

# Forest Service

## Stewardship Contracting Proposal

**Project Name:** Wildcat Stewardship II  
(HooHoo, Craggy, Cabin, and House)

**Region:** R6 PNW

**Forest:** Gifford Pinchot National Forest

**Ranger District:** Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument /  
District

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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.*

The Mount St. Helens NVM requests stewardship authority to implement up to four stewardship integrated resource timber contracts, named HooHoo, Craggy, Cabin, and House. We also seek authority to use excess timber receipts from these contracts to fund other standard service contracts for activities listed herein. The majority of these activities stem from the Wildcat Thin Decision Notice. These vegetation management projects, along with other service work, strive to restore vegetative, aquatic, and wildlife conditions in the Lewis River Watershed.

**This stewardship proposal amends the FY09 Wildcat ABC Stewardship Proposal which was approved in 2009.** Since 2009, Wildcat Thin was litigated, but is now clear to proceed. During that time, two new sales have been added, Cabin and House. Net timber revenue is now forecast to be higher, and we have updated the activities list.

Sawtimber is the primary goods of extractive value in these contracts. These four projects have a combined cruised volume of approximately 41,083 CCF with an estimated net value of \$1,460,000. Sawtimber and other low value timber products are byproducts of variable density thinning to meet the desired future condition of Late-Successional Reserve, Riparian Reserves, and Matrix lands.

Product value would be used to fund post-harvest enhancements (tree planting, riparian non-commercial thin, invasive weed control, and road decommissioning) that are specified in the Wildcat Thin Decision Notice. It would also fund the following activities elsewhere in the watershed:

- Road maintenance (non-haul routes that are producing negative impacts on water quality and terrestrial habitats)
- Road decommission
- Plantation pre-commercial thinning

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

The projects would occur within the Lewis River Watershed. Nearest communities are Cougar, WA and Carson, WA.

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

- Wildcat thin, weed control, tree planting – 2,600 acres
- Road maintenance – 33 miles
- Road decommission – 4.9 miles
- Riparian non-commercial thinning – 14 acres
- Plantation pre-commercial thinning – 440 acres

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

	Name	Description	Objectives	Estimated Revenue / (Cost)
A	Wildcat Thin (HooHoo, Craggy, Cabin, and House)	Commercial thinning in plantations 35-50 years old within Late-Successional, Riparian Reserves, and Matrix (2,600 acres)	Remove excess trees and leave a stand structure and composition that is conducive to the desired future condition.	\$1,460,000
1	Road 93 Maintenance	Clean ditches and culverts along 10 miles of Forest Road 93.	Restore road drainage and avoid road failures due to culvert blockages; thereby maintaining water quality.	(\$20,000)
2	Decommission Road 2586 (MP 1.5 to 3.2)	Remove from system 1.7 miles of road. Include actions to block entrance, remove culverts, and rip and waterbar surface.	Eliminate road generated sediment to tributaries of the Muddy River.	(\$336,000)
3	Riparian Thinning Non-Commercial	Thinning riparian areas within Wildcat riparian buffers or in areas adjacent to units (approximately 14 acres).	Foster stand development and provide snags and downed logs for riparian areas and stream channels	(\$4,000)
4	Plantation Pre-Commercial Thinning	Thin small trees on 440 acres of young plantations that are overly dense.	Avoid stand stagnation so that trees can stay healthy and continue to grow. Serves resource objectives across multiple land allocations.	(\$110,000)
5	Decommission Road 2586-170	Remove from system 0.3 miles of road. Include actions to block entrance, rip and waterbar.	Eliminate road generated sediment to tributaries of the Muddy River.	(\$4,000)
6	Tree Planting in Gaps	Tree planting in larger gaps within commercial thinning units	Enhance forest stand diversity and develop secondary canopy layer	(\$48,000)
7	Invasive Weed Control	Inventory and treat invasive weeds (via hand pulling or herbicides) along haul routes and within commercial thinning units.	Reduce existing weed populations along roadways and eradicate new populations that could develop in areas disturbed by logging.	(\$60,000)
8	Decommission Road 8322-560	Remove from system 0.7 miles of road. Include actions to block entrance, remove culverts, rip and waterbar.	Eliminate road generated sediment to tributaries of the Muddy River.	(\$14,000)
9	Decommission Road 2575 (MP 1.5 to 2.0)	Remove from system 0.5 miles of road. Include actions to block entrance, remove culverts, rip and waterbar.	Eliminate road generated sediment to tributaries of Clear Creek.	(\$15,000)
10	Decommission Road 2575-200	Remove from system 0.9 miles of road. Include actions to block entrance, remove culverts, rip and waterbar.	Eliminate road generated sediment to tributaries of Clear Creek.	(\$28,000)
11	Decommission Road 2575-056	Remove from system 0.3 miles of road. Include actions to block entrance, remove culverts, rip and waterbar.	Eliminate road generated sediment to tributaries of Clear Creek.	(\$9,000)
12	Decommission Road 2575-050	Remove from system 0.5 miles of road. Include actions to block entrance, remove culverts, rip and waterbar.	Eliminate road generated sediment to tributaries of Clear Creek.	(\$15,000)
13	Level II Road Maintenance	Ditch cleaning, culvert repair, and erosion prevention rocking, surface grading of Forest Roads (Mgmt Level II) in the Lewis River Watershed. Roads 41 and 4109. (Approximately 23 miles)	Restore road drainage, reduce sediment delivery, and avoid road failures due to culvert blockages; thereby maintaining water quality.	(\$230,000)

