



USDA Forest Service Intermountain Region

# GRANTS AND AGREEMENTS PROGRAM



## Director of Grants and Agreements



**Danielle (Dani) Bohn** is the new Regional Director for Grants and Agreements (G&A). Previously, Dani served as a national G&A Specialist and Policy Analyst for the Washington Office and was located at the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise, Idaho. Prior to that, she was in Washington, DC, and Albuquerque, NM, where she was a national G&A Specialist and served as G&A liaison for the National Partnership Office and Albuquerque Service Center. Dani began her career with the Forest Service in 1987 in western Montana while completing her bachelor's degree at the University of Montana. She worked on the Bitterroot and Lolo National Forests, and in the Northern Regional Office, and held a position as a zone G&A Specialist for the Beaverhead-Deerlodge, Helena, and Gallatin National Forests.

## The Intermountain Region (R4) Grants and Agreements Program

The Forest Service embraces civic engagement and public involvement as the essential foundation and framework for planning and managing programs. As such, partnerships are cornerstones of the agency's work and mission, serving as on-the-ground illustrations of the agency's commitment of connecting communities of place and interest to benefit our lands; creating sustainable solutions to resource challenges; and promoting mutual learning and collaboration. Often the Forest Service and partners must document relationships, in writing, using an FSM 1580 agreement. Such agreements include, but are not limited to: Memoranda of Understanding, Interagency Agreements, Cooperative Fire, Law Enforcement, or Road Agreements, Challenge Cost Share or Participating Agreements, and Good Neighbor or Stewardship Agreements.

Differing from federal assistance grants and cooperative agreements, which are generally implemented through the Forest Service's State and Private Forestry or Research and Development Programs, these agreements are often referred to as partnership agreements. Partnerships are voluntary arrangements in which all participants agree to work together to achieve a common purpose or undertake a specific task and to share risks, responsibilities, resources, competencies, and benefits.



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### **The Intermountain Region (R4) Grants and Agreements Program (cont.)**

Forest Service employees define partnerships as mutually beneficial arrangements between the Forest Service and non-Forest Service entities designed to accomplish mutually agreed-upon objective(s). Forest Service partners often include other Federal agencies, State and local governments, Tribes, universities, and many other non-profit, non-government organizations.

The Intermountain Region averages 1200 agreement actions per year, for approximately \$70 million, with 52% leveraged from non-federal partners. The Regional Grants and Agreements Program employs and develops certified grants management specialists to provide guidance and support to the Regional Office programs, GTAC, and the 12 National Forests in the Region for awarding and administering partnership agreements.