

# Forest Service Stewardship Contracting Proposal

**Project Name:** 8040 Stewardship

**Region:** PNW R-6

**Forest:** Gifford Pinchot

**Ranger District:** Mt. Adams

## Primary Forest Service Contact

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**A.1 Project Summary/Objectives:** *Provide a summary of your project. Summary should include overall resource objectives as well as the need for stewardship authority. Describe the current conditions of the project and the conditions being restored. Identify the goods and services involved in project.*

This project treats about 76 acres of Forest Service land along Road 8040 and 8040500, the principle driving route to the South Climb Trailhead for Mt. Adams. Project objective is to establish a safe exit route for forest users in the event of a fire event, decrease the continuity of fuels along forest roads to reduce the intensity and spread rate of fire, thin stands along roads to remove standing and down fuels, reduce the tons per acre of fuels to more historic levels, and to create a safe environment for Forest Service personnel, contractors, and the public. Live and dead trees, standing and down, will be removed with this project.

Upwards from 6,000 people annually drive this route in the summer and fall. These roads are single lane with limited turn outs. The forests surrounding this road are comprised primarily of lodgepole pine and subalpine fir. These tree species are suffering extensive mortality from a mountain pine beetle epidemic and a chronic balsam wooly adelgid infestation, respectively. These are risks for potential wildfire as it affects ingress and egress to popular South Climb Trailhead and Morrison Campground. The public, contractors, and forest personnel are also at risk from dead trees and tops which will be removed with this project.

Stewardship authority is sought to offset the service cost of removing, piling, and covering slash by the product value of trees to be felled and removed. There is approximately 2734 CCF of low value material such as chip and cull logs. A small percentage will be sawlogs or poles.

**A.2 Project Location:** *Describe where the project is located relative to the nearest community.*

The project is located in Sections 1, 2, 11, T7N, R10E, WM, within the Mt. Adams Ranger District of the Gifford Pinchot National Forest and Yakima County, Washington. The community of Trout Lake, Washington lies approximately eight miles to the south.

**A.3 Size of Project Area:**

The treatment covers approximately 76 acres split into two area along four miles of road.

**A.4 Proposed Activities:** *Describe the work activities or treatments proposed to be accomplished with your project.*

- Reduction of contiguous fuels along designated forest roads by removing standing and down trees for chips, sawlogs, or other wood products.
- Piling and covering of slash and other un-useable woody debris for possible on-site disposal, or later removal.

- Felling dead and dying trees that have the potential to block roadways.

**A.5 Proposed Contract Procedures:**

Authorities and Procedures	Mark if Proposed for Use
Trading Goods for Services	XX
Designation by Description or Prescription <u>1/</u>	XX
Retention of Receipts	XX
Use of Retained Receipts from Another Approved Stewardship Project	XX
Retention of KV or BD Funds from Receipts (not applicable to an IRSC)	
Best Value Contracting	XX
Multi-Year Contracting (cancellation payment to be obligated with award)	
Multiple Year Contracting	XX
Other than Full and Open Competition <u>2/</u>	
Non-advertisement with product value exceeding \$10,000	
Non-USDA Administration of stewardship contracts or agreements	
Use of an Agreement	
Type of Contract(s) to be used	
Integrated Resource Contract(s) - Service	XX
Integrated Resource Contract (s) - Timber	
Standard Service Contract(s)	

1/ Will require use of Washington Office or regional special provisions. Designation by Prescription is applicable to scaled agreements or contracts only.

2/ Will require special Regional Forester approval - summarize the need this authority.

Was there consultation/coordination with AQM in development of the proposal?

No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes     X     \_\_\_\_\_ Justin Holder  
Name

Was there consultation/coordination with an Agreement Specialist in development of the task order(s)? Enter N/A if not applicable.

