

PINEDALE ANTICLINE PROJECT OFFICE (PAPO)

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PO Box 768
Pinedale, Wyoming 82941
Attention: Project Coordinator 307-367-5386

APPLICATION FOR FUNDING
(use additional sheets if necessary)

1. GENERAL PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Name: McNinch Reservoir Enlargement

General Location (distance and direction from nearest city/town, attach map at a scale not less than 1/2" = 1 mile):
7 miles west of Big Piney, WY

Legal Location of Project (attach map at a scale not less than 1" = 2,000').

Township: T 30 N
Range: R 113 W
Section(s): 12
County: Sublette

Surface Ownership (check all that apply): Federal State Private

**If project includes a mosaic of land ownerships (e.g., mix of federal, state and/or fee lands), provide a breakdown for each specific owner by acres and percent of total project area.

85% BLM, 15% Private (Approx. 250 acres Federal, 50 ac private)

Contact Information for Affected Parties or Agencies:

2. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name/Organization: Randy McNinch, McNinch Land + Livestock

Mailing Address: PO Box 69

City: Big Piney State: WY Zip Code: 83113

Daytime Phone # (307) 276-5799 Fax # (307) 276-3806

Email Address: rmcninch@centurytel.net

Point of Contact (if different from above)

3. PROJECT DESCRIPTION	
<i>General Project Type</i> (check all that apply):	
Land Use/Livestock <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Land Use/Recreation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Cultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Wildlife <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Air <input type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Describe Project Proposal</i> (e.g., mechanical treatment, water improvement, etc.)	
Reservoir Dam Reconstruction	
<i>Total Project Acres</i> (if applicable) Approx. 300 acres	
<i>Acres Indirectly Affected</i> (if applicable, explain)	
4. OBJECTIVES OF PROJECT, AND BENEFITS TO PAPO OFF-SITE MITIGATION STRATEGIC GOALS.	
* please see attach letter	
5. DIRECT/INDIRECT EFFECTS ON OTHER RESOURCES. (if applicable)	
6. POTENTIAL FOR FUTURE EXPANSION OF PROJECT. Explain	

7. LIST ALL PROJECT PARTNERS/COOPERATORS, THEIR ROLES AND/OR CONTRIBUTIONS

8. PROJECT MONITORING AND REPORTING (Describe how monitoring and reporting will be done, and how it relates to the objectives)

9. RESEARCH POTENTIAL

10. PERMITS AND AUTHORIZATIONS REQUIRED PRIOR TO PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION (including but not necessarily limited to the following):

PERMIT OR AUTHORIZATION	REQUIRED		SUBMITTED		APPROVED	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Cultural Resource Inventory	✓			✓		
COE Section 404 Permit						
Cooperative Agreement(s)						
NEPA Analysis						
Pesticide Application Permit						
Private Landowner Agreement(s)	✓			✓		
Sensitive Species Clearance						
Surface/Ground Water Permits						
T/E Species Clearance	✓			✓		
Other (explain)						

11. TOTAL PROJECT COST (Attach detailed budget)

Project Planning and Design	\$	<u>20,000</u>
Project Implementation	\$	<u>600,000 - 800,000</u>
Project Operation and Maintenance	\$	<u>10,000/year</u>
Total Required	\$	<u>600,000 - 800,000</u>

12. MATCHING FUNDS ANTICIPATED IN CASH (list source and amount)
 possible fund sources listed on separate sheet

13. ANTICIPATED "IN KIND" MATCHING FUNDS (list source, valuation, and valuation method)
 possible WY Game + Fish, BLM, NRCS, Audobon Society

14. PERCENTAGE OF FUNDING ON HAND OR COMMITTED
 \$50,000 - McNinch Land + Livestock

15. TOTAL PAPO FUNDING REQUESTED: \$ \$600,000 - \$800,000

16. EXPECTED/ANTICIPATED LIFE OF PROJECT (LOP)
 Perpetual > 50 Years _____ 25-50 Years _____ < 25 Years _____

Explain Basis for Projected LOP: The existing reservoirs as well as a neighboring reservoir are all over 50 years old.

17. PROJECT TIMELINE AND ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE. Explain
 project analysis and planning to be conducted during the 2012 calendar year, with construction in 2013

18. ATTACHMENTS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

- Project Design _____
- Letters of Support
- Management Plan _____ Long Term _____ Short Term _____¹
- Monitoring Plan _____ Long Term _____ Short Term _____¹
- Relevant Past Experience Other _____ Explain:

¹ Long term is defined as greater than (>) 5 years; short term is less than (<) 5 years.

19. **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR PAPO CONSIDERATION**

20. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: this project and requested funding is subject to approval by the PAPO Pinedale Anticline Mitigation Management Board.**

RSM
Signed

Randy McNinch
Printed Name

OWNER/MCNINCH L.L.C.
Title

10-30-2011
Date

From: Roadifer, Floyd; Sexauer, Hilda; Pete Cavalli; Rhea Darren
To: Bryce Krueger
Date: 1/19/2010
Subject: McNinch reservoirs
CC: Jill Miller

We have briefly discussed this potential opportunity via e-mail and are interested in more detailed discussion with Mr. McNinch and offer the following specific thoughts:

- 1) These lower elevation ponds may provide future transplant locations for flannelmouth suckers and roundtailed chubs;
- 2) Evaluate and discuss the need for a minimum pool level which would be essential to support healthy fish populations over the long-term;
- 3) Evaluate and discuss shoreline vegetation and surrounding upland habitat management in order to increase habitat values for fisheries, waterfowl, and other wildlife while increasing the longevity of the reservoir (s);
- 4) Potential waterfowl habitat values should be coordinated with other Department personnel;
- 5) To optimize mutual benefits and potential funding opportunities, other entities (e.g. BLM, NRCS) should be involved in future discussions.

