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3080: Adds direction on Grants and Agreements (G&A) Staffing within State & Private Forestry.

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General forestry assistance was first authorized by the Agricultural Organic Act of 1862. Technical assistance to private landowners began in 1898 in the Department's Division of Forestry. The Forest Service Appropriation Act of 1905 specifically provided for assistance to landowners, timber operators, and processors of forest products. While the Weeks Law of 1911 was the beginning of Federal-State cooperation in forestry programs, it was not until the passage of the Clarke-McNary Act in 1924 that cooperative forestry programs really became effective and widespread in the States. Progress in program activity has carried on at an increased rate since 1924. The Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 consolidated several previous authorities and provided increased flexibility in program administration for the States.

3010 - Authorities

The Forest Service carries out State and private forestry functions and provides assistance to State and local forest-resource-related environmental agencies under the following authorities.

- Agricultural Organic Act of 1862. (Ch. 72, 12 Stat. 387).
- Organic Administration Act of 1897. (Ch. 2, 30 Stat. 11, as amended).
- Weeks Law of 1911. (Ch. 186, 36 Stat. 961, as amended).
- Cooperative Work Act of 1925. (43 Stat. 1132).
- Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act of 1936. (49 Stat. 1148).
- Flood Control Acts of 1936, (49 Stat. 1570) 1938, (52 Stat. 1215) 1944, (58 Stat. 887) and 1950 (64 Stat. 163).
- Department of Agriculture Organic Act of 1944 (Ch. 412, 58 Stat. 734, as amended).
- Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (Ch. 288, 63 Stat. 377).
- Granger-Thye Act of 1950 (Ch. 97, 64 Stat. 82).
- Federal Civil Defense Act of 1950. (Ch. 639, 64 Stat.)
- Agricultural Appropriations Act of 1954. (68 Stat. 897)
- Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act of 1954 (Ch. 656, 68 Stat. 666).
- Department of Agriculture Organic Act of 1956 (Ch. 950, 70 Stat. 1032).
- Food and Agriculture Act of 1965. (79 Stat. 1187)
- Water Resources Planning Act of 1965 (Public Law 89-80, 79 Stat. 244).
- National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (Public Law 91-190, 83 Stat. 852).
- Youth Conservation Corps Act of 1970 (Public Law 91-378, 84 Stat. 794).
- Rural Development Act of 1972 (Public Law 92-419, 86 Stat. 657).
- Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972 (Public Law 92-500, 86 Stat. 816).
- Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Public Law 93-205, 87 Stat. 884).
- Disaster Relief Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-288, 88 Stat. 143).
- Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-378, 88 Stat. 476).
- Federal Grants and Cooperative Agreements Act of 1975 (Public Law 95-224, 92 Stat. 3).

- Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 (Public Law 95-313, 92 Stat. 356).
- Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, as amended (Public Law 92-516, 86 Stat. 973).
- Agricultural Credit Act of 1978 (Public Law 95-334, 92 Stat. 434).

3020 - Objective

To provide national leadership and technical and financial assistance to State organizations, forest landowners, operators and processors of forest products, urban forestry interests, and others to:

1. Protect and improve the quality of air, water, soil, open space, and the environment.
2. Encourage natural resource uses that will best meet the needs of the Nation.

3030 - Policies

1. Provide assistance to State Foresters, who will carry out the programs, transfer them to recipients, make agreements with recipients, and determine funds are used properly by recipients; except that funds for certain activities that are national in scope, as opposed to benefiting any individual State, may be awarded to other non-Federal agencies, institutions, organizations, or individuals. When such program assistance with other non-Federal agencies, institutions, organizations, or individuals is proposed, the Committee of State Foresters should be asked to review and provide recommendations to the maximum extent practicable.
2. Administer cooperative forestry programs consistent with the Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (FSM 1950).
3. Negotiate annual targets with State forestry and related grantee agencies.
4. Encourage employment of private consultants whenever possible. Cooperative forestry assistance programs should not compete with private enterprise. Each State agency should provide guidelines covering the kind and amount of free service available to a single client.

