

Summary of Western Shared Stewardship Agreements

This summary is a simplification of key elements of agreements between Western states and the Forest Service. It is not intended to be comprehensive.

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MOU IN PLACE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No, Letter of Intent	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Date Signed	July 2020	August 2020	October 2019	December 2018	April 2019	November 2019	November 2019	July 2019	May 2019	May 2019	August 2020
Signatories/ Agencies Involved	State of Arizona and the US Department of Agriculture Forest Service	State of California Governor; USDA Forest Service Chief; USDA Forest Service Pacific Southwest Region; USDA Forest Service Intermountain Region; California Natural Resources Agency	USDA Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Region, State of Colorado	USDA Forest Service Northern and Intermountain Regions, Idaho Department of Lands (IDL)	USDA Forest Service Northern Region and Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)	USDA Forest Service, Intermountain & Pacific Southwest Regions, State of Nevada (Governor), DOI: BLM & USFWS	USDA Forest Service, State of New Mexico (Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Dept., Forestry Division)	USDA Forest Service Pacific NW Region, Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF)	USDA Forest Service Intermountain Region, State of Utah	USDA Forest Service Pacific NW Region, Washington Department of Natural Resources & Department of Fish & Wildlife	State of Wyoming; USDA Forest Service
Principles	Share in stewardship of National Forests in Arizona; Collaboration is paramount to short and long-term success of land management in Arizona.	Utilize science; Prioritize community safety and ecology; Improve efficiency; Scale up ecologically-based forestry across sectors; Coordinate land management; Collaborate and innovate with all stakeholders	Decision tools to identify priorities Best available science State and local expertise Collaborative approach between partners Use existing plans, committees, strategies Identify mutual interests, avoid duplicative efforts Maintain customer focus Embrace new thinking Take measured risks Engage the public	Best available science Decision tools Collaboration Increase scope and scale Prioritize work	Bilateral cooperation Best available science Use all tools and authorities Benefit from different missions Collaboration with multiple partners Innovate Utilize Good Neighbor	Collaboratively set priorities at a statewide level Right work in the right places at the right scale Use all available tools Solidify existing partnerships Improve health and productivity of land Increase watershed-scale projects Cross jurisdictional lines & land ownership Collaborative land management	Collaboration Science-based decisions Coordinate at landscape scale Interagency trust Improve outcomes Increase efficiencies Ecological, social, and economic sustainability Build on existing plans, partnerships, goals Elevate and formalize ongoing work Continual learning Targeted treatments Outcome based investments Measurable outcomes across all lands	Jointly determine needs Right place and scale Use all tools Open, transparent and inclusive Builds on existing partnerships Scientific monitoring Outcomes with metrics	Work with existing partnerships Co-manage risk Share resources Shared learning Build capacity to live w/ wildfire Managed wildfire Use decision support tools Convene stakeholders	Determine needs on a state level Spatial prioritization Use all tools for active management Collaborative process Best available science Build from existing approaches Find common ground Embrace new approaches Innovate Take risks Modeling Public engagement	Strategize on a statewide level Implement meaningful projects in the right places, at the appropriate scale Use all available tools for active management
Interests	Protect communities, homes, watersheds, and infrastructure from devastating wildfire; clean air and water for the citizens of Arizona; Protect and preserve aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems that provide sustainable habitats for species of interest and support recreational hunting, fishing, scenic viewing, and other sustainable recreation opportunities for Arizona residents and visitors; local economies including tourism, recreation, and wood product and grazing industries.	Ecological and community benefits; improve climate resilience; reduce risk of catastrophic wildfire; safeguard water quality and air quality; protect fish and wildlife habitat; enhance biological diversity; sequester carbon; improve recreational opportunities; generate good jobs and economic opportunities	Forest and rangeland productivity Wildfire Sustainable recreation Water quality/watershed health Fish/wildlife habitat Healthy communities/economies	Wildfire Forest plans Cross boundary work Managed wildfire Economy Watersheds Forest health Grassland health	Forests Rangelands Wildfire Invasives Degraded watersheds Insects and disease Cross boundary work Coordinated fire response Resilient landscapes Fire adapted communities Wildlife and aquatic habitat Communities Infrastructure	Ecological restoration Rural economies, collaboration, economic activity Sustainable recreation Conserve and protect fish, wildlife and habitat Diverse stakeholders, inclusiveness Prevent and mitigate catastrophic loss	Wildfires Water supplies Invasive species Drought Forest insects and disease Risk mitigation Forest health Resilience Ecological objectives Social and economic benefits	Forest ecosystems Local economies Watersheds Outdoor experience Infrastructure/workforce All lands Climate change	Wildfire Cross boundary work	Forest health Rangeland health Scenic stability Hazardous fuels Fish and wildlife Cultural resources Sustainable recreation Sustainable infrastructure Local economies	Catastrophic wildfires Invasive species Degraded watersheds Insects and disease

