California Forests: Targeted Headwater Resilience Implementation and Monitoring 2021 Request for Proposals

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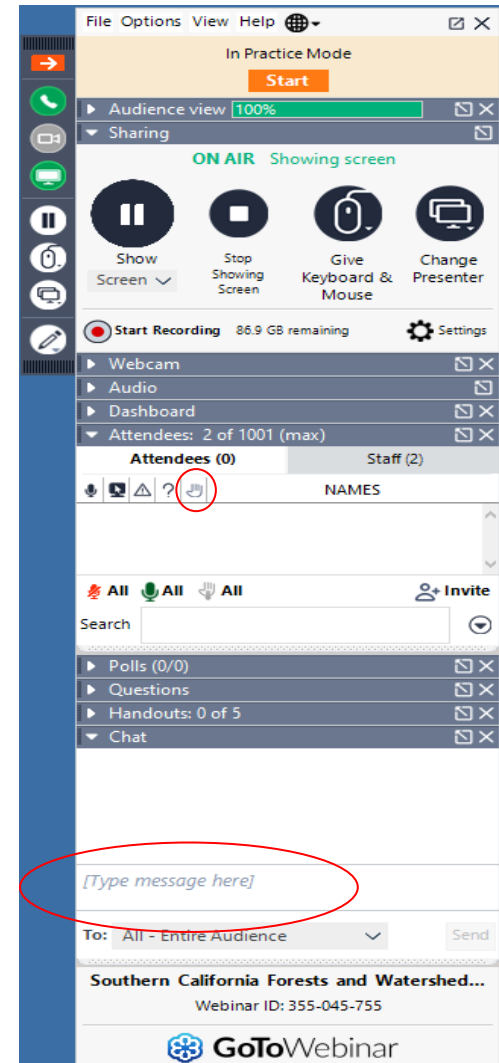
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Agenda

1. Introduction to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
2. Overview of the California Forests: Targeted Headwater Resilience Implementation and Monitoring Request for Proposals
3. How to Submit a Proposal
4. Questions

Introduction to NFWF

WHO WE ARE

➤ Chartered by Congress in 1984

➤ 30-member Board appointed by Secretary of the Interior

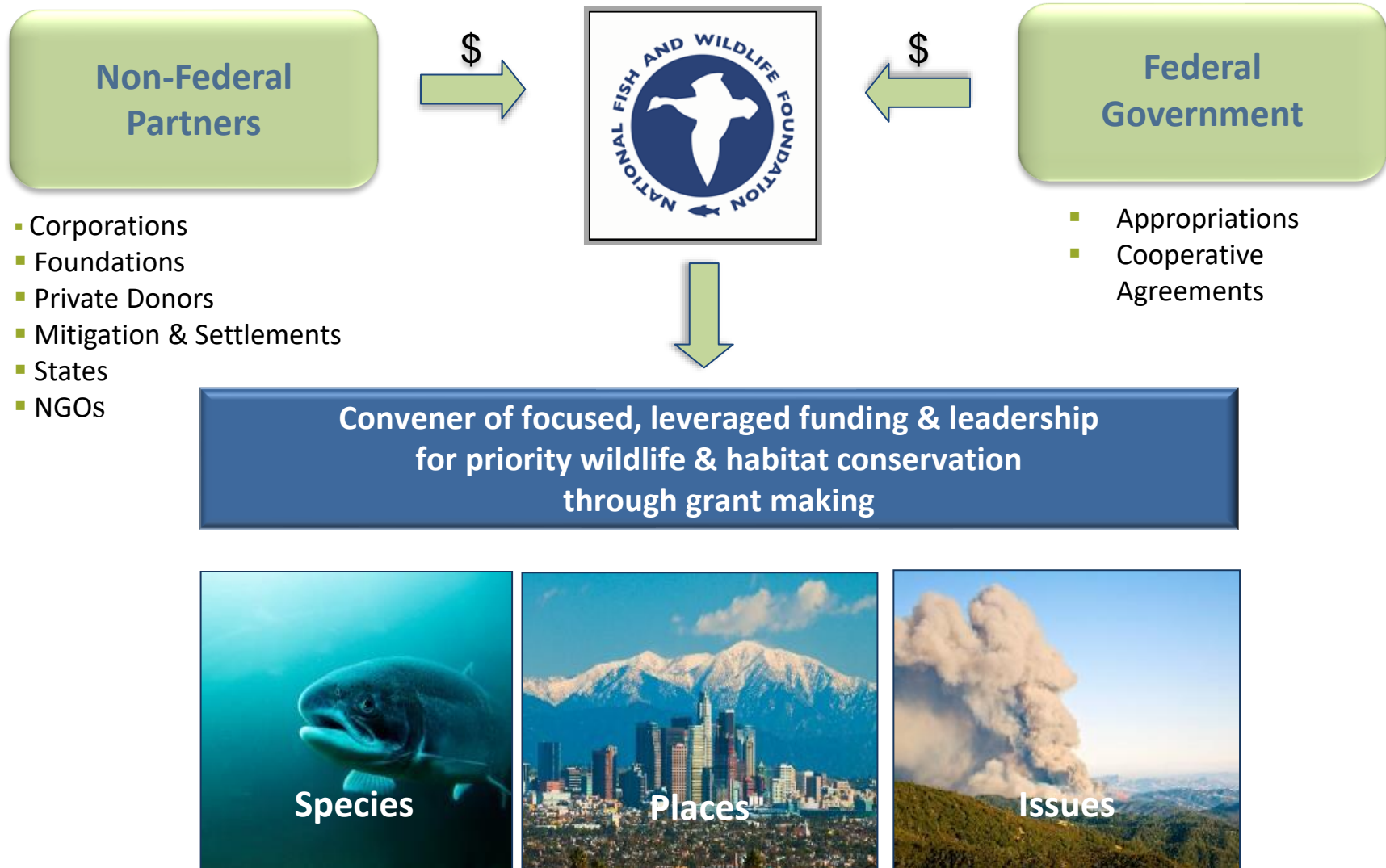 ▪ Includes FWS Director & NOAA Administrator

