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STATE OF WASHINGTON

RECREATION AND CONSERVATION OFFICE

NORTH AMERICAN WETLANDS CONSERVATION ACT PROPOSAL
PARTNER CONTRIBUTION FORM

What is the title of the proposal that you are contributing to?
Lake Creek Wetlands Complex Protection (#15-1172)

What is the name of your organization (private landowners indicate "Private")?
Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office, Salmon Recovery Funding Board

When will you make the contribution? March 2016

What is the value of your contribution and how did you determine the value? Does the contribution have a non-Federal origin? If this is based on a fund-raising event or other future action, if that future action fails, will you still provide the contribution amount?
Our $154,756 contribution is the grant request amount, to assist in the due diligence, purchase, management planning and enhancement of Lake Creek Wetlands Complex Acquisition, property A. The source of our contribution is Washington State Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB), Non-Federal (State) dollars, from our Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration account.

What long-term migratory bird and wetlands conservation work will the contribution cover?
The portion of the Lake Creek Wetlands Complex Acquisition project that the SRFB is assisting encompasses 46.3 acres of steelhead habitat and high quality wetlands and a small (4 acre) area of associated upland forest. Property A protects 1,000 ft. of lakefront and 3,900 ft. of streambank on the main channel of Lake Creek. It also includes 8,000 plus feet of Lake Creek side channels and 1,000 ft. on two small seasonal streams that flow off of forestlands. The property's braided stream channels provide rearing habitat for steelhead. The extensive emergent, scrub shrub and forested wetlands positively impacts water quality and flows in the Nookachamps basin through good vegetative cover over an expansive wetland complex, including springs and ground water inputs. This project will extinguish development rights and prevent timber harvest and other damaging recreational uses of the site, ensuring permanent protection of the property and its habitat functions.

Does the proposal correctly describe your contribution, especially the amount?
Yes

If applicable to the proposal, is your organization competent to hold title to, and manage, land acquired with grant funds and are you willing to apply a Notice of Grant Agreement or other recordable document to the property?
NA – we do not hold title. The Skagit Land Trust will hold title was purchased.

Please confirm that your contribution has not been used to meet other Federal programs match or cost share requirements. Yes, this contribution is not being used to meet other federal programs.

Do you have any additional comments?
The Washington State SRFB is super stoked to be a partner on this proposal to leverage the protection of important wetland habitat in Skagit County, in particular recognizing the unprecedented opportunity to preserve the important steelhead habitat and wetland resources of the Lake Creek Wetlands Complex on Lake Creek.

Sincerely,

Marc Duboiski
Salmon Recovery Grants Manager
Date: 10-7-15