

## CHALLENGE COST SHARE AGREEMENTS (CS)

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The Interior and Related Agencies Appropriation Act of 1992 (P.L. 102-154) authorizes the Forest Service to cooperate with other parties to develop, plan, and implement projects that are mutually beneficial to the parties that enhance Forest Service activities. This includes financing projects with matching funds from the cooperators. Cooperators may be public or private agencies, organizations institutions and/or individuals.

### Requirements:

- Expenditures shall be commensurate with value received.
- Forest Service may reimburse cooperator for part of actual costs of materials and/or labor. (Reimbursement can NOT be based of value, but must be actual costs in support of the project.
- No ADVANCE payments are allowed.
- Appropriated funds cannot be used for improvements on NON-Federal lands.
- Match can be cash, real or personal property, non-cash, services, and/or in-kind.
- Financial Plans and fully signed instruments are required PRIOR to start of work.
- Program Income generated by project must be shown on Financial Plan.
- Federal Acquisition Regulations might apply.
- Minimum of 20% match is required.

### Type of Work:

1. A wildlife enhancement project on NFS land where both parties will benefit from the project.
2. An accessibility project jointly funded by a non-profit organization and the Forest Service at a Forest Service campground. This non-profit is chartered to assist physically disadvantaged persons.
3. Forest Service is planning a conference on grizzly bears. In discussions the partner also was going to hold the same type of conference. They can share in the facilitation to avoid duplication. The partner is willing to pay for the facility, but needs assistance to pay some of the travel costs.
4. Road and trail improvements.
5. Policy for Expiration is a 5-year term.