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Projects Not Recommended for Funding										
1	Ann's Backyard Forest, Ltd.	(Sub)urban Forest Walking Tour; Environmental Contributions of a Natural Resource Workhorse	US - MD	Ann Gallagher; Wood Acres Citizens' Assoc.	Inclusive of SFI objectives, create a self-guided Walking Tour of a suburban forest. Each stop will present elements highlighting the impact of trees within the (sub)urban forest. Principles of tree health, environmental contribution and care will be emphasized. Reference materials will be worked into a Fact Sheet. Both work products will promote the objectives of SFI. Both products will be developed with the feedback of elementary school aged scouts.	\$5,000	\$5,000	8 months	Focuses on suburban community deforestation. Walking tour will expose community members, elementary school age Girl and Boy Scouts to need for trees in communities. Walking tour will be developed based on feedback from Scouts and encourage Scouts to inform parents about responsible urban forest management.	Not recommended for funding. Too limited in scope of project.
2	Association of BC Forest Professionals	Healthy Forests-Healthy Communities Webinar Series	Canada - BC	Bill Bourgeois (ABC FP); Canadian Institute of Forestry; Will involve experts in various fields, including Gorman Bros (SFI PP)	Webinar Series to build knowledge capacity related to basic forestry, forest management, land use & forest industry knowledge regarding local forests in BC, knowledge on the provincial forest management framework (e.g., legislation, regulation, policies, practices and processes) and basic knowledge regarding the state of local forest lands	\$5,000	\$103,500	12 months	webinar series to inform concerned citizens on the basics of forestry, land use, forest mgmt and forest industry. Plan 6 webinars in 2014 and 4 in 2015. Potential for replicating in other areas. WCSIC is already providing grant funds.	Not recommended for funding. SFI to connect group with the entire Western Canada SIC, and ensure appropriate involvement.

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3	Carpenters Elementary School	Kiosk and dendrology signs for Carpenter's Elementary Outdoor Classroom for Environmental Education	US - TN	Katrina Gravitte (Carpenter's Elementary); Blount County Soil Cons. District; Foothills Land Conservancy; and USFS FIA (in TN)	An information kiosk will be constructed for the Outdoor Classroom for Environmental Education. Tree Species along the dendrology trail will be marked with appropriate signs. A hard copy map will be produced for the kiosk using aerial imagery and georeferenced points of interest.	\$5,000	\$10,250	10 months	Local elementary school project, developing an Outdoor Classroom. Seeking funds to erect an informational kiosk, using SFI certified materials. Dendro ID signs will include SFI logo. Note: If funded, I would ask them to use a certified printer to print their hard copy trail map. Opportunity to get TN SIC and PPs involved. In addition to the kiosk development, the group will incorporate PLT curriculum and host educator workshops with elementary and neighboring middle school teachers.	Not recommended for funding due to limited scope of project. Interesting project partners though, so SFI to connect group with Tennessee SIC.
4	Forestry Educators Incorporated	2014 California Forestry Challenge	US - CA	Diane Dealey Neill (FEI); SPI and UC Coop Extension	The California Forestry Challenge is an academic forestry competition for high school students. Students spend four days in the forest interacting with natural resource professionals, immersed in a rigorous educational experience that introduces them to resource values including sustainability, wildlife habitat, watershed benefits, and cultural resources.	\$5,000	\$139,615	12 months (Jan - Dec. 2014)	High school students exposed to in-woods experience, and face time with natural resource professionals. Forestry Challenge is a week long, annual event.	Not recommended for funding. Too limited in scope of project. SFI will connect group with California SIC.

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5	Idaho Forest Foundation c/o Idaho Community Foundation	Idaho Project Learning Tree SFI Education	US - Idaho	Betty Munis (IFF); Idaho Forest Products Commission; ID SIC	Incorporate SFI topics into PLT Facilitator training and teacher workshops, tours and other outreach. Through Idaho PLT, teachers build understanding of environmental, economic and social aspects of sustainable forest management. They engage their students with proven PLT activities, with the ultimate goal of the students becoming thoughtful and effective decision-makers.	\$5,000	\$68,187	8 months	Identical project to 2013 funded SFI community grant project. Good and successful project, but would like to diversify from year to year.	Not recommended for funding, given other PLT projects, as well as 2013 grant funding. SFI to provide support through ID SIC, and will highlight in future SFI In Brief.
6	Indiana Forestry Educational Foundation	Indiana Natural Resource Teacher Institute	US - Indiana	Donna Rogler (lead org); IN DNR; IN SAF; AFF PLT National; IN Forest and Woodland Owners Assoc.; Indiana Hardwood Lumbermen's Assoc.; Purdue Univ. Hardwood Tree Improvement Regen Center; and	The Indiana Natural Resources Teacher Institute is a multi-day professional development workshop that will bring educators from across the state to Morgan-Monroe State Forest (SFI Certified) to learn firsthand how forestry works in Indiana. Sessions include tours of public and private forest lands, forest industry facilities, and forestry research projects.	\$5,000	\$41,241	22 months (Note: project began in 2013. Completion by Dec. 2014.)	multi-day PLT professional development teachers tour.	Not recommended for funding, given other PLT projects.

