

Hoopa Valley Tribe Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Proposal 2014 Field Supplies for Natural Resources Rangers

Abstract: The Hoopa Valley Tribe's, Tribal Forestry and Tribal Police Departments have been directed to develop a Resource Protection Ranger position to be housed at Tribal Forestry. The purpose of this position will be to serve as the eyes and ears of the tribe in the forests of the reservation. The reservation is approximately 144 square miles in size with the vast majority of it being remote forest land managed for timber production and the protection and conservation of fish, wildlife, water quality and cultural resources. During the last 2 decades under tribal management there have been concerns raised about impacts to these resources that stem primarily from violations of the tribe's trespass ordinance. These include timber theft, illegal marijuana cultivation and illegal dumping among others. As a first step to developing this new Law Enforcement position the tribe was awarded funding through this program's FY2013 funding opportunity for the purpose of developing a thorough Job Description, Policies and Procedures and a Plan of Operations. Work on that task is ongoing. The purpose of this JAG proposal is to obtain funds to purchase field supplies for the natural resource ranger personnel (Conservation Law Enforcement Officers) that will be hired and the tribe respectfully requests \$12,241 to achieve this objective.

JAG PROPOSAL NARRATIVE

Assessment of Need:

The Na:tinaxwe or "Hupa People" lived in villages along the Trinity River and used the encompassing mountainous region for hunting and gathering, providing a stewardship role over the landscape. For centuries both in sacred ceremonies and in daily living the Hupa observed beliefs which had passed from generation to generation. To accommodate their way of life, they masterfully crafted an abundance of cultural instruments endemic to this region such as deer sinew-backed yew wood bows, elk antler purses, an assortment of fine twilled baskets, split cedar houses and beautiful dance regalia. For thousands of years the people of the valley lived peacefully in a rich and abundant land. They maintained the landscape respectfully and used fire to manage forest resources. The Hupa people held ceremonies for the health of the people and of the land and to bring balance to the earth, which encouraged a deep and spiritual connection with Ninasa:n, (Creator/Mountain) and with Kelxini (Guardians with a particular role). These ceremonies were shared by neighboring tribes who traveled to participate as guests.

With European settlement came dramatic changes, however, the Hupa people managed to retain the center of their aboriginal territory and maintain their cultural traditions (Maps 1 and 2). The tribe's economy is now almost entirely timber based. Much mitigation has been established to retain habitat value for important traditional species such as the pileated woodpecker and fisher as well as the federally threatened northern spotted owl and marbled murrelet. The tribe's

management has been certified as ecologically sustainable by the Forest Stewardship Council through Smartwood and has received international recognition from the United Nations.

In recent years there has been an emerging threat to the reservation's natural resources including fish, wildlife, plants, soil and water all of which are sacred to the Hupa people. This new threat has been tied to Drug Trafficking Organizations (DTO) which have been and still are illegally growing thousands of marijuana plants in our forests on public, tribal and private lands. In addition, there are numerous instances of trespass involving the theft of timber, wildlife and other resources. Without a consistent LE presence in the forests of the reservation these problems will worsen.

The Tribe is planning to establish a Resource Protection Ranger position within the Tribal Forestry Department for the purpose of establishing a presence in the forest and to coordinate with Tribal Police when necessary to stop all illegal activity associated with trespass. A proposal was recently submitted to the Bureau of Indian Affairs' Conservation Law Enforcement Officer (CLEO) program requesting funds for up to 3 officers. This JAG funding request will be used to complete the following objectives:

