



FS Agreement No. _____

Cooperator Agreement No. _____

**COOPERATIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENT
Between The

And The
USDA, FOREST SERVICE**

This COOPERATIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENT ('Agreement') is entered into by and between the _____, hereinafter referred to as "_____", and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Forest Service, _____, hereinafter referred to as the "U.S. Forest Service," under the provisions of the Cooperative Law Enforcement Act of August 10, 1971, Pub. L. 92-82, 16 U.S.C. 551a.

Background: The parties to this agreement recognize that public use of National Forest System lands (NFS lands) is usually located in areas that are remote or sparsely populated. The parties also recognize that the enforcement of State and local law is related to the administration and regulation of NFS lands and _____ has/have a limited amount of financing to meet their responsibility of enforcing these laws.

Title:

I. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this agreement is to document a cooperative effort between the parties to enhance State and local law enforcement in connection with activities on NFS lands and provide for reimbursement to _____ for the intensified portion of this effort.

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

II. SHALL:

- A. Perform in accordance with the approved and hereby incorporated Financial and Operating Plan (Operating Plan) attached as Exhibit A. *See related Provision IV-E.*



- B. Ensure that the officers/agents of _____ performing law enforcement activities under this agreement meet the same standards of training required of the officers/agents in their jurisdiction, or the State Peace Officers Standards of Training where they exist.
- C. Provide uniformed officers/agents with marked vehicles to perform all activities unless agreed to otherwise in the Operating Plan.
- D. Advise the U.S. Forest Service Principal Contact, listed in Provision IV-B, of any suspected criminal activities in connection with activities on NFS lands.
- E. Upon the request of the U.S. Forest Service, dispatch additional deputies within manpower capabilities during extraordinary situations as described in Provision IV-J.
- F. Complete and furnish annually the U.S. Forest Service with Form FS-5300-5, Cooperative Law Enforcement Activity Report, identifying the number of crimes occurring on NFS lands. The report shall follow the FBI Uniform Crime Reporting groupings, Part I and Part II offenses. Offenses and arrest information shall be combined and reported for each crime. This report shall separate the crimes handled under this agreement from those handled during regular duties.
- G. Provide the U.S. Forest Service Principal Contact, listed in Provision IV-B, with case reports and timely information relating to incidents/crimes in connection with activities on NFS lands.
- H. Bill the U.S. Forest Service for _____'s actual costs incurred to date, displayed by separate cost elements, excluding any previous U.S. Forest Service payment(s) made to the date of the invoice, not to exceed the cumulative funds obligated hereunder and as specified on the Operating Plan. Billing frequency will be as specified in the Operating Plan. See related Provisions III-B, IV-I, and IV-P.
- I. Give the U.S. Forest Service or Comptroller General, through any authorized representative, access to and the right to examine all records related to this agreement. As used in this provision, "records" include books, documents, accounting procedures and practices, and other data, regardless of type and regardless of whether such items are in written form, in the form of computer data, or in any other form.
- J. Comply with all Federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination and all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, Executive Orders, regulations, and policies. These include but are not limited to Sections 119 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, marital status, familial status, sexual orientation, participation in any public assistance program, or disability.
- K. Maintain current information in the System for Award Management (SAM) until receipt of final payment. This requires review and update to the information at least



annually after the initial registration, and more frequently if required by changes in information or agreement term(s). For purposes of this agreement, System for Award Management (SAM) means the Federal repository into which an entity must provide information required for the conduct of business as a Cooperator. Additional information about registration procedures may be found at the SAM Internet site at www.sam.gov.

Monitor the U.S. Forest Service radio during the following time period(s):
between the dates of _____ and _____. Address any concerns or notify/ request assistance from the U.S. Forest Service as required in the judgment of _____.X

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III. THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE SHALL:

- A. Perform in accordance with the Operating Plan attached as Exhibit A.
- B. Reimburse _____ for actual expenses incurred, not to exceed the estimated amount shown in the Operating Plan. The U.S. Forest Service will make payment for project costs upon receipt of an invoice. Each correct invoice shall display _____'s actual expenditures to date of the invoice, displayed by separate cost elements as documented in the Operating Plan, less any previous U.S. Forest Service payments. See related Provisions II-H and IV-I. The invoice should be forwarded as follows:

Submit original invoice(s) for payment to:

Send copy to:

USDA, Forest Service
Albuquerque Service Center
Payments – Grants & Agreements
101B Sun Avenue NE
Albuquerque, NM 87109
FAX: (877) 687-4894
E-Mail: sm.fs.asc_ga@usda.gov

U.S. Forest Service

Phone:
E-Mail:

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

- A. The parties will make themselves available, when necessary to provide for continuing consultation, exchange information, aid in training and mutual support, discuss the conditions covered by this agreement and agree to actions essential to fulfill its purposes.
- B. The principal contacts for this agreement are:



Principal Cooperator Contacts:

Cooperator Program Contact	Cooperator Administrative Contact
Name:	Name:
Address:	Address:
City, State, Zip:	City, State, Zip:
Telephone:	Telephone:
FAX:	FAX:
Email:	Email:

Principal U.S. Forest Service Contacts:

U.S. Forest Service Program Manager Contact	U.S. Forest Service Administrative Contact
Name:	Name:
Address:	Address:
City, State, Zip:	City, State, Zip:
Telephone:	Telephone:
FAX:	FