

Project(s) Proposal

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WV Department of Natural Resources

Hunter Ed - Basic

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Primary Agency	WV Department of Natural Resources
Start Date	June 29, 2012
End Date	June 28, 2013
Project Categories	Recreation, Administration

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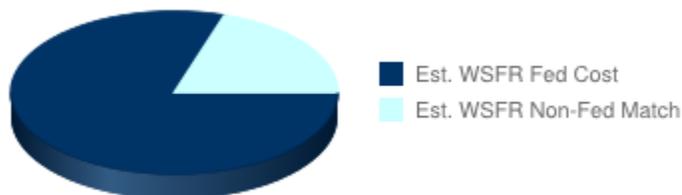
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Properties

Is Revision?	No
Grant Programs	Hunter Ed - Basic

Project Statement Cost Breakdown	Estimated WSFR Federal Cost:	\$160,000
	Estimated WSFR Non-Federal Match:	\$40,000
	Total Estimated Cost:	\$200,000

Cost Breakdown Graph



Need Statement

The State of West Virginia (WV) has enjoyed a rich hunting heritage throughout its history. Hunting provides benefits to the WV economy, improves wildlife management in WV and provides wildlife dependent recreation. West Virginia's abundance of natural habitat, public lands and bountiful game species allows for limitless opportunities for people to participate in hunting. Unfortunately, the hunting culture in WV has resulted in unsatisfactory levels of hunting incidents. According to the National Hunter Education Association, over the last two decades the State of WV had a hunting

incident rate 12% above the national average. A survey of current, former and potential new hunters, performed by State University in 2009, revealed that the number of basic hunter education courses offered annually in the State of WV was grossly inadequate to meet the demand for all potential first time hunters. The survey revealed hunter dissatisfaction over the lack of courses offered at convenient locations and times throughout the year. It is imperative that WV DNR meet the statewide demand to provide basic hunter education courses to develop safe and responsible hunters. Failure to take action to meet the demand for hunter education will result in continued unsatisfactory levels of hunting incidents and will significantly jeopardize West Virginia's ability to sustain a rich hunting heritage and safe hunting experience.

Approach

Employ one full time professional and two part time staff involved in the management and oversight of the state mandated Basic Hunter Education program. Staff will develop, manage and provide support services for the ongoing operation of the state mandated Basic Hunter Education program. Responsibilities include maintenance of a reliable state-of-the-art, customer-friendly student registration and record management system via web-based technology. Hunter education students will be able to locate and register for any hunter education class via the Internet. Volunteer instructors will be able to conveniently and efficiently manage student and course records. The Hunter Education staff will acquire training equipment, event supplies and materials to conduct above programs and activities. The Hunter Education staff will develop and implement multiple course delivery methods including instructor-led, home study and on-line courses. Courses will be located in strategic locations where demand is highest. Hunter Education staff will be responsible for the recruitment, training and recognition of at least 200 new volunteer instructors. This includes conducting a minimum of six (6) new instructor training workshops annually that provide standardized training on subjects such as: lesson plan development, records management, public speaking, learning styles & educational theory, use of teaching aids, interactive teaching methods, student evaluations, conducting skill-based training exercises, dilemma-style teaching methods, program policy and procedures, child protection and sexual harassment. To provide for the ongoing development and implementation of instructor training curricula and programs, staff will conduct at least six (6) in-service instructor training workshops for 1800 existing volunteer instructors to address ongoing and current training needs. To maintain and develop a volunteer corps, staff will develop, acquire, distribute and maintain teaching aids, course materials, volunteer uniforms and equipment used in the recruitment, training, recognition and management of all hunter education program instructors. To maintain and develop volunteer instructor corps an incentive program for volunteer instructors will be developed and implemented whereby instructors will be presented awards based upon established performance standards, such as "number of classes taught", "number of training events attended", etc.