WHAT WE DO

➤ Sustain, restore and enhance our nation's fish, wildlife, and habitats

➤ Bring collaboration among federal agencies & private sector

➤ Create common ground among diverse interests

➤ Implement – do not engage in lobbying/litigation

➤ In 35+ years of existence, NFWF has funded more than 5,000 organizations and committed $6.1 billion to conservation projects throughout the United States.

HOW WE DO IT

Non-Federal Partners

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Federal Government

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- Corporations
- Foundations
- Private Donors
- Mitigation & Settlements
- States
- NGOs

- Appropriations
- Cooperative Agreements

Convener of focused, leveraged funding & leadership for priority wildlife & habitat conservation through grant making

Species

Places

Issues

Overview

Supporting forest health and resilience needs across 5 key areas:

1. Large-Scale reforestation for wildfire recovery

2. Headwater protection and improvements on the Inyo National Forest

3. Transportation infrastructure and aquatic organism passage (AOP) improvements on or adjacent to Forest Service lands

4. Sierra Nevada meadow restoration to benefit Desert Terminal Lakes

5. Fuels management monitoring and species response

Focal Geography

1. ***Large-Scale reforestation:***

Statewide - $1.2M

2. ***Headwater protection:***

Inyo National Forest - $1M

3. ***Forest roads and AOP improvements:***
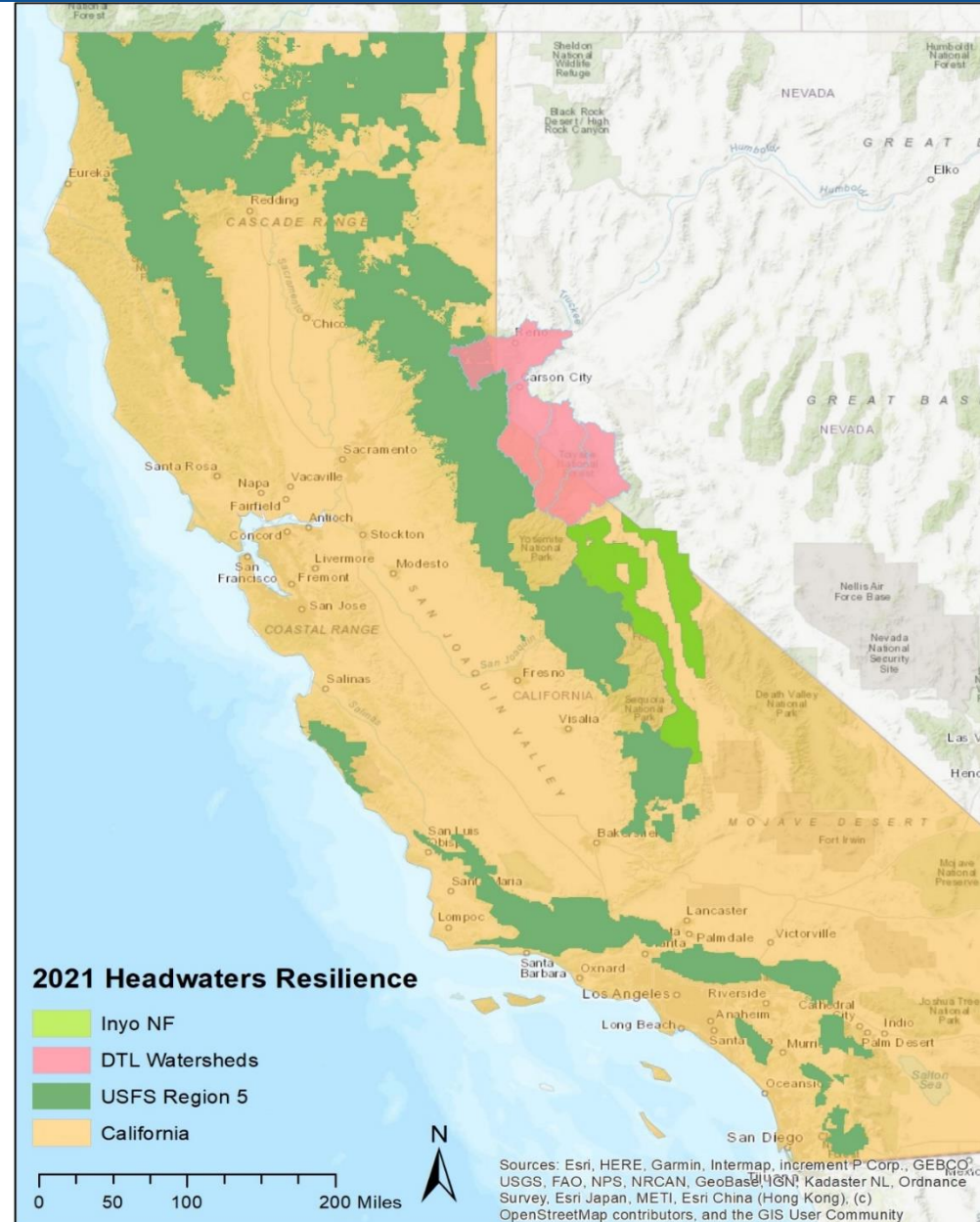
USFS lands - $813k

4. ***Sierra Nevada meadow restoration:***

Truckee, Carson, and Walker Basins - $464k

5. ***Fuels management monitoring:***

Statewide - $270k

