

Land Conservation in Partnership with USFS

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LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND

Land and Water Conservation Fund

- Created by Congress in 1964
- Provides money to federal, state and local governments to purchase land, water, and wetlands



Land and Water Conservation Fund

- The LWCF is used to:
 - Provide recreational opportunities
 - Provide clean water
 - Preserve wildlife habitat
 - Enhance scenic vistas
 - Address climate change
 - Protect archaeological and historical sites
 - Maintain the pristine nature of wilderness areas



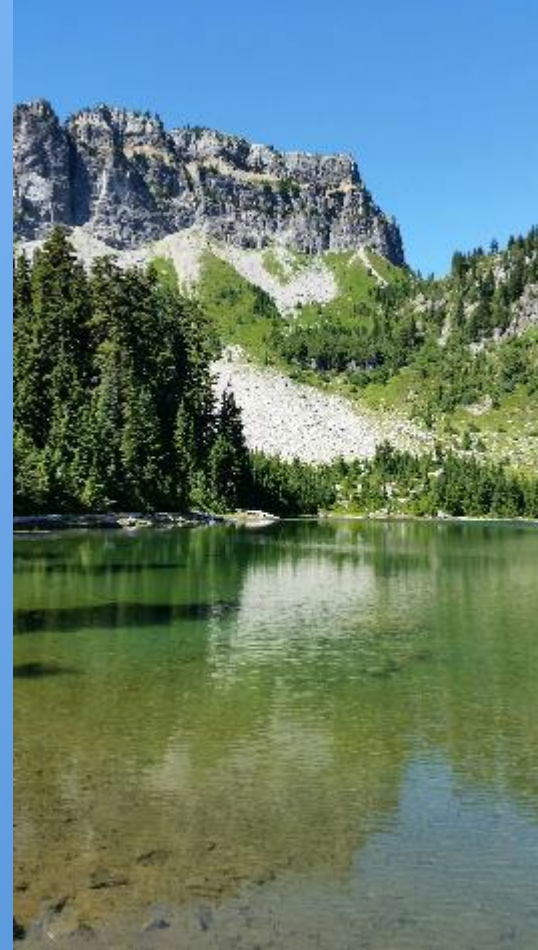
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- The LWCF receives money mostly from fees paid by companies drilling offshore for oil and gas.
- Other funding sources include the sale of surplus federal real estate and taxes on motorboat fuel.



Land and Water Conservation Fund

- The 2020 Great American Outdoors Act provided permanent funding for the LWCF
- It also increased the funding for the Forest Service's LWCF.



