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## **1530.6 - Interagency Relations**

Includes committees and agreements involving three or more agencies.

### **1530.61 - Coordination of Water and Related Resource Activities**

The Executive order of May 26, 1954, and the Interagency Agreement on Coordination of Water and Related Resource Activities are cited in the expansions of this code. The agreement also establishes the membership of Interagency Field Committees.

#### **1530.61a - Executive Order of May 26, 1954**

THE WHITE HOUSE  
Washington

May 26, 1954

Dear Mr. Secretary:

The conservation and use which we make of the water resources of our Nation may in large measure determine our future progress and the standards of living of our citizens. If we are to continue to advance agriculturally and industrially we must make the best use of every drop of water which falls on our soil, or which can be extracted from the oceans. It is my desire that this administration furnish effective and resourceful leadership in establishing national policies and improving the administrative organization needed to conserve and best utilize the full potential of our water resources.

During the more than a century in which the Federal Government has played a vital part in the harnessing and development of water resources, our policies have been modified repeatedly to reflect changing needs and priorities. Unfortunately, we have often relied on piecemeal or stopgap measures. In other instances the policies covering different Federal agencies concerned with similar water resources have been inconsistent. Accordingly, it is both fitting and necessary for us to undertake a comprehensive review looking toward modernization of Federal policies and programs in the field of water resources. We must do this with a full realization that the States, communities, and private citizens are vitally concerned with the policies and actions of the Federal Government.

To meet the needs to which I have referred above, I am establishing a Cabinet Committee on Water Resources Policy. <sup>1/</sup>The Committee shall undertake an extensive review of all aspects of water resources policy. Its recommendations for the strengthening, clarification, and modernization of water policies, together with a suggested approach to the solution of organizational problems involved, are to be submitted to me not later than December 1, 1954.

I am designating you the Chairman of the Cabinet Committee on Water Resources Policy. The Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Agriculture will serve with you on the Committee as full members, and I am so notifying them by copies of this letter. The Secretary of Commerce, the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, and the Director of the Bureau of the Budget will participate on an ad hoc basis. My Advisory Committee on Government Organization will be glad to cooperate wherever possible.

The Commission on Organization of the Executive Branch of the Government, under the Chairmanship of former President Hoover, is undertaking a comprehensive study of water and power policies and organization. The Cabinet Committee should be prepared to assist in the executive branch consideration and review of the Hoover Commission recommendations.

Several departments and agencies are presently charged with responsibilities directly affecting the conservation and use of water and each such agency is capable of making an important contribution to the reexamination and revision of water resources policy. By means of another letter, I am also approving the establishment of an Inter-Agency Committee on Water Resources as provided in an interagency agreement proposed through the initiative of your Department. The Inter-Agency Committee on Water Resources will provide a facility for improving the coordination of existing policies, programs, and activities of the participating departments and agencies concerned with water and land resources investigation, planning, construction, operation, and maintenance. I shall expect the Inter-Agency Committee to assist the Cabinet Committee in every way possible in order to insure that the Cabinet Committee has the opportunity to utilize fully the skills and experience of the executive agencies.

Sincerely,

/s/ Dwight D. Eisenhower

The Honorable Douglas McKay,  
Secretary of the Interior,  
Washington, D.C.

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1/ Subsequently redesignated Presidential Advisory Committee on Water Resources Policy.

## **1530.61b - Interagency Agreement**

### **INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT ON COORDINATION OF WATER AND RELATED LAND RESOURCES ACTIVITIES**

#### **1. PURPOSE**

It is the purpose of this agreement to provide improved facilities and procedures for the coordination of the policies, programs, and activities of the Departments of the Interior, Agriculture, Commerce, Health, Education, and Welfare, and the Army, and the Federal Power Commission in the field of water and related land resources investigation, planning, construction, operation, and maintenance; to provide means by which conflicts may be resolved; and to provide procedures for coordination of their interests with those of other Federal agencies in the water and related land resources field.

