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Trail Project Name: **Sheyenne 2014**

Description of Proposed Project:

**A. Eastern North Country Trailhead Expansion The Eastern Trailhead of the North Country Trail will be expanded to 320' x 160'. A second approach with culverts will be added, which will allow pull through use. The old hitch rails will be removed. New post and pole fencing will be installed around the trailhead. A new two-sided kiosk will be installed. B. Jorgen's Hollow Campground Trails The new campground at the eastern end of the North Country Trail will be completed in 2014. The remaining need is to construct a hardened path within the campground to the restroom and water hydrant. The path is within the developed recreation site and will be constructed three feet wide and surfaced the entire length to the restroom and hydrant. The campground will also need to be connected to the existing Oak Leaf Trail. Approximately 1,300 feet of hardened trail are needed within the campground and 3,000 feet to connect the campground to the Oak Leaf Trail. Both areas would have compacted gravel four inches deep. This includes the installation of two self-closing trail gates and trail posts along the route to the Oak Leaf Trail.**

Property Location Information

Urban or Rural Development: **Rural**

Address Line 1: **Jorgen's Hollow**  
Address Line 2: **Sheyenne National Grassland**  
City: **Lisbon**  
County: **Ransom**  
State: **ND**  
Zip Code: **58054**  
Township: N **135.00**  
Range: W **52.00**  
Township Section: **10**  
Length of New Trail: **0.81**  
Length of Total Trail if Project is an Extension: **0.00**

General Funding and Property Information

Total Cost: **68,773.00**  
Fund Amount: **55,018.00**  
Is this Project an Extension to an Existing Trail Project?

Who Holds the Title to the Project Land?

**U.S. Forest Service is the sole landowner.**

Estimated Start Date: **6/1/2014**  
Estimated End Date: **12/31/2015**

Classification of Land:

State  Federal  Local  Private

**Check all of the uses the Project impacts:**

Walking/Hiking  Bicycling  Horseback Riding  Cross-Country Skiing  
 In-line Skating  Snowmobiling  ATV Riding  Off-road Motorcycling  
 **4x4 Trucking Other:**

Does the Project fall substantially within a federal highway right-of-way? **No**

**Federal Funding Sources**

<b>Source Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Federal appropriated funds for trail construction (CMTL)	\$10,316.00

**Local Funding Sources**

<b>Source Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Volunteer labor value	\$3,439.00

## **2014 SHEYENNE NATIONAL GRASSLAND EVALUATION CRITERIA**

### **A. Site and Project Quality**

The Sheyenne National Grassland lies within 30 minutes of the largest population center in Forest Service Region 1 (Fargo/Moorhead), yet most people who live in the area don't have any idea of the recreation opportunities available in their back yards. The Forest Service strives to design and construct trails that blend with the natural environment and enable the public to enjoy more of the Grasslands. The trails are intended for non-motorized use and are designed and constructed to meet Forest Service standards for safety and federal accessibility guidelines while minimizing conflicts between users.

### **B. Public Need and Benefit**

This project completes several portions of additional to trail systems; the most significant being the North Country National Scenic Trail which is anticipated to be 4,700 miles upon completion. This trail provides a safe way for people to enjoy and access public lands. A well-maintained trail system is needed to meet the growing demand for trail activities in North Dakota. The associated trails, trailhead facilities, and camping facilities compliment the NCT and encourage users to remain in the area to enjoy more of what North Dakota has to offer.

### **C. The Wider Plan**

The NCNST and associated trails provide recreation opportunities throughout southeastern North Dakota. "Providing non-motorized and motorized trails for a wide variety of uses and experiences" is a goal of the Dakota Prairie Grasslands' Land & Resource Management Plan (Chapter 1). One of the three primary needs identified in the State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (2013 – 2017) is to provide Non-Motorized Trails in the state of North Dakota. This project contributes to the goal of improving the capability of the nation's forests and grasslands to provide diverse, high-quality outdoor recreation opportunities by continuing to develop the trails near the state's population center.

