# Eligibility Guidelines for Stewardship Fund Projects

## PROHIBITED Project Types and Activities

In general, Stewardship funds are limited to on the ground projects. The following activities **cannot** be funded and must be funded with matching funds.

* + Indirect Administration
	+ Analysis/Research, Surveys, Inventories or Evaluation *(except for Section 106 Cultural Resource Surveys)*
	+ Monitoring or Maintenance *(Project level monitoring and inventory is recommended to be included in stewardship project proposals, however those tasks must be funded through in-kind work or other match sources)*
	+ Education or Signage
	+ Technical/Engineering Design or NEPA Planning
	+ Capital improvements (e.g. permanent structures such as bridges, footings, and concrete abutments etc.).

## ACCEPTED Project Types and Activities

**Terrestrial Projects**

* Development of late-successional habitat
* Habitat improvement for neotropical migratory birds
* Dune protection and restoration
* Creation or improvement of upland meadows, or other early and mid-seral habitats for rare/unique species or elk forage
* Projects should be located within a 1 ½ miles of Siuslaw National Forest lands (based on the home range

 radius of the northern spotted owl and elk movement).

**Aquatic Projects**

* Opening additional fish passage to at least ¼ mile of fish habitat
* In-stream projects that will improve fish spawning, rearing and thermal refuge habitat
* Culverts and boxed culverts (purchase and placement only-no technical design)
* Noxious weed control
* Riparian planting
* Upgrades to poor road and trail system
* Road decommissioning
* Improvements to sanitation facilities
* Clean-up of dumpsites
* **Riparian and Wetland Projects**
	+ Riparian projects that benefit water quality (especially temperature and sediment)
	+ Long term in-stream habitat recovery and nutrient contribution
	+ Tidal wetland projects that remove dikes and restore tide channels
	+ Projects in sub-watersheds containing National Forest lands would be higher priority than projects in sub-watersheds with no National Forest lands.
* **Water Quality Projects**
* Projects that reduce point and non-point sources of pollution will be considered
* Upgrades to road and trail drainage
* Road decommissioning
* Improvements to sanitation facilities at undeveloped sites; and
* Cleanup of dumpsites that contain materials harmful to the watershed.
* Projects must demonstrate direct positive effects to water quality; mitigation work mandated by law cannot be funded.
* **In-stream and Fish Passage Enhancement Projects (See Section I for design requirements)**
	+ Improvements to spawning, rearing and thermal refuge habitat.
	+ Where migratory populations are found on NFS lands (especially anadromous or adfluvial life histories) the contribution can be direct and easy to demonstrate.
	+ Where resident populations are present, benefit may be shown based on the presumption that the greater the number of fish produced within the basin, the better the resiliency of the population to recover if a catastrophic event occurs.
	+ Removal of barriers downstream of SNF lands that can increase fish habitat.

**Invasive Weed Control Projects**

* Projects must identify weed species that have specific resource impact. See table below for an invasive plant list to determine the weed species threat category:

Category A - can be anywhere in the basin;

Category B - vector or resource impact connection with NF lands needed and

Category C - adjacency to NF and resource impact needed.

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| *Scientific Name* | Common Name | Category |
| *Ammophila arenaria* | European beachgrass | C |
| *Brachypodium sylvaticum* | False brome | A |
| *Buddleja globosa* | Butterflybush | B |
| *Calystegia sepium* | Hedge bindweed | C |
| *Centaurea maculosa* | Spotted knapweed | B |
| *Centaurea pratensis* | Meadow knapweed | B |
| *Centaurea solstitialis* | Yellow starthistle | B |
| *Cirsium arvense* | Canada thistle | B |
| *Cirsium vulgare* | Bull thistle | B |
| *Clematis vitalba* | Clematis | B |
| *Cortaderia selloana* | Pampass grass | B |
| *Cytisus scoparius* | Scotch broom | C |
| *Cytisus striatus* | Portuguese broom | B |
| *Digitalis purpurea* | Foxglove | C |
| *Elodea densa* | So. Am waterweed | A |
| *Geranium robertianum* | Robert’s geranium | C |
| *Hedera helix* | English ivy | C |
| *Ilex aquafolium* | English holly | C |
| *Impatiens glandulifera* | Policeman’s helmut | B |
| *Iris pseudacorus* | Flag iris | B |
| *Lamiastrum galeobdolon* | Yellow archangel | A |
| *Lathyrus latifolius* | Everlasting peavine | C |
| *Leucanthemum vulgare* | Ox-eye daisy | B |
| *Linaria dalmatica**Lythrum salicaria Myriophllum aquaticum Phalaris arundinacea Polygonum cuspidatum Polygonum polystachyum Polygonum sachalinense**Rubus armeniacus**Rubus laciniatus**Sasa palmate**Senecio jacobaea**Ulex europaeus* | Dalmatian toadflax Purple loosestrife Parrot feather Reed canary grass Japanese knotweed Himalayan knotweed Giant knotweedHimalaya BlackberryEvergreen blackberryBambooTansy ragwortGorse | BA AC AACCCBB |

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## ACCEPTED Project Implementation Activities *(that may be included but are not limited to)*

**Pre-Implementation:** Activities must directly support project implementation. These activities may include:

* Coordination with landowners, organizations, contractors or agencies involved in project implementation;
* Pre-work meetings with contractors or cooperators;
* Travel to meetings associated with the implementation of the project.

**Implementation:** Activities paid for with stewardship funds must be in direct support of on the-ground implementation of the project and may include:

* On-the-ground work or supervision of project work;
* Administration of implementation contracts;
* Inspection and acceptance of work;
* Coordination of landowners, volunteers, other groups or agencies involved in project activities;
* Travel to project sites.

**Post Implementation**: Activities are limited to legal reporting requirements of any permits or activities associated with on-the-ground implementation and accomplishment reporting required for stewardship-retained receipts.