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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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3501 - Authority

Forest Service activity in Cooperative Watershed Programs and primary authorizations include:

1. Small watershed programs under the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act (P.L. 83-566) of 1954 (68 Stat. 666 as amended; 16 U.S.C. 1001-1008, 33 U.S.C. 701b (note)).
2. River basin studies under: (1) section 6 of P.L. 83-566, (2) joint investigations and surveys under P.L. 87-639 (76 Stat. 438; 16 U.S.C. 1009).
3. Flood prevention projects under the Flood Control Act of 1944 (P.L. 78-534, 58 Stat. 927 as amended).
4. Emergency watershed protection projects under section 403 of the Agriculture Credit Act of 1978 (P.L. 95-334, Stat. 434; 16 U.S.C. 2203).

3502 - Objective

The objective of these programs is to provide for the study, planning, and implementation of actions to achieve a pattern of land use that enhances or conserves water and soil and that meets identified needs of people.

3503 - Policy

Administer the cooperative watershed programs in accordance with the general Forest Service delegations and authorities and consistent with the goals and objectives of the agency.

Provide leadership and technical assistance for the planning and implementation of the forestry aspects of the cooperative watershed programs. Give full attention to protecting and improving the ecological and environmental values of the forest resource.

3509 - Handbooks

3509.2 - Internal Unit Handbooks

3509.21 - Emergency Watershed Protection

These unit handbooks provide direction and guidance for following established procedures unique to each Region or Area.