Expected Results

- A decrease in hunting incidents below the national average.
- Customer demand for basic hunter education training fully satisfied.
- A well developed, highly skilled and trained volunteer instructor corps.
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General

The proposed project activities are eligible for funding and meet criteria for substantiality in character and design under 50 CFR 80.50 (b)

Useful Life

NA

Program Income

None anticipated

Multipurpose Projects

NA

Relationship with Other Grants

Volunteer instructors once trained may be used for instructing advanced hunter education topics such as tree stand safety, turkey hunting, target shooting and archery instruction through the National Archery in the Schools (NASP) program. These courses are conducted under WSFR project W-001-E Enhanced Student Training.

Timeline

- July1-August 30, 2012- All equipment, supplies and materials procured.
- August - September 30, 2012, six volunteer instructor training courses conducted regionally.
- One in-service instructor training course and recognition event conducted bi-monthly.
- Hunter education courses and workshops conducted monthly.

SMART Objectives - Needs/Threats

1 - Training Needs

Need/Threat Level	2
Level 1 Need/Threat	Recreation Needs
Description	The hunting culture in WV has resulted in unsatisfactory levels of hunting incidents. According to the National Hunter Education Association, over the last two decades, the State of WV had a hunting incident rate 12% above the national average. The number of basic hunter education courses offered annually in the State of WV was grossly inadequate to meet the demand for all potential first time hunters.

Objectives

Objective ID - 1

Objective Name	Basic Hunter Education Courses
Objective Statement	Conduct a minimum of 600 basic hunter education courses statewide in West Virginia through multiple delivery methods by June 30, 2013

Custom Quantitative Indicators

Desired Future Value	Base Value	Output	Deadline
600	0	courses	June 29, 2013

Objective ID - 2

Objective Name Student Certification

Objective Statement Train and certify 18,000 students in basic hunter education by June 30, 2013

Standard Indicators

Desired Future Value	Base Value	Output	Deadline
18000	0	Students	June 29, 2013

Objective ID - 3

Objective Name Volunteer Coordination

Objective Statement Develop and maintain the existing corps of 1800 volunteer hunter education instructors by June 30, 2013.

Standard Indicators

Desired Future Value	Base Value	Output	Deadline
1800	0	Instructors	June 29, 2013

Objective ID - 4

Objective Name Volunteer Instructor Recruitment

Objective Statement Recruit and train 200 new volunteer instructor corps by June 30, 2013.

Standard Indicators

Desired Future Value	Base Value	Output	Deadline
200	0	Instructors	June 29, 2013

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Status	Active
Primary Agency	WV Department of Natural Resources
Primary Contact	Ed Cator
Start Date	June 29, 2012
End Date	June 28, 2013
Is Project Sensitive?	No
Project Categories	Recreation, Administration
Action Categories	Education, Facilities and Areas (Major Renovation)

Project Description

Basic Hunter Education has played an important role in making West Virginia a safe place to live and enjoy its bountiful natural resources. It also is critical to the continued enjoyment of the important part of West Virginia's tradition and heritage. The Hunter Education Program is intended to impact the new hunter's knowledge, skill, attitude, behavior, and hunting incident rate. The program provides educational experiences to improve hunter-landowner relationships and acceptance of hunting by nonhunting citizens. The program also teaches students about wildlife biology, conservation, and habitat.

Hunter Education provides classes targeted to certain audiences, and provides alternative delivery methods to provide an excellent opportunity to reach non-traditional hunters and hunters with previous experience.

Location Details

Is Statewide Project? Yes

Project Statement Summaries

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Action Summaries

Action # 370493 - Basic Hunter Education Courses

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Start Date	June 29, 2012
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Action Category	Education
Action Strategy	Student training

Action # 370512 - Student Certification

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Start Date	June 29, 2012
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Action Category	Education
Action Strategy	Student training

Action # 370519 - Volunteer Coordination

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Action Category	Education
Action Strategy	Educator/Instructor training

Action # 370525 - Volunteer Instructor Recruitment

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Start Date	June 29, 2012
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Action Category	Education
Action Strategy	Educator/Instructor training

Action # 370531 - Additional shooting facilities

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Start Date	June 30, 2012
End Date	June 29, 2013
Action Category	Facilities and Areas (Major Renovation)
Action Strategy	Hunter education - firearm shooting ranges
