

Partnership Project Success Story

State:	Wyoming	FS Funds Used:	\$ 1500
National Forest/Grassland:	Shoshone National Forest	Other Funds Used:	\$ 0
		Partners:	\$ 30,000
Project Name:	Cody Interagency Dispatch Center	Total Project Cost:	\$ 31,500

Project Purpose/Objectives: The objective was to construct a new Interagency Dispatch Center in Cody, WY. Interagency partners include the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the Forest Service (Shoshone and Bighorn NFs) and the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). The construction contract of this Dispatch Center was funded and awarded by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Through an interagency agreement, the Forest Service will fund and award a contract for an engine storage facility on site in the future. This partnership success describes the reimbursable agreement entered into between the BLM and the FS for construction inspection services.

Work Performed: The FS provided on-site, daily construction inspection services during construction of the Dispatch Center. The BLM had no construction administration staff in Cody and so entered into a reimbursable agreement with the FS to provide inspection. The FS inspector was provided a cellular phone and salary costs up to \$30,000 in order to accomplish the inspection. The inspector provided daily inspection of the construction and was in constant contact with the BLM's Contracting Officer's Representative (COR), stationed in Denver, over a period of approximately ten months.

Benefits: The FS inspector received intense and invaluable on-the-ground experience in contract administration of a complex building. The Forest Service was able to fund other project work due to salary savings of \$30,000. Building maintenance management is more easily accomplished and issues are dealt with in a timely manner due to the close proximity of the inspector and his knowledge of the building's systems. The BLM realized a cost savings as the local, on-site FS inspector provided more cost effective inspection services than their estimate to temporarily detail a BLM inspector or hire private construction management services. The project has strengthened the working relationship between the FS and BLM.

Additional Information

Partners: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Shoshone and Bighorn National Forests, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA).