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**Subject:** TAC funding request - decision made

Hello WildTAC,

In regard to the proposal referenced below, the USFS, BLM, FWS and FWP all voted in favor of funding this as described. NorthWestern Energy also supports the proposal. As such, the application is approved for \$4,002 for units, batteries, and SD cards. I will work with Anna to get the equipment ordered in time for deployment in late May. Thank you for your quick response. Please call with any questions.

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Hello WildTAC,

Attached is a TAC proposal from University of Montana Bird Ecology Lab for bird monitoring devices at 10/20 long term monitoring sites. Anna Noson mentioned using this bird call monitoring method at the past two TAC meetings and now funding/equipment is available from other sources for about half of the necessary equipment. This proposal is to purchase equipment for the remaining 10 sites. The purpose of this project is to provide higher resolution to detect secretive birds such as the black billed and yellow billed cuckoo. As you know, in 2015 this survey discovered black billed cuckoo at 4 sites between Fort Benton and Loma and two sites near the Robinson Bridge. This bird monitoring program is a requirement of Article 423 and is specifically referenced in the Five Year (2018-2022) Wildlife Plan.

The proposal is for \$4,002 for units, batteries, and SD cards. Partners include Montana FWP, Montana Audubon Society and Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute for materials (\$3,480), deployment/recovery and data analysis.

WildTAC presently has \$34,684 in uncommitted funds. If approved, the remaining uncommitted TAC balance would be slightly more than \$30,000. Please review the attached application and make a decision whether to fund this proposal by May 4.

As always, please call with any questions.

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