



Request for Stream Restoration Project Proposals for Oregon Trout's 2008 StreamBank Pilot

Background

In late 2006, Oregon Trout began development of a web-based software tool to simplify and accelerate the process of funding, permitting and implementing stream restoration projects. We completed a beta version in August 2007 and completed three pilot projects on-the-ground to test the tool: Kermit Creek/Farr Ranch (South Coast/Elk River), Arrah Wanna Side Channel (Sandy River Basin), and Marys River (Willamette River Basin). The Marys River pilot project was completed in mid-November—only 70 days start-to-finish from initial landowner meeting to completed work on the ground. Due to planting requirements, the Kermit Creek and Arrah Wanna Side Channel projects were completed in January, only 120 days start-to-finish for each project. As you know, this is nearly very fast for restoration, particularly for work requiring permits as on Kermit Creek. This efficiency was gained without sacrificing project quality. A case study on the 2007 pilot projects, as well as more information on StreamBank, can be found on our website, <http://www.ortrout.org/streamBank.html>.

In 2008, Oregon Trout will test the StreamBank tool on a wider scale, with up to 20 projects around the state. We are seeking basic information from potential project coordinators with funding needs for 2008 projects, to get a sense of what possible projects exist and whether they meet the criteria for StreamBank pilot projects. We do not need a detailed proposal, just information that aligns with the criteria below. Upon receiving responses and contacting eligible project coordinators, we will make final project decisions by April 1, 2008.

Through StreamBank, Oregon Trout will fund all project work (design through implementation) as well as local project coordinator costs in design, project management, maintenance, monitoring and reporting.

Eligibility Criteria

- Eligible project types:
 - Large wood placement
 - Culvert removal / replacement
 - Riparian weed removal
 - Riparian planting with native vegetation
 - Fence construction
 - Off-channel watering
- Project actions of the above types may be combined into one multi-faceted project.
- Project must be on private land
- Must be ready to implement and complete during the 2008 work season (unless planting is involved and fall planting is not advisable)
- Must be willing to undertake pre- and post-project monitoring including photopoint and quantitative effectiveness monitoring.
- Must be willing to use the StreamBank web tool in developing project budgets, accessing funds, invoicing for funds, reporting, and monitoring.

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- Project cost range: TBD, but likely under \$100,000 per project
- Must be a discrete project (not part of a larger project)
- **DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: February 22, 2008. Please submit proposals ASAP – we will continue to review proposals only until the slate is full.**
- **Other factors may affect final project selection, including availability of funds, spread of projects in terms of geography and project type, etc.**

Advantages of StreamBank Participation

- Web-based funding tool provides speed and one-stop-shop efficiency in accessing all necessary funds (design, implementation, monitoring, maintenance) at one time, as well as relevant permits. This helps alleviate the time it takes to write grants, often several for one project, to several entities as well as wait for a response from granting entities along differing timelines.
- Funding is provided in advance except for the final 10%, meaning you don't have to front dollars for design, implementation, monitoring and maintenance.
- Capacity issues are assisted by paying for local coordinator design time, project management, monitoring and maintenance. This means you will not have to depend on your existing budget to cover relevant project costs/staff time and could even hire staff support if needed.
- Reporting occurs with enhanced web-based efficiency. Monitoring and out-year maintenance are funded.

Submission Process

If interested in participating in the 2008 StreamBank pilot, please submit a brief project description (up to 1 page) that addresses the following:

- Project local coordinator name and entity
- Project goals and objectives
- Project location
- Project type
- Approx. length of acreage to be treated and / or stream miles of habitat opened
- Estimate of project cost
- Number of landowners, and especially indicate whether landowner permission has been obtained
- Does the project implement a recommended action in a recovery plan, watershed plan, or similar document? If so, provide reference.
- Are there any complicating factors that could prevent the project from being fully implemented in 2008?

Please send submissions to:

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