## 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	
Retention of KV or BD Funds from Receipts (not applicable to an IRSC)	XX
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	
Integrated Resource Contract (s) - Timber	XX
Standard Service Contract(s)	XX

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 XX \_\_\_\_\_ Miley Sutherland  
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)				
	HooHoo IRTC	Cabin IRTC	Craggy IRTC	House IRTC	Service Contracts
NEPA	All completed, see following table				
Layout	03 / 2012	06 / 2012	09 / 2012	10 / 2012	2015 – 2019
Contract	05 / 2012	07 / 2012	10 / 2012	11 / 2012	2015 – 2019
Advertise	06 / 2012	07 / 2012	10 / 2012	11 / 2012	2015 – 2019
Award	08 / 2012	09 / 2012	12 / 2012	01 / 2013	2015 - 2019
Contract Termination	12 / 2018	12 / 2018	12 / 2017	12 / 2018	2015 - 2020

**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 Wildcat Thin Decision Notice was completed in August 2009. The NEPA involved scoping and review with a number of public entities and regulatory agencies, including the US Fish and Wildlife Service, US National Marine Fisheries, WA State Fish and Wildlife, and WA State Historic Preservation Office. The stewardship plan reflects collaboration with the former Lewis River Collaborative Group and the present South Gifford Pinchot Collaborative Group (SGPCG). Section B2. *Collaboration* provides more details on collaborative effort.

Wildcat Thin Decision Notice authorized many enhancement projects, and most are listed as activities in this proposal. Other proposed activities were approved under separate NEPA decisions:

Decision Date	NEPA Project Name	Detailed Project
03/17/2008	Site-Specific Invasive Plant Treatment – Gifford Pinchot NF and Columbia River Gorge NSA, Washington, #3582	Invasive Weed Control
07/24/2008	Clear Creek Roads Project Decision #1; Muddy River and Upper Lewis River Watershed	Road 2586 Decommission (MP 1.5 to 3.2) Road 2575 Decommission (MP 1.7 to 2.0) Road 2575-050 Decommission (0.5 miles) Road 2575-056 Decommission (0.3 miles) Road 2575-200 Decommission (0.9 miles)
07/29/2009	Young Stand Thinning and Bough Removal Projects; Mount St Helens Monument	Plantation Pre-Commercial Thinning (440 acres)
08/26/2009	Wildcat Thin	Wildcat Thin (Hoo Hoo, Craggy, Cabin, House) Tree Planting Enhancement (all Wildcat units) Riparian Non-Commercial Thin (14 acres) Invasive Weed Control (all Wildcat units) Road 2575 Decommission (MP 1.5 to 1.7) Road 2586-170 Decommission (0.3 miles) Road 8322-560 Decommission (0.7 miles)
N/A	Repair and Maintenance of Roads, Trails, and Landline Boundaries (Categorical Exclusion, no Decision Memo required, 36 CFR 220.6 (d)(4)(i))	Road 93 Maintenance (10 miles) ( MP 15.2 to 25.2) Level II System Road Maintenance (23 miles) (Road 41 and 4109)

HooHoo Stewardship is the first contract to be prepared from this package. It would be an Integrated Resource Timber Contract (IRTC) to be offered during the third quarter of FY12. Layout has been completed. Timelines for the other checkpoints are listed in *Table A.5.1*. Timelines for the other IRTC's are listed as well.

While most activities will be included in the various IRTC's, several activities (e.g. tree planting, invasive weed control) would be implemented through standard service contracts using retained receipts from the IRTC's.

**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):	\$
Cooperator Contributions (applicable to agreements only) In-cash	\$
Donated Services	\$
Other ( <i>specify</i> )	\$

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

Activity <sup>1/</sup>	Goods (+)	Services (-)
Product Value (Net - from below)	\$ 1,460,000	\$
Tree planting		\$ 48,000
Invasive weed control	\$	\$ 60,000
Non-commercial thinning	\$	\$ 4,000
Pre-commercial thinning	\$	\$ 111,000
Road maintenance	\$	\$ 250,000
Road decommissioning	\$	\$ 421,000
Addition of Retained Receipts Source Stewardship Projects -	\$	\$
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 1,460,000</b>	<b>\$ 894,000</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)
Sawtimber	41,083 CCF	\$1,460,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>41,083 CCF</b>	<b>\$1,460,000</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.*