$3.75 Million Available for 2021 Grants

2021 Headwaters Resilience
- Inyo NF
- DTL Watersheds
- USFS Region 5
- California

Sources: Esri, HERE, Garmin, Intermap, increment P Corp., GEBCO, USGS, FAO, NPS, NRCAN, GeoBase, IGN, Kadaster NL, Ordnance Survey, Esri Japan, METI, Esri China (Hong Kong), (c) OpenStreetMap contributors, and the GIS User Community

Program Priorities

- Each project area has its own expectations, guidance, and conditions

- Proposals must clearly describe how projects will directly and measurably contribute to program area goals

- Priority projects of interest for each funding opportunity are detailed in the RFP Appendix

Program Priorities

Large-scale Reforestation and Recovery

- **$1.2M** from **Arbor Day Foundation** and NFWF to assist with post-fire reforestation needs and recovery

- Project activities should directly contribute to large-scale reforestation efforts, particularly for areas impacted by high intensity wildfire

Eligible Activities

- On-the-ground reforestation

- Plant propagation

- Seedling purchase

- Nursery capacity building

Program Priorities

Inyo National Forest - Headwater Protection and Improvements

- **$1M** from **L.A. Dept of Water and Power** (LADWP), **Inyo National Forest** (INF), and NFWF to protect and enhance headwaters of Owens River watershed

- Project activities should provide resource protection, resilience to wildfire, and carbon capture benefits

Priority Activities

- Casa Diablo Area Prescribed Fire
- Bishop/Pine Creek Watershed Fuels Reduction
- June Mountain Area Fuels Management
- Invasive Plant Management
- Buttermilk Use Planning/Resource Protection