#### **2. ESTABLISHMENT**

For this purpose, there is established, subject to approval by the President, an Inter-Agency Committee on Water Resources to be comprised of representatives of the Departments of the Interior, Agriculture, Commerce, Health, Education, and Welfare, and the Army, and the Federal Power Commission.

(a) Membership on the Committee shall be composed of a principal policy official from each agency, such as the Secretary, Under Secretary, or an Assistant Secretary of Interior, Agriculture, Commerce, Health, Education, and Welfare, and Army, and the Chairman or a member of the Federal Power Commission. In addition, the Chief of Army Engineers may act for the Secretary of the Army. When alternates are required, they will also be selected from principal policy officials.

(b) The Chairmanship of the Committee shall rotate annually among the member agencies.

(c) The Committee shall have such staff assistance as the members may, on request, assign to it.

#### **3. METHOD OF OPERATION**

(a) Meetings of the Committee shall be held as often as required, but at least once every two months.

(b) Meetings shall be executive in nature, with attendance generally limited to members, alternates, and supporting staff having direct assignment on matters under discussion.

(c) The chairman agency shall provide the Secretary for the Committee. In addition, the other member agencies shall each provide a principal staff assistant to assist the Committee Secretary. The Secretary and five assistants will constitute the primary staff of the Committee.

(d) The Committee shall serve as a means for achieving final agreement among the member agencies on issues or problems which may arise. Staff work necessary to present the essence of such issues or problems to the Committee shall be carried on by the Committee staff, with the assistance of such special subcommittees as may be appointed by the Committee.

(e) Minutes of Committee meetings will be prepared to record the decisions of the Committee. These minutes will be for use of member agencies only, unless a wider distribution is agreed to by the Committee.

(f) The Committee will establish further procedures governing its operation as required.

#### 4. RESPONSIBILITIES

It will be the responsibility of the Committee to establish means and procedures to promote coordination of the water and related land resources activities of the member agencies; to undertake resolution of interagency differences to the extent possible under existing law and administration policy; and to suggest to the President changes in existing law or administration policy which would promote coordination and eliminate or reduce interagency differences.

Coordination of work and resolution of conflicts will be directed to activities such as the following:

(a) Collection and interpretation of basic data

Continuing procedures would be established to coordinate agency activities in collection and interpretation of basic data both at field level and in Washington. Work would be carried on through standing subcommittees on hydrology and sedimentation.

(b) Investigation and planning of water and related land resources projects

Continuing procedures would be established to coordinate agency activities in the investigation and planning of water and related land resources projects and programs, beginning at the earliest stages of investigations at field level. Included would be coordinated programming and scheduling of investigations, interchange of basic data and information during the planning process, exchange of planning reports first at field level and finally at the

Washington level. Included also would be a means for reconciling differences among agencies before planning reports are submitted in final form to the President and the Congress. For this latter purpose, a special subcommittee of the main Committee would be established should it be required for the particular case.

(c) Programming (including scheduling) of water and related land resources construction and development

Procedures would be established to insure coordination of agency programs of construction and development, with particular emphasis given to the scheduling of programs requiring joint financing or involving transfer of funds between agencies.

A standing subcommittee, meeting periodically as required, would be established for this purpose.

(d) Evaluation standards

To insure coordinated standards for project and program evaluation, a standing subcommittee would be established to develop and recommend to the Committee uniform standards and procedures in this field, and to consider special problems on evaluation and economics as they arise.

(e) Water resources policies

Coordination of specific policy issues involving, for example, power development and marketing, reimbursement, land reclamation, or flood control would require special treatment by the Committee. In some cases, the Committee would handle the problem directly through its committee staff. In other cases, a special subcommittee would be appointed to study the problem and make recommendations to the main committee.

## 5. ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION BY OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES

The Department of Labor will be invited to become an associate member of the Committee, and to designate representatives to attend meetings and participate in the work of the Committee and its subcommittees within the scope of its interests.

Where appropriate, other Federal agencies will be asked to participate in Committee meetings and to appoint representatives to specific subcommittees, in order that the work of the Committee members may be coordinated with the related work of all agencies.

