

Delay of USDA GT&C Implementation with Fire-related Agreements

Intent – To allow time for an interagency team—established under Secretary’s Memorandum 1078-017 and co-chaired by the National Association of State Foresters—to revise the following agreement templates: 1) National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) Master Statewide Fire Protection and Stafford Act Response Agreement Template, the 2) Local Cooperative Fire Protection Agreement Template (FS-1500-17) and the 3) Fire Supplemental Project Agreement.

The NWCG Master Statewide Fire Protection and Stafford Act Response Agreement Template is an Interagency template, developed and managed by an interagency working group consisting of Forest Service, DOI, International Association of Fire Chiefs, National Association of Fire Chiefs, and DoD representatives. The Grants, Agreements and Assistance (GAA) working group has been tasked to develop a standardized Local Cooperative Fire Protection Agreement and Fire Project Agreement template to be used by DOI and Forest Service. These new templates will be submitted to DOI Solicitor’s Office and USDA Office of General Counsel by August 2026. Once the templates are cleared, a permanent deviation will be requested from OCFO for any provisions that GTC provisions that conflict with the wildfire management and disaster response authorities.