### **D. Environmental Impacts**

This project meets all environmental requirements of the USDA Forest Service including National Environmental Policy Act, Endangered Species Act, and the National Historic Preservation Act. Implementation of this project will help limit erosion and impacts to other grassland resources.

### **E. Impact on adjoining landowners**

A well designed and constructed trail will make traveling safer for the recreation trail user in all conditions. An improved trail system with proper construction, signing, and information will reduce the impact on adjoining landowners, increase trail safety, and enhance recreation opportunities for persons of all ages and abilities who visit the area.

## 2014 SHEYENNE GRASSLAND REQUIREMENTS

### 1. Project Description

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### 2. Goals

The current trailhead is currently too small for the number and size of horse trailers being used. The completion of the nearby Jorgen's Hollow Campground will only add to the use of the trailhead. Adding an approach eliminates the need for large horse trailers turn around at the end of the trailhead.

The trails at Jorgen's Hollow will allow campers and trail users easy access to the campground facilities as well as a route to and from the Oak Leaf Trail.

### 3. Costs associated with these projects

#### A. NCT Trailhead Expansion

Construction	26,340
Post and Pole Fencing	9,600
<u>Two-sided Kiosk</u>	<u>5,000</u>
TOTAL PART A COST	\$40,940

#### B. Jorgen's Hollow Campground Trails

4,300 feet of trail construction	23,623
Trail posts	1,110
<u>2 x self-closing gates installed</u>	<u>3,100</u>
TOTAL PART B COST	\$27,833

TOTAL COST OF PROJECT \$68,773

TOTAL RTP FUNDS REQUEST \$55,018

LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS

NCT Trailhead Expansion

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Jorgen's Hollow Campground Trails

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**4. Evidence of local support**

The North Country Trail Association continues to submit grant applications for new trails accessing the Sheyenne NG, and hosts annual volunteer work days and “volunteer vacations” to improve the trails and foster local interest and support.

**5. Matching funds**

15% (\$10,316) – USDA Forest Service appropriated trails funds

5% (\$3,439) – North Country Trail Association and other volunteer labor

**6. Project Sponsor**

The project sponsor is the USDA Forest Service, Dakota Prairie Grasslands.

**7. Capability**

The Forest Service manages the largest trail system in the world. The Forest Service has the expertise and commitment available to assist the Dakota Prairie Grasslands in constructing and maintaining its growing trail system. Locally, the Forest Service has constructed and improved non-motorized trail since 1994, steadily adding to the quantity and quality of the trail availability and expertise. RTP has been a large supporter of this program development.

**8. Assurances**

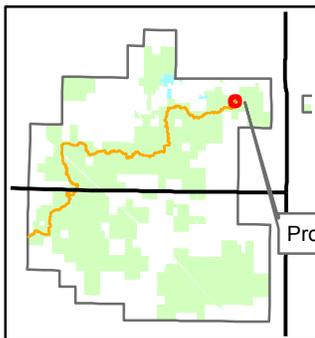
The state of North Dakota holds the assurances from private landowners as well as from the State Land Board for portions of the trail not on federal land. There are no projects in this project submittal that are on land owned and managed by the USDA Forest Service.

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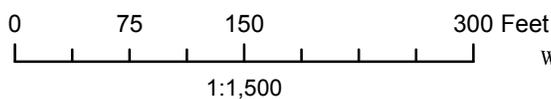
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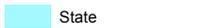
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**2014 RTP Sheyenne Part A  
East Trailhead Expansion North Country Trail  
Sheyenne National Grassland  
Richland County, ND**



**Legend**

-  Trailhead
-  Campground
-  North Country Trail
-  Oak Leaf Trail
-  Oak Leaf Trail Spur
-  National Grassland
-  Non Federal
-  National Park Service
-  State

Map by: Greg Morel 01/23/2014

**Certifications Regarding Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters, Drug-Free Workplace Requirements and Lobbying**

Persons submitting this form should refer to the regulations referenced below for complete instructions:

