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Determination for Issuing a Single Source Financial Assistance Award

Instructions: In accordance with Service policy 516 FW 6, *Issuing Discretionary Grant and Cooperative Agreement Awards without Competition*, complete this form to document the justification for issuing a single source grant or cooperative agreement award. This form must be signed by both a program representative and the employee with signature authority for the award to be issued (see 516 FW 3, *Signature Authority for Grant and Cooperative Agreement Awards*). The completed and signed form must be maintained in the official award file.

Recipient Name: American Hiking Society

Project Title: National Trails Day

Program Contact: Nathan Caldwell

Select all criteria that apply (from 505 DM 2):

	(1) Unsolicited Proposal: The proposed award is the result of an unsolicited application that represents a unique or innovative idea, method, or approach that is not the subject of a current or planned award, but is found to be advantageous to program objectives.
✔	(2) Continuation: The activity to be funded is necessary for the satisfactory completion of, or is a continuation of, an activity we are funding and holding a competition would have a significant adverse effect on continuing or completing the activity.
	(3) Legislative Intent: The language in the applicable authorizing legislation or legislative history clearly indicates the intent of Congress to restrict the award to a particular recipient or purpose.
✔	(4) Unique Qualifications: The applicant is uniquely qualified to perform the activity based on a variety of demonstrable factors such as location; property ownership; voluntary support capacity; cost-sharing ability, if applicable; technical expertise; or other such unique qualifications.
	(5) Emergencies: Because of a compelling and unusual urgency, or substantial danger to health or safety, there is not enough time to follow adequate competitive procedures.

Explain below why competition for this award is not practical. As applicable, summarize the program legislative history, unique capabilities of the proposed recipient, and any cost-sharing contribution offered by the proposed recipient. Be brief and specific:

American Hiking Society originated and trademarked National Trails Day (NTD), which takes place the first Saturday in June each year. NTD is recognized by the Federal Land Management Agencies and the rest of the outdoor recreation community as the kick-off event for Great Outdoors Month activities each year. AHS is the NTD national organizer and serves as the central information point for NTD events. NTD events raise public awareness of and appreciation for all kinds of trails and trail activities. Partnerships of local trail clubs, businesses, and land managing agencies, including the Fish and Wildlife Service plan and carry out local events. NTD events inform the public about the need to protect and maintain trail corridors. NTD activities include hikes, trail rides, speeches, workshops, and litter cleanups. AHS also provides high quality volunteer trail construction and maintenance opportunities through its trademarked Volunteer Vacations program for the FWS and other Federal Land Management Agencies. It has a well organized and nationally known program for educating land management agency staff and their nonprofit support groups on the value and expenses of trails and related facilities. No other organization or agency replicates its programs.

I have determined that this project meets the requirements for a single source award and recommend that it be awarded to the recipient named above.

NATHAN CALDWELL

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Program Representative Sign and Date

Printed Name of Program Representative

I, as the Service employee with signature authority for this award under 516 FW 3, have reviewed this program recommendation and find that it meets the requirements for a single source award.

Authorized Signator Sign and Date

Printed Name of Signator