

**2008 - 2012 SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS  
PUBLIC LAW 110-343  
TITLE II PROJECT SUBMISSION FORM  
USDA FOREST SERVICE**

**Name of Resource Advisory Committee:**  
**Project Number** (Assigned by Designated Federal Official):  
**Funding Fiscal Year(s): 2012**

<b>2. Project Name:</b> Forest Road 512 Surfacing Project	<b>3a. State:</b> <b>3b. County(s):</b> Gila
<b>4. Project Submitted By:</b> Steve Sanders	<b>5. Date:</b> August 27, 2012
<b>6. Contact Phone Number:</b> (928) 402-8530	<b>7. Contact E-mail:</b> ssanders@gilacountyaz.gov

<b>8. Project Location:</b> The unpaved portion of Forest Road 512. Begin 3 miles south of SR 260 on Forest Road 512 and continue south for approximately 13.5 miles	
a. National Forest(s): Tonto	b. Forest Service District: Pleasant Valley
c. Location (Township-Range-Section) Township 10½ North, Range 15 East Sections 30,31,32. Township 10 North, Range 15 East Sections 5,8,9,16,21,22,27,33,34. Township 9 North, Range 15 East Sections 1,4,5,6,8	

**9. Project Goals and Objectives:**  
The goal of this project is to improve the surface condition of the unpaved portion of Forest Road 512. The existing roadbed has no material on it or in the adjoining ditches that can be used for maintenance. Hauling material and surfacing the road will improve the safety of the road and provide material for future maintenance of the road. Improving the surface of this road should provide for safer passage for the travelling public and provide a quicker response time for emergency responders. Improving this road will provide for the residents of Young to receive supplies for local retailers and public using the road.

**10. Project Description:**  
a. Brief: (*in one sentence*) Haul material and surface unpaved portion of Forest Road 512.  
  
b. Detailed: Forest Road 512 provides access to the community of Young from SR 260. The only other access to Young is from the south via SR 288. The unpaved portion of Forest Road 512 has no base material on it and there is no way to maintain the existing road without adding material. While the road has not had much material available there has been enough to provide some maintenance and keep the road in a passable condition. The recent Poco fire in the area saw a huge increase in traffic. One of the indirect results of the traffic was that any existing material on the road disappeared. With no material in place and no resources to haul the amount of material needed to improve the road, the road will continue to deteriorate until such time that it will only be passable by 4 wheel drive vehicles. The intent of this application is to haul material and surface the road. The material will be trucked in from local material pits in the area. It will be placed on the road using motor graders, water trucks and rollers. The finished surface will provide safer road for the travelling public. The improved

surface should reduce accidents on the road and provide for quicker emergency response time. It will reduce maintenance costs on the road.

### 11. Types of Lands Involved?

State/Private/Other lands involved?  Yes     No

**Land Status: National Forest Land**

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

Reestablish Native Species

Fuels Management/Fire Prevention

Implement CWPP Project

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 improve 13.5 miles of road

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:

<b>15. Estimated Project Start Date:</b> April 2013 or when funds become available	<b>16. Estimated Project Completion Date:</b> Approximately 45 days after start of project
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**17. List known partnerships or collaborative opportunities.**

Gila County and the Tonto National Forest have a road maintenance agreement in place for maintaining various Forest Roads in Gila County. Forest Road 512 is on the road maintenance agreement. In addition to the existing agreement the Tonto National Forest has agreed to provide any additional environmental clearances if needed for the project.

**18. Identify benefits to communities.**

The community of Young (aka Pleasant Valley) is accessed via Forest Road 512 from the north or SR 288 from the south. Most goods and services are brought into the community via Forest Road 512. Improving the road will improve the movement of goods and services and reduce emergency response time to the community. As it is now some companies refuse to deliver their goods into the community because of the condition of the road and the damage the road has caused to delivery vehicles. This causes hardships to the residents, many of whom are retired and living on fixed incomes.

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

The benefit to the federal lands in the area should be an increase in the public using the Tonto National Forest for recreation purposes by providing a safer Forest Road for travel.

<b>20. What is the Proposed Method(s) of Accomplishment?</b> (check at least 1)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contract	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal Workforce
<input checked="" 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	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):

**21. Will the Project Generate Merchantable Timber?**     Yes         No

<b>22. Anticipated Project Costs</b>
a. Title II Funds Requested: \$330,000.00
b. Is this a multi-year funding request? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

**23. Identify Source(s) of Other Funding:**  
Gila County Highway Users Revenue Funds

**24. Monitoring Plan (provide as attachment) See 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.
- b. Identify who will conduct the monitoring:
- c. Identify total funding needed to carry out specified monitoring tasks (Worksheet 1, Item k):

**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:**

*/s/ (INSERT Signature)*

**Chairperson**

Resource Advisory Committee

**Project Approved By:**

*/s/ (INSERT Signature)*

**Forest Supervisor**

National Forest

# 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		\$334,755.00		\$334,755.00
i. Salaries				
j. Materials & Supplies				
k. Monitoring				
l. Other				
1.				
2, Partner Indirect Cost				
m. Project Sub-Total		\$334,755.00		\$334,755.00
n. FS Indirect Costs @ 8%		\$26,780.40		\$26,780.40
<b>Total Cost Estimate</b>		<b>\$361,535.40</b>		<b>\$361,535.40</b>

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 haul and place the material through the approved standard County procurement procedures. Gila County will administer the project, filing all required reports and documents, tracking the progress of the project, and verify all expenses.

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.