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7	International Forestry Students' Symposium 2014 – Organizing Committee – UNBC	University of Northern British Columbia portion of the International Forestry Student Symposium	Canada - BC	Nichola Gilbert (UNBC); UBC and TRU	Students will be educated on UNBC's BioEnergy Plant, sustainable harvests, ecosystems in central BC, First Nation's communities, wildlife, tourism and recreation and various other forestry values. They will get to visit a Forestry Museum, a White Sturgeon Hatchery, and the John Prince Research Forest for demonstrations and hands-on experience.	\$5,000	\$48,390	1 week	Exposes international forestry college students to Bioenergy issues, BC forest management issues, species at risk and management. Plans to incorporate First Nation communities and build knowledge within those communities. Good story; different from the others; includes bioenergy and plant tours. a good opportunity to build university students appreciation of sfi in province with most lands sfi and little student awareness.	Not recommended for funding. Needed a tighter connection to SFI, ie tour sfi lands, use of SFI labeled promotional materials. SFI staff to make connections with SFI PPs, i.e Sinclair Group.
8	MD-DE SFI Implementation Committee	Sustainable Forests Landowner Information project	US - MD/DE	Ken Roberts (MD/DE SIC); MD DNR	Promote sustainable forestry practices to forest landowners through the creation and distribution of readily available, diverse sources of information on these practices.	\$5,000	\$7,000	8 months	SIC requests funds to update their outdated landowner outreach packet, as well as a website and small "quick-cards." Note: MD/DE SIC developed their original landowner packet in the early 2000's, which was then replicated by many other SICs.	Not recommended for funding. Too limited in scope of project.
9	MD-DE SFI Implementation Committee	Maryland - Delaware Master Logger Program Information and	US - MD/DE	Ken Roberts (MD/DE SIC); MD DNR	Promote sustainable forestry practices to forest landowners and loggers through the creation and distribution of readily available, diverse sources of information on Maryland-Delaware Master Logger Program and these principles.	\$5,000	\$7,000	8 months	SIC requests funds to develop a logger training information brochure, as well as a website and small "quick-cards." Website will include searchable MD/DE Master logger database	Not recommended for funding. Too limited in scope of project.

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10	Massey-Vanier High School	Sustainability for the Future	Canada - Quebec	Kyle Foster (Massey-Vanier High School); Public Woodworking; FOR-ECO	In the classroom students will be taught a unit on sustainability based upon the standards of the SFI. Students will participate in a work program that will include: tree planting and care; small-scale logging and cleaning of wooded areas around the school campus; creation of recreational pathways for fellow students and members of the community to enjoy; and the building of infrastructures to enhance wildlife habitats and promote the health of native species	\$5,000	\$17,000	no timeline specified	Development of sustainability curriculum. Potential for lasting impressions through annual teaching of curriculum unit.	Not recommended for funding. Good youth education project, with lasting impressions; SFI will connect teacher with the appropriate SIC representatives.
11	The Research Foundation of State University of New York, POB, SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry	Student Scientists and the Search for the Emerald Ash Borer	US - NY	Michael Jones (SUNY-ESF); Cornell Univ Coop Extension; City of Syracuse Parks Dept., Syracuse City School; Town	Students will learn about forest entomology, forest management and the impacts of invasive forest pests. To develop a hands on experience, they will be taught to identify symptoms of an emerald ash borer infestation and using forestry tools and methods, search for infested trees, taking relevant tree and stand data in the urban forest.	\$5,000	\$5,950	1 month	Urban forestry focus. Project will focus on local high school students introducing them to entomology and forest management. Project will emphasize the urban forest ecosystem, and their benefits.	Not recommended for funding, however SFI will connect group with the NY SIC.
12	South Carolina Forestry Foundation	SC Teachers' Tour: Teaching Sustainable Forestry through Environmental Education	US - SC	Guy Sabin	A seven-day graduate-level course for teachers to understand the impact of forestry on our environment, economy, and quality of life with classroom applications; featuring information on sustainable forestry practices and the SFI Standard, with visits to a wide range of forest management and forest products manufacturing sites.	\$5,000	\$28,400	8 months	Same project SFI funded in 2012 through the Conservation Grant program. Project was successful in 2012.	Not recommended for funding, due to previous SFI grant funding. SFI to however provide support through SIC involvement, as well as highlight in future SFI In Brief.

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13	Southern Forest World Environmental Center	Spreading the word about Georgia's sustainable forests	US - Georgia	Dr. Reba Smith; no partners listed.	To allow SFW to continue providing quality programs and field trips for area students and community members. Last year over 770 community members and over 900 students come to SFW. We discuss good forest management practices, the sustainability of the forest, its products, and its economic impact for Georgia.	\$5,000	\$53,580	12 months (Jan - Dec. 2014)	No specific project identified through grant funding, but rather general funding of the environmental center's programs and field trips. Group notes use of PLT, Project WILD and WET in programming.	Not recommended for funding, due to limited scope of project. SFI staff will provide connection with the Georgia SIC.
14	Zajac Ranch for Children	Wood Pellet Boiler	Canada - BC	Scott MacDonald; no partners listed.	We have decided to take on the conversion of our heating systems from propane to wood pellet for two very good reasons. The first is that wood pellet boilers are better for the environment and secondly, they provide the same quality of heating at a fraction of the cost	\$5,000	\$154,000	6 months	Requests funding to replace heating system and convert from propane to wood pellet boiler. By doing so, the camp will increase program funding by \$57,000. Zajac Ranch is an environmental camp for children and young adults facing chronic, life-threatening and/or debilitating diseases.	Not recommended for funding, due to limited scope of project. SFI staff will provide connection with the Western Canada SIC.