## 6. FIELD INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEES

(a) Federal membership on the Missouri Basin Inter-Agency Committee, the Columbia Basin Inter-Agency Committee, and the Pacific Southwest Federal Inter-Agency Technical Committee shall be reconstituted to conform with memberships on the main Committee. State participation on these committees shall not be affected by this agreement.

(b) Federal membership on the Arkansas-White-Red Basins Inter-Agency Committee and the New England-New York Inter-Agency Committee would continue as at present until completion of the studies by June 30, 1955. The future of these committees would be considered at that time.

(c) The main Committee will revise the charters of the Missouri Basin, Columbia Basin, and Pacific Southwest Committees to conform with the provisions of this agreement.

(d) The main Committee shall establish procedures for dealing with matters involving the field committees on a continuing basis.

## 7. EFFECTIVE DATE

This agreement will become effective upon its approval by the President.

SIGNED: Douglas McKay  
Secretary of the Interior

Oveta Culp Hobby  
Secretary of Health,  
Education and Welfare

Ezra T. Benson  
Secretary of Agriculture

Robert T. Stevens  
Secretary of the Army

Sinclair Weeks  
Secretary of Commerce

Jerome K. Kuykendall  
Chairman, Federal  
Power Commission



## **1530.62 - Uniform Rules Covering Excavation of Ancient Ruins and Relics**

Permits are issued only by the Chief (FSM 2713).

### **UNIFORM RULES AND REGULATIONS**

The following uniform rules and regulations are prescribed by the Secretaries of the Interior, Agriculture, and War to carry out the provisions of the act for the preservation of American antiquities, approved June 8, 1906 (34 Stat. 225; 16 U.S.C. 432-433).

1. Jurisdiction over ruins, archaeological sites, historic and prehistoric monuments and structures, objects of antiquity, historic landmarks, and other objects of historic or scientific interest, shall be exercised under the act by the respective departments as follows:

By the Secretary of Agriculture over lands within the exterior limits of forest reserves /national forests/, by the Secretary of War over lands within the exterior limits of military reservations, by the Secretary of the Interior over all other lands owned or controlled by the Government of the United States, provided the Secretaries of War and Agriculture may by agreement cooperate with the Secretary of the Interior in the supervision of such monuments and objects covered by the act of June 8, 1906, as may be located on lands near or adjacent to forest reserves /national forests/ and military reservations respectively.

2. No permit for the removal of any ancient monument or structure which can be permanently preserved under the control of the United States in situs, and remain an object of interest, shall be granted.

3. Permits for the examination of ruins, the excavation of archaeological sites, and the gathering of objects of antiquity will be granted, by the respective Secretaries having jurisdiction, to reputable museums, universities, colleges or other recognized scientific or educational institutions, or to their duly authorized agents.

4. No exclusive permits shall be granted for a larger area than the applicant can reasonably be expected to explore fully and within the time limit named in there permit.

5. Each application for a permit should be filed with /the local representative of/ the Secretary having jurisdiction, and must be accompanied by a definite outline of the proposed work, indicating the name of the institution making the request, the date proposed for beginning the field work, the length of time proposed to be devoted to it, and the person who will have immediate charge of the work. The application must also contain an exact statement of the character of the work, whether examination, excavation, or gathering, and the public museum in which the collections made under the permit are to be permanently preserved. The application must be accompanied by a sketch plan or description of the particular site or area to be examined, excavated, or searched, so definite that it can be located on the map with reasonable accuracy.

6. No permit will be granted for a period of more than three years, but if the work has been diligently prosecuted under the permit, the time may be extended for proper cause upon application.

7. Failure to begin work under a permit within six months after it is granted, or failure to diligently prosecute such work after it has been begun, shall make the permit void without any order or proceeding by the Secretary having jurisdiction.

8. Applications for permits shall be referred to the Smithsonian Institution for recommendation.

9. Every permit shall be in writing and copies shall be transmitted to the Smithsonian Institution and the field officer in charge of the land involved. The Permittee will be furnished with a copy of these rules and regulations.

