

**APPLICATION FOR  
FEDERAL ASSISTANCE**

<b>1. TYPE OF SUBMISSION:</b>		<b>2. DATE SUBMITTED</b> May 13, 2004	Applicant Identifier
Application <input type="checkbox"/> Construction <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Construction	Pre-application <input type="checkbox"/> Construction <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Construction	<b>3. DATE RECEIVED BY STATE</b>	State Application Identifier
		<b>4. DATE RECEIVED BY FEDERAL AGENCY</b>	Federal Identifier
<b>5. APPLICANT INFORMATION</b>			
Legal Name: Ciudadanos Pro Bosque San Patricio		<b>Organizational Unit:</b>	
Organizational DUNS: 147205590		Department:	
<b>Address:</b>		<b>Name and telephone number of person to be contacted on matters involving this application (give area code)</b>	
Street: P. O. Box 10847		Prefix: Mr.	First Name: Javier
City: San Juan		Middle Name:	
County:		Last Name: Almeyda	
State: PR	Zip Code: 922-847	Suffix:	
Country:		Email: jalmeyda@coqui.net	
<b>6. EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (EIN):</b> 66-590922		Phone Number (give area code) (787) 707-7629	Fax Number (give area code) (787) 764-2890
<b>8. TYPE OF APPLICATION:</b> New If Revision, enter appropriate letter(s) in box(es) (See back of form for description of letters.) None                      None Other (specify):		<b>7. TYPE OF APPLICANT:</b> (See back of form for Application Types) O. Nonprofit Organization (Not Higher Ed.) Other (specify):	
<b>10. CATALOG OF FEDERAL DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE NUMBER:</b> 10.664: Cooperative Forestry Assistance Other (specify):		<b>9. NAME OF FEDERAL AGENCY:</b> USDA Forest Service, IITF	
<b>12. AREAS AFFECTED BY PROJECT (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):</b> Islandwide		<b>11. DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF APPLICANT'S PROJECT:</b> Urban & Community Forestry- Recreational Enhancement Opportunity for Disable Citizens at San Patricio Urban Forest	
<b>13. PROPOSED PROJECT</b> Start Date: 6/1/04                      Ending Date: 6/1/05		<b>14. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF:</b> a. Applicant:                      b. Project:	
<b>15. ESTIMATED FUNDING:</b>		<b>16. IS APPLICATION SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY STATE EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS?</b>	
a. Federal	\$ 76,830 00	a. Yes. <input type="checkbox"/>	THIS PREAPPLICATION/APPLICATION WAS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE STATE EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS FOR REVIEW ON DATE:
b. Applicant	\$ 76,976 00	b. No. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PROGRAM IS NOT COVERED BY E. O. 12372
c. State	\$ 0	<input type="checkbox"/>	OR PROGRAM HAS NOT BEEN SELECTED BY STATE FOR REVIEW
d. Local	\$ 0	<b>17. IS THE APPLICANT DELINQUENT ON ANY FEDERAL DEBT?</b>	
e. Other	\$ 0	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes If "Yes" attach an explanation. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
f. Program Income	\$ 0		
g. TOTAL	\$ 153806 00		
<b>18. TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, ALL DATA IN THIS APPLICATION/PREAPPLICATION ARE TRUE AND CORRECT. THE DOCUMENT HAS BEEN DULY AUTHORIZED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE APPLICANT AND THE APPLICANT WILL COMPLY WITH THE ATTACHED ASSURANCES.</b>			
a. Authorized Representative			
Prefix Mr.	First Name: Javier	Middle Name:	
Last Name: Almeyda		Suffix:	
b. Title: Steering Committee Chairman		c. Telephone Number (give area code) (787) 707-0847	
Email: jalmeyda@coqui.net		Fax Number (give area code) (707) 764-2890	
d. Signature of Authorized Representative		e. Date Signed: 5/17/04	

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*Jalmeyda*  
5/17/2004

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE SF-424

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**PLEASE DO NOT RETURN YOUR COMPLETED FORM TO THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET. SEND IT TO THE ADDRESS PROVIDED BY THE SPONSORING AGENCY.**

This is a standard form used by applicants as a required face sheet for pre-applications and applications submitted for Federal assistance. It will be used by Federal agencies to obtain applicant certification that States which have established a review and comment procedure in response to Executive Order 12372 and have selected the program to be included in their process, have been given an opportunity to review the applicant's submission.

Item:	Entry:	Item:	Entry:
1.	Select Type of Submission.	11.	Enter a brief descriptive title of the project. If more than one program is involved, you should append an explanation on a separate sheet. If appropriate (e.g., construction or real property projects), attach a map showing project location. For preapplications, use a separate sheet to provide a summary description of this project.
2.	Date application submitted to Federal agency (or State if applicable) and applicant's control number (if applicable).	12.	List only the largest political entities affected (e.g., State, counties, cities).
3.	State use only (if applicable).	13.	Enter the proposed start date and end date of the project.
4.	Enter Date Received by Federal Agency Federal identifier number: If this application is a continuation or revision to an existing award, enter the present Federal Identifier number. If for a new project, leave blank.	14.	List the applicant's Congressional District and any District(s) affected by the program or project
5.	Enter legal name of applicant, name of primary organizational unit (including division, if applicable), which will undertake the assistance activity, enter the organization's DUNS number (received from Dun and Bradstreet), enter the complete address of the applicant (including country), and name, telephone number, e-mail and fax of the person to contact on matters related to this application.	15.	Amount requested or to be contributed during the first funding/budget period by each contributor. Value of in kind contributions should be included on appropriate lines as applicable. If the action will result in a dollar change to an existing award, indicate only the amount of the change. For decreases, enclose the amounts in parentheses. If both basic and supplemental amounts are included, show breakdown on an attached sheet. For multiple program funding, use totals and show breakdown using same categories as item 15.
6.	Enter Employer Identification Number (EIN) as assigned by the Internal Revenue Service.	16.	Applicants should contact the State Single Point of Contact (SPOC) for Federal Executive Order 12372 to determine whether the application is subject to the State intergovernmental review process.
7.	Select the appropriate letter in the space provided. A. State Government B. County Government C. Local Government D. City or Township Government E. Special District F. Independent School District G. Public/State Controlled Institution of Higher Education H. Private University Institution of Higher Education I. Native American Tribal Government (Federally Recognized) J. Native American Tribal Government (Other than Federally Recognized) K. Native American Tribal Government (Federally Recognized) L. Individual M. For-Profit Organization (Other than small business) N. Other (Specify) O. Nonprofit Organization (Other than Institution of Higher Education) P. Native American Tribal Government (Other than Federally Recognized) Q. Public/Indian Housing Authority R. Small Business	17.	This question applies to the applicant organization, not the person who signs as the authorized representative. Categories of debt include delinquent audit disallowances, loans and taxes.
8.	Select the type from the following list: • "New" means a new assistance award. • "Continuation" means an extension for an additional funding/budget period for a project with a projected completion date. • "Revision" means any change in the Federal Government's financial obligation or contingent liability from an existing obligation. If a revision enter the appropriate letter: A. Increase Award      B. Decrease Award C. Increase Duration      D. Decrease Duration	18.	To be signed by the authorized representative of the applicant. A copy of the governing body's authorization for you to sign this application as official representative must be on file in the applicant's office. (Certain Federal agencies may require that this authorization be submitted as part of the application.)
9.	Name of Federal agency from which assistance is being requested with this application.		
10.	Use the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number and title of the program under which assistance is requested.		

**BUDGET INFORMATION - Non-Construction Programs**

**SECTION A - BUDGET SUMMARY**

Grant Program Function or Activity (a)	Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number (b)	Estimated Unobligated Funds		New or Revised Budget		Total (g)
		Federal (c)	Non-Federal (d)	Federal (e)	Non-Federal (f)	
1. Coop Forestry U&CF	10-664	\$	\$	\$ 76,830.00	\$ 76,976.00	\$ 153,806.00
2.						0.00
3.						0.00
4.						0.00
5. Totals		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 76,830.00	\$ 76,976.00	\$ 153,806.00

**SECTION B - BUDGET CATEGORIES**

Object Class Categories	GRANT PROGRAM, FUNCTION OR ACTIVITY				Total (5)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	
a. Personnel	\$	\$	\$	\$ 76,976.00	\$ 76,976.00
b. Fringe Benefits					0.00
c. Travel				7,000.00	7,000.00
d. Equipment				49,110.00	49,110.00
e. Supplies				720.00	720.00
f. Contractual				20,000.00	20,000.00
g. Construction					0.00
h. Other					0.00
i. Total Direct Charges (sum of 6a-6h)	0.00		0.00	76,830.00	76,976.00
j. Indirect Charges					0.00
k. TOTALS (sum of 6i and 6j)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 76,830.00	\$ 153,806.00

7. Program Income	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	0.00
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SECTION C - NON-FEDERAL RESOURCES					
(a) Grant Program	(b) Applicant	(c) State	(d) Other Sources	(e) TOTALS	
8.	\$	\$	\$	\$	0.00
9.					0.00
10.					0.00
11.					0.00
12. TOTAL (sum of lines 8-11)	\$	0.00 \$	0.00 \$	0.00 \$	0.00

SECTION D - FORECASTED CASH NEEDS					
	Total for 1st Year	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter
	13. Federal	\$ 0.00	\$	\$	\$
14. Non-Federal	0.00				
15. TOTAL (sum of lines 13 and 14)	\$ 0.00	0.00 \$	0.00 \$	0.00 \$	0.00

SECTION E - BUDGET ESTIMATES OF FEDERAL FUNDS NEEDED FOR BALANCE OF THE PROJECT					
(a) Grant Program	FUTURE FUNDING PERIODS (Years)				
	(b) First	(c) Second	(d) Third	(e) Fourth	
16.	\$	\$	\$	\$	
17.					
18.					
19.					
20. TOTAL (sum of lines 16-19)	\$	0.00 \$	0.00 \$	0.00 \$	0.00

SECTION F - OTHER BUDGET INFORMATION	
21. Direct Charges:	22. Indirect Charges:
23. Remarks:	

## **Recreational Enhancement Opportunity for Disable Citizens at San Patricio Urban Forest**

### **I. Introduction**

Studies indicate that between 12 and 20 percent of the North American population, perhaps 40 million people have some type of disability. Approximately, more than 700 thousands of them live at Puerto Rico and its mean the 17 percent of the Puerto Rico's total population and the highest concentration of people with disabilities (PWD) are in the main city and its suburbs. The main city; San Juan has 86,374 people with disabilities, Cataño, Guaynabo and Bayamón; consider like suburbs of San Juan, has 70,832 of them. That's huge segment of our society that historically has been denied access to outdoors recreation by facilities built with only-bodied people in mind, by a lack of special equipment and by a lack of special consideration.

In the recent years, two things has help to open the outdoors to the disabled: First, across the nation there are several nonprofit groups with the mission of improving the quality of life for disabled people by providing opportunities for outdoors recreation (like hiking, camping, rafting, bicycling, in-line skating and water skiing) often using specially adapted equipment. Second, when the Congress passed the landmark Americans with Disabilities Act. It ensures basic civil rights for the disabled, and requires that, on any facility built for public use, reasonable efforts be made to provide access to people with lack of mobility.

Since then, hundreds of outdoors recreational facilities built with government funds have been designed to make access easier for the wheelchair-bound and people using walkers, canes or crutches. These improvements include "barrier-free" fishing piers, trails, wildlife viewing blinds, waterfowls hunting blinds, campgrounds, off-road vehicle areas and horse riding facilities.

