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Malheur Forest Awards Ten-Year Stewardship Contract

JOHN DAY - The Malheur National Forest announced today the awarding of a 10-year stewardship contract worth up to \$69 million.

The Integrated Resource Service Contract (IRSC) was awarded to Iron Triangle LLC of John Day, OR.

The goal of the IRSC is ecological restoration at a landscape scale. The IRSC will be used to eventually treat between 180,000 and 500,000 acres on the Malheur NF. These treatments are scheduled over the 10-year period of the contract.

The contract will provide opportunities for restoration work, including the removal of timber and biomass through the treatment of large landscape areas. This will provide jobs and forest product processing in local communities.

The IRSC will include various types of work such as pre-commercial thinning, mechanical fuels reduction, road maintenance, and timber product removal. Approximately 500 million board feet of timber could be harvested over 10 years; however annual harvest amounts are subject to negotiation.

Stewardship contracting helps achieve restoration goals while contributing to the sustainability of rural communities through continuing employment. Stewardship contracting focuses on end-result ecosystem benefits and outcomes, rather than on what's removed from the land. It allows the Forest Service to trade goods for services to achieve desired conditions on the ground.

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