

**IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION (IDPR)  
GRANT APPLICATION**

*READ instructions carefully before completing this application.*

**\*\*\*\*\*Use the space provided on this form only.\*\*\*\*\***

<b>IDPR Use Only</b>
Rec'd by: _____
Date: _____

Applicant Agency: Squaw Butte Chapter, Back Country Horsemen of Idaho \_\_\_\_\_

Address: P.O. Box 293 \_\_\_\_\_ Emmett \_\_\_\_\_ 83617 \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: Robbin Schindele \_\_\_\_\_ State Director \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Address: 4600 West South Slope Road \_\_\_\_\_ Emmett \_\_\_\_\_ 83617 \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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E-Mail: president@sbbchidaho.org  Check if you would like an email confirmation IDPR received application

County (where project is located): Gem, Boise, Payette, Washington, Valley, Owyhee, Adams

Common name of project: Purchase Chain saws

Project Location (state highway, area or body of water nearest to the site location and proximity to the nearest town or physical address): Multiple locations in Boise and Payette National Forests, but may also include locations in Salmon, Sawtooth and Challis NF as well as BLM lands in SW Idaho

**(Check one box only)**

IDPR Program from which you are applying for funds:

- Waterways Improvement Fund (WIF)
- Recreational Vehicle Account (RV)
- Off-Road Motor Vehicle Fund (ORMV)
- Motorbike Recreation Account (MBR)

- Recreational Trails Program (RTP)
- Recreational Road & Bridge Fund (RRBF)
- Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Grant Amount Requested: \$960 Match Amount Committed: \$240

This grant is to purchase 2 new chain saws & four additional chain saw blades to continue trail work in 2013 and beyond.

It is hereby mutually agreed and understood that the use of these funds will be for the purposes stated in this document only and are subject to the terms of the current Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation's Grant Agreement for this project, as signed by the authorized individuals. It is also understood that the applicant will comply with the appropriate Recreation Program rules as they now exist. Applicants that receive grants involving federal funds must comply with requirements as outlined in the Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133. **PLEASE SEE INSTRUCTIONS FOR EXAMPLES OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURES.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Authorized Representative Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Typed or Printed Name Date

**FOR WATERWAYS IMPROVEMENT GRANTS ONLY**

The County Waterways Committee agrees and understands that this application meets the county's waterways improvement planning requirements.

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Waterways Committee Chair Please Print Name Here Date

**1) PROGRAM PURPOSE** - How does this project address the stated purpose of the program? (Please refer to the Program Description section of this manual for explanation of the program purpose.)

Reduced budgets and manpower resources have led the National Forest Service (NFS) to dramatically reduce their trail maintenance activities. Hence they are relying more and more on volunteer groups to aid them in trail maintenance. The mission of the Back Country Horsemen of America, and the Squaw Butte Chapter, is, in part: "... to work to insure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use; to assist the various government and private agencies in their maintenance and management of said resource;..." The Squaw Butte Chapter has been performing trail work for the USFS since 1993.

The purchase of the saws applied for in this grant will allow us to continue Squaw Butte Back Country Horsemen's (SBBCH) work in support of our mission, the USFS and Idaho's trail using citizens. See the article from the Lewiston Tribune addressing the Forest Service's reliance on volunteer groups attached to this application.

**2) PROJECT URGENCY –**

- a) Describe the urgency of this project due to potential resource damage, or other impacts that may cause an opportunity to be lost if no action is taken. **If this project is not funded, what effects will it have?**

Every year trails become impassable because of downed timber. Storms, fires, age and disease all contribute to the death of trees in our forests. The removal of these dead trees from trails is an activity that needs to be addressed every year or the build up of obstacles from successive years of neglect will soon lead to the loss of trails entirely.

Another threat is the rapid growth of understory brushy species that, if left unchecked, rapidly obscure trails and destroy trail treads.

In the past the Emmett District of the Boise National Forest has supplied/loaned SBBCH the chain saws necessary to continue our work clearing trails of downed timber and brush. Reduced FS budgets and restructuring within the agency has led to this no longer being the case and without chain saws our ability to continue our trail clearing activities will be dramatically reduced. The saws applied for in this grant will allow us to continue our work for years into the future.

- b) How does the project address public health and safety issues? (See examples in the application instructions.)

On trails, downed or falling timber is both dangerous and detrimental to the adjoining habitat. Dying, diseased or burnt trees may fall with little or no provocation and often do so totally unexpectedly potentially causing injury or death to any person(s) nearby. Trees that have fallen over, across trails often cause trail users to create "new" trails around them that may harm the surrounding environment through erosion or species degradation. This is especially true in riparian and other sensitive areas. Trails that become brushed in may quickly become totally obscured thereby making them impassable and unusable.

