



Landscape Restoration and Agreement “Tools”

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R6 AQM Grants and Agreements

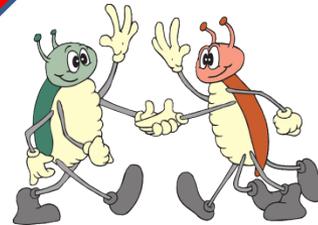
Tools = Agreement Types

- **Incoming funding agreements**
 - Collection (other funding – inc. grants)
 - Interagency
- **Outgoing funding (or no fund)**
 - Challenge Cost Share
 - Participating
 - Interagency
 - Stewardship
 - Good Neighbor
 - Tribal Forest Protection
- **No fund/no deliverables**
 - Memorandum of Understanding (relationship framework document)
- **Other**
 - Regional Fire Master



The Basics

- Identify the Work
- Identify the timeline
- Identify the Partner(s)
- Identify the Tool



Engage G&A early



- Identify who will be responsible for the agreement (monitoring, reporting, payments, closeout) - clear roles/responsibilities

Good Neighbor Authority

- TWO Authorities

- 2014 Farm Bill - P. L. 113-79
- Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2014 Section 417

Both provide the authorities for the Forest Service to enter into **sole source contracts and Good Neighbor Agreements with state agencies** to perform forest, rangeland, and watershed restoration services, including timber sales, **when similar complementary activities occur on and off NFS lands.**

Slightly Different Authorities

Farm Bill

Permanent Authority

Available nationwide and Puerto Rico

Entered into with any State agency

Allowable activities include forest, rangeland, and watershed restoration services

EXCLUDES work on permanent roads, parking areas, public buildings or works; and areas where vegetation removal is prohibited (wilderness areas, wilderness study areas, etc.) and work in wilderness areas, wilderness study areas, and areas where vegetation removal is prohibited

Adjacency not required.

Appropriations Bill

Expires September 30, 2018

Available to all states with NFS lands

Entered into with State Foresters ONLY

Allowable activities include watershed restoration and protection services; also **public works which include reconstruction or restoration of paved or permanent roads and parking areas; alteration, repair or replacement of public works**

AND when similar and complementary services are performed by the State on adjacent State or private lands

Examples of Farm Bill Activities

- Commercial timber removal
- Fish and wildlife habitat
- Temporary roads
- Road decommissioning
- Fire prevention
- Fuels management activities
- Insect and disease control
- Project planning; including environmental analysis
- Emergency watershed stabilization work
- Tree planting and seeding
- Erosion control
- Reclamation of abandoned mines
- Land restoration (abandoned facilities dams and permit sites)
- Water testing and protection
- Project prep work, including design and sale prep
- And any other activities to restore and improve forest, rangeland and watershed health

Why is GNA important?

- Ability to work across jurisdictional boundaries and treat the landscape in a mixed ownership setting
- Foster a collaborative approach to address land management challenges
- Ability to leverage state resources to increase capacity to accomplish work on National Forests

Status of GNA - Nationally

Nationally

- 5 States have entered into GNA Master Agreements with the FS (TX, MI, WI, CO, UT)
- WI has a timber element (~ 25MMBF)
- MT, AL are working on Master Agreements currently; ID, CA and AZ are in discussion
- Picking up speed nationally
- High level of interest

Status of GNA – Region 6

State of Oregon

- Oregon Department of Forestry and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife will be entering into a MASTER AGREEMENT w/i 30-60 days
- Series of GNA workshops to be given region wide in the coming months

State of Washington

- No formal discussion to date with Washington Department of Natural Resources
- Possible workshop in coming months on Ok-Wen; still in very early discussion stages

GNA Key Points

- FS retains decision making on NEPA and approval of all silvicultural Rx and marking guides
- The State has to have the capacity to do the work – so planning is critical for success
- State supervises their work – the FS does not manage/supervise State employees or their contractors
- No match is required; GNA is only outgoing \$\$
- Agreements can last 10 years
- Project success involves strong collaboration for planning and constant communication once implemented
- GNA is only one tool in the Agreements toolbox for working with States
- Dynamic

Things to Remember

- The “Agreement Toolbox” has many tools that can be used singularly or in combination to attain landscape restoration goals
- Communication with AQM/G&A early and often is critical to ensuring projects are implemented on a timeline that meets your project need
- Agreement management (preparation, implementation, monitoring, closeout) is a program responsibility
- Your friends in G&A are here to help



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- Okanogan-Wenatchee
- Colville
- Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie

Portland, OR

- RO - NFS
- Siuslaw

Vancouver, WA

- Mt. Hood
- Columbia Gorge NSA
- Gifford Pinchot
- Olympic

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- Deschutes
- Ochoco
- Fremont-Winema

Medford, OR

- Willamette
- Rogue-Siskiyou
- Umpqua

John Day, OR

- Malheur
- Umatilla
- Wallowa-Whitman

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