FY23 National Forest System Land Acquisition Project List

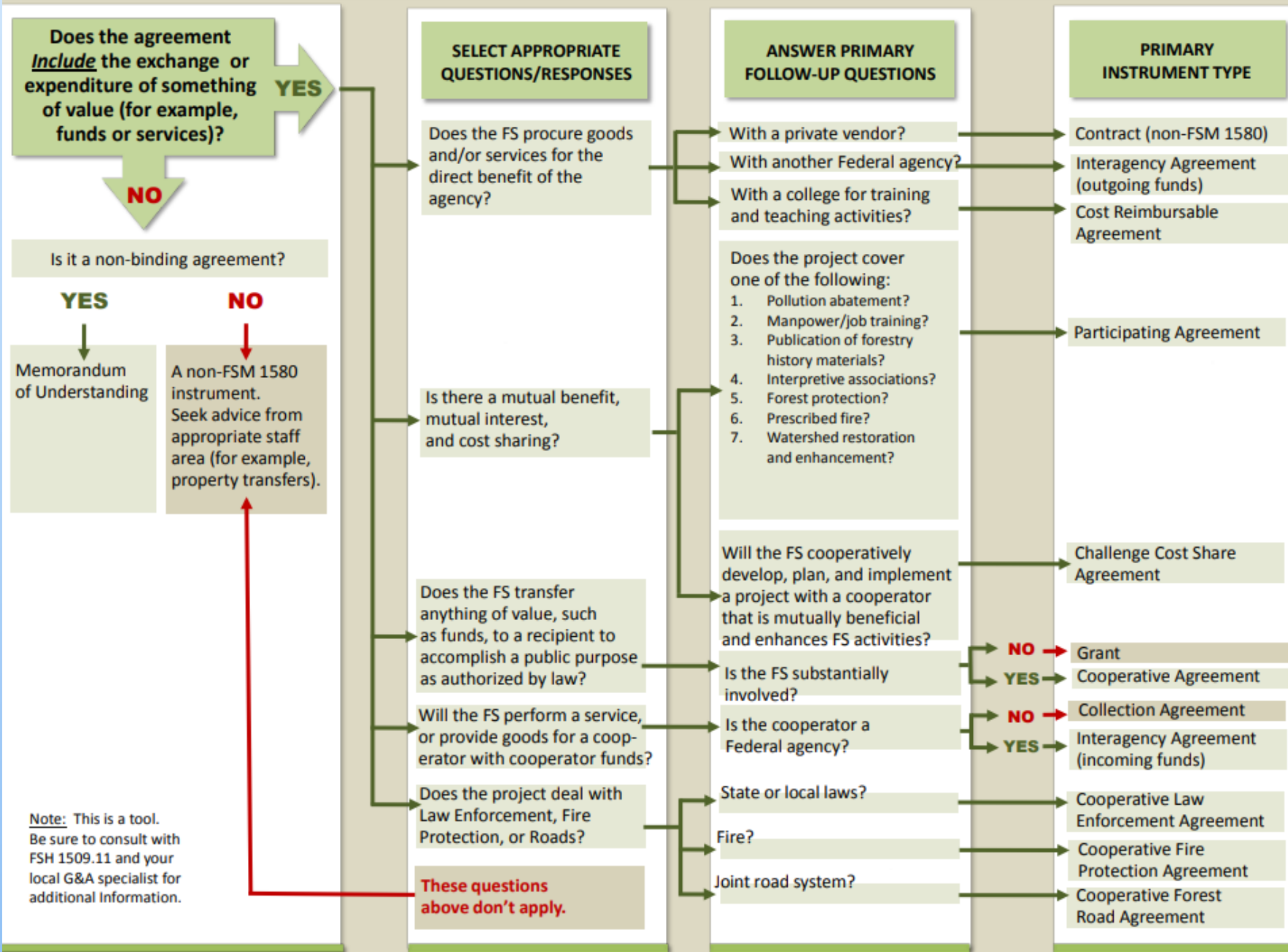
Priority Order	Forest	State	Funding Request
1	Chugach National Forest	AK	\$ 4,000,000
★ 2	Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest	WA	\$ 6,500,000
3	National Forests in North Carolina	NC	\$ 3,700,000
4	Lolo National Forest	MT	\$ 9,000,000
5	Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests	GA	\$ 8,050,000
★ 6	Umatilla National Forest	OR	\$ 10,000,000
7	Rio Grande National Forest	CO	\$ 8,000,000
8	Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest	MT	\$ 3,000,000
9	Prescott National Forest	AZ	\$ 9,500,000
10	Green Mountain and Finger Lakes National Forests	VT	\$ 2,300,000
11	Francis Marion and Sumter National Forests	SC	\$ 5,000,000
12	Tahoe National Forest	CA	\$ 9,750,000
13	Custer Gallatin National Forest	MT	\$ 2,000,000
14	El Yunque National Forest	PR	\$ 2,387,500
15	Pike and San Isabel National Forests	CO	\$ 3,400,000
Total, Project Funds			\$ 86,587,500
<i>5.7% Sequestration</i>			\$ 7,061,446
<i>Acquisition Contingencies</i>			\$ -
<i>Recreation Access</i>			\$ 10,486,054
<i>Acquisition Management</i>			\$ 14,000,000
<i>Critical Inholdings</i>			\$ 5,500,000
<i>Cash Equalization</i>			\$ 250,000
Total			\$ 123,885,000

Land and Water Conservation Fund

- ▣ Past Land Purchases: <https://lwcf.tplgis.org/mappast/>
- ▣ Learn more about LWCF at:
<https://www.fs.usda.gov/land/staff/LWCF/>
- ▣ Window for 2024 proposals closed October 14
- ▣ For more information regarding LWCF, contact the USFS Regional LWFC Coordinator Rick Pringle at:
 - ▣ 503-808-2401
 - ▣ Richard.Pringle@usda.gov

