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Restoration Partnership to begin soliciting for natural resource restoration project ideas

COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho. The Restoration Partnership (Partnership) will solicit natural resource restoration project ideas from the public and interested stakeholders through their website from February 6 to March 20, 2019.

“We are excited to launch our first public solicitation for project ideas. There are many opportunities and ideas out there, and we look forward to hearing from the public about the specific projects they want to see us support,” said Chip Corsi, Idaho Department of Fish and Game Regional Supervisor and member of the Partnership’s Trustee Council.

Project ideas are being sought from private citizens; businesses; non-profit organizations; local, State, and Federal agencies; Tribal governments; and others. Project ideas must meet the goals and objectives outlined in the Restoration Plan.

Project idea forms and project selection criteria can be found at: www.restorationpartnership.org (insert: exact link for Project Idea tab from the website here). Project proponents are asked to briefly describe their desired projects using the project idea form. Trustees for the Partnership will review and rank project ideas received over a 60-day review period. Once a project is selected, the Partnership will invite the successful proponents to submit full applications.

The Restoration Partnership is made up of representatives from the State of Idaho (Idaho Department of Fish and Game and Idaho Department of Environmental Quality), the Coeur d'Alene Tribe, the US Department of the Interior (Fish and Wildlife Service and Bureau of Land Management), and the US Department of Agriculture (Forest Service).

After an extensive planning period and public input, the Partnership published a comprehensive Restoration Plan for the Coeur d'Alene Basin in May 2018. The plan lays out a strategic framework for restoring natural resources like fish and waterfowl that were injured by the release of historic mine wastes. The Partnership is now focused on restoring wetland, stream, and lake habitats throughout the Restoration Planning Area.