No     N/A     Yes \_\_\_\_\_  
Name

**A.5.1 Timeline:** (estimated)

Activity	Estimated Date Completed (month/yr)
NEPA	September 2010
Layout	June 2012
Contract	July 2012
Advertise	July 2012
Award	September 2012
Contract Termination	December 2013

**A.6 Current Status:** *Include a summary of the NEPA status, sale preparation, and of the collaboration accomplished to date and/or collaboration planned. List cooperating groups and/or communities, city, county, state and federal agencies, tribes, individuals, etc.*

The environmental documentation per NEPA has been completed (see previous table). Project layout is complete. Contract preparation is in progress.

Collaboration has occurred with the Mt. Adams Resource Stewards, Gifford Pinchot Task Force, Gifford Pinchot Accountability Group, and local timber operators. The District also meets monthly with the South Gifford Pinchot Collaboration Group.

All field preparation work has been completed including boundary marking and cruising. This project is ready to go to contracting for solicitation.

**B.1 Project Funding:** *Please provide the source of PROPOSED funds anticipated for the project. May change as project progresses. For multiple fund codes, add rows as needed. Make entries in the first table only if funds are to be added to the contract. Adding retained receipts from another approved stewardship project goes into the second table.*

Forest Service Appropriations to be added (do not include NEPA, prep, or admin costs)	
Fund Code(s):	\$ N/A
Cooperator Contributions (applicable to agreements only)	
In-cash	\$ N/A
Donated Services	\$ N/A
Other ( <i>specify</i> )	\$ N/A

**B.1.1 Estimated Budget:** *(add lines to the table as needed)*

Activity <sup>1/</sup>	Goods (+)	Services (-)
Product Value (Net - from below)	\$ 683	\$
Fuel Reduction	\$	\$ 42,000
Addition of Retained Receipts		
Source Stewardship Project – <i>Stray Cat</i>	\$ 42,000	\$
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 42,683</b>	<b>\$ 42,000</b>

<sup>1/</sup> group activities by type of treatment type; fuel reduction, road closures, wildlife habitat improvement, precommercial thinning to restore old growth characteristics, etc.

Estimate the value of Goods by completing the following table; *(add lines to the table as needed)*

Product Type (Sawtimber, Low Value Material, and convertible and nonconvertible material)	Quantity or Volume to be Removed  (CCF, Tons, lineal feet, cords, etc.)	Value of material to be Removed  (from appraisal)
Low Value Material	2,734 CCF	\$0.25
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$683</b>

**B.2 Collaboration:** *Please describe the collaborative process associated with the project. Scoping, hosting tours of the project area, or FS led group for the project, does not meet the collaboration requirement for stewardship.*

Collaboration for this project began in year 2010 with general scoping of Forest Services intention to address hazardous fuels and dead and dying trees along the entire length of Roads 8040 and 8040500. All interested private and public parties, government agencies, and Indian tribes were notified. All responding parties were in support of the need to take action. A decision memo authorizing action was completed in September. Subsequently, Forest Service staff began falling dead and dying trees. Contracts have also been let to continue the falling of these trees and piling of activity generated slash.

In year 2011, Forest Service staff continued to fall dead and dying trees. Piled material was made available to the public for personal use firewood and unutilized piles were burned. These actions addressed only a third of the road miles needing treatment. The Mt. Adams Collaborative Group (which subsequently became the South Gifford Pinchot Collaborative Group) was consulted that summer regarding additional treatments using standard contracts, or if necessary, stewardship authorities as a means to trade goods for service in order to mitigate hazard fuels and dead and dying trees. A field trip was provided and attended by collaborative group members, timber industry operators, and the general

public. By either method, the project received broad support. Letters endorsing the project have been received from Gifford Pinchot Task Force and Mt. Adams Resource Stewards. A letter endorsing treatment on the broader landscape was received from the Gifford Pinchot Accountability Group.

The current 8040 Stewardship project seeks to treat most of the remaining roadside. It would utilize retained receipts from the approved Stray Cat Stewardship Project. Stray Cat Stewardship was a prior vegetation and fuels project addressing forest health issues on the dry, East Cascades forests of the Mt. Adams Ranger District.

