

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. This is due in part because of 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 capability 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 firefighting capability 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 reinforced in an annual operating plan that will be developed by April 1 of each year and signed by the Fire and Aviation Directors.
2. Sharing may include but is not limited to engines with modules, Type 3 helicopters and/or modules, air tactical assets, Type 3 organizations, dispatchers, fire leadership, smokejumpers operations, prevention, training, MAC support, or other opportunities as identified and agreed to by both regions.
3. Only Forest Service resources may be shared; this is not an interagency agreement.

4. The sending unit will provide base 8 salary funding for the resources being sent; the receiving unit will pay travel expenses. Refer to the 2018 R1/R3 Operating Plan guidance for instructions on appropriate charging of base 8 salary time for specific project work or if assigned to an incident.
 5. This agreement is not intended to affect prior agreements 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:

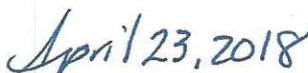
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3. MODIFICATION. Modifications within the scope of the instrument shall be made by mutual consent of the parties, by the issuance of a written modification, signed and dated by all parties, prior to any changes being performed.
4. TERMINATION. Any 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, 2022 at which time it will expire.
7. PREVIOUS AGREEMENTS SUPERSEDED. This instrument supersedes the previous 2013-2017 agreement between R1/R3.

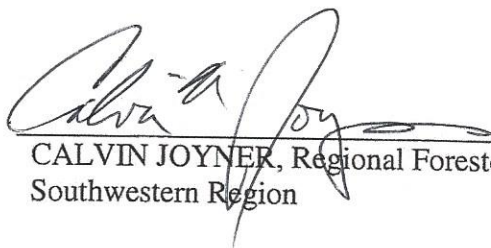
THE PARTIES HERETO have agreed to and execute this instrument.



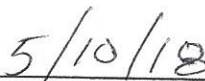
LEANNE MARTEN, Regional Forester
Northern Region



Date



CALVIN JOYNER, Regional Forester
Southwestern Region



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