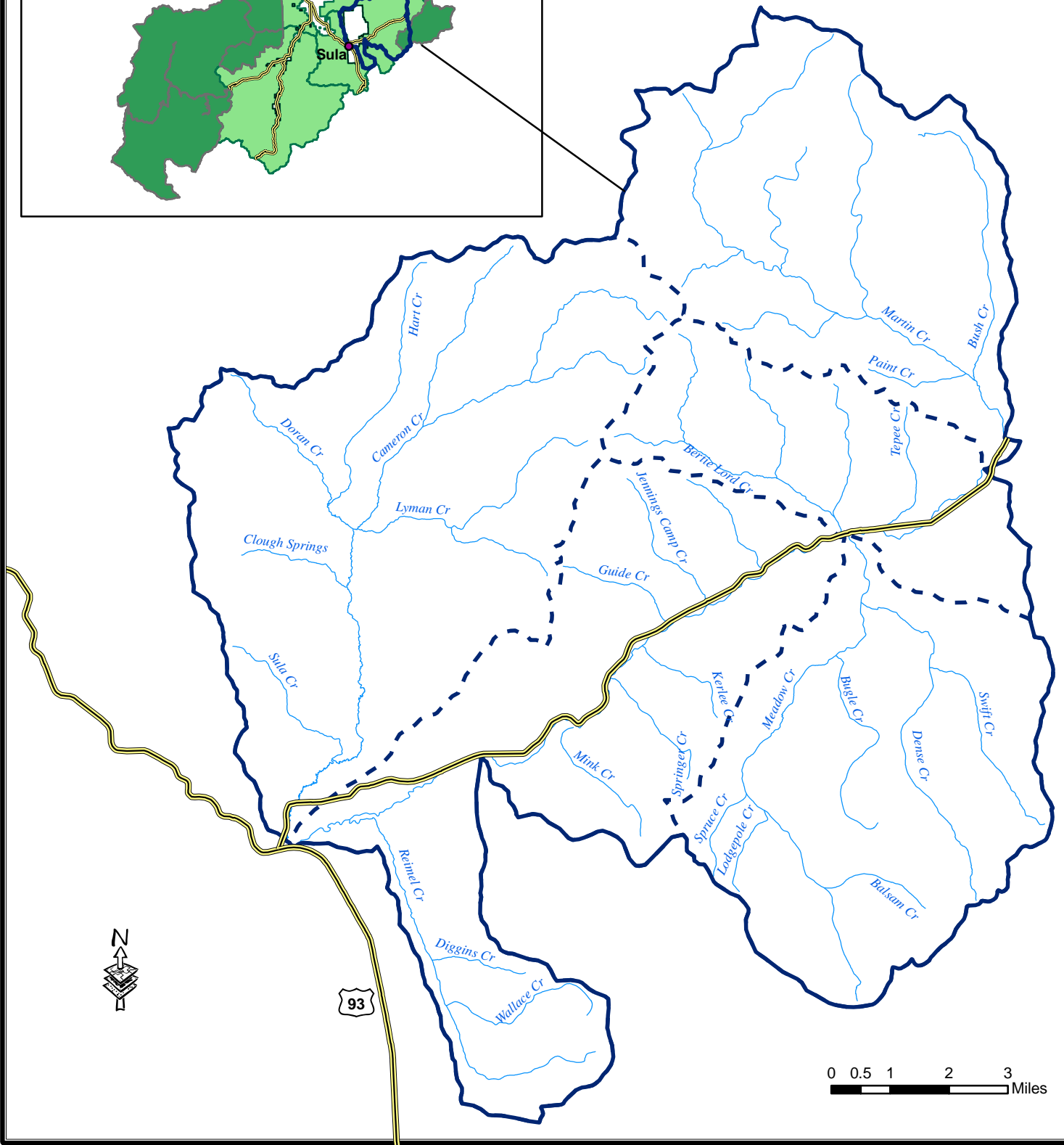
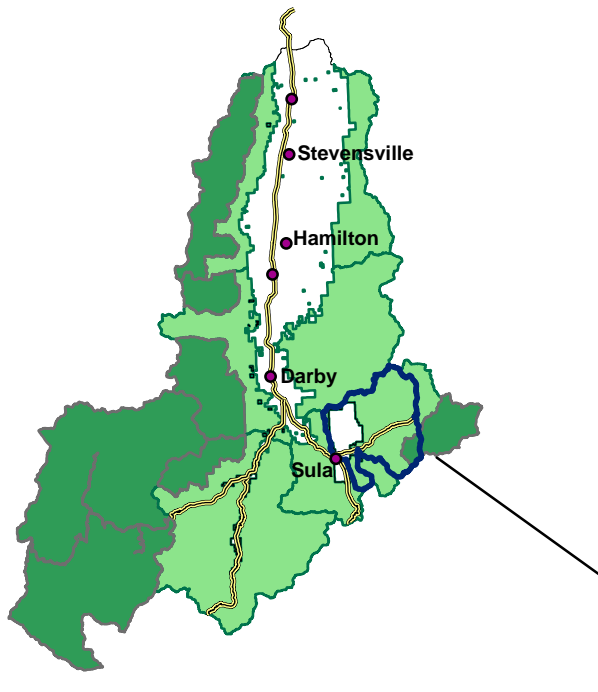
In some cases roads without crossings are naturally reclaimed by encroaching vegetation. On these roads, the road entrance would be recontoured to block access.