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COMMITMENTS											
Mutual	"Accelerate the pace and scale of implementation of forest restoration; Meaningfully execute on the concept of shared stewardship where the State participates in the development of jointly agreed upon priorities while respecting the USDA Forest Service's regulatory requirements to retain final decision enactment; Collaborate closely to ensure that the 4FRI project remains a national priority for implementation; Expand the innovative collaborative approach during the implementation phase of 4FRI with the partners in the recent novel development of the Phase 2 4FRI landscape scale Request for Proposals.	Treat one million acres per year; Develop a joint plan for forest and vegetation management; Use sustainable vegetation treatments; Expand forest management and associated infrastructure; Promote ecological co-benefits; Develop markets for wood products and recycle forest byproducts; Improve access to sustainable recreation; Fire-adapted communities; Advance science and share monitoring and data analytics.	Collaboratively develop 5-year program of work Incorporate local data and expertise and socioeconomic data Collaboratively evaluate risk Achieve consistency and avoid conflict Collaborate on mutually agreed upon projects Ensure participation from local and state partners, develop outreach plan Manage outdoor recreation opportunities to increase quality of life, protect natural resources/wildlife Protect sacred sites and preserve cultural resources Comply with all applicable federal, state, and local statutes and regulations Communicate regularly Meet at least once in person/each year	Work with other stakeholders Collaborate on mutually agreed upon projects within priority landscapes Identify two priority landscapes for GNA projects by April 2019 Work to double annual acres treated by 2025 Promote cross-boundary work on other lands within priority landscapes	Work in good faith & close partnership Use best available science Use innovative tools and authorities Work cross boundary Continue developing a Good Neighbor program Complete of the Forest Action Plan Work under the three tenets of the Cohesive Strategy	Use best available science and models to prioritize and inform decisions, address ecological challenges Share information on partner projects and commitments Manage wildfire in priority landscapes, coordinated use of prescribed fire Full suppression where fire comes at a high cost to human or natural resources Use national and statewide strategies as foundation for landscape scale prioritization and decision-making Use partnerships and collaborative decision-making, embrace new thinking and innovation	Recognize interdependence of Cohesive Strategy goals and implement Establish landscape-scale priorities Leadership will meet regularly to review and set shared priorities, shared decisions, as well as budgets, staffing, capacity, and implementation Acknowledge tribes and pueblos are essential participants; consult directly, collaborate and partner with them when feasible Recognize traditional Hispanic communities, land grants, and acequias as essential participants Focus available resources to implement projects Track measurable outcomes across all lands Communicate the benefits of landscape-scale restoration and outcomes to citizens Rely on available authorities	Develop metrics to measure healthy communities, watersheds and habitat Design and implement treatments tied to 20 year forest action plan Help develop 20 year strategic plan with diverse stakeholder group Revise Oregon Forest Action Plan by 2020 Implement treatments that meet goals of 20 year plan Develop a science-based monitoring and accountability approach to measure outcomes	Use existing partnerships, programs, and initiatives Identify and map shared priorities to protect communities and watersheds Make joint decisions and share resources Engage local communities in dialogue Share planning efforts Co-manage wildfire risks	Share decision space, prioritize projects Co-manage risk and prioritize actions Aim for consistency, avoid conflicts across jurisdictions Utilize existing programs, tools, and authorities Include state & local data and expertise, including socioeconomic Include other partners that have interest Develop communication & outreach plan Seek input from diverse array of partners	Joint planning and resource sharing in overlapping decision space for immediate and ongoing work across the landscape; Continuing existing successful partnership and programs, Collaborative (between state and USFS) planning and management.
State Specific		"	-	-	-	-	Convene collaborative groups and stakeholders to establish shared goals in all lands Interact with tribes and pueblos on a government to government basis	Help implement restoration using GNA Inform FFRP investments using 20 year priorities Support collaboratively developed solutions and Oregon's collaborative approach		-	-
FS Specific			-	-	-	-	Honor Forest Service trust responsibility to tribes and pueblos	Use every tool available to do more work on the ground Use 20 year plan to inform budget priorities Revise 5-year plans to incorporate 20 year plan priorities Pursue new investments		-	-
REFERENCES TO COLLABORATION AND COMMUNITIES	-	-	Consult with tribes, collaboratives, advisory groups Pro-actively communicate with communities of interest and increase awareness of work Incorporate local knowledge and include socioeconomic data	Work with federal, state, tribal, NGOs, communities, and universities	Value our partnerships Maintain & improve relationships with collaborative and community groups Work with our partners to identify shared outcomes	Include partner agencies when shared or mutually important resources are at risk Embrace new thinking and partnerships, innovations, and measured risk taking to seize opportunities for shared success Coordinate and work in partnership with other federal, state, tribal and local governments; private landowners; industry; and non-governmental organizations early on	Agencies strive to be collaborative References to deep history of collaborative efforts Convene collaborative groups and stakeholders to est. goals Consult and partner with tribes and pueblos Recognize traditional Hispanic communities Communicate benefits and outcomes to NM citizens	"Oregon Model" referenced upfront, focused on collaborative approaches throughout Build on Oregon's collaborative approach Work with collaborative groups to design and implement treatments	Engage tribes, communities, collaboratives, partners, and local communities in Shared Stewardship dialogue through existing initiatives Include local communities in decision making	Support local economies through collaboration Connect to existing collaborative efforts Ensure participation from collaborative partners Consult with collaborative groups	-