3031 - Program Specialists

National specialists at field locations represent a direct extension of the Washington Office staff to which they are assigned.

Field units shall share the use of multiregional subject matter specialists. Affected units should decide on the need for, and financing arrangements for multiregional specialists.

3040 - Responsibilities

See Title 7, Code of Federal Regulations, and FSM 1100.

3041 - Deputy Chief for State and Private Forestry

The Deputy Chief for State and Private Forestry shall:

1. Provide technical forestry support for Department of Agriculture watershed and forestry cost-share programs.
2. Provide leadership and direction to the following Forest Service activities:
 - a. Improve future supply of forest goods and services.
 - b. Extend present supplies of forest goods and services.
 - c. Forest and water resource planning and development.
 - d. Watershed protection and flood prevention.
 - e. Technology implementation.
 - f. Environmental pollution management.
 - g. Pesticide-use management and coordination.
 - h. Environmental quality in forestry.
 - i. Integrated forest pest management.
 - j. Rural fire prevention and control.
 - k. Rural fire defense.
 - l. Rural development.
 - m. Human resource programs.
 - n. Disaster programs, emergency services, civil defense.
 - o. Private forest landowner incentives programs.
 - p. Management assistance.
 - q. Cooperative forest soil and water protection and improvement.

- r. Urban forestry assistance.
- s. Defense and emergency operations (see FSM 1590).

3042 - Field Line Officers

Line Officers shall:

1. Manage grants to cooperators.
2. Maintain contacts and working relationships with private organizations that affect program administration and program determination.
3. Work with other State agencies to accomplish program goals.
4. Maintain contacts and working relationships with all Federal agencies.
5. Maintain contacts and working relationships with public interest groups and officials.
6. Make civil rights compliance reviews of cooperative forestry assistance grants.

3060 - Technology Transfer

See FSM 1320 for program direction, and FSM 6510 for funding responsibilities.

3070 - External Coordination

3071 - National Association of State Foresters

The National Association of State Foresters (NASF) was organized in 1920 and includes all State Foresters. Line Officers work closely with NASF. The Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 provides for a "Committee of State Foresters" composed of the Executive Committee of the NASF to consult with the Secretary in implementing the Act.

3080 - Grant and Cooperative Agreement Administration

See FSM 1580 and FSH 1509.11 for details of grant and cooperative agreement administration.

Certified Grants Management Specialists (GMS) dedicated to the State & Private Forestry Grants & Agreements program may be aligned within State & Private Forestry or Acquisition Management (AQM). See FSH 1509.11, section 17.

3081 - Reviews

The following FSM chapters give direction on reviews.

1. State and Private Forestry Assistance Programs: FSM 1400, FSM 1410, and FSM 1460.
2. Forest Service reviews of grant activities: FSM 1460.
3. Title VI compliance reviews: FSM 1460 and FSM 1700.

3082 - Title VI, Civil Rights Act Compliance

Cooperative forestry assistance grants are subject to the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Title VI of that act requires grant recipients to provide benefits to grant beneficiaries without regard to race, color, or national origin. Grantor agencies are required to periodically assess the compliance status of recipients of grants, and determine if the assistance benefits are available to the intended beneficiaries on an equitable basis.

Overall direction and background for Title VI compliance is in FSM 1700.

3083 - Consolidated Payments

If requested by a State, the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 provides that consolidated annual financial assistance payments may be made to that State. See FSM 1580 and FSH 1509.11 for grant procedures and guidelines.

3090 - Handbooks

3090.1 - Internal Service-wide Handbooks

3090.11 - State and Private Accomplishment Reporting Handbook (FSH)

This handbook provides instructions for the collection and processing of accomplishment reports needed by State and Private Forestry.