

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Fiscal Year 2012
Handshake Program Application**

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Corps Lake/Project Name: **Lost Creek Lake, Portland District, CENWP-R**

Handshake Proposal Title: **McGregor Park Trail Signing**

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A. Partnership Project Type:

- ☒ **Challenge Partnership Project**
 - ☐ **SCA Intern/Work Crew Project**
 - ☐ **Combined Challenge Partnership and SCA Project**
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B. Handshake Funding Program Request (maximum \$25,000): \$3,000.00

C. Challenge Partnership Eligibility Checklist (skip if SCA project only):

1. Is the funding going to be spent at Corps facilities and resources that are being maintained at 100% federal expense? ☒ **Yes** (eligible) ☐ **No** (not eligible)*
2. Is the agreement with a non-federal public or private entity(ies)? ☒ **Yes** (eligible) ☐ **No** (not eligible)*
3. Is the proposed activity within current authorities and contained in the annual or 5-year work plan in the approved OMP? ☐ **Yes** (eligible) ☒ **No** (see # 4)
4. If No for #3, when will the OMP be updated and approved? (Example: Sept 11) Feb-12**

**Proposal cannot be authorized under the Corps' challenge partnership authority.*

*** If date provided in answer to question 4 would come after the commencement of your proposed challenge partnership your activity can not be authorized.*

D. Cooperating Association Agreement Bonus: (skip if SCA project only)

Challenge Partnerships that include an organization (cooperating associations, friends groups) with which your project/district has recently (after January 1, 2009) entered into a Cooperative Agreement are eligible to compete for an additional \$5000. You must include a copy of the signed agreement with your proposal. (Reference Chapter 9 of ER and EP 1130-2-500 for information on cooperating associations).

Date of Cooperating Association Agreement: None (must be after January 1, 2009 to be eligible).

E. Incentive Points Categories: Check the box for each category that applies to your partnership project and include an explanation in the project description (Section F.). Qualifying applications will receive bonus points on their evaluation score.

☐ Includes a veteran's and/or military family organization. Groups must be an intended signatory to the agreement in order to qualify for the bonus points.

☒ Americas Great Outdoors – <http://americasgreatoutdoors.gov/> - Contributes to USACE efforts to accomplish USACE action items identified in AGO report: List action item #: **2.2c**.

☒ National Recreation Strategic Plan- <http://corpslakes.usace.army.mil/visitors/strategy.cfm> – Contributes to USACE efforts to accomplish goals and objectives: List objective #: **goal 2, objective 1, 2.1.d; goal 3, objective 2, 3.2.a and objective 3, 3.3.a**.

F. Describe your partnership and the proposed project:

Your project will be evaluated on the following categories: **Sustainability, Partnership Value, Recreation Benefit, Environmental Stewardship Benefit, Communication and Education Value, and Innovativeness**. Please address each in your description. Also address incentive point categories you have identified in Section E. If the project involves a SCA intern/crew please include the number of SCA volunteers that will be involved and describe what they will be doing.

Description:

This project takes place at the McGregor Park and Visitor Center at Lost Creek Lake in Southern Oregon and involves an adjacent nature trail signing effort. Proposed start date is April 2012. The signing endeavor would entail erecting a directional and interpretive discovery system that will guide visitors to points of interest including the location of playgrounds, interpretive exhibits, scenic overlooks, restrooms, parking areas and how to find the route back to the entry point. The interpretive discovery system will consist of interpretive panels (planned and existing), proposed directional signage and proposed numbered points of interest posts along the trail (numbered posts at select points of interest will be facilitated by an existing interpretive McGregor Park Map panel posted near the visitor center).

The McGregor Park and Visitor Center is found along a National Scenic ByWay and is the major artery to Crater Lake National Park thus is a frequent stopping location for travelers. The signing effort will compliment showcasing a Corps facility not only to regional and national audiences, but to many visitors worldwide.

The nature trail is one mile long with various routes leading visitors through wetlands, streams, various forest types, wildlife viewing locations, and also partially parallels the National Wild and Scenic Rogue River where fishing opportunities are provided. The trail is on a well maintained hardened surface, but also includes boardwalks passing over wetlands. Currently there is no directional signing where there is potential for a visitor to be confused and may not only lose their way, but may also miss outstanding trail attributes.