- 3) **PROJECT IMPACT** -Describe how the project creates new opportunities not currently available? (See examples in the application instructions)

The fires and windstorms of summer 2012 caused an unusually large number of fallen trees in both the Boise and Payette National Forests blocking many commonly used recreation areas and the trails leading to them. SBBCH activity in 2013 and beyond is concentrated to restoring these trails with an emphasis on the most commonly used trails and those trail needs deemed most urgent by the agencies with which we work.

- 4) **PLAN OR SURVEY** - Is this project included in an outdoor recreation plan or survey? How does this project relate to the recommendations of the plan? (See application instructions for examples of recreation plans.)

While many of the trails we maintain on a regular basis are determined by SBBCH we also work closely with both the Boise and Payette National Forests in support of projects the NFS determines to be most urgent or important to recreational use within the NFS districts.

The Boise National Revised Forest Plan of 2010 states, under Recreation Access REGO05: "Manage motorized and non-motorized travel and travel-related facilities to:

- a) Provide for public safety,
- b) Meet resource objectives and access needs,
- c) Mitigate road and trail damage, and
- d) Minimize maintenance costs and user conflicts."

And under REGU21:

"Funding priorities for trail maintenance should be based on:

- a) The five maintenance levels and traffic classes of trail use,
- b) Resource degradation, and/or
- c) Type and degree of use."

Trail maintenance is a high priority in the Idaho Trails Plan & Idaho State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation and Travel Plan (SCORTP)

5) **SCOPE OF WORK -**

- a. **Describe what the project will accomplish.** Describe the project planning. Explain, in detail, what will be accomplished, including the number of units, timetable, etc. If equipment, who will be using, number of hours used per year, and for what? (**IMPORTANT:** *Construction drawings or conceptual plans **should be attached to this application. Please do not use anything larger than 11x17 size paper.***)

This project is to purchase two chain saws and two extra blades for each saw.

The saws are:

- 1) Stihl MS 291 with a 16 inch bar and 2 additional blades. The specifications for the saw are:  
DISPLACEMENT 55.5 cc (3.39 cu. in.)  
ENGINE POWER 2.8 kW (3.76 bhp)  
POWERHEAD WEIGHT 5.49 kg (12.1 lbs.)  
GUIDE BAR LENGTHS\* (Recommended ranges) 40 to 50 cm (16" to 20")  
FUEL CAPACITY 500 cc (16.9 oz.)  
CHAIN OIL CAPACITY 240 cc (8.12 oz.)  
OILOMATIC® CHAIN .325 RM3
- 2) Stihl MS 391 with a 24 inch bar and 2 additional blades. The specifications for the saw are:  
DISPLACEMENT 64.1 cc (3.9 cu. in.)  
ENGINE POWER 3.3 kW (4.4 bhp)  
POWERHEAD WEIGHT 6.4 kg (14.1 lbs.)  
GUIDE BAR LENGTHS\* (Recommended ranges) 40 to 50 cm (16" to 20")  
FUEL CAPACITY 600 cc (20.3 oz.)  
CHAIN OIL CAPACITY 350 cc (11.8 oz.)  
OILOMATIC® CHAIN 3/8" RS3

The saws will be used by NFS certified sawyer members of SBBCH on trails throughout the Boise and Payette National Forests as well as BLM lands where a need may occur.

See the chart showing SBBCH volunteer activities, including chain saw use, attached to this document.

See the spreadsheet listing trails SBBCH has worked on in the Boise and Payette National Forests attached to this document and the accompanying maps.

When not in use the saws will be stored at the home of the SBBCH project coordinator. That person will also be responsible for supervising and authorizing maintenance on the saws. A usage log will be maintained by the project coordinator, entries into the log will be made at the completion of all trail maintenance activities. The log will record; where the saw(s) were used, the sawyers name and for how long each saw was operated.

Have you discussed this project (in detail) with IDPR staff and/or the respective advisory committee member? Please list the IDPR staff and/or committee member:

Name:	Date Contacted:
<u>Jill Murphey</u>	<u>11/29/2012</u>
<u>Jill Murphey</u>	<u>01/03/2013</u>
<u>Jill Murphey</u>	<u>01/07/2013</u>
<u> </u>	<u> </u>

## 6) JUSTIFY THE NEED AND DEMAND FOR THE PROJECT -

Describe the **CURRENT** use in the area (*Waterways, RV, ORMV, and/or other*) and the **POTENTIAL** use expected with the development of this project. (Include user days, types of users, number of users during high use, etc.) Describe the current deficiencies and how they will be corrected with the development of this project. **Why is this project needed?**

Every year, at all times of the year, trees fall in the forest blocking or obscuring trails. Brush grows and spreads obscuring, filling in and destroying trail beds. Without maintenance trails disappear, without trails all user groups, hikers, horsemen, motorcyclists, bicyclists, hunters, fishermen and Sunday picnickers all lose recreational access to our public lands. The use of the saws applied for in this grant will allow SBBCH to continue its mission to provide access to those lands for all user groups.

