

**2008 - 2011 SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS
PUBLIC LAW 110-343
TITLE II PROJECT SUBMISSION FORM
USDA FOREST SERVICE**

Name of Resource Advisory Committee:
Eastern Arizona Counties RAC
Project Number: GILA 11
Funding Fiscal Year: FY 2011 Funds

2. Project Name: Double Chip Seal Forest Road 55	3a. State: Arizona 3b. County(s): Gila
4. Project Submitted By: Steve Sanders	5. Date: February 28, 2011/Sept. 1, 2011
6. Contact Phone Number: (928) 402-8530	7. Contact E-mail: ssanders@co.gila.az.us

8. Project Location: From the end of private land along Russell Road to the beginning of private land on Kellner Canyon Road.	
a. National Forest(s): Tonto National Forest	b. Forest Service District(s): Globe Ranger District
c. Location (Township-Range-Section) Township 1 South, Range 15 East, Section 4, 9 & 16 and Township 1 South, Range 14 East, Section 17.	

9. Project Goals and Objectives:
<p>The goal of this project is to double chip seal 3.6 miles of Forest Road 55 from the intersection of Russell Road to the intersection of Kellner Canyon Road to provide an all weather surface, increasing the level of safety, reduce dust and improve the road “rideability”.</p> <p>The objective of this road maintenance project on the Forest Road 55, in the Tonto National Forest, is to increase the safety along this road which will reduce dust, increase emergency response time, and reduce road maintenance cost. This double chip seal project will provide a much needed alternate evacuation route for residents when the washes in Ice House Canyon become impassable during times of flooding.</p>

10. Project Description:
a. Brief: <i>(in one sentence)</i>
The Forest Road 55 (FR 55) roadway project will consist of double chip seal along the unpaved portion from Russell Road to Kellner Canyon Road.

b. Detailed:

The FR 55 is a Forest Road which provides access to public lands and connectivity between the Southern area of Globe to the unincorporated area between Globe-Miami. FR 55 is a Rural Collector and this project is identified in the 2006 Gila County Small Area Transportation Study (SATS).

Gila County plans to double chip seal the existing FR 55 from the end of private land along Russell Road to the beginning of private land on Kellner Canyon Road. This project would consist of a double chip seal of approximately 3.6 miles of the road. The County does not plan to do any re-alignment of the roadway however some cut slopes will be laid back to improve sight distance for safety purposes. Gila County will double chip seal the existing road along with centerline and edge line striping. A typical section is expected to be two-eleven foot wide lanes.

The FR 55 road maintenance project will enhance its overall function by mitigating existing roadway surfaces, and the potential of vehicular accidents.

Safety enhancements will consist of clear zones, slope cuts, pavement markings and advisory signing throughout the FR 55 maintenance project. Where possible roadway turnouts, and/or shoulders will be located to allow passage of slower/distressed vehicles. Drainage systems maintenance will be done to mitigate historical drainage problems. The project will include a signing and pavement striping plan thus providing for traveler safety.

11. Types of Lands Involved?

State/Private/Other lands involved? Yes No

Land Status: USDA Forest Service lands only, Tonto National Forest.

If Yes, specify:

12. How does the proposed project meet purposes of the Legislation? (Check at least 1)

Improves maintenance of existing infrastructure.

Implements stewardship objectives that enhance forest ecosystems.

Restores and improves land health.

Restores water quality

13. Project Type

a. Check all that apply: (check at least 1)

Road Maintenance

Trail Maintenance

Road Decommission/Obliteration

Trail Obliteration

Other Infrastructure Maintenance (specify):

Soil Productivity Improvement

Forest Health Improvement

Watershed Restoration & Maintenance

Wildlife Habitat Restoration

Fish Habitat Restoration

Control of Noxious Weeds

<input type="checkbox"/> Reestablish Native Species	<input type="checkbox"/> Fuels Management/Fire Prevention
<input type="checkbox"/> Implement CWPP Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Project Type (specify):
b. Primary Purpose (select only 1): Road Maintenance	

14. Identify What the Project Will Accomplish
Miles of road maintained: This project will consist of up to 3.6 miles of double chip sealed roadway.
Miles of road decommissioned/obliterated:
Number of structures maintained/improved:
Acres of soil productivity improved:
Miles of stream/river restored/improved:
Miles of fish habitat restored/improved:
Acres of native species reestablished:
Acres of hazardous fuel treatment
Miles of trail maintained:
Miles of trail obliterated:
Acres of forest health improved (including fuels reduction):
Acres of rangeland improved:
Acres of wildlife habitat restored/improved:
Acres of noxious weeds controlled:
Timber volume generated (mbf):
Jobs generated in full time equivalents (FTE) to nearest tenth. One FTE is 52 forty hour weeks:
People reached (for environmental education projects/fire prevention):
Direct economic activity benefit:
Other:

15. Estimated Project Start Date: May 1, 2012	16. Estimated Project Completion Date: October 31, 2012
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17. List known partnerships or collaborative opportunities.