10. At the close of each season's field work the permittee shall report in duplicate to the Smithsonian Institution, in such form as its secretary may prescribe, and shall prepare in duplicate a catalog of the collections and of the photographs made during the season, indicating therein such material, if any, as may be available for exchange.

11. Institutions and persons receiving permits for excavation shall, after the completion of the work, restore the lands upon which they have worked to their customary condition, to the satisfaction of the field officer in charge.

12. All permits shall be terminable at the discretion of the Secretary having jurisdiction.

13. The field officer in charge of land owned or controlled by the Government of the United States shall, from time to time, inquire and report as to the existence, on or near such lands, of ruins and archaeological sites, historic or prehistoric ruins or monuments, objects of antiquity, historic landmarks, historic and prehistoric structures, and other objects of historic or scientific interest.

14. The field officer in charge may at all times examine the permit of any person or institution claiming privileges granted in accordance with the act and these rules and regulations, and may fully examine all work done under such permit.

15. All persons duly authorized by the Secretaries of Agriculture, War, and Interior may apprehend or cause to be arrested, as provided in the act of February 6, 1905 (33 Stat. 700), any person or persons who appropriate, excavate, injure or destroy any historic or prehistoric ruin or monument, or any object of antiquity on lands under the supervision of the Secretaries of Agriculture, War and Interior, respectively.

16. Any object of antiquity taken, or collection made, on lands owned or controlled by the United States, without permit, as prescribed by the act and these rules and regulations, or there taken or made, contrary to the terms of the permit, or contrary to the act and these rules

and regulations, may be seized wherever found and at any time by the proper field officer or by any person duly authorized by the Secretary having jurisdiction, and disposed of as the Secretary shall determine, by deposit in the proper national depository or otherwise.

17. Every collection made under the authority of the act and of these rules and regulations shall be preserved in the public museum designated in the permit and shall be accessible to the public. No such collection shall be removed from such public museum without the written authority of the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, and then only to another public museum, where it shall be accessible to the public; and when any public museum, which is a depository of any collection made under the provisions of the act and these rules and regulations, shall cease to exist, every such collection in such public museum shall thereupon revert to the national collections and be placed in the proper national depository.

Washington, D.C.  
December 28, 1906

The foregoing rules and regulations are hereby approved in triplicate and, under authority conferred by the law on the Secretaries of the Interior, Agriculture and War, are hereby made and established, to take effect immediately.

E.A. HITCHCOCK,  
Secretary of the Interior

JAMES WILSON,  
Secretary of Agriculture

WM. H. TAFT,  
Secretary of War

**1530.63 - Memorandum of Understanding for Public Involvement Coordination Among Natural Resource Agencies, Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture**

See also FSM 1626.4.

80-SIE-011

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR  
PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT COORDINATION  
AMONG  
NATURAL RESOURCE AGENCIES, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
AND THE  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

This Memorandum of Understanding is to formalize public involvement coordination on natural resource programs among natural resource agencies of the Department of Agriculture including: Forest Service, Soil Conservation Service, and Science and Education Administration; and natural resource agencies of the Department of the Interior including: Bureau of Land Management, Fish and Wildlife Service, and the National Park Service. This is in response to the President's Environmental Message of 1979. Where these agencies have responsibilities by statute and executive directive for public involvement in significant decision making processes of natural resource programs, it is in the public's interest that such involvement responsibilities be coordinated and mutually supportive.

The coordination objectives are:

1. To establish a policy of lateral communication among the levels of these agencies at which land management planning and decision making are conducted.
2. To provide interested and affected publics with pertinent, timely information and the opportunity to participate in decision making without undue difficulty, duplication, inconvenience, or expense.
3. To achieve interagency coordination of public involvement at each organizational level as needed to meet responsibilities for developing plans and making management decisions.

With these objectives, agency public involvement coordination activities will be expanded with emphasis on Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management planning and program decision making, and all six agencies' planning and decision making on major national issues. To accomplish the coordination objectives, the following actions will be implemented:

1. The Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service will prepare and exchange current schedules of their public involvement activities, by State; the other four agencies will be invited when appropriate to participate in these activities, along with interested groups and individuals.