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Although BCHI is an equestrian organization our work, in the past and future, includes trails used by motorized and non-motorized users groups including equestrians, hikers, motorcyclists, bicyclists, off road vehicles and snowmobiles. Our mission is to allow access to public lands for all.

While SBBCH has a variety of hand tools, shovels, polaskis, axes, etc., a six foot, two man crosscut saw for work in wilderness areas and a motorized trim saw, the majority of our work is downed trees blocking or obscuring trails. The purchase of the saws applied for in this grant will allow us to continue Squaw Butte Back Country Horsemen's (SBBCH) work in support of our mission, the USFS and Idaho's trail using citizens.

See the article from the Lewiston Tribune addressing the Forest Service's reliance on volunteer groups attached to this application.

## 7) MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION - Describe provisions for ongoing maintenance and operation of the project (*Who will be responsible for the maintenance and operation and what is the annual budget?*)

Once the saws are purchased SBBCH will be responsible for their annual and ongoing maintenance consistent with the manufacturers recommendations. Saw operation is checked by SBBCH sawyer certified personnel before and after every use. At the end of every season the saws will be taken to Emmett Saws Mowers and Rentals (a Stihl dealer and certified Stihl repair center) for cleaning, tune up and any repairs to prepare them for use the following year. The SBBCH budget for this activity is \$150.00 for 2013.

**8) OBLIGATED MATCHING FUNDS – (a.)** List the source, (b.) amount, and give a (c.) description of matching funds obligated to the project. Add column “b” and put total at the bottom.

<b>(a.) CONTRIBUTOR</b>	<b>(b.) AMOUNT</b>	<b>(c.) DESCRIPTION</b>
Emmett Saws	\$60.00	5% donation on saws & blades cost
Squaw Butte BCH	\$180.00	Remainder of 20% non-federal req.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$240.00</b>	

*Provide letter(s) of commitment or other documentation to verify the match from **each** contributor. Your match will not be considered without appropriate letter(s) of commitment. Make sure the dollar value is noted on the letter of commitment.*

The total in column “b” must be the same as the total in the “matching share” column “B” on the next page.

**9) USER GROUP SUPPORT –** Describe the amount of support this project has from its associated user group(s). How has this support been demonstrated? (List supporting groups and attach letters of support.)

Please see the letters of support from attached to this document.

- Boise National Forest
- Payette National Forest
- Boise District of the Federal Bureau of Land Management
- Back Country Horsemen of Idaho
- Southwest Mountain Biking Association

**10)BUDGET**

**Project Name:** 2 Chain Saws

For IDPR Use Only Grant #		Source of Funding			IDPR Use Only
Project Components	(C) Total Cost	(B) Matching Share	(A) Grant Request	Amount Approved	
2 chain saws & 4 blades	\$1200.00	\$240.00	\$960.00		
<b>TOTALS</b>					
<b>% of TOTAL</b>	100%	20 %	80 %	%	

*\*Round to the nearest dollar and percentage. Be sure to check your addition. Columns A+B=C.*

**NOTES:**

- For RV, WIF, ORMV, Motorbike, Road & Bridge projects – match is not required (except for motorized equipment as noted below), but more points are awarded to projects with financial commitments from the sponsor.
- For RTP projects only – A 20% match is required with 5% of the total project being non-federal money.
- For WIF projects only – grants for motorized equipment valued up to \$50,000 require a 25% match. WIF grants for motorized equipment valued at greater than \$50,000 require a 20% match.
- For ORMV, RTP, Motorbike and RV projects - grant requests for motorized equipment over \$1,000 (each) and under \$50,000 (each) shall require a minimum of 50% matching funds to be eligible for funding under Board Policy.
- For LWCF – 50% match is required.

The following questions are for administrative use and must be completed to establish eligibility of the project.

**A. ACCESSIBILITY** – Explain how the project complies with accessibility requirements as stated in the Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards, Americans with Disabilities Act Guidelines, or Uniform Building Code? (***Include construction drawings or conceptual plans to support accessibility. Please do not use anything larger than 11x17 size paper.***)

**NA**

**B. SITE DESCRIPTION** - Describe the site as well as the surrounding area. Explain the compatibility of the project to the site. (*Include site location map, scale site plan including boundary and utility information, if available.*) If the grant is for equipment, describe where it will be used (include map). Be specific.

This grant application is not site specific but may include any trail on public land in SW Idaho including the Boise, Payette, Sawtooth, Salmon and Challis National Forests as well as BLM land in the region.

Please see the attached maps for NFS trails SBBCH has worked in on in the past.

