



FS Agreement No. 21-IA-11083150-073

Cooperator Agreement No. _____

INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT
Between The
USDI, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
SOUTHEAST REGION
And The
USDA, FOREST SERVICE
SOUTHERN REGION

This INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT is hereby made and entered into by and between the USDI, National Park Service, Southeast Region, hereinafter referred to as “U.S. Park Service,” and the USDA, Forest Service, Southern Region hereinafter referred to as the “U.S. Forest Service,” under the authority of: Service First Authority, Section 330 of the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2001, Pub. L. 106-291, 114 Stat. 996, 43 U.S.C. sec. 1701 note, as amended by Section 428 of the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2006, Public Law No. 109-54, 119 Stat. 555, as further amended and extended through September 20, 2011 under Section 418 of the Omnibus appropriations Act of 2009, Pub. L. 111-8. .

Title: Chattanooga Air Tankerbase

I. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this agreement is to document the cooperation between the parties to operate and staff the Chattanooga Air Tanker Base (ATB) in accordance with the following provisions and the hereby incorporated Operating and Financial Plan, attached as Exhibit A.

In consideration of the above premises, the parties hereto agree as follows:

II. THE U.S. PARK SERVICE SHALL:

- A. Perform in accordance with the Financial and Operating Plan, Exhibit A.
- B. Provide staffing and their associated funding for a permanent full-time ATB Manager (GS-9) for the ATB. The ATB Manager should be a qualified Contract Officer’s Representative (COR). The ATB Manager will provide a staffing schedule to the Tennessee Interagency Coordination Center (TN-TNC) during official fire season periods.
- C. Provide direct supervision of the ATB Manager by the Park Service Regional FMO.
- D. Provide the ATB Manager to serve as the project inspector for the commercial airtanker and national retardant contracts.



- E. Ensure that the ATB Manager is responsible for coordinating the ordering and maintaining an adequate supply of retardant. An inventory of retardant will be maintained on site at the ATB.
- F. Ensure that the ATB Manager maintains micro-purchase authority.
- G. Ensure that the ATB staff maintains forklift operator qualifications.
- H. Provide transportation for the ATB staffing personnel. Additionally, the Park Service will provide all administrative support for the ATB staff.
- I. Ensure that the ATB Manager is responsible for supervising base operations, staffing, overseeing mixing and loading operations, record keeping, janitorial service, grounds keeping and equipment, minor facility repairs, and required annual safety equipment inspections.
- J. Ensure that the ATB Manager will schedule an annual ATB review with personnel from both agency regional offices and the local forest unit.
- K. Be aware that it will cost approximately \$10,000 annually for micro-purchases or operating supplies. These funds can be used for safety inspections and minor repairs. Ensuring that the funds are available and will be maintained through their own local budgeting processes. The ATB Manager will maintain an annual expense log.
- L. Ensure that the ATB Manager will be responsible for coordinating the disposal of contaminated liquids and residue.
- M. BUILDING AND COMPUTER ACCESS BY NON-U.S. FOREST SERVICE PERSONNEL. U.S. Park Service may be granted access to U.S. Forest Service facilities and/or computer systems to accomplish work described in the Operating Plan or Statement of Work. All non-government employees with unescorted access to U.S. Forest Service facilities and computer systems must have background checks following the procedures established by USDA Directives 3505 and Departmental Manual 4620-02. Those granted computer access must fulfill all U.S. Forest Service requirements for mandatory security awareness and role-based advanced security training and sign all applicable U.S. Forest Service statements of responsibilities.
- N. The ATB Manager ensures retardant supply meets demand throughout the year and places resupply orders through Tennessee Interagency Coordination Center (TN-TNC).

III. THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE SHALL:

- A. Perform in accordance with the Financial and Operating Plan, Exhibit A.
- B. Provide adequate funding for major maintenance of all facilities including buildings, storage tanks, plumbing, pumps, retardant equipment and forklift. Also, all engineering support of repairs or capital improvements. Ensuring that these funds are available and will be maintained through their own local budgeting processes.
- C. Reserve the right to provide staffing and associated funding for a permanent full-time ATB Assistant Manager (GS-7) for the ATB.



The ATB Assistant Manager should be a qualified Contract Officer’s Representative (COR). Ensure the ATB Assistant Manager maintains forklift certification and micro-purchasing authority.