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REFERENCES TO OTHER PROGRAMS, INITIATIVES, AUTHORITIES	Collaboration is paramount to both the short and long-term success of land management in Arizona. Under the Shared Stewardship Agreement, the Parties shall collaborate to establish, in accordance with applicable law, appropriate mechanisms that allow the Partners involved in the development of the 4FRI RFP, and representation from collaborative stakeholders groups and other collaborators to participate in spatial and temporal recommendations on prioritization of treatments, tracking of the implementation of annual restoration treatments objectives, recommendations on implementation strategies, and joint monitoring of the desired ecological objectives and social-economic outcomes as permitted by applicable law.	Collaborate and innovate with all stakeholders. The Parties will consult with, and seek input from, tribal governments, local governments, other state and federal agencies, NGOs and other stakeholders in developing and updating the [joint plan master] map.	-	“Every authority and tool”	“All available tools and innovations”	All available authorities and fundings to implement priority projects	-	-	Farm Bill authorities	See appendix A of MOU for complete list	The State will take the lead role in bringing stakeholders together to discuss strategies, issues, and priorities. “We jointly commit to building, maintaining and expanding our collective relationships with communities, counties, tribal organizations, collaborative groups, community groups, conservation groups, and other stakeholders. We are committed to collaborative planning and management.” * *In this final statement, it is clear from the following sentences that they do not mean Collaboration, they mean coordination between the state and the USFS.
National Forest System	"The Parties shall rely on any applicable existing and new authorities and respect the jurisdictional oversight of the respective agencies"	"Utilize all tools available"	Good Neighbor, NEPA CEs	Good Neighbor	Good Neighbor	Farm Bill, National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy	Good Neighbor, Farm Bill, NEPA and CE and Nat'l Cohesive WFM Strategy	Good Neighbor	Good Neighbor Long term stewardship contracts	Good Neighbor Categorical Exclusions	All available authorities
State and Private Forestry	Collaborative Forest Landscape Program Four Forest Restoration Initiative (4FRI), Bill Williams Mountain Restoration Project, the Flagstaff Watershed Protection Project, the C.C. Cragin Watershed Protection Project, the Pinaleno Ecosystem Restoration Project, the Join Chiefs Prescott Basin Cross Country Project.	Good Neighbor Authority	Landscape scale restoration; Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act	-	-	-	Cooperative Forestry Assistance	Landscape Scale Restoration	Cooperative Forestry Assistance State Fire Assistance	Cooperative Forestry Assistance Landscape Scale Restoration	Good Neighbor Authority Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act USDA Forest Service's 5 year Vegetation Management Plans land and resource management plans National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy
NRCS	-	State and private forestry programs	RCPD	-	-	Sage Grouse Initiative Joint Chiefs' Landscape Restoration Partnership	Farm Bill authorities	Joint Chiefs' Landscape Restoration Partnership	Joint Chiefs' Landscape Restoration Partnership	Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPD)	-
State (excluding Forest Action Plans)	-	Other Farm Bill authorities	State Trails and Great Outdoors Colorado grants	-	Forest in Focus 2.0	NV Greater Sage-Grouse Conservation Plan NV Strategic Action Plan for implementation of Sage Grouse Plan Bi-Action State Plan for conservation of the Greater Sage-Grouse Bi-State Distinct Population Segment NV Wildlife Action Plan	NM Forest and Watershed Restoration Act NM Forest and Watershed Health Plan NM Forest Restoration Principles (zone of agreement) NM Forest and Watershed Management Coordinating Group	Federal Forest Restoration Program	CatFire Watershed Restoration Initiative Partners for Conservation and Development Wildfire Risk Assessment Portal	Landowner technical assistance 20-year Forest Health Strategic Plan Puget Sound Salmon Recovery Plan	Farm Bill Authorities

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FOREST ACTION PLAN STATUS	Updated	Updated	Updated	Updated	Updated	Updated	Updated	Updated	Updated	Updated	Updated
Advisory Council or Committee Established	-	-	-	Yes - Idaho Shared Stewardship Advisory Group	Yes - Montana Forest Action Advisory Committee oversaw creation of the Forest Action Plan	Yes - An Executive Committee and a Technical Advisory Committee	-	-	-	Yes - Pre-existing Washington Forest Health Advisory Committee	-
Has the committee started meeting?	-	Yes	-	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	-
PRIORITY LANDSCAPES IDENTIFIED	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
LEAD COORDINATOR(S) IDENTIFIED	-	Yes - Shared Stewardship Coordinator position created by USFS Region 5, and four regionally-placed Shared Stewardship Advisors hired through a state-funded pilot	Yes - Governor created one position to advise on Shared Stewardship	Yes - Two jointly-funded state/federal coordinators on priority landscapes, one statewide coordinator, and one regional coordinator	Yes - Existing DNR/USFS position, in addition to a new Shared Stewardship communications positions at DNR	-	-	Yes - Shared Stewardship hired by USFS Region 6	Yes - Three state Shared Stewardship positions	Yes - Shared Stewardship hired by USFS Region 6	-