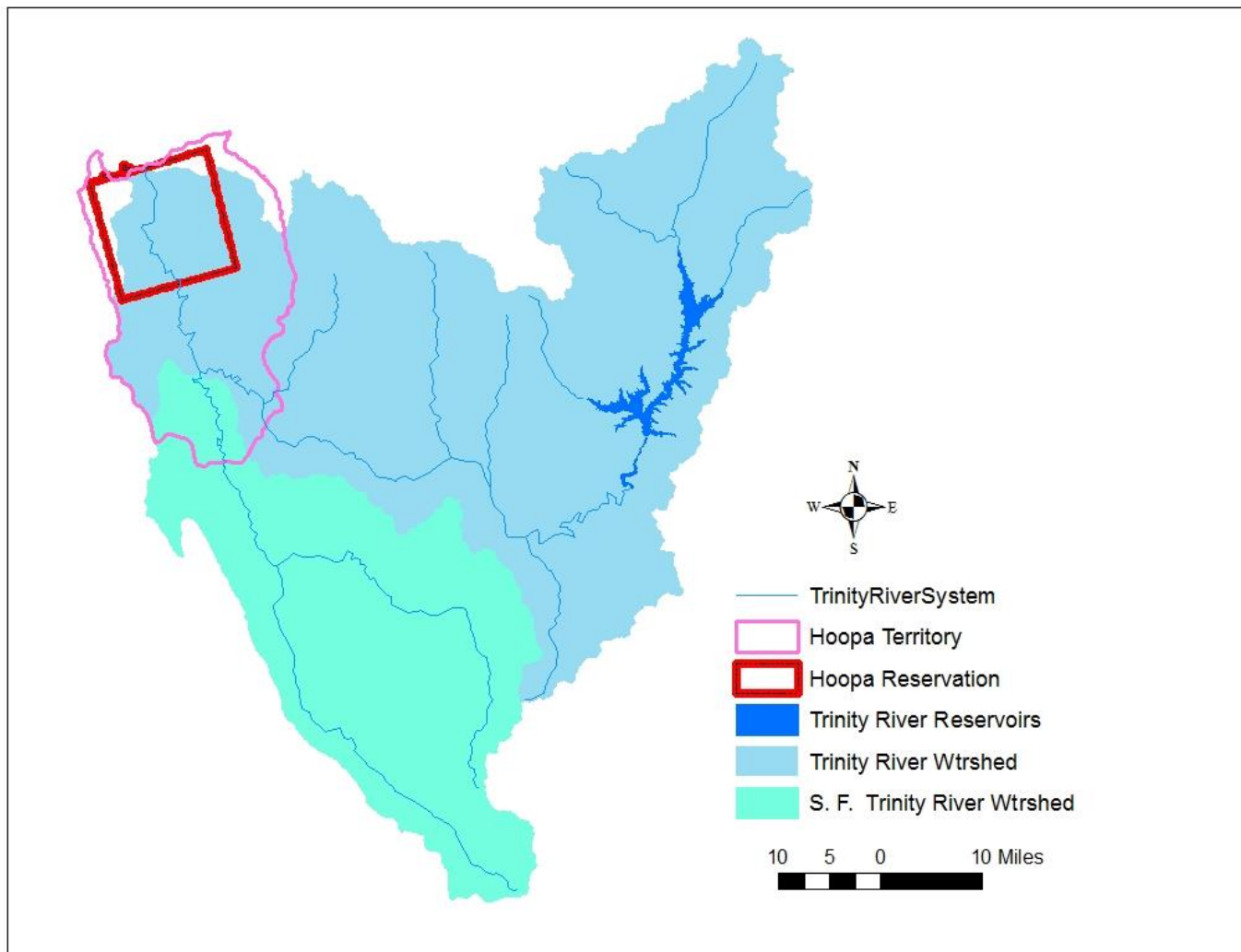
1. Purchase appropriate radios for the officers
2. Purchase supplies for vehicles such as cameras, lights, winches, off road tires, re-enforced bumpers etc.
3. Purchase other appropriate field gear such as GPS, remote cameras, other remote monitoring technologies, Field uniform, etc.

Performance Measures:

Very simply the 3 objectives listed above will be completed by the end of September 2015.



Map 1. Location of the Hoopa Valley Indian Reservation, Humboldt County, CA. The reservation is approximately 144 square miles (12x12 miles) and has over 600 miles of roads within 90,676 acres of mostly forested land.



Map 2. Location of the Hoopa Valley Indian Reservation in relation to the historical territory and the Trinity River Watershed.

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JAG PROPOSAL BUDGET NARRATIVE

The total funding requested is \$12,241. This funding will be budgeted at a one line item; Field Supplies (\$12,241). The field supplies will include uniform, radios, GPS, remote cameras, other remote monitoring technology. Vehicle supplies such as dash cameras, reinforced bumpers, spot lights etc.

Hoopa Valley Indian Reservation			
Duration: 12 months, Oct. 1, 2013-Sept. 2015			
Hoopa's Tribal JAG Proposal			
Budget Category		Description	JAG Request
A. PERSONNEL			
	Total Personnel		\$0
B. FRINGE BENEFITS			
	Total Fringe		\$0
C. TRAVEL			
	Total Travel		\$0
D. EQUIPMENT			
	Total Equipment		\$0
E. SUPPLIES			
Field supplies		Purchase of field supplies for new conservation officers	\$12,241
	Total Supplies		\$12,241
F. CONTRACTUAL			
	Total Contractual		\$0
H. OTHER			
	Total Other		\$0
TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET			\$12,241
Percent of Total Budget			
Indirect Cost		Indirect: 20% reduced rate applied to everything except category D. Equipment and F. Contractual	
TOTAL PROJECT PLUS INDIRECT COST		Total Budget with Indirect Cost	\$12,241