2. The six agencies (Soil Conservation Service, Science and Education Administration, Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Fish and Wildlife Service, and the National Park Service) will prepare and exchange public involvement plans and schedules for major national resource issue planning and decision making activities.

3. As a means of achieving coordination and improving the quality of public participation in agency decision making processes from local to national levels, agencies will exchange information on public involvement research and evaluation, and share resource documents, manuals, and handbooks on public involvement procedures and techniques.

The objectives and actions outlined in this Memorandum of Understanding become effective upon signature by the heads of the respective agencies. This memorandum may be changed at any time by mutual agreement among the above-mentioned agencies.

/s/ R. Max Peterson  
R. Max Peterson  
Forest Service

10-24-80  
Date

/s/ Frank Gregg  
Frank Gregg  
Bureau of Land Management

10-24-80  
Date

/s/ Norman A. Berg  
Norman A. Berg  
Soil Conservation Service

10-27-80  
Date

/s/ Russell E. Dickenson  
Russell E. Dickenson  
National Park Service

10-29-80  
Date

/s/ Anson Bertrand  
Anson Bertrand  
Science and Education  
Administration

10-27-80  
Date

/s/ Lynn A. Greenwalt  
Lynn A. Greenwalt  
Fish and Wildlife Service

10-24-80  
Date

**1530.65 - Memorandum of Understanding for Providing a General Framework of Cooperation in Resolving Environmental and Natural Resource Conflicts That Involve National Forest System Lands, U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution and the Department of Agriculture, Forest Service**

SERVICE-WIDE  
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
01-SU-11130116-069  
between  
USDA FOREST SERVICE,  
and  
U.S. INSTITUTE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CONFLICT RESOLUTION

This Service-wide MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (SU) is hereby entered into by and between the USDA Forest Service, hereinafter referred to as the Forest Service, and the U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution, hereinafter referred to as the Institute.

A. PURPOSE:

The purpose of the SU is to provide a general framework of cooperation in resolving environmental and natural resource conflicts that involve National Forest System lands in an efficient and constructive manner.

B. STATEMENT OF MUTUAL BENEFITS AND INTERESTS:

The Forest Service is a land management agency responsible for the administration of 191 million acres of National Forest System lands located in 43 States. Many policies, decisions and actions relative to these lands have widespread public support, but others involve controversial and complex disagreements among many parties. Achieving timely and constructive resolution of such conflicts is in the public interest because it allows for appropriate stewardship of these lands and the best use of limited resources.

The Institute was created as a result of the 1998 Environmental Policy and Conflict Resolution Act (P.L. 105-156) to assist parties in resolving environmental conflicts around the country that involve federal agencies or interests. The Institute is a government organization that provides a neutral place inside the Federal government where public and private interests can reach agreement.

The Institute is one available source for conflict resolution. This Agreement does not exclude other qualified sources. This Agreement is made pursuant to the authority of the Environmental Policy and Conflict Resolution Act of 1998 (20 U.S.C. 5601 et seq., Public Law 105-156), and the Economy Act of 1932 (31 U.S.C. 1535). Services shall be provided as set forth herein and as requested from time to time by the Agency in writing.

C. FOREST SERVICE SHALL:

Officially request the services of the Institute, when they are deemed appropriate, and provide appropriate liaison to coordinate with the Institute and staffing to achieve resolution of conflict.

D. THE INSTITUTE SHALL:

Provide assessment, mediation, facilitation, training and other services as may be requested by the Forest Service in connection with the Forest Service's efforts to resolve conflicts related to the environment, natural resources, or National Forest System lands.

Evaluate Forest Service requested projects to determine the most appropriate service design, taking into account such issues as feasibility, anticipated cost, the appropriateness of in-house provision of services by the Institute, available staff time, use of contractors and other questions deemed relevant by the Institute. The Institute will review its evaluation with the Forest Service, propose a Scope of Services, and proceed with the project upon the execution of an Interagency Agreement between the Institute and the Forest Service.

