




# AFRC

# EMERGING LEADERS

United States Forest Service  
Tools in the Woods



# Contract and Agreement opportunities

- Traditional Timber Sale Contracts
- Integrated Resource Contracts- “Stewardship Contracts”
- Master Stewardship Agreements
  - *Stewardship Project Agreement*
- Good Neighbor Authority

# Traditional Timber Sales

- Scaled (2400-6, 2400-3 Contract Forms)
  - *These contracts are used when the volume is estimated and each load is subject to scaling or weighing services to determine actual sale volume. Advance deposits are required based on production rates.*
  - *Contract Length Ranges from 1-4 years initially.*
  - *All work is related to harvesting and removal of included product.*
- Tree Measurement (2400-6T, 2400-3T, 2400-4, 2400-2 Deck)
  - *These contracts are used when volume is cruised to a higher standard and the estimated quantity is divided up into payment units. Purchaser's must pay the value of the timber as specified in the individual payment units in addition to any required and/or associated deposits prior to operations within payment units. Scaling for the Forest Service is not required.*

# Integrated Resource Contracts

- 2400-13 (T) Integrated Resource Timber Contract (IRTC)
  - *This contract is used when the value of the timber is estimated to be more than the cost of the service work included in the contract.*
  - *This contract requires mandatory service work to be completed. Service work is work beyond what is required to harvest and remove included products.*
  - *May contain optional service work items.*
  - *Requires submission of a technical proposal. Best value offer evaluation is used.*
  - *This contract can be either a scaled contract 2400-13 or a tree measurement contract 2400-13T.*
  - *Requires a collaboration field trip prior to advertisement.*
  - *Forests may allow a longer advertisement period to facilitate longer review, proposal development, and submission.*
  - *Usually 1-4 years in length initially.*

# Integrated Resource Service Contract

- SF-33, SF-1449 Integrated Resources Service Contract (IRSC)
  - *These contracts are used when the value of timber is estimated to be less than the cost of the service work to be performed.*
    - There are two basic contract types:
      - *SF-33 (scaled) and SF-33T (tree measurement) Construction Contract which requires the Davis Bacon Act regulations.*
      - *SF-49 (scaled) and SF-49T (tree measurement) Commercial Contract, Davis Bacon Act regulations do not apply.*
  - *Requires a technical proposal submission, best value offer evaluation is used.*
  - *Contract Administration is organized under Acquisitions*
    - Contracting Officer, Contracting Officers Representative, Contract Inspector
      - *Timber Sale Administration Staff including Timber CO will be involved in the product removal aspect on these contracts.*