The U.S. Forest Service has contributed or built several of this projects, including a fishing pier and wildlife viewing area on Clear Lake near Chinook Pass, and trails to Silver Falls on the Entiat River, Boulder Cave near Chinook pass, Rainy Lake on the North Cascade Highway, along old railroad grades near the Wind River in southwest Washington and near Skykomish, plus several trails with scenic mountain vistas along the Mount Baker Highway and others at Washington State.

Another important factor about San Patricio Forest is it's a management approach. The forest has a management agreement with a community group know as "Ciudadanos Pro Bosque San Patricio". This group was part of the community movement that protects the vicinity and urges the designation of the protected area. Studies and visits have been conducted with the assistance of the community group and two master theses have been produced at this urban forest. The forest has been used as a location for the Christmas Bird Countdown applied by birdwatchers in Puerto Rico.

## **II. Location**

The San Patricio Urban Forest or Finca San Patricio is located in a strategic location of the San Juan metro area. Different routes and highway can be used to reach the Forest. The location of the Forest is known as Mount San Patricio because it includes a hill at the northern tip of the 24-hectare forest. In recent times, Puerto Rico's urban explosion has disturbed countless natural resources. Several natural landscapes of the San Juan areas have been impacted because of the land use pattern. Wetlands have been paved, mangrove forests have been razed to make way for resorts and hills have been leveled to make room for shopping malls and parking lots. Some pockets of forest and open spaces have survived the construction model producing spaces like the San Patricio Urban Forest.

The San Patricio forest is a reminder of a not too distant past when Mount San Patricio was part of a long chain of hills that stretched several kilometers to north central Puerto Rico, and when the nearby San Patricio shopping mall was a cattle farm, observers say. In the 1940s and 1950s, the San Patricio forest was a United States military base with housing and other facilities. Before the end of the decade of the 50s the base was closed and abandoned. Eventually the abandoned structures were demolished at the request of the community, which perceived them as a convenient hide-out for hooligans and drug addicts. The debris was never removed and today is covered by secondary vegetation. The former military base is now home to enormous trees of native species such as Guanacaste, Acacia and Flamboyant, rare & endangered snakes, and birds such as the Red Tail Hawk.

## **III. Need**

Citizens with physical disabilities in Puerto Rico are limited to have quality experiences in outdoor activities. Only few Public Forests in the territory has a limited number of facilities, trails and activities with access but probably not with all the necessary facilities for these citizens. The Cambalache Public Forest recently, open an interpretative trail with facilities and structures for physically disable citizens. The Caribbean National Forest, El Yunque have access for disable visitors but only to the interpretation center; "El Portal del Yunque". The main need is to provide a high quality recreational experience to physically disable visitors through a forest area. These types of experience require special facilities and improvement to assure the safe and pleasant use of a public forest providing the opportunity of direct contact with the forest resources. The San Patricio Public Forest has the topographic conditions, access, location; plus a productive secondary forest with preliminary facilities to provide the expected experience to disable visitors.

#### **IV. Goal and Objective**

The San Patricio Urban Forest has an average of 3.1 kilometers of totally paved and flats trails. The concept proposed is to provide a direct experience to disabled visitors with the forest including the flora and fauna. The visiting experience will be enhancing with an educational scheme that will let the visitors not only contact but understand aspects of an urban forest with the values and services that it provides.

- Design and establish guided tours by the trails system of the forest with DENR and "Ciudadanos Pro Bosque San Patricio".
- Improve the facilities and trail system to provide the safety measures and conditions for a high quality visiting experience to disable visitors at the San Patricio Forest.
- Develop a summer camp for disable children once in a year.
- Acquisition of equipment and supplies.
- Establish a MOU with the "Oficina del Procurador del Ciudadano con Impedimento".
- Promote the enrollment of the private sector to participate in the activities and future projects for visitors.