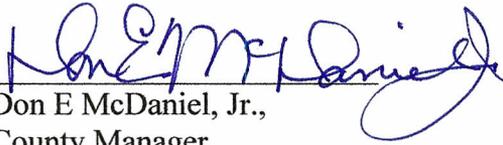
The Gila County Public Works will verify all invoices before issuing payment to Contractor.

- 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):

**GILA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**



Don E McDaniel, Jr.,  
County Manager  
On behalf of the Gila County Board of Supervisors



Date

# **GILA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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Tommie C. Martin, Chairman

Attest:

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Marian Sheppard, Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board

Approved as to form:

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Bryan Chambers, Chief Deputy County Attorney



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File Code: 7730

Date: August 21, 2012

Steve Sanders  
Deputy Director of Public Works  
Gila County  
745 N Rose Mofford Way  
Globe, AZ 85501

Dear Mr. Sanders:

The Tonto National Forest supports Gila County's proposal to secure funding to provide gravel surfacing for the 13-1/2 mile, unpaved portion of Forest Road 512 (Young Road) on the Pleasant Valley Ranger District.

The Young Road serves as an important transportation route for Forest visitors and primary access for residents of Young. The condition of the road surface and right of way are of significant concern and importance to us and we encourage maintenance activities that will improve the safety of the route for all who travel it.

Please coordinate this project with the Pleasant Valley Ranger District, and our lead Transportation Engineer, Christine Crawford, at 602-225-5279.

Sincerely,

NEIL J. BOSWORTH  
Forest Supervisor

cc: Donal Luhrsen, Christine J Crawford





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Pleasant Valley  
Ranger  
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File Code: 7730

Date: August 24, 2012

Mr. Steve Sanders  
Deputy Director of Public Works  
Gila County  
745 N. Rose Mofford Way  
Globe, AZ 85501

Dear Mr. Sanders,

The Pleasant Valley Ranger District strongly supports Gila County's proposal to obtain funding for the material surfacing of 13 and ½ miles of Forest Road 512.

Forest Road 512 serves as an important transportation route for Forest visitors and as primary access for the residents of Young. The current condition of the road surface does not allow for proper maintenance due to a lack of available material. Adding material will make the road easier to maintain and dramatically improve the safety for all users.

Please coordinate this project with the Pleasant Valley Ranger District, and our lead Transportation Engineer, Christine Crawford, at 602-225-5279.

Sincerely,

DONAL L. LUHRSEN  
District Ranger

cc: Christine J Crawford



**Thomas H. Melcher**  
Chief Deputy



**James A. Eskew**  
Jail Commander

**Office of  
Sheriff of Gila County  
John R. Armer**

August 23, 2012

The Gila County Sheriff's Office has been made aware that Gila County Public Works is planning to apply to the USFS for a Secure Rural Schools Title II - "RAC" grant in the amount of approximately \$330,000.00 to provide for road resurfacing on USFS #512 road along the final 13-1/2 miles of unpaved surface.

The Sheriff's Office would certainly see this as a great enhancement to lowering response times to the Young, AZ area for emergency vehicles. It would also provide a much needed improvement in safety to the motoring public that uses this road. Although there are two Deputies assigned to Young and provide Law Enforcement coverage for a total of approximately 80 hours of each 168 hour week, the remaining hours require response from the Payson District. With the abysmal conditions this portion of road is usually now in, this response can take as long as an hour.

A better roadway in the National Forest will certainly decrease our response times to emergencies, lower the danger of accidents and provide better public access for both the recreational public accessing the National Forest and to the populated area of Young, AZ.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Melcher".

Tom Melcher, Chief Deputy  
On behalf of John Armer, Sheriff



## Pleasant Valley Fire District

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August 23, 2012

Ms. Jacque Griffin  
Gila County Assistant Manager  
1400 E. Ash Street  
Globe, AZ 85501

Dear Ms. Griffin:

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Pleasant Valley Fire Department, the Pleasant Valley Fire Board and the approximately 700 residents of Young, AZ. The intent of the letter is to document our support for every effort possible to improve the condition of Forest Road 512, the primary North/South road servicing our community.

Forest Road 512 is 26 miles long, 17 of which is unpaved, and connects Young to State Highway 260. The condition of the 512 road is nothing less than extremely poor. The road surface in the majority of the road simply doesn't exist - it's compacted bedrock. Maintaining the road to even minimum acceptable standards is impossible as there is simply no material to work with. Besides the extremely rough bedrock surface, there are substantial washboards and these washboards are, in many places, severe. Accidents are not uncommon as vehicles get sideways and lose control caused by the condition of the roadway or the washboards. Flat tires are also a common occurrence. In short the road in its' current condition is not only uncomfortable and difficult to travel, it is also dangerous.

The road also raises several public safety concerns. Primary among them is the impact on fire and EMS personnel responding to incidents or the transport of medical patients. Patients that need emergency medical treatment from Young and the surrounding area are often transported to Payson Regional Hospital and that requires our ambulance to travel the 512 road. It is impossible to transport patients in a timely manner as the ambulance must travel at extremely slow speeds, sometimes at a crawl, due to the discomfort to the patient caused by the road surface. The EMS personnel administering to that patient are also challenged by the road surface. Our fire and EMS vehicles take a severe beating every time they have to travel on the 512 road. Simply put the roadway condition is prematurely aging our vehicles and endangering our residents.

We understand there is an effort underway to obtain funding to improve the 512 by resurfacing the road with new material. We strongly support any effort to improve FR512 and the ability to maintain it.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Benne  
Clerk, Pleasant Valley Fire Board