**B.3 Stewardship Roles and Responsibilities:** *See the table for a list of roles and responsibilities related to stewardship projects. Each project and/or contract is to complete the following table to identify persons with specific roles and responsibilities. Send an electronic copy of this form to the Regional Stewardship Coordinator at time of submission of Stewardship Contracting Proposal to Regional Forester for approval as a stewardship project, with updated versions sent upon award of the contract, and prior to the start of operations. Keep the completed form with the project/contract documentation. Required entry of a named individual at time of submission of Stewardship Contracting Proposal to Regional Forester for approval as a stewardship project is indicated with and asterisk (\*).*

Role	Responsibility	Designated Person's Name, Phone Number, e-mail address
Forest Supervisor *	Overall responsibility for stewardship projects on the forest. Recommends projects to Regional Forester for approval. Recommends person by name to Regional Forester to be delegated authority as Contracting Officer for a stewardship contract. See FSH 2409.19, 60.42b. Requests from Regional Forester specific amounts of retained receipts to be transferred to another approved stewardship project.	Janine Clayton 360-891-5101 jclayton01@fs.fed.us
District Ranger *	Overall responsibility for stewardship projects on the district. Primary lead in establishing and maintaining collaboration. See FSH 2409.19, 60.42c. Coordinates with AQM in defining local area for stewardship contract. Determines amount of retained receipts to be used to pay for incidental expenses related to project level multi-party monitoring. Recommends to Forest Supervisor amounts of retained receipts to be transferred to another approved stewardship project.	Nancy Ryke 509-395-3401 nryke@fs.fed.us

Forest Stewardship Coordinator *	Provide overall guidance for stewardship process. Serve as liaison and information conduit between Forest and RO, and Timber and AQM on Forest. Arrange for necessary, internal training and information sessions. Reviews stewardship proposals for compliance with handbook, manual, and 16 U.S.C 2104 note, prior to sending to RO for Regional Forester approval.	Joseph Gates 360-891-5114 <a href="mailto:jgates@fs.fed.us">jgates@fs.fed.us</a>
FS Collaborative Liasion	Usually the District Ranger, but can be delegated to a person to with authority to act and speak for the ranger. Provides sideboards for the project to the Collaborative, and FS policy and direction related to proposed work activities.	Nancy Ryke 509-395-3401 <a href="mailto:nryke@fs.fed.us">nryke@fs.fed.us</a>
ID Team Leader	Leads the completion of NEPA	Erin Black 509-395-3411 <a href="mailto:ekblack@fs.fed.us">ekblack@fs.fed.us</a>
Project Implementation Lead *	Host information sessions for prospective Purchasers. Lead contact for project specific questions during contract formulation and solicitation. Provides thorough review of contract package to assure map is complete, proper provisions are being used and correctly completed, technical specifications are clear and included, etc. Lead for formulation of future contracts utilizing Retained Receipts. Completes required monthly report to Albuquerque Service Center of volume and value, work completed and credits earned, and other required upward reporting.	Jon Nakae – Silviculture 509-395-3480 <a href="mailto:inakae@fs.fed.us">inakae@fs.fed.us</a>  Robert Gavenas - FSR 360-891-5122 <a href="mailto:rgavenas@fs.fed.us">rgavenas@fs.fed.us</a>  Mike McMillen – Timber Resouces 360-891-5187 <a href="mailto:mmcmillen@fs.fed.us">mmcmillen@fs.fed.us</a>
FS Multi Party Monitoring Representative	Represent the Forest Service with the Multi-party Monitoring Team (MPMT). Assists the MPMT with the preparation of the annual report.	Not assigned
Collaborative Group Representative on ID Team	A person appointed by the group and approved by the District Ranger to represent their interests on the inter-disciplinary team for the approved stewardship project.	Not assigned
Field Implementation Lead	Oversee the field work associated with the Goods (product removal) and the Services (service work).	Jon Nakae – Silviculture 509-395-3480 <a href="mailto:inakae@fs.fed.us">inakae@fs.fed.us</a>