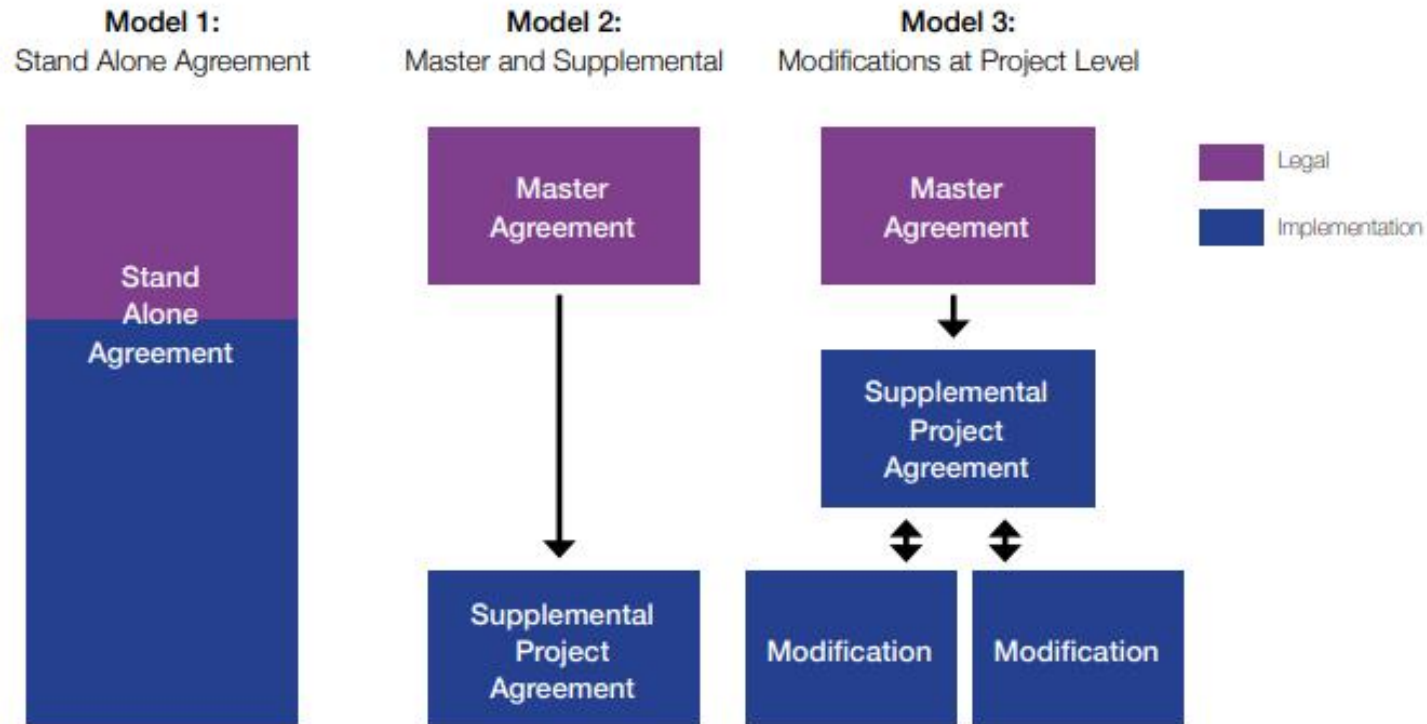
# Master Stewardship Agreements

- Ability to bundle several contracts into one and treat at a larger landscape scale
- Up-front collaboration with government (Federal, State, local), Tribal governments, local communities, non-governmental organizations, and interested groups
- There are organizations interested in completing restoration treatments through an agreement (NFWF)
- 2018 Omnibus Bill allows for 20 year agreements
- Longer term agreements of 10 to 20 years give industry more flexibility, allowing it to create additional markets for wood products in areas where mills are scarce
- Create additional jobs in rural communities

# Good Neighbor Authority

- GNA allows FS to enter into agreements and fund any STATE\* agency to perform **forest, rangeland, and watershed restoration services** on NFS lands
  - *2014 Farm Bill – permanent authority*
  - *2018 Omnibus – expanded Roads work + added Wyden\*\**
  - *2018 Farm Bill – adds Counties\* and Tribes\**
  
- 3 SPAs (Supplemental Project Agreements) signed to date with CALFIRE under 2016 Master Agreement
  - *Eldorado NF – Fuels work*
  - *Sierra NF – Tree mortality work, no funding*
  - *Klamath NF – Fuels work, including timber and road reconstruction*

## AGREEMENT STRUCTURES



Three contracting pathways for accomplishing work through GNA. Note that agreements can occur at any geographic scale. Master Agreements were scaled at the state-level in all six states examined, while Supplemental Project Agreements were scaled at statewide, Forest, or project levels.



# Contractual Designation of Timber (Without Marking)

- C2.351# Designation by Spacing
  - *Allows for timber to be cut based on a desired residual spacing.*
- C2.352# Designation by Species and Diameter
  - *Timber is cut based on specific diameter ranges by species, and desired residual spacing.*
- C 2.353# Designation by Damage Class
  - *Timber is designated for cutting if it meets the criteria specified for the Damage Class.*
- C2.354# Designation by Row Spacing
  - *Available to designated rows of timber in a plantation for harvest.*
- C2.355# Designation by Prescription
  - *Timber is designated for cutting based on the Prescription.*
  - *Requires an Acceptance of Work Provision C6.36 which is approved at the Regional Level.*

# Wildlife Survey Option

- C6.241 Site Specific Special Wildlife Survey Measures
  - *This provision allows the purchaser to utilize a Wildlife Biologist to meet the survey requirements in an effort to reduce or eliminate the seasonal operational restrictions identified on the Timber Sale. Survey plan must be approved by the Contracting Officer.*

# Forest Products Modernization

Designed to make the agency more agile and flexible in order to treat more acres more efficiently. Below is what the agency is currently reviewing:

- Sale layout, including transportation and logging systems
- Timber sale accounting, scaling, and accountability
- Certifications
- Appraisals
- Contracting and permitting
- Project and program management
- Permanent and trust funds
- Forest products utilization and markets
- Silviculture

# Technology



# Digital Boundaries

- The Forest Service is allowed to consider the use of digital boundaries in certain circumstances.
- Where there is a natural obvious boundary- i.e. meadow, lava flow
- If a Geo-Fence can be established
  - *Where the risk to protected resources is low*

# Digital Prescription Changes

- The Forest Service has been utilizing the Designation by Prescription provision to identify prescription changes within units.
  - *Openings and Retention islands may be identified within treatment units utilizing Geospatial Technology. This has helped to expedite the Timber Sale Preparation process.*
    - See Lucky Penny-KNF handout

# ArcGIS Collector

- Immediate access to data
- Allows the use of any mobile device vs using multiple expensive data collection devices
- Once data is collected the data is available immediately to everyone
- Allows for immediate upward reporting to RO and WO

# SharePoint Sites

- Effectively Manage Data
- Connects employees from multiple forests
- Allows for accurate data reporting and tracking
- Data is located in one location
- Allows for employees to be zoned