In partnership with Gila County the Tonto National Forest Globe Ranger District has agreed to provide the environmental clearance required for the FR 55 road maintenance project.

18. Identify benefits to communities.

Roadway maintenance of this corridor will allow greater mobility of goods and services not readily available to local residents.

The existing roadway is often impassable after heavy rainfall events, upon conclusion of this roadway maintenance project, the road will be accessible. This roadway maintenance project will also reduce response time for emergency services to this area.

This project will provide an all weather access, and enhance the current “quality-of-life” as realized by the residents living in the Globe-Miami area.

Tourist travel will be enhanced with this roadway maintenance project thus providing a greater opportunity for economic benefit to the area through increased use of local services.

19. How does the project benefit federal lands/resources?

With this project being located on the Tonto National Forest, major relocation of the roadway will not be proposed in order to reduce potential environmental impacts to contiguous regions of the forest (e.g., habitat, vegetation, etc.). Drainage will be designed to current standards including provisions for erosion/sediment control and compliance with the Clean Water Act.

20. What is the Proposed Method(s) of Accomplishment? (check at least 1)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contract	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal Workforce
<input type="checkbox"/> County Workforce	<input type="checkbox"/> Volunteers
<input type="checkbox"/> Grant	<input type="checkbox"/> Agreement
<input type="checkbox"/> Americorps	<input type="checkbox"/> YCC/CCC Crews
<input type="checkbox"/> Job Corps	<input type="checkbox"/> Stewardship Contract
<input type="checkbox"/> Merchantable Timber Pilot	Other (specify):

21. Will the Project Generate Merchantable Timber? Yes No

22. Anticipated Project Costs
a. Title II Funds Requested: \$230,700.00
b. Is this a multi-year funding request? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

23. Identify Source(s) of Other Funding:

If needed Gila County will use the ½ cent sales tax for transportation projects.

24. Monitoring Plan (provide as attachment) PLEASE SEE ATTACHED

25. Identify remedies for failure to comply with the terms of the agreement.

If project cannot be completed under the terms of this agreement:

Unused funds will be returned to the RAC account.

Other, please explain:

Project Recommended By:

Project Approved By:

**Janet Mathis, Chairperson
Eastern Arizona Counties RAC**

**Chris Knopp, Forest Supervisor
Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests**

Project Cost Analysis Worksheet

Worksheet 1

Please submit this worksheet with your proposal

Item	Column A Fed. Agency Appropriated Contribution	Column B Requested Title II Contribution	Column C Other Contributions	Column D Total Available Funds
a. Field Work & Site Surveys				
b. NEPA/CEQA				
c. ESA Consultation				
d. Permit Acquisition				
e. Project Design & Engineering				
f. Contract/Grant Preparation				
g. Contract/Grant Administration				
h. Contract/Grant Cost		\$219,714.00		\$219,714.00
i. Salaries				
j. Materials & Supplies				
k. Monitoring				
l. Other: 2, Partner Indirect Cost				
m. Project Sub-Total		\$219,714.00		\$219,714.00
n. FS Indirect Costs add 5%		\$10,986.00		\$10,986.00
Total Cost Estimate		\$230,700.00		\$230,700.00

NOTES:

- a. Pre-NEPA Costs
- g. Includes Contracting/Grant Officer Representative (COR) costs. Excludes Contracting/Grant Officer costs.
- i. Cost of implementing project
- l. Examples include overhead charges from other partners, vehicles, equipment rentals, travel, etc.
- n. Forest Service indirect costs, including contracting/grant officer costs if needed.

Monitoring Plan Attachment

24. Monitoring Plan (provide as attachment)

- a. Provide a plan that describes your process for tracking and explaining the effects of this project on your environmental and community goals outlined above.

Gila County will hire a Contractor to do the double chip seal project through the approved standard County procurement procedures. Gila County will administer the project, filing all required reports and documents, tracking the progress of the double chip seal project, and verify all expenses.

The Gila County Grant Coordinator will verify all invoices before issuing payment to Contractor.

Gila County makes it compulsory to support entities that have a sound track record on labor practices and compliance with Federal laws ensuring that American workers are safe and treated fairly on all bid documents. Gila County includes in all contracts that best practices are consistent with our nation's civil rights and equal opportunity laws, ensuring that all individuals regardless of race, gender, age, disability, and national origin.

- b. Identify who will conduct the monitoring:

The Public Works Division of Gila County will conduct all the monitoring for this project.

- c. Identify total funding needed to carry out specified monitoring tasks (Worksheet 1, Item k):

None this will be done by County Employees.

GILA COUNTY:

Tommie C. Martin, Chairman
Gila County Board of Supervisors

Date: _____

ATTEST:

Marian Sheppard, Chief Deputy Clerk

Approved as to form:

Bryan Chambers, Chief Deputy County Attorney