Signing efforts would follow Corps sign standards.

Partners lined up to assist on erecting the signs include the Eagle Point High School and Upper Rogue Watershed Association, a 501c3 non-profit organization.

This project supports America's Great Outdoor initiative by using community based volunteer support to increase the safety of the park and its many access points and routes. This project follows the National Recreation Strategic Plan goal 2, objective 1, 2.1d by meeting with potential partners at grassroots meetings providing power point presentations highlighting the necessity of volunteers and partnership support and its value to the Corps, the mission, and the nation. Goal 3, objective 2, 3.2a was met by utilizing locally based volunteer groups who share in the Corps mission of environmental stewardship. By understanding the mutual benefit of aligning goals to better benefit public lands through combined opportunity. 3.3a was met by educating visitors to stay on trail. Similar to the Tread Lightly campaign the proposed trail signage will both educate and encourage visitors to stay on trail reducing their impacts on vital natural resources.

Category explanation: Sustainability - sign material and supporting materials would blend with the environment placed in a location that is visible to visitors, but in a non-intrusive manner. Sign material used would be of quality grade designed for long life and can be maintained or repaired should damage occur. Partner Value - an opportunity exist to forge formal partnerships with a local high school and a regional watershed association where it is hoped can be nurtured into assisting with other future projects and tasks. Recreation Benefits - The public will be guided to nature trail highlights, a directional system installed, interpretive exhibits identified and access would be better defined. Environmental Stewardship Benefit - The signing system goes beyond providing directions and highlighting features, but also would assist on keeping visitors on the trail. In addition, a desire of the signing proposal is to help highlight a fully functioning wetland and associated watershed. Communication and Education Value - A trail signing effort would include why a visitor needs to stay on the trail, would identify points of interest, and essentially would tell the visitor where they are at and how to proceed, which currently is now missing. Innovativeness - While a trail signing system is standard practice, the manner of how the signs are displayed, their message and location will need to be creative in order to fit within the given environment. The intent of the signing system is to be low key, friendly, informative, brief, but also prominent enough to be noticed thus design would be of utmost importance.

Handshake funds would not be used for Corps salaries. Though not related to the nature trail signing proposal, the Bureau of Land Management is a partner in co-managing the adjacent visitor center.

The Corps will:

Identify sign location and placement, sign planning to ensure Corps sign standards are met, materials with high grade, and install sign posts. Corps staff would also mentor high school students explaining recreation improvements and land stewardship benefits.

The Partner(s) will:

Eagle Point High School wood shop would provide the equipment, facility, and student labor to build the directional signs and construct the support structures needed for their placement. The cost of wood shop operations, the salaried time spent by teachers and adult helpers would be an in-kind contribution by the school.

The Upper Rogue Watershed Association (URWA) would contribute 50 hours or more cumulative volunteer hours to install the directional signage. URWA volunteers would work with the Corps staff to delineate proper placement and installation. URWA would also assist in recruiting for volunteers.

Handshake Application Financial Work Sheet

Partner Organization 1: Eagle Point High School

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Partner Organization 2: Upper Rogue Watershed Association

POC Name: Pete Mazzini

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Partner Organization 3:

POC Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Telephone:

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	Local Corps Office	Handshake Funds	SCA	Partner 1	Partner 2	Partner 3	Total
In-Kind Services	\$1,350	N/A	\$0	\$1,153	\$0	\$0	\$2,503
Travel	\$0	N/A	\$0	\$20	\$50	\$0	\$70
Materials and Supplies	\$150	\$3,000	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,150
Equipment Use	\$600	\$0	N/A	\$250	\$0	\$0	\$850
Funds Contributed	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Personal Property	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Volunteer	N/A	N/A	\$0	\$1,760	\$660	\$0	\$2,420
SCA Intern/Crew	\$0	\$0	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (explain below)	\$0	\$0	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$2,100	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,183	\$710	\$0	\$8,993
Share of Total Cost	23%	33%	0%	35%	8%	0%	100.0%

Explanations: Handshake funds would be used to purchase construction materials.



Depiction of existing McGregor map panel. Numbered points of interest are shown in yellow (both 5 and 9 will have a numbered post placed at the corresponding binoculars symbol) and approximate directional signage placement is depicted by call-outs.