Definition of Storage on Bitterroot National Forest Lands:

Stored roads remain on the National Forest System and are closed to all access with gate, earth berm, or recontoured entrance.

Martin Creek Watershed Restoration Project

Vicinity Map





United States
Department of
Agriculture

Forest
Service

Lolo National Forest

Building 24, Fort Missoula
Missoula, MT 59804-7297
406 329-3750

File Code: 2500

Date: September 28, 2012

Mr. Robert Ray
Montana Department of Environmental Quality
1520 E. Sixth Avenue
PO Box 200901
Helena, MT 59620-0901


Dear Robert,

I would like to offer the support of the Bitterroot National Forest for Trout Unlimited's application for a Section 319 Grant to complete restoration work in the Martin Creek Watershed Restoration Project on the Sula Ranger District. The restoration work involves road decommissioning and storage activities in tributary watersheds of the East Fork of the Bitterroot River. The Bitterroot NF has currently entered into a supplemental project agreement with Trout Unlimited to complete this restoration work.

The 2012 Section 319 Grant request is for the decommissioning of 10 miles of forest roads located along tributaries to the East Fork Bitterroot River. Road decommissioning will involve decompaction, recontouring, seeding, fertilizing, slashing and/or mulching. Additionally, stream crossing rehabilitation will include culvert removal and re-grading to match historic contours. Monitoring activities will include Water Erosion Prediction Project (WEPP) modeling for pre and post project implementation to be collected and analyzed by the Forest Service and Trout Unlimited.

Over the last two years, the partnership between Trout Unlimited and the Bitterroot NF has completed over twenty miles of road decommissioning and additional miles of road storage in the Piquett Creek Watershed located on the West Fork Ranger District. The work has restored hydrologic processes, ensured the stabilization of road systems, and improved the recovery of native vegetation. Funds from the Section 319 Grant Program will be critical to complete the restoration treatments in the Martin Creek Watershed Restoration Project. Therefore, the Forest Service strongly supports this grant application. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

for 
JULIE K. KING
Forest Supervisor





9/27/12

Robert Ray
Montana Department of Environmental Quality
1520 E. Sixth Avenue
PO Box 200901
Helena, MT 59620

Dear Robert:

I understand that Trout Unlimited has applied for a 319 grant to help decommission 10 miles of forest roads along tributaries to the East Fork Bitterroot River. I have reviewed the list of streams where this work will occur and I support the effort.

The East Fork Bitterroot and tributaries upstream of Sula are one of the largest refuges for westslope cutthroat trout and bull trout in the Bitterroot drainage. We have monitored fish populations in this area for many years. Through radio telemetry we have documented the importance of these tributaries to the fluvial westslope cutthroat and bull trout in the East Fork Bitterroot River.

Efforts to reduce sediment and restore natural function to these streams should help maintain these populations in the face of factors such as warming stream temperatures and expanding populations of brown trout.

This project will reduce road densities and number of stream crossings which is needed to improve fish habitat and water quality. It compliments other projects that are attempting to restore natural stream riparian function on private land. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Chris Clancy

Chris Clancy
Fisheries Biologist

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Robert Ray
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September 24, 2012

Dear Robert,

The Bitter Root Water Forum (BRWF) is in support of Trout Unlimited's (TU) efforts to decommission 10 miles of forest roads along tributaries to the East Fork of the Bitterroot River. As the local watershed group serving the Bitterroot Valley, BRWF is well aware of the non-point source pollution problems facing the headwaters of our river and is supportive of groups like TU who take an interest in supporting the health of our watershed.

BRWF is currently developing a Watershed Restoration Plan that will address thermal loading and sediment impairments to the East Fork and its tributaries. TU's work to decommission roads will compliment our efforts to restore the health of the watershed and we recommend that they receive funding to implement this project.

BRWF and TU are both active partners in the Bitterroot Conservation Partnership (BCP), a collaboration of organizations dedicated to sharing information and assisting partner organizations so that we can maximize our conservation impact in the Bitterroot Valley. "Martin Creek Road Decommissioning" is an example of a project that is beneficial for the watershed but outside the current realm of BRWF activities; therefore we support our partner, TU, in pursuing this project and will provide assistance and volunteer recruitment as we are able.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Heather Mullee
Executive Director