

Stewardship Contracting

Sustaining Our Public Lands

Join the Forest Service in its effort to sustain our public lands for present and future generations while contributing to your local community's economy through stewardship contracting—a proven authority now made permanent in the 2014 Farm bill.

Stewardship contracting defined

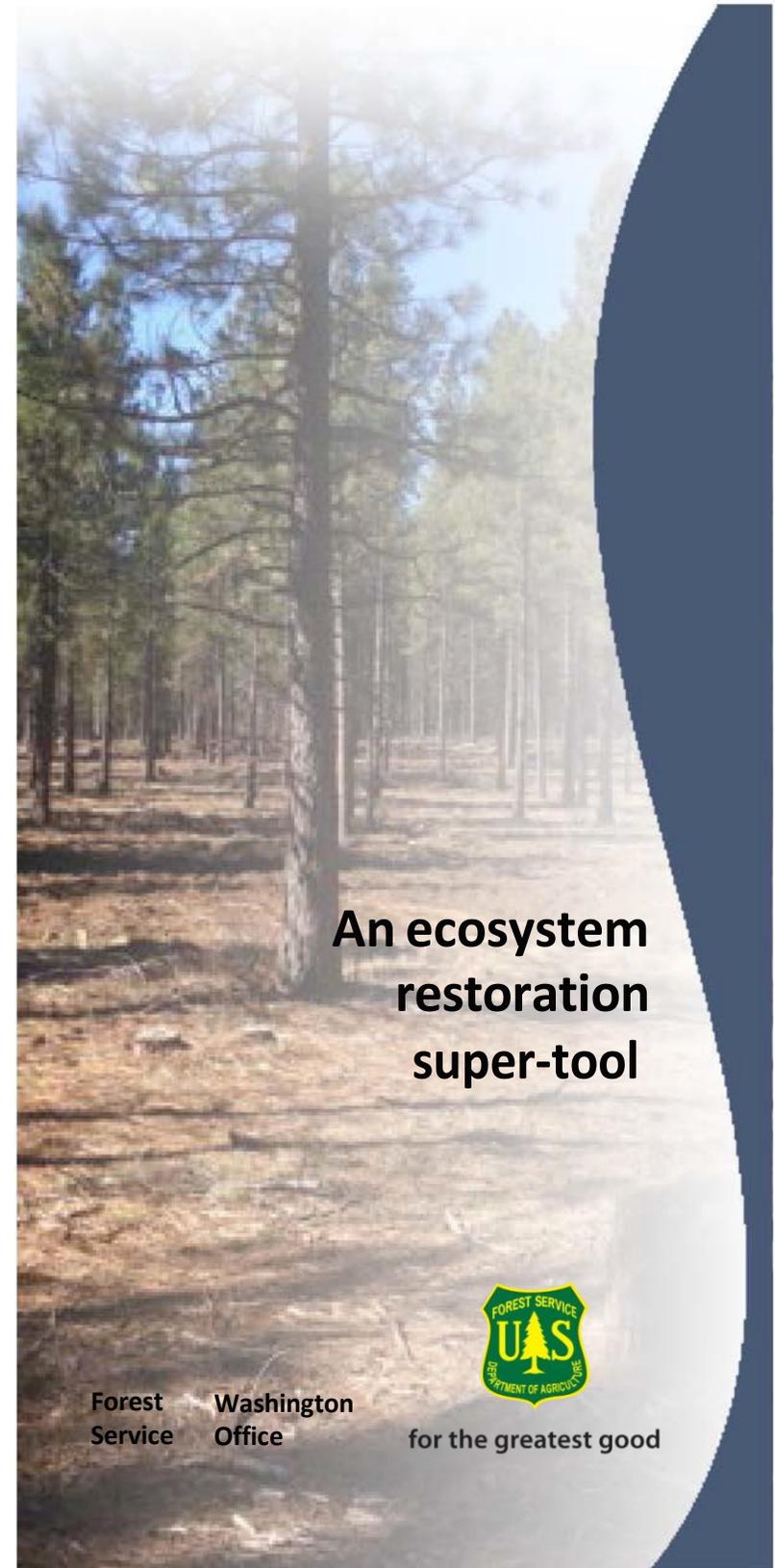
Stewardship contracting is an innovative ecosystem restoration tool in use since 1999. The Forest Service may use agreements or contracts with public or private entities to perform services to achieve national forest land management goals that meet local and rural community needs, including the following:

- exotic and noxious weed control and native plant species reestablishment
- fishery and wildlife habitat and soil productivity enhancement
- prescribed fire to improve forest stand composition and condition
- road and trail maintenance or obliteration to maintain or restore water quality
- watershed maintenance and restoration
- vegetative treatments to promote healthy forest stands; reduce wildland fire hazard; or achieve other land management objectives

A simple process

The Forest Service solicits proposals from groups and individuals to accomplish land management goals, trading forest product removal (goods) for forest restoration projects (services), typically through a single integrated resource contract or an agreement.

- One contractor or partner is responsible for completing all work but may use subcontractors or collaborators.
- National forest-community partnership project proposals are coordinated with a District Ranger.
- The District Ranger submits a written proposal to the Forest Supervisor who coordinates with the Regional Forester for project approval and any related funding.



**An ecosystem
restoration
super-tool**



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Blending Our Communities

Guidelines

Rooted in collaboration and adaptive management, the blending of land management and rural community development makes stewardship contracting unique.

The Stewardship Directives and Other Guidance:

https://www.fs.fed.us/restoration/Stewardship_Contracting/guidance.shtml

encourage strong collaboration between federal agencies and local and regional partners and interests.

Learn more

Find more information online at the Washington Office **Stewardship Contracting**

Web site: <http://fsweb.wo.fs.fed.us/fm/stewardship/index.shtml>

Get involved

Contact your Stewardship Acquisition Team Members who can help you with general questions, technical guidance, further contact information, and program support.

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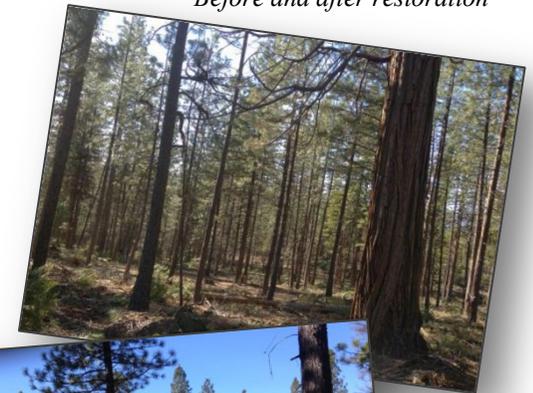
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*Creating healthy forests -
Before and after restoration*



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