- D. Provide the ATB office with one desktop computer and one laptop computer. The U.S. Forest Service Zone Aviation Office will be the custodian of these computers.
- E. Pay for the annual Airport Authority lease of the 12.5 acre ATB, water and sewer fees, as well as other utility costs.
- F. Ensure that the local unit, Cherokee National Forest (TN-CNF), will provide dispatching support for airtankers and ATB staff. TN-TNC will be responsible placing retardant resupply orders and issuing Supply Numbers for ordering retardant.
- G. Provide contracting support and coordinate engineering support.
- H. Ensure that the TN-CNF Forest Duty Officer (FDO) has the lead responsibility for administration, support, and oversight of the ATB and the ATB staff. The FDO will provide direction to the ATB Manager as data and/or task requests are received from senior managers of either of the agencies to this agreement.

IV. IT IS MUTUALLY AGREED AND UNDERSTOOD BY AND BETWEEN THE PARTIES THAT:

- A. No funds will be exchanged through either Agency directly. All references to funding will be paid directly by each Agency to the vendor.
- B. PRINCIPAL CONTACTS. Individuals listed below are authorized to act in their respective areas for matters related to this agreement.

Principal Cooperator Contacts:

Cooperator Program Contact	Cooperator Administrative Contact
Name: Shawn Nagle, Regional FMO U.S. National Park Service Address: 1924 Bldg., 100 Alabama Street City, State, Zip: Atlanta, GA 30303 Telephone: (662) 231-4024 Email: shawn.nagle@nps.gov	Name: Doug Ivey U.S. National Park Service Address: 1022 Jubilee Drive City, State, Zip: Chattanooga, TN 37421 Telephone: (423) 892-6861 Email: doug_ivey@nps.gov



Principal U.S. Forest Service Contacts:

U.S. Forest Service Program Manager Contact	U.S. Forest Service Program Manager Contact
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Linda Hawkins, Grants Mgmt. Specialist Region 8, Regional Office 1720 Peachtree Rd., Suite 850S City, State, Zip: Atlanta, GA 30309 (404) 347-4866 linda.hawkins@usda.gov	

C. **NOTICES.** Any communications affecting the operations covered by this agreement given by the U.S. Forest Service or U.S. Park Service are sufficient only if in writing and delivered in person, mailed, or transmitted electronically by e-mail or fax, as follows:

To the U.S. Forest Service Program Manager, at the address specified in the agreement.

To U.S. Park Service, at U.S. Park Service’s address shown in the agreement or such other address designated within the agreement.

Notices will be effective when delivered in accordance with this provision, or on the effective date of the notice, whichever is later.

D. **USE OF U.S. FOREST SERVICE INSIGNIA.** In order for U.S. Park Service to use the U.S. Forest Service insignia on any published media, such as a Web page, printed publication, or audiovisual production, permission must be granted from the U.S. Forest Service’s Office of Communications. A written request must be submitted and approval granted in writing by the Office of Communications prior to use of the insignia.

E. **PUBLIC NOTICES.** It is the U.S. Forest Service's policy to inform the public as fully as possible of its programs and activities. U.S. Park Service is encouraged to give public notice of the receipt of this agreement and, from time to time, to announce progress and accomplishments. Press releases or other public notices should include a statement substantially as follows:

"Project co-sponsored with Fire Management of the U.S Forest Service, Department of Agriculture Southern Region."



U.S. Park Service may call on the U.S. Forest Service's Office of Communication for advice regarding public notices. U.S. Park Service is requested to provide copies of notices or announcements to the U.S. Forest Service Program Manager and to the U.S. Forest Service's Office of Communications as far in advance of release as possible.

- F. INFORMATION SECURITY. By accepting this agreement, the servicing agency agrees to comply with all Federal information technology (IT) laws, regulations and requirements; and shall be responsible for properly protecting all information used, gathered, or developed as a result of work under this agreement.

The servicing agency shall, upon request, provide to the U.S. Forest Service Information Security staff for review and examination documentation which supports the servicing agency's assertion that adequate security controls are in place to protect U.S. Forest Service information and data which it holds. Documentation may include, but is not limited to, certification and accreditation documentation, security testing results, audit and assessment results, and risk documentation.