GRANTS AND AGREEMENTS

THE AGREEMENTS' DECISION TREE



Grants and Agreements

■ Learn more at:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/r6/workingtogether/grants>

The screenshot shows the USDA Forest Service website page for Grants & Agreements. The page features a navigation bar with links for Home, Visit Us, Managing the Land, Learn, Working With Us, and About Us. The main content area is titled "Grants & Agreements" and includes a small image of a river flowing through a forest. The text explains that the federal government, including the Forest Service, is authorized to collaborate and work with partners to carry out projects. It lists various types of agreements and grants, such as Partnership Agreements, Grants and Cooperative Agreements, and mentions the Grants.gov website for more information. A sidebar on the right contains "Quick Links" and "Related Links" sections.

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Grants & Agreements

The federal government, including the Forest Service, is authorized under several laws to collaborate and work with partners to carry out projects. There are laws that provide additional authorities and instruments for working in partnership and collaboration with communities, individuals, and organizations. The formal relationship for these partnerships are documented with either a grant or agreement depending on the work to be done and the type of funding. Projects currently include a wide variety of activities such as, but are not limited to, work in weed management, recreation, fuels, wildlife, restoration and watershed management.



Types of Forest Service Grants and Agreements

Partnership Agreements typically involve parties with a shared vision wherein mutual interest and benefit exists. A viable agreement usually requires joint contribution and accomplishment of the work. Partnership Agreements include: Participating Agreements, Challenge Cost-Share Agreements, Cost-Reimbursable Agreements, and Stewardship Agreements. Partners may also contribute funding to the Forest Service for specific projects or activities through the use of Collection Agreements. Other somewhat unique agreements are Fire, Law Enforcement, and Cooperative Road Agreements.

Grants and Cooperative Agreements are used when the principal purpose of the relationship is to transfer a thing of value to the State or local government or other recipient to carry out a public purpose of support or stimulation authorized by a law of the United States instead of acquiring property or services for the direct benefit or use of the United States Government. Grants and Cooperative Agreements are considered Federal Financial Assistance and subject to the Office of Management and Budget Circulars.

Grants.gov was established as a governmental resource named the E-Grants Initiative, part of the President's 2002 Fiscal Year Management Agenda to improve government services to the public. Visit [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) to obtain application and reporting forms, guidance, program information and other pertinent information.

For more on regulations and necessary forms for your grant please visit www.whitehouse.gov

Questions about which agreement instrument to use? Check out [The Agreements Decision Tree](#)

Quick Links

- [Agreement Decision Tree](#)

Related Links

- [Secure Rural Schools](#)
- [Grants.gov](#)
- [Whitehouse.gov](#)

WYDEN AUTHORITY

Wyden Authority

- Authorizes USDA Forest Service (and BLM) to enter into agreements for actions off National Forest Lands to benefit FS resources within watersheds where they manage land.



Wyden Authority

- Agreements may be with willing federal, tribal, state, and local governments, private and non-profit entities, and landowners to conduct activities on public or private lands for:
 - Protection, restoration, and enhancement of fish and wildlife habitat and other resources
 - Reduction of risk or natural disaster where public safety is threatened.

From Temporary Budget Rider to Permanent Law

- Authority originally provided in FY 1998 “Watershed Restoration and Enhancement Agreements in Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act”
- Law extended multiple times in appropriation bills.
- Permanent status gained in the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (P.L. 111-11).



Wyden Authority Projects

- Provide tangible benefits to achieving FS goals and objectives
- Can be structural or physical improvements
- Can be studies, surveys, monitoring
- Must be consistent with federal and state laws.



Benefits of using Wyden Authority

- ▣ Increases agency efficiency
- ▣ Enables effective whole watershed restoration across multiple ownerships
- ▣ Facilitates collaborative relationships with communities/stakeholders
- ▣ Helps with management of migratory species.



Questions to Ask Prior to Going Wyden

- Does the project achieve FS goals/objectives?
- Is your goal restoration, protection, and/or enhancement of FS resources?
- Does the project result in benefits to resources on FS Lands?
- Is the project in the public interest?





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