

CMER Request

Proponent: SAGE	Date: 06/21/2022																				
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Project Name/Issue: Eastside Type N Riparian Effectiveness Project (ENREP)																					
Request: SAGE is requesting CMER’s approval to extend the monitoring at the Blue Grouse Basin pairs through the end of water year 2024 to obtain two full years of post-harvest data.																					
Funding Source: AMP Budget	Urgency: High																				
<p>Request Description:</p> <p>SAGE received a presentation from the ENREP Principal Investigator on the current status of ENREP project sites. The ENREP Project Team strongly recommended that monitoring of the Blue Grouse Basin pairs continue through the end of water year 2024 (i.e., September 2024) to accomplish the project objectives of obtaining 2 years of post-harvest data, as detailed in the Study Plan.</p> <p>This one-year monitoring extension is recommended because the Blue Grouse harvest was not completed until the end of February 2022, approximately halfway through hydrologic year 2022. As a result, the full effects of canopy removal on the hydrological regime will not be manifested in the water year 2022 data, hence the data will represent the transitional harvest year. The collection of two years of post-harvest data where the hydrological and water quality effects of the experimental harvests are fully manifested will therefore require monitoring through water years 2023 and 2024. The project partner (Inland Empire Paper) who operates the Blue Grouse site has been informed of this need and has indicated that continued monitoring will not affect their operations and that they have no additional management planned for the study basins in WY2024.</p> <p>The recommended extended monitoring has a relatively modest impact on the project budget because there will be ongoing monitoring at the Coxit Mountain and Fish Creek sites during this time and Blue Grouse monitoring can be added to the tasks for the summer crews that will be active in the region. University of Idaho cost for FY 24 will be further reduced because the previously budgeted FY24 – 25 demobilization costs will move to FY25 – 26.</p> <p>Projected budget increases related to the extension are:</p> <p><i>These are draft estimates only, subject to revision and University approval</i></p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 10px;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 25%;"></th> <th style="width: 20%;">FY 2024</th> <th style="width: 20%;">FY 2025</th> <th style="width: 20%;">FY 2026</th> <th style="width: 15%;">Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>University of Idaho</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$2,355</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$3,736</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$8,463</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$14,554</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Utah State University</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$5,097</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$2,548</td> <td style="text-align: center;">N/A</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$7,645</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$7,452</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$6,284</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$8,463</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$22,199</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>SAGE has approved these recommendations, and is requesting CMER approval of the recommendations.</p>			FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	Total	University of Idaho	\$2,355	\$3,736	\$8,463	\$14,554	Utah State University	\$5,097	\$2,548	N/A	\$7,645	Total	\$7,452	\$6,284	\$8,463	\$22,199
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