The servicing agency shall notify the U.S. Forest Service Computer Incident Response Team (CIRT), by e-mail, at CIRT@fs.fed.us, within 1 business day of any security incidents which affected or may affect the confidentiality, integrity, or availability of the U.S. Forest Service information and data which it holds, and include an analysis of the extent of the incident and summary of preliminary corrective actions.

- G. USE OF GOVERNMENT OWNED VEHICLE. U.S. Forest Service vehicles may be used for official U.S. Forest Service business only in accordance with FSH 7109.19, ch. 60, the requirements established by the region in which performance of this agreement takes place, and the terms of this agreement.
- H. U.S. FOREST SERVICE ACKNOWLEDGED IN PUBLICATION, AUDIOVISUALS AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA. U.S. Park Service shall acknowledge U.S. Forest Service support in any publications, audiovisuals, and electronic media developed as a result of this agreement.
- I. NONDISCRIMINATION STATEMENT – PRINTED, ELECTRONIC, OR AUDIOVISUAL MATERIAL. U.S. Park Service shall include the following statement, in full, in any printed, audiovisual material, or electronic media for public distribution developed or printed with any Federal funding.

In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.)

To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call (202) 720-5964 (voice and TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.



If the material is too small to permit the full statement to be included, the material must, at minimum, include the following statement, in print size no smaller than the text:

"This institution is an equal opportunity provider."

- J. TERMINATION – INTERAGENCY AGREEMENTS. This IA may be terminated upon 30 calendar days' written notice by either party. If this agreement is cancelled, any implementing contract/order may also be cancelled. If the IA is terminated, the agencies shall agree to the terms of the termination, including costs attributable to each party and the disposition of awarded and pending actions. If the Servicing Agency incurs costs due to the Requesting Agency's failure to give the requisite notice of its intent to terminate the IA, the Requesting Agency shall pay any actual costs incurred by the Servicing Agency as a result of the delay in notification, provided such costs are directly attributable to the failure to give notice.
- K. ALTERNATE DISPUTE RESOLUTION – INTERAGENCY. The parties to this agreement shall settle any disputes that may arise under this agreement by following direction in the Treasury Financial Manual, Volume 1, Bulletin 2011-04, Section VII ("Resolving Intragovernmental Disputes and Major Differences").
- L. COPYRIGHTING. U.S. Park Service is granted sole and exclusive right to copyright any publications developed as a result of this agreement. This includes the right to publish and vend throughout the world in any language and in all media and forms, in whole or in part, for the full term of copyright and all renewals thereof in accordance with this agreement. However, U.S. Park Service shall not sell or grant copyrights to a 3rd party designee who intends to sell the document as a profit-making venture.

No original text or graphics produced and submitted by the Forest Service shall be copyrighted. The Forest Service reserves a royalty-free, nonexclusive, and irrevocable right to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use, and to authorize others to use the work for federal government purposes. This right must be transferred to any sub-agreements or subcontracts.

This provision includes:

1. The copyright in any work developed by U.S. Park Service under this agreement.
 2. Any right of copyright to which U.S. Park Service purchase(s) ownership with any federal contributions.
- M. MODIFICATIONS. Modifications within the scope of this agreement must be made by mutual consent of the parties, by the issuance of a written modification signed and dated by all properly authorized, signatory officials, prior to any changes being performed. Requests for modification should be made, in writing, at least 30 days prior to implementation of the requested change. The U.S. Park Service is not obligated to fund any changes not properly approved in advance.
- N. COMMENCEMENT/EXPIRATION DATE. This agreement is executed as of the date of the last signature and is effective through **January 30, 2026** at which time it will expire.



O. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES. By signature below, each party certifies that the individuals listed in this document as representatives of the individual parties are authorized to act in their respective areas for matters related to this agreement. In witness whereof, the parties hereto have executed this agreement as of the last date written below.

STEVE SPONAUGLE Date
SER Chief of Contracting and Financial Assistance
U.S. National Park Service

PLEZ WEST, Director Date
U.S. Forest Service, R8 Office of Grants and Agreements

The authority and format of this agreement has been reviewed and approved for signature.

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LINDA HAWKINS Date
U.S. Forest Service, Grants and Agreements
Specialist

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