Program Priorities

US Forest Service - Road and AOP Improvements

- **$813k** from **USFS** and NFWF for aquatic organism passage and associated transportation infrastructure improvements benefitting anadromous and native fish and other aquatic life

Eligible Activities

- Maintenance, replacement, or improvement of bridges, culverts, and stream crossings for aquatic organism passage

- Road BMPs or decommissioning to improve water quality and protect habitat and/or human health

Perched culvert. Credit California Fish Passage Forum

Program Priorities

Headwaters Resilience 2021
- DTL Watersheds
- USFS Region 5
- California

Sierra Nevada Meadow Restoration

- **$464k** from **U.S. Bureau of Reclamation** (BOR) and NFWF for meadow restoration projects that drain to the Desert Terminal Lakes basin.

Eligible Activities

- Meadow restoration implementation

- Pre/post monitoring

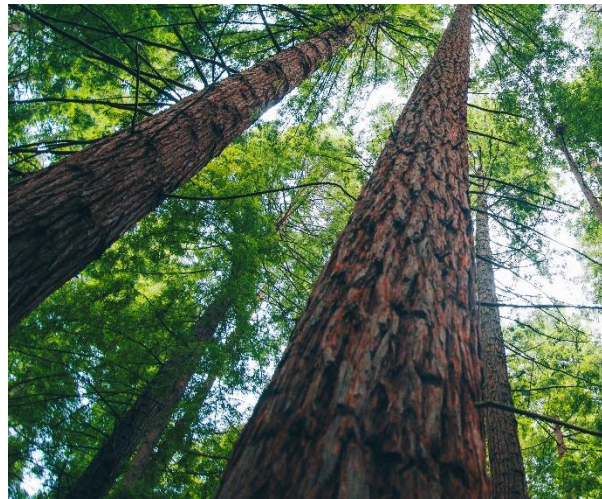- Project planning and compliance tasks

**Not exclusive to CA

Program Priorities

US Fish and Wildlife Service – Fuels Management Monitoring

- **$270k** from **USFWS** and NFWF to support species-focused monitoring, data synthesis and evaluation of fuels management in California

Preference

- Compilation, synthesis and/or meta-analysis of existing regional data
- Application of findings at regional-scale and which contribute to land management decisions in the near term

Funding Availability

FUNDING AVAILABILITY AND MATCH SUMMARY

Project Area	Available Funding	Award Range	Match Requirements
Large-Scale Forest Restoration	$1,200,000	$200,000 - $1,200,000	No Restriction; 1:1 match
Inyo National Forest	$1,000,000	$100,000 - $250,000	No Restriction; 1:1 match
Transportation Infrastructure	$813,000	$50,000 - $800,000	Non-federal; 50% match
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Application Process and Timeline*

Full Proposal

Six-page narrative description of your project, as well as detailed budget.

Describe what will happen and why, how it will be done and by whom, what outcomes are expected and how success will be measured.

These are competitive; if applicable highlight your project in context with broader regional goals/needs. Include appropriate letters of support

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✓**Full Proposal Due Date**   **Thursday, August 5th 2021 by 8:59 PM PST**

✓**Review Period**   **Late August – October 2021**

✓**Awards Announced**   **November 2021**

*Dates subject to change

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Eligibility

Eligible and Ineligible Entities					
	Large-scale Reforestation	**Inyo NF Headwaters Protection**	**USFS Transportation Infrastructure**	**Sierra Meadows - DTL**	**Fuels Management Monitoring**
Applicant					
Non-Profit Organizations	*OK*	*OK*	*OK*	*OK*	*OK*
Federal Agencies	*OK*	*OK*	*X*	*OK*	*OK*
State Agencies	*OK*	*OK*	*OK*	*OK*	*OK*
Local/Muni. Agencies	*OK*	*OK*	*OK*	*OK*	*OK*
Tribal Gov. & Organizations	*OK*	*OK*	*OK*	*OK*	*OK*
Educational Institutions	*OK*	*OK*	*OK*	*OK*	*OK*
International Organizations	*X*	*X*	*X*	*X*	*X*
For-profit Business	*X*	*X*	*X*	*X*	*X*
Unincorporated Individuals	*X*	*X*	*X*	*X*	*X*

INELIGIBLE USES OF GRANT FUNDS

- NFWF funds and matching contributions may not be used to support political advocacy, fundraising, lobbying, litigation, terrorist activities or Foreign Corrupt Practices Act violations.