E. IT IS MUTUALLY AGREED AND UNDERSTOOD BY ALL PARTIES THAT:

Services to be furnished by the Institute shall be ordered by subsequent Interagency Agreements (IAs) subject to the terms specified in this SU and applicable Federal and Departmental regulations. Interagency Agreements may be issued at any time during the term of this SU.

The Institute shall not proceed with any work under this SU unless authorized by an IA signed by an authorized individual. The IA shall incorporate by reference the "Scope of Services" and as a minimum include the following:

- A description of work to be performed
- Identification of work tasks and subtasks
- The desired period of performance or required completion date
- Total estimated cost with breakout of labor, travel, etc.
- Reporting requirements and deliverables
- Institute and Forest Service transfer of funds data

This SU (instrument) is neither a fiscal nor a funds obligation document. Any endeavor or transfer of anything of value involving reimbursement or contribution of funds between the parties to this instrument will be handled in accordance with applicable laws, regulations, and procedures including those for Government procurement and printing. Such endeavors will be outlined in separate agreements, as described above, that shall be made in writing by representatives of the parties and shall be independently authorized by appropriate statutory authority. This instrument does not provide such authority. Specifically, this instrument does not establish authority for noncompetitive award of any contract or other agreement. Any

contract or agreement for training or other services must fully comply with all applicable requirements for competition.

The Institute may use the services of non-employee dispute resolution professionals on projects hereunder, as authorized by the Institute's enabling legislation. It is agreed and acknowledged that the Institute has expertise in the selection of and contracting with dispute resolution professionals, and that contractors will be used where appropriate and as agreed to in advance by the Forest Service.

The President's Council of Environmental Quality (CEQ) shall be notified of any project undertaken by the Institute that involves a discrete conflict, as required by the Institute's enabling legislation. When a dispute involves more than one Federal Agency, the Institute will seek CEQ's concurrence regarding the use of the Institute.

All conflict resolution proceedings conducted pursuant to this Agreement shall be governed by the confidentiality provisions of the Administrative Dispute Resolution Act of 1996 (5 U.S.C. 571 et seq.), and that the Forest Service shall have no right to any confidential information obtained or generated by the Institute in connection with the services provided hereunder. The Forest Service acknowledges that it has been provided with the Institute's Confidentiality Policy and agrees to abide by the provisions of said Confidentiality Policy.

The sole authority to conduct and supervise litigation, including the settlement of litigation, on behalf of the United States resides with the Attorney General. 28 U.S.C. 509 et seq. As to matters in litigation, no services will be requested by the Forest Service or provided by the Institute pursuant to this SU or any subsequent IA without the consent of the Department of Justice.

Any information furnished to the Forest Service under this instrument or subsequent IAs may be subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552), unless exempt from disclosure under 5 U.S.C. 574(j), or other statutory exclusion.

The impartiality and neutrality of the Institute is essential to the success of the conflict resolution activities being provided under this Agreement. The Forest Service acknowledges that the Institute is not acting as an agent of the Forest Service, and the Forest Service shall cooperate with the Institute as needed to maintain the Institute's impartiality.

Modifications within the scope of the instrument shall be made by mutual consent of the parties, by the issuance of a written modification, signed and dated by all parties, prior to any changes being performed.

This instrument in no way restricts the Forest Service from participating in similar activities with other public or private agencies, organizations, and individuals.



Any of the parties, in writing, may terminate the instrument in whole, or in part, at any time before the date of expiration.

PRINCIPAL CONTACTS. The principal contacts for this instrument are:

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Notices to the Forest Service shall be addressed to:

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USDA Forest Service  
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COMMENCEMENT/EXPIRATION DATE. This instrument is executed as of the date of last signature and is effective through December 31, 2006 at which time it will expire unless extended.

THE PARTIES HERETO have executed this instrument.

U.S. INSTITUTE FOR  
ENVIRONMENTAL CONFLICT  
RESOLUTION  
KIRK EMERSON, DIRECTOR

USDA FOREST SERVICE  
  
MIKE DOMBECK, CHIEF

/s/ Kirk Emerson

/s/ Mike Dombeck

March 29, 2001  
Date

March 28, 2001  
Date