#### **V. Methodology and Timetable**

##### **METHODS**

- Establish a technical committee that integrates the community group and DNER personnel to evaluate the improvements and changes considered at the trail system.
- Acquisition of equipments, materials and supplies.
- Rehabilitation and maintenance of trails and signs.
- Coordination with the CPBSP, "Oficina del Procurador del Ciudadano con Impedimento" and Universidad Politecnica de San Juan; (They have already a MOU with the Forest).
- Training personnel and volunteers to work with disable visitors and create an interpretation process to this visitor.
- Coordinate with the "Municipio de San Juan, State and Federal Agencies to provide support.
- Coordinate with the DNER Rangers, San Juan Municipal Police to provide security to visitors and support in an emergency eventuality.





## VII. Accomplishments

### OUTCOMES

- Construction of high quality recreational trail system for disabled citizen for the San Patricio Forest.
- Promote the use and activities for visitors to natural protected areas.
- Promote the importance, value and services of urban forests.
- Provide opportunities to universities to develop research and activities related to outdoors recreation and education for disabled citizens.
- Provide the opportunity to Disabled People to be in contact with the nature and an opportunity for a better quality of life.

## V. Detailed Budget Information

<b>Name/ Position</b>	<b>Percent of Part.</b>	<b>Monthly Salary</b>	<b>State In-Kind</b>
Eduardo Cintrón, Forest Manager	70%	\$ 2,567.00	\$ 21,562.80
Omar Ortiz, Biologist Assistant	70%	\$ 1,181.00	\$ 9,920.40
Vacant, Worker	70%	\$ 981.00	\$ 8,240.20
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Ruben Padron, Section Director	10%	\$ 2,417.00	\$ 2,900.40
Edgardo González, State Forester	10%	\$ 3,517.00	\$ 4,220.40
Gabriel Orta, Const Sup.	10%	\$ 1,459.00	\$ 1,750.80
Iván Meléndez, Adm. Office	10%	\$ 2,698.00	\$ 3,237.60
Gloria Serrano, Supp Adm. Off.	15%	\$ 1,448.00	\$ 2,606.40
Victor Suarez, Education Off.	10%	\$ 1,281.00	\$ 1,537.20
Concepción García, Secretary	10%	\$ 1,562.00	\$ 1,874.40
Saraí Nieves, Permits Off. Clerk	10%	\$ 1,231.00	\$ 1,477.20
DENR Ranger	25%	\$ 1,568.00	\$ 4,704.00
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		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 76,976.00</b>

<b>Travel / Purpose</b>	<b>Item</b>
Conferences/Trainings	\$ 7,000.00

<b>Contracts</b>	<b>Federal Cost</b>
Contractual (Environmental design consultant)	\$ 15,000.00
Signs	\$ 5,000.00

<b>Supplies</b>		
Office supplies	(\$60.00 X 12 months)	\$ 720.00

<b>Equipment</b>		<b>Federal Cost</b>
<b>Item</b>		
1- Electrical car with cargo section		\$ 11,000.00
1- Diesel Tractor w/ attachments (Mower and trail brush)		\$ 24,000.00
1- Storage Trailer Unit 20'X 8'		\$ 4,000.00
1- Dell Inspiron 8600 Notebook		\$ 2,900.00
1- Printer (Scanner: Printer)		\$ 500.00
1-Digital Camera 5 megapixels		\$ 900.00
2- Trimmers/ safety equipment	(2 X \$ 500.00)	\$ 1,000.00
2- Backpack Blowers	(2 X \$ 500.00)	\$ 950.00
6- 5/Miles W/T Radios	(6 X \$ 250.00)	\$ 1,500.00
6-Portable First Aid Kit	(6 X \$ 35.00)	\$ 210.00
1-Garmin V GPS		\$ 650.00
6- Binoculars 8 X 42	(6 X \$ 100.00)	\$ 600.00
1- Gasoline Chainsaw 16"		\$ 600.00
2- Megaphones 16W	(2 X \$ 150.00)	\$ 300.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 76,830.00</b>