- NFWF funds may not be used to support ongoing efforts to comply with court imposed legal requirements, including permit conditions, mitigation and settlement agreements.

- **Equipment**: Applicants are encouraged to rent equipment where possible and cost-effective or use matching funds to make those purchases. If the project may only be completed using NFWF funds to procure equipment please contact program staff directly.

Equipment is defined as tangible personal property having a useful life of more than one year and a per-unit acquisition cost which equals or exceeds the lesser of the capitalization level established by the non-Federal entity for financial statement purposes, or $5,000.

Federal funds and matching contributions may not be used to procure or obtain equipment, services, or systems that uses telecommunications equipment or services produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate).

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- Matching funds do not need to be fully secured prior to submitting a grant proposal, but should have a demonstrable likelihood of being secured during the project period.

- Eligible match can include cash or in-kind contributions, such as:
  - staff and volunteer time
  - donated materials and services
  - cash
  - other tangible contributions to the project objectives/outcomes

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Environmental Compliance Requirements

Successful applicants are REQUIRED to ensure NEPA, ESA, NHPA and other planning requirements are conducted prior to implementation.

Applicants should identify relevant compliance requirements for their project in their proposal, and describe how they intend to meet those requirements

Monitoring/Project Documentation Requirements

Reporting detail and frequency may vary, but at a minimum:

- Project should include an approach for monitoring progress and effectiveness

- Project should confer with agency partners to identify reporting needs and data format requirements, including geospatial data

- All grantees are expected to visually document pre- and post- project conditions and project activities over the life of the grant. Photos and videos may be used to help illustrate outcomes and promote the program

- All grantees will be required to complete periodic Programmatic Reports that document progress, challenges, next steps, and outcomes, etc

Evaluation

Proposals will be evaluated by a Review Committee made up of representatives from the USFS, USFWS, LADWP, BOR, the Arbor Day Foundation, NFWF, and other experts as needed.

Grant applications are evaluated according to:

- How well they align the priorities and goals described in the RFP

- Adequacy and clarity of application information

- Ability to address applicable evaluation criteria such as Cost-effectiveness, Technical Merit, Long-term Sustainability, among others

Organizations may submit multiple proposals for funding consideration

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- ✓ Turn off your pop-up blockers. If you use Internet Explorer, turn them off again and again…

- ✓ Print the "Tip Sheet" and use it as a reference tool, field-by-field in EasyGrants.

- ✓ Do not mail letters of support to the office – upload electronic copies.

- ✓ Re-read the RFP. Call us if you're confused.

- ✓ Talk to people about your project idea. Listen.

- ✓ Save as you go!

How to Apply?

www.nfwf.org/norcal

Important Applicant Information

Application Information

In This Section: | Required Financial Documents | Budget Instructions | Indirect Cost Policy | Indirect Cost Calculator | Transparency Act Requirements | Easygrants Mapping Tool

https://www.nfwf.org/apply-grant/application-information

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Email: easygrants@nfwf.org
Voicemail: 202-595-2497

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- Fill out all required information.

