

**2013 Project Evaluation Criteria  
Capital Improvement or Enhancement Projects  
Oregon Federal Lands Access Program**

*Maximum Points*

<p><b>1. Safety</b></p> <p><b>Improvement of the Transportation Network for the safety of its users.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Improves identified crash sites</li> <li>▪ Improves identified hazardous conditions other than crash sites</li> <li>▪ Improves safety for a wide range of users</li> </ul>	<b>25</b>
<p><b>2. Preservation</b></p> <p><b>Improvement of the Transportation Network for economy of operation and maintenance.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Improves National Bridge Inventory System (NBIS) deficient bridge rating</li> <li>▪ Improves surface condition</li> </ul>	<b>15</b>
<p><b>3. Recreation and Economic</b></p> <p><b>Development, utilization, protection, and administration of the Federal Lands and its resources.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ High-use Federal recreation site or Federal economic generator</li> <li>▪ Amount of Federal Land area accessed</li> </ul> <p><b>Enhancement of economic development at the local, regional, or national level, including tourism and recreational travel.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Supports community economic goals/needs</li> <li>▪ Designated Scenic Byway (Federal, State, Local, other)</li> </ul>	<b>25</b>
<p><b>4. Mobility</b></p> <p><b>Continuity of the transportation network serving the Federal Land and its dependent communities.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Need identified in a transportation plan, Federal Land Management plan, or County Comprehensive plan</li> <li>▪ Specific project identified in plan</li> <li>▪ Route is connected to a designated route on the FLMA inventory for the FLTP</li> <li>▪ Fills missing link in network, removes travel restriction, bottleneck, size/load limit</li> <li>▪ Sole access to area</li> </ul> <p><b>Mobility of the users of the transportation network and the goods and services provided.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Reduces travel time and congestion, increases comfort and convenience</li> <li>▪ Major traffic generator (destination, resource extraction)</li> <li>▪ Improves mode choices</li> </ul>	<b>15</b>
<p><b>5. Sustainability and Environmental Quality</b></p> <p><b>Protection and enhancement of the environment associated with the Federal Lands and its resources.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Plans for/contributes to the use of sustainable energy sources for transportation.</li> <li>▪ Uses design, materials or techniques that will <i>exceed</i> the minimum environmental requirements or mitigates an existing environmental problem in the area</li> <li>▪ Contributes to improved environmental quality (i.e. GHG reductions) and reduces VMT.</li> <li>▪ Reduces exposure of the population to air pollution.</li> <li>▪ Supports or advances environmental goals identified in adopted plans.</li> <li>▪ Enhances habitat, native vegetation; reduction in noxious weeds</li> <li>▪ Enhances wildlife connectivity, aquatic organism passage</li> <li>▪ Enhances water quality, riparian function, wetlands function</li> </ul>	<b>10</b>
<p><b>6. Other</b></p> <p><b>Other factors to be considered as part of the evaluation.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Project support, agency priorities, and ACT input.</li> <li>▪ Applicant's share of project costs, availability of funds, and previous federal investment from the Oregon Forest Highway program</li> <li>▪ Project readiness, project development delivery schedules, environmental and right-of-way time constraints.</li> </ul>	<b>10</b>
<i>Total available Points</i>	<b>100</b>