

INTRA-AGENCY AGREEMENT  
Between US FOREST SERVICE Units

**NORTHERN REGION  
and  
SOUTHWESTERN REGION**

The INTRA-AGENCY AGREEMENT is hereby entered into by and between the US Forest Service, Northern Region, Region 1 hereinafter referred to as the Northern Region and the US Forest Service, Southwestern Region, Region 3, hereinafter referred to as the Southwestern Region.

**A. PURPOSE:**

The Northern and Southwestern Regions have recognized that partnering on a formal basis will afford opportunities to markedly improve wildland fire management efficiency for both regions. Since 2001 the two regions have informally exchanged resources on an individual, as available basis. In 2005 the regions began exploring a more formal, structured and comprehensive resource sharing arrangement. This is due in part because of the need for technical expertise that one region lacked and the other possessed, non-conflicting fire seasons, and mutual recognition of benefits received.

The overall goal of this agreement is to maintain or increase each region's individual wildland fire management capability in a flat or declining budget situation. Since the fire seasons in the two regions are offset and complimentary, resource sharing outside of large fire support is easily facilitated and in the absence of such opportunities, each region's Fire Fighting Production Capability (FFPC) will decrease. The focus will be on sharing resources rather than transferring money.

**B. BENEFITS**

Benefits realized by both regions include:

1. Augmentation of each Region's FFPC as well as fuels treatment accomplishments.
2. Enhanced training, leadership and increased effectiveness of regional programs. More rapid development of workforce experience and expertise.
3. Increased efficiencies gained by working together on national issues and issues common to both regions.

**C. IT IS MUTUALLY AGREED AND UNDERSTOOD BY BOTH PARTIES THAT:**

1. The annual commitment by both regions to share resources will be developed in an annual operating plan that is not limited to severity situations. An annual operating plan will be developed by April 1 of each year and will be signed by the Fire and Aviation Directors.
2. Sharing may include but are not limited to engines with modules, helicopters and/or modules, air tactical assets, fire use teams and modules, Type 3 organizations, dispatchers, Type 2 teams, fire leadership, smokejumpers operations, prevention,

training, predictive services, MAC support, and other opportunities as identified and agreed to by both regions.

3. Sharing of interagency teams or modules must be approved by all agencies providing the resources.
4. The sending unit will provide base funding for the resources being sent.
5. This agreement is not intended to affect prior agreements with units in each region or agreement made with other regions.

1. REVIEW. This agreement will be in effect, formally, beginning at the time it is fully executed and is subject to annual review and evaluation.

2. PRINCIPAL CONTACTS. The principal contacts for this instrument are:

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3. MODIFICATION. Modifications within the scope of the instrument shall be made by mutual consent of the parties, by the issuance of a written modification, signed and dated by all parties, prior to any changes being performed.

4. TERMINATION. Any of the parties, in writing, may terminate the instrument in whole, or in part, at any time.

5. EXTENSION OF PERFORMANCE PERIOD. The Forest Service, by written modification may extend the performance period of this instrument for a total duration not to exceed 5 years from its original date of execution.

6. COMMENCEMENT/EXPIRATION DATE. The instrument is executed as of the date of the last signature and is effective until December 31, 2012 at which time it will expire.

The authority and format of this modification have been reviewed and approved for signature.

/s/ Elaine Hilliard for  
Roger Henderson  
Grants and Agreements Specialist

06/12/07  
Date

/s/ Susan McDonnell  
Susan McDonnell  
Grants and Agreements Specialist

06/04/07  
Date

THE PARTIES HERETO have executed this instrument.

/s/ Kathleen A. McAllister for  
THOMAS L. TIDWELL, Regional Forester  
Northern Region

06/14/07  
Date

/s/ Lucia M. Turner for  
HARV FORSGREN, Regional Forester  
Southwestern Region

06/04/07  
Date