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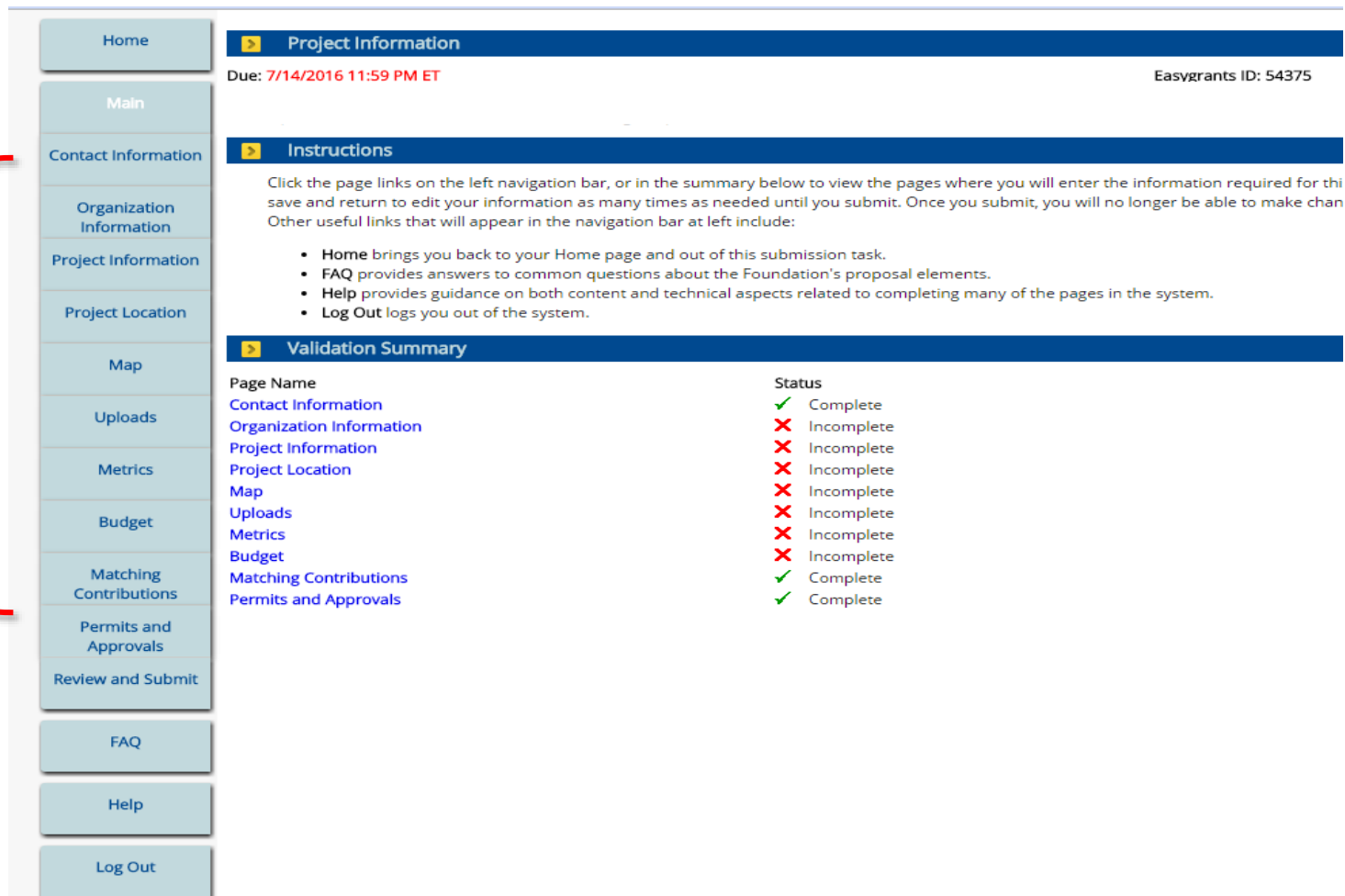
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Project Information

- **Title:** short, descriptive name indicating project purpose. (~100 characters)

- **Description:** Two sentences about primary project activities, location, outcome/metrics and relevance to conservation. (~500 characters)
  - Clearly state the main activity and the method being used
  - Address a specific habitat, location or species benefitted

- **Abstract:** More detailed description including location, major activities, outcome/metrics, and partners. (~1,500 characters)
  - State what your organization will do
  - Provide context and background information
  - Explain how the project outcomes will specifically address a conservation issue

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- **Activities:** Describe what you intend to do, when, and how it aligns with the RFP. Justify your approach. If appropriate, describe how this project contributes to other established plans (management, conservation, recovery, etc.) and priority conservation needs in the specific project location.

- **Outcome(s):** Elaborate on the outcome(s) and/or deliverables expected from the project; discuss what makes this outcome(s) achievable and important.

- **Tracking Metrics:** Discuss the metrics selected previously in the application and how they will be monitored/assessed. Please note any challenges or limitations anticipated with tracking the metrics.

- **Project Team:** List key individuals and describe their roles and qualifications relevant for project implementation.

- **Other (Optional):** Provide any further information important for the review of this proposal

Narrative Elements:
- ☐ Program Goals and Priorities
- ☐ Technical Merit
- ☐ Partnership
- ☐ Transferability
- ☐ Communication
- ☐ Funding Need
- ☐ Conservation Plan and Context
- ☐ Monitoring
- ☐ Long-term Sustainability
- ☐ Past Success
- ☐ Key Personnel

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Budget

- Budget represents <u>only</u> the grant amount requested from NFWF

- Must comply with OMB's Uniform Guidance (whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars/index.html)

- Itemize all costs in appropriate budget categories. Costs must relate to project activities.

