

Funding Application Guidelines

JIO

The Jonah Interagency Mitigation and Reclamation Office (JIO) was created by the Jonah Infill Project Record of Decision (ROD-2006) to provide overall management of on-site monitoring and off-site mitigation activities. To perform these functions, the JIO was tasked with managing a \$24.5 million monitoring and mitigation fund contributed by EnCana Oil & Gas (USA), Inc. and BP America Production Company.

The ROD represents an innovative approach to encouraging industry to minimize the footprint of development, maximize recovery of natural gas, and speed up the reclamation process. The JIO provides a crucial mechanism to further mitigate project impacts by funding and implementing both on- and off-site monitoring and mitigation projects.

The JIO is composed of specialists from the Wyoming Department of Agriculture (WDA), Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality-Air Quality Division (WDEQ-AQD), the Wyoming Game and Fish Department (WGFD), and the Department of the Interior - Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Oversight of the JIO is provided by an Agency Managers Committee consisting of the directors of Wyoming-BLM, WDA, WGFD, and the WDEQ. The primary purpose of the Committee is to provide guidance, evaluate past progress, and review staffing levels and future needs.

PAPO

The Pinedale Anticline Project Office (PAPO) was created by the ROD for Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Pinedale Anticline Oil and Gas Exploration and Development Project (2008). The purpose of the PAPO is to obtain, collect, store, and distribute monitoring information to support adaptive management and analyze mitigation projects. The PAPO is guided by a board of directors and cooperates with the Pinedale Anticline Working Group (PAWG), the Wyoming Landscape Conservation Initiative (WLCI), and the JIO.

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Based upon the impacts and assumptions contained in the PAPA SEIS, the major operators in the Anticline, Ultra, Shell, and Questar have committed to the Pinedale Anticline Monitoring and Mitigation Fund (Monitoring and Mitigation Fund or Fund) of \$36 million to mitigate potential impacts to wildlife, air, and other resources identified in the Final SEIS.

Applications for Funding

Applicants should use the appropriate Project Application Form found on the website. Supporting documentation establishing the value and relevancy of the proposal to either JIO or PAPO goals is required and will be used by the JIO/PAPO to evaluate applications.

JIO/PAPO project applications may be submitted at any time during the year until October 31 for consideration for funding during the next calendar year.

- Project applications (and all attachments) may be submitted by email to:
 - JIO_WYMail@blm.gov
 - *Files larger than 3 MB cannot be accepted*

- or as hard copy to:
 JIO/PAPO
 PO Box 768
 1625 W Pine St
 Pinedale WY 82941
- Receipt of applications will be verified within 5 business days.
- Project applications received after October 31 will be considered for funding during the next application cycle
- Applicants are encouraged to visit the JIO/PAPO website and review our strategic plans and mitigation goals to ensure that proposed projects fall within the appropriate parameters
- Applicants are also encouraged to visit the Jonah Infill Drilling Project and the Pinedale Anticline Project Records of Decision found at: http://www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/field_offices/Pinedale.html

Eligible Applicants

The JIO/PAPO may grant funds to non-profit, for-profit, and governmental organizations, but all applicants are encouraged to partner with other entities. Funds may be used for planning, development, and monitoring programs at the sole discretion of the JIO/PAPO and the Board.

Eligible Projects

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Resources viable for off-site mitigation identified in the ROD include: wildlife, air quality, cultural/paleontological, livestock grazing, and recreation. The JIO has prioritized areas for potential wildlife mitigation within the Upper Green River Basin. These "Focus Areas" lend themselves toward maximizing habitats and species' benefits and are a priority in funding consideration.

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The Fund is used for both on-site and off-site mitigation and project-related activities in the PAPA vicinity including air quality, and wildlife, rangeland, vegetation and reclamation research, analysis, monitoring, and mitigation. The Fund could be used to support wildlife mitigation such as basic habitat enhancements for improvement of habitat function both on-site and off-site and to identify and protect key migration routes and wildlife habitat. The Fund may also be used for monitoring impacts resulting from development and the effectiveness of the mitigation. Mitigation and monitoring may occur on federal, state, or private lands. **The Fund is not intended to fund projects or proposals to mitigate potential impacts beyond those identified in the Final SEIS.**

Funding Cycle

Projects will be funded annually. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year, but must be submitted by October 31 for consideration in the current funding cycle (next calendar year).

Project Review

On a monthly basis, project applications that have been received will be made available on the JIO/PAPO website

- The public is encouraged to view the website and provide comments to the JIO/PAPO as applications become available. Comments will only be acknowledged as having been received.
- A hard copy of the project applications will be available in the JIO/PAPO office for those that do not have web access.
- Project applications received before October 31 will be available for public comments until November 30

- The JIO/PAPO team will begin to rank applications on or about December 1
- The project ranking recommendations will be made to the Board of Directors by March 1 for a minimum 30-day review prior to the next meeting
- Applications will be voted on by the Board during the next Board meeting, probably in April.

Reporting Requirements

Projects should have a specific timeline for initiation and completion, with tangible benefits which relate to the JIO or PAPO Strategic Goals, as indicated by specific monitoring. Sponsoring entities will have the responsibility to maintain and monitor projects, and to report on progress and completion. Specific monitoring and reporting requirements will vary by project, but should be outlined in the application and should tier to the objectives of the specific project. The JIO/PAPO staff will perform field inspections and potentially institute additional project monitoring to verify results when deemed necessary. The JIO/PAPO will share with the public the progress and success of projects.

Funding Allocation

Applications should outline funding requirements, including funds requested to initiate projects. Where actual costs are not certain, no more than 80% of the project cost will be allocated prior to project completion, and payments will be adjusted to meet actual costs.

More Information

It is the goal of the JIO/PAPO to assist all applicants in the process of monitoring and mitigating the impacts from the Jonah and Anticline developments. Please feel free to contact the JIO/PAPO at any time as follows:

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307-367-5300 (BLM Pinedale Field Office)
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