In September of 2008, employees from the Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument gave a presentation to the newly formed Lewis River Collaborative (LRC) to inform them about stewardship authorities and the need for a collaborative process that involved local interest before they could use this tool. At this meeting the members of LRC expressed an interest in becoming the collaborative group for the entire Lewis River basin within the Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument, which they now call the Lewis River Basin Stewardship Area. They believed they would be the perfect group since their members represented different special interest groups within Skamania County. LRC requested the Forest Service to identify NEPA completed restoration projects that they could support for stewardship. The LRC also requested information on the Wildcat Thin EA so that they could prioritize watershed restoration projects to include with restoration thinning projects within a 2400-13 stewardship contract. On December 4, 2008 the LRC prioritized a list of NEPA completed watershed restoration projects to include within a stewardship contract. This prioritized list was incorporated in the original Wildcat Stewardship Proposal of 2009.

The approved thinning acreage of Wildcat Thin EA has generated two more timber sales, Cabin and House, to go along with HooHoo and Craggy. The timber value of these new sales allow us to now consider implementation all of the enhancement projects approved under Wildcat Thin EA, along with other restoration work that has been approved in the Lewis River Watershed. Given this expanded opportunity, we sought more collaboration.

In 2011, the Lewis River Collaborative Group joined the Mt. Adams Collaborative Group to form the South Gifford Pinchot Collaborative Group (SGPCG). The SGPCG's decision making structure is primarily through consensus and defaults to Robert's Rules of Orders for majority vote. They meet once a month, and meetings and membership is open to all. The following people actively participate in the SGPCG:

1. Jamie Tolfree – Coordinator
2. Bob Anderson – Skamania County Commissioner
3. Robert Waymire – Skamania Economic Development Council

4. Lisa Moscinski – Gifford Pinchot Task Force
5. Jim Rombach – Forester/Citizen
6. Ron Schnider – High Cascades, Inc.
7. Larry Zeigensuss – US Fish and Wildlife Service
8. Jay McLaughlin – Mt. Adams Resource Stewards
9. Jerry Sauer – Skamania Co. Fire Protection District #6, North Country Homeowners
10. Jonalee Squeochs – Yakama Indian Nation
11. Phillip Watness – Skamania County Pioneer Newspaper
12. Tom Linde – Gifford Pinchot Accountability Group
13. Kevin Watners – Port of Skamania

The Deputy District Ranger and District Silviculturist approached the new SGPCG to review options for funding more restoration work. To honor the intentions of the Lewis River Collaborative Group, restoration work identified in the Wildcat Stewardship Proposal of 2009 remained as top priorities. The SGPCG reviewed additional enhancement projects approved by Wildcat Thin and other approved watershed restoration projects.

The SGPCG agreed to recommend funding for decommissioning Road 2586-170, pre-commercial thinning, tree planting, weed control, and level II road maintenance. The SGPCG support for road decommissioning is mixed with additional information and field review desired. The Forest Service sees the opportunity for additional service activities not listed in this proposal. Thus, the collaborative process will continue, with a field review scheduled for this summer, and a continual evaluation of service activities as receipts become available. This stewardship proposal may be amended in the future should the activities list change.

**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.	Diana Perez Deputy District Ranger 360-449-7843 dperez@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 jgates@fs.fed.us
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.	Diana Perez Deputy District Ranger 360-449-7843 dperez@fs.fed.us
ID Team Leader	Leads the completion of NEPA	Erin Black 509-395-3411 ekblack@fs.fed.us
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.	Julie Ashe Pre-Sale Lead 360-497-1153 jashe@fs.fed.us  Mike McMillen Timber Resource Specialist 360-8915187 mmcmillen@fs.fed.us
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 509-395-3480 jnakae@fs.fed.us
Project Specialists	Lead resource contacts responsible for preparing required specifications for individual restoration work activities included in the contract.	Jon Nakae Silviculturist 509-395-3480 jnakae@fs.fed.us  John Dryden Engineer 509-395-3389 jdryen@fs.fed.us
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 Pre-Sale Lead 360-497-1153 jashe@fs.fed.us
Source Selection Authority (SSA)	Per FAR's, final authority to approve selection of Best Value	Not assigned
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.	Tim Johnson 360-891-5120 tjohnson@fs.fed.us
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 rgavenas@fs.fed.us
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 509-395-3385 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.	John Dryden 509-395-3389 jdryen@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.	Not assigned
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, a crosswalk table would be prepared to check the provisions of the Contract and other implementation plans with the EA/DN(s) to insure that required elements have been addressed.

During implementation, Contract inspectors monitor compliance with the Stewardship Contract which contains provisions for resource protection, including but not limited to: seasonal restrictions, snag and coarse woody debris retention, stream protection, erosion prevention, soil protection, road closure and protection of historical sites.

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

Monitoring is also conducted at the Forest level. 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".

**SIGNATURE AND CONCURRENCES:**

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Date

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**Director of Acquisition Management Concurrence:**

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**Regional Forester Approval:**

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Date