



FY24 Ecological Health Restoration Projects

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, Sec. 40804(b)(1)

Directive:

Section 40804(c)(1) of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (P.L. 117-58), commonly referred to as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), directs the USDA Forest Service (Forest Service) as follows:

SUBMISSION OF LIST OF PROJECTS TO CONGRESS. Until the date on which all of the amounts made available to carry out subsection (b)(1)(A)(i) are expended, not later than 90 days before the end of each fiscal year, the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture shall submit to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate and the Committee on Natural Resources and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives a list of projects to be funded under that subsection in the subsequent fiscal year, including— (A) a detailed description of each project; and (B) an estimate of the cost, including salaries and expenses, for the project

Summary and Total Acres to be Funded and Restored

In FY 2024, the Forest Service intends to utilize a portion of the funds from BIL provision 40804(b)(1) to restore the ecological health of more than 75,000 acres through a stewardship agreement with the Mule Deer Foundation. Under this agreement, landscape-scale, ecological health restoration will take place in national forests and grasslands across seven Forest Service regions (Regions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 10). The below project list for this stewardship agreement encompasses activities to be initiated in FY 2024.

In addition to the Mule Deer Foundation agreement, the Forest Service will fund shared stewardship ecological health restoration projects on federal lands in Utah, restoring more than 15,000 acres through contracts and a partnership with the State of Utah.

The Forest Service will submit to Congress new project lists in future years to utilize the remainder of the funding from this provision.

Project List: Mule Deer Foundation (MDF)

	Project Description	MDF Project Budget	Forest Service Salaries and Expenses
Region 1	Aspen Enhancement	\$500,000	\$116,640
	Meadow Restoration	\$500,000	\$116,640
	Wildfire Restoration	\$2,400,000	\$559,872
	Fencing (Removal)	\$50,000	\$11,664
	Winter Range Restoration	\$250,000	\$58,320
	Region 1 Total	\$3,700,000	\$863,136
Region 2	Fire Ecology, Meadow Enhancement	\$4,000,000	\$933,120
	Fire Ecology, Wildlife Habitat Restoration	\$3,300,000	\$769,824
	Wildfire Restoration	\$2,000,000	\$466,560
	Region 2 Total	\$9,300,000	\$2,169,503
Region 3	Fuels Reduction	\$6,000,000	\$1,399,680
	Water Development	\$650,000	\$151,632
	Browse Release	\$300,000	\$69,984
	Region 3 Total	\$6,950,000	\$1,621,295
Region 4	Fuels Reduction, Aspen Enhancement, Timber Stand Improvement, Watershed Enhancement	\$4,800,000	\$1,119,744
	Fuels Reduction	\$900,000	\$209,952
	Fuels Reduction, Noxious weed control, water development	\$1,250,000	\$291,600
	Fencing (removal/modification)	\$50,000	\$11,664
	Region 4 Total	\$7,000,000	\$1,632,959
Region 5	Fuels Reduction, Meadow Enhancement	\$2,600,000	\$606,528
	Fuels Reduction	\$3,600,000	\$839,808
	Region 5 Total	\$6,200,000	\$1,446,336
Region 6	Aspen Enhancement	\$500,000	\$116,640
	Meadow Restoration (Conifer Encroachment)	\$500,000	\$116,640
	Fire Restoration	\$1,200,000	\$279,936
	Fencing (modification)	\$50,000	\$11,664
	Wet Meadow (BDA/Zeedyk)	\$100,000	\$23,328
	Region 6 Total	\$2,350,000	\$548,208
Region 10	Habitat Improvement	\$4,500,000	\$1,049,760
	Region 10 Total	\$4,500,000	\$1,049,760
	Totals	\$40,000,000	\$9,331,197

Project List: Utah Shared Stewardship

The Forest Service will support efforts on federal lands in Utah, in partnership with the Utah Department of Natural Resources to restore ecological health, improving forest resilience and reducing the risk of catastrophic wildfire while protecting critical water supplies on lands within the Fishlake and Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forests. This effort will take place across four priority watersheds: Beaver River, Upper Provo River, Parley’s Canyon, and Diamond Fork.

The Utah Shared Stewardship project will restore more than 15,000 acres. The project budget from this BIL provision for the Utah Shared Stewardship project is \$1,854,664. In addition to these project costs, \$432,656 will be used for Forest Service salaries and expenses.

Forest Service Regions by State

Region 1	Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota
Region 2	Wyoming, South Dakota, Nebraska, Colorado, Kansas
Region 3	Arizona, New Mexico
Region 4	Idaho, Wyoming, Nevada, Utah
Region 5	California
Region 6	Washington, Oregon
Region 10	Alaska

Figure 1. Map of Forest Service Regions