- No lumping costs i.e., 'All Salaries: $10,000' Add narrative details to explain costs in budget line items.

- 'Total Amount Requested' in Project Information section must equal the 'Budget Grand Total' in Budget section

** Budget Narrative must accompany every section of the budget

▼ Materials and Supplies	$0.00
Materials and Supplies ➕ 🗋	$0.00
▼ Contractual Services	$0.00
Subcontract/Contract - Per Agreement ➕ 🗋	$0.00
Subgrant - Per Agreement ➕ 🗋	$0.00
▼ Other Direct Costs	$0.00
Other Direct Costs ➕ 🗋	$0.00
▼ Indirect Costs	$0.00
Indirect Costs ➕ 🗋	$0.00
Total Direct Costs	$0.00
Total Indirect Costs	$0.00
Total Costs	$0.00

Adding a Budget Narrative

▼ <u>Travel</u> $4,271.00

  ▼ **Domestic Airfare - Per Flight** $2,645.00

     To Seattle from Boston Round Trip $1,750.00

     To Anchorage from St. Petersburg round trip $895.00

Notes

Line Item   Domestic Airfare - Per Flight
Budget   Travel for one biotech and one volunteer to Seattle from
                   Boston for Killer Whale Conference.
                   Travel for principal investigator to Anchorage from St.
                   Petersburg for site visits.

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Upload Type	Required
Full Proposal Narrative	Yes
Project Map	No
Letters of Support	No
Photos - Jpeg	No
Statement of Litigation	Yes
Board of Trustees, Directors, or equivalent	Yes
GAAP audited financial statements	Yes
IRS Form 990	Yes
A-133 Audit	Yes
Indirect Rate Agreement	No

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Templates provided for:
- Statement of Litigation
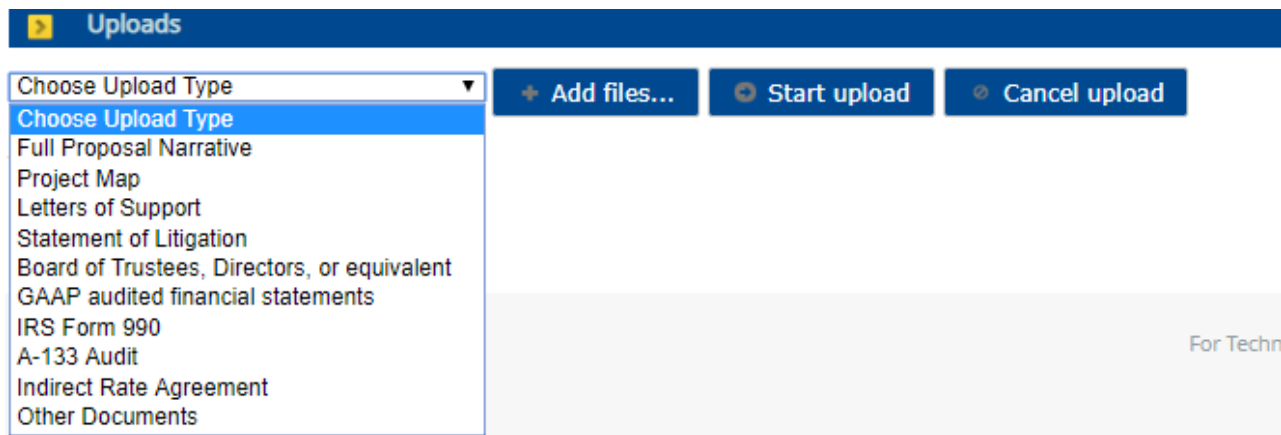- Full Proposal Narrative

For details on required documents and FAQ for financial documents, go here:
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Pre-proposal Narrative	Yes	NFWF Pre-proposal Narrative Template	.doc, .docx, .pdf, .rtf	No Limit	16 MB	2	No Limit	No Limit

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Application Assistance

Program Homepage:
https://www.nfwf.org/programs/northern-california-forests-and-watersheds

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Voicemail: 202-595-2497
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Include: your name, proposal ID #, e-mail address, phone number, program you are applying to, and a description of the issue.

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