Project Specialists	Lead resource contacts responsible for preparing required specifications for individual restoration work activities included in the contract.	Jon Nakae – Silviculture 509-395-3480 <a href="mailto:jnakae@fs.fed.us">jnakae@fs.fed.us</a>  Gail Bouchard – Fuels 509-395-3440 <a href="mailto:gbouchard@fs.fed.us">gbouchard@fs.fed.us</a>
Contract Package Preparer	Prepare all contract documents: Prospectus, Advertisement, Solicitation, FS-2400-13(T), and IRSC. Can be a timber or procurement person, but both are to work together in the preparation of the final contract package to assure proper provisions (clauses) are included, and all required parts are complete and present.	Julie Ashe 360-497-1153 <a href="mailto:jashe@fs.fed.us">jashe@fs.fed.us</a>  Miley Sutherland 360-956-2471 <a href="mailto:msutherland@fs.fed.us">msutherland@fs.fed.us</a>
Source Selection Authority (SSA)	Per FAR's, final authority to approve selection of Best Value	Miley Sutherland 360-956-2471 <a href="mailto:msutherland@fs.fed.us">msutherland@fs.fed.us</a>
Source Selection Evaluation Board (SSEB)	Utilize the Source Selection Plan to evaluate offers and determine Best Value Offer to the Government. AQM CO describes to the SSEB the process or procedures to be used in evaluating proposals. A member of the collaborative is encouraged to participate in the evaluation of technical proposals, but cannot see the prices of work or product value submitted by Contractors.	Not Assigned
SSEB Review	Review SSEB recommendation prior to submittal to SSA	Not Assigned
Contracting Officer	Specifically name individual with delegated authority from the Regional Forester as a Contracting Officer (CO) on Integrated Resource Contracts. Prepares the Source Selection Plan for the Best Value determination. Provide instructions and advice to SSEB and SSA.	Jeanne Williams 503-699-1739 <a href="mailto:jmwilliams@fs.fed.us">jmwilliams@fs.fed.us</a>
FSR	Forest Service Representative for FS-2400-13(T). Can be assigned to an IRSC to assist with product removal, and be assigned duties related to completing service work, as qualified.	Robert Gavenas 360-891-5122 <a href="mailto:rgavenas@fs.fed.us">rgavenas@fs.fed.us</a>

SA	Sale Administrator for FS-2400-13(T). Can be assigned to an IRSC to assist with product removal, and be assigned duties related to completing service work, as qualified.	Jon Paul Anderson 509-395-3400 jpanderson@fs.fed.us
HI	Harvest Inspector for FS-2400-13(T). Can be assigned to an IRSC to assist with product removal, and be assigned duties related to completing service work, as qualified.	Not Assigned
ER	Engineering Rep for FS-2400-13(T). Can be assigned to an IRSC to assist with required restorative road work.	Krishna Lepp 509-395-3370 klepp@fs.fed.us
Service Work COR	Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) for service work in Integrated Resource Contracts, and be assigned duties related to product removal, as qualified and needed.	Ben Hoppus 509-395-3405 bhoppus@fs.fed.us
Service Work Inspector	Contract Inspector for service work in Integrated Resource Contracts, and be assigned duties related to product removal, as qualified and needed.	Not Assigned

\* Required entry of a named individual at time of submission of the Stewardship Contracting Proposal form to Regional Forester for approval as a stewardship project.

**B.4 Monitoring:** *Please list proposed monitoring the Forest itself will undertake on this project, monitoring utilizing Collaborative Group members, or other approaches to complete project monitoring.*

Prior to advertisement of a stewardship contract, the provisions of the contract will be cross checked with the design features and mitigations in the project Decision Memo to insure that required elements have been incorporated.

During implementation, COR and inspectors will monitor compliance with the Stewardship Contract which contains provisions for resource protection.

Post treatment reviews would be conducted where needed prior to post harvest activities such as pile burning. Based on these reviews, post-harvest activities would be adjusted where needed to achieve project and resource objectives.

Forest Plan monitoring will also be conducted. For example, water quality is monitored for temperature at several locations across the Forest. Monitoring reports can be found on the Forest's web site at <http://www.fs.fed.us/gpnf/> under "Projects and Plans".

