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Digest: Following is an explanation of the changes throughout the directive by section.

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3500: The entire amendment text has been reformatted and replaced, so that the amendment text on the Service-wide Directives Home Page in the Forest Service Web/Intranet (<http://fsweb.wo.fs.fed.us/directives/index.html>) corresponds with the amendment text on the Forest Service Directives Home Page in the Forest Service World Wide Web/Internet (<http://www.fs.fed.us/im/directives>).

Although some minor typographical and technical errors have been corrected, substantive direction has not been changed.

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Local entities of governments and other groups organized under State law often initiate, plan, and conduct projects and programs of watershed protection and development. Forest Service programs are often used to complement State and local programs when compatible with other Forest Service responsibilities and when funds are available. This chapter pertains to Forest Service cooperation in watershed projects/programs on non-Federal forest lands.

3560.1 - Authority

1. Public Law 83-566, Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act.
2. Public Law 92-500, Watershed Federal Water Pollution Control Act.
3. Public Law 95-217, The Clean Water Act.
4. Public Law 95-87, Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act.
5. Public Law 78-534, The Flood Control Act of 1944.
6. Various interagency agreements between the Forest Service and other agencies for watershed and related cooperative efforts of mutual concern.

3560.2 - Objectives

The Forest Service objectives are to aid cooperative watershed projects to the maximum extent possible, consistent with other Forest Service responsibilities, and to further the development of water and related resource projects on forest lands of all ownerships.

3560.3 - Policy

Foster the development of water and related land resources and encourage such development by State and local organizations when public interests can be served. Provide assistance equally to non-Federal and Federally sponsored programs and projects.

3560.4 - Responsibility

3560.41 - Washington Office, Cooperative Forestry

The Director of Cooperative Forestry is responsible for coordination and shall provide overall guidance and reviews for the forestry phases of interagency cooperative watershed programs at the national level.

3560.42 - Regional Foresters and the Area Director

The Regional Foresters and the Area Director shall:

1. Provide required coordination, technology, and expertise to States and other legal entities of governments, organized groups, and associations.
2. Provide the Chief with requested program management and accomplishment information.

3561 - National, Regional, and State Associations

Maintain liaison with associations and other organized groups having a common interest in watershed protection and management, and flood prevention.

3562 - Other Agencies

Other Federal agencies, such as the Corps of Engineers, Bureau of Reclamation, Public Health Service, and Federal Power Commission, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the Office of Surface Mining, as well as State and local agencies, may request technical assistance on forestry matters relating to watershed protection and management and flood prevention. Provide the assistance requested when the request is within the framework of Forest Service policy and the resources are available. The Forest Service assignment as the technical service agency of the Department of Agriculture on forestry matters authorizes such actions.