**C. PROJECT DESIGN** - Who will design and/or engineer this project? Is the person/company licensed?

Emmett Saws Mowers and Rentals, a Stihl dealer and Stihl certified repair vendor located in Emmett, Idaho.

**D. PROJECT PERIOD** – What are the intended start and completion dates?

Estimated Project Start Date: 07/15/2013

Estimated Project End Date: 08/30/2013

**Do not begin on your project or incur costs until notified by an IDPR grants specialist.**

**E. PROJECTED LIFE OF THE PROJECT/EQUIPMENT -**

- 1-5 years
- 6-10 years
- 11-15 years
- 16-20 years
- 20+ years



F. **USE FEE** - Will a fee be charged for use of or access to this project?

Yes  No

If Yes, justify the need to charge and specify the amount, to whom the fee will apply, and how the collected fee will be used. Be specific.

G. **PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT** - Describe the public involvement process (*in detail*) used in the planning of this project and the results of the input (*attach necessary documentation*). **If your project will impact fish and/or wildlife, the Idaho Department of Fish and Game must be notified.**

NOTE: PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IS MANDATORY FOR ALL APPLICANTS AS STATED IN IDAPA CODE 26.01.31.100.03. YOUR APPLICATION IS NOT ELIGIBLE WITHOUT PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT!

This grant application has been posted to two public web sites for public comment;

[www.sbbchidaho.org](http://www.sbbchidaho.org) and [www.ssbch.org](http://www.ssbch.org)

Please see the attached images the online presentation.

H. **PERMITS** - Does this project require any necessary permits or National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documentation?  Yes  No

If Yes,  the permits have been obtained (*attach copy*)

the permits have been applied for

the permits have not been applied for

the approved NEPA documentation is complete (*attach copy*)

If Yes, please identify the permits that will be required: \_\_\_\_\_

I. **APPLICANT OWNERSHIP** - Describe ownership of the project site:

The application is for equipment/service (*land ownership is not required*).

Applicant owns land (*attach a copy of Fee Simple Title – Is the deed and title clear?*)

Applicant has a Management Agreement or Memorandum of Understanding with the legal landowner/management agency. (Attach copy of MOU and letter of support from landowner)

If ownership is different from above, describe specifically:

## J. For Recreational Trails Program Grant Applications ONLY

Motorized     Non-Motorized     Diverse Use (Must check one. See program descriptions)

Project Name Squaw Butte Chapter BCHI chain saws

### INSTRUCTIONS:

This survey is a requirement for funding from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Recreational Trails Program. Please complete all items. Only those projects selected for funding will be submitted to the FHWA for their approval. **Please note that any answer enclosed by a box  requires further explanation (on a separate sheet).**

#### 1. Land Use

a. Briefly describe the land use in the project area. Attach a land use map if needed.

Any and all trails within the Boise, Payette, Salmon, Sawtooth and Challis National Forests, and Boise District BLM lands outside the boundaries of any Federally designated wilderness areas.

b. Is the project consistent with management/development plans for the area?    Yes X    No

Name of Plan Primarily-2010 Boise NF Amended Forest Plan, Payette NF Forest Plan

#### 2. Socioeconomics

Will the proposed project *positively or negatively impact, or have no effect* on any of the following?

a. Health/Education Facilities	+	<b>no effect</b>	-- <input type="checkbox"/>
b. Emergency Service Providers	<b>+</b>	<b>no effect</b>	-- <input type="checkbox"/>
c. Public Utilities	+	<b>no effect</b>	-- <input type="checkbox"/>
d. Residential Area	+	<b>no effect</b>	-- <input type="checkbox"/>
e. Handicapped, Minorities, or Elderly	+	<b>no effect</b>	-- <input type="checkbox"/>
f. Local Tax Base	+	<b>no effect</b>	-- <input type="checkbox"/>
g. Economic Activity	<b>+</b>	<b>no effect</b>	-- <input type="checkbox"/>

#### 3. Natural Resources

a. Are any of the following in the project area? (please check)

Streams	<u>X</u>	Floodplains	<u>X</u>	Wild and Scenic Rivers	___
Rivers	<u>X</u>	Lakes	<u>X</u>	National Natural Landmarks	___
Wetlands	<u>X</u>				

b. Will the project permanently or negatively impact the following?

Soil Erosion or Sedimentation    Yes  No X    Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat    Yes  No X

#### 4. Historic and Archeological Resources

a. Will the project have an effect on historic or archeological resources?    Yes     No X

b. If the project has an effect on historic or archeological resources,    Yes     No \_\_\_  
has the effect been coordinated with the State Historic Preservation Office?

#### 5. Hazardous Wastes

Is there any potential for involvement with hazardous wastes?    Yes     No X

#### 6. Noise

Is there potential for the project to have a noise impact on surrounding land uses?    Yes     No X

#### 7. Air Quality

Will the project have an adverse impact on air quality?    Yes     No X