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters – Primary Covered Transactions – The prospective primary participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titles, "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and voluntary Exclusion – Lower Tier Covered Transaction," provided by the department or agency entering into this covered transaction, without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions. See below for language to be used; use this form for certification and sign; Certification Regarding Drug- Free Workplace Requirements-Alternate I. (Grantees Other Than Individuals) and Alternate II. (Grantees Who are Individuals) – (See Appendix C of Subpart D of 43 CFR Part 12)

Checking the boxes on this form and submitting it provides for compliance with certification requirements under 43 CFR Parts 12 and 18. The certifications shall be treated as a material representation of fact upon which reliance will be placed when the funding agency determines to award the covered transaction, grant, cooperative agreement or loan.

**PART A: Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters – Primary Covered Transactions**

CHECK IF THIS CERTIFICATION IS FOR A PRIMARY COVERED TRANSACTION AND IS APPLICABLE.

1. The prospective primary participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:
  1. Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;
  2. Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
  3. Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1)(b) of this certification; and
  4. Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State or local) terminated for cause or default
2. Where the prospective primary participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this

certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

**Part B: Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion – Lower Tier Covered Transactions**

CHECK IF THIS CERTIFICATION IS FOR A LOWER TIER COVERED TRANSACTION AND IS APPLICABLE.

1. The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.
2. Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

**Part C: Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements**

CHECK IF THIS CERTIFICATION IS FOR AN APPLICANT WHO IS NOT AN INDIVIDUAL Alternate I. (Grantees Other Than Individuals)

1. The grantee certifies that it will or continue to provide a drug-free workplace by:
  1. (a) Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;
  2. (b) Establishing an ongoing drug-free awareness program to inform employees about-
    1. The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
    2. The grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
    3. Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
    4. The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;
  3. (c) Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph (a);
  4. (d) Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph (a) that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will -
    1. Abide by the terms of the statement; and
    2. Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction;
  5. (e) Notifying the agency in writing, within 10 calendar days after receiving notice under subparagraph (d)(2) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title, to every grant officer on whose grant activity the convicted employee was working, unless the Federal agency has designated a central point for the receipt of such notices. Notice shall include the identification numbers (s) of each affected grant;
  6. (f) Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under subparagraph (d)(2), with respect to any employee who is so convicted—
    1. Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or
    2. Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;
  7. (g) Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs (a),(b),(c),(d),(e) and (f).
2. The grantee may insert in the space provided below the site(s) for the performance of work done in connection with the specific grant: Place of Performance (Street address, city, county, state, zip code)

Address Line 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Address Line 2: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Check if there are workplaces on file that are not identified here

**Part D: Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements**

CHECK IF THIS CERTIFICATION IS FOR AN APPLICANT WHO IS AN INDIVIDUAL

Alternate II. (Grantees Who Are Individuals)

1. The grantee certifies that, as a condition of the grant, he or she will not engage in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance in conducting any activity with the grant;
2. If convicted of a criminal drug offense resulting from a violation occurring during the conduct of any grant activity, he or she will report the conviction, in writing, within 10 calendar days of the conviction, to the grant officer or other designee, unless the Federal agency designates a central point for the receipt of such notices. When notice is made to such a central point, it shall include the identification number (s) of each affected grant.

**Part E: Certification Regarding Lobbying Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative**

CHECK IF CERTIFICATION IS FOR THE AWARD OF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING AND THE AMOUNT EXCEEDS \$100,000: A FEDERAL GRANT OR COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT; SUBCONTRACT, OR SUBGRANT UNDER THE GRANT OR COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT.

CHECK IF CERTIFICATION IS FOR THE AWARD OF A FEDERAL LOAN EXCEEDING THE AMOUNT OF \$150,000, OR A SUBGRANT OR SUBCONTRACT EXCEEDING \$100,000, UNDER THE LOAN

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

1. No federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an agency, a Member of Congress, and officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.
3. The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered unto. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less that \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

As the authorized certifying official, I hereby certify that the above specified certifications are true.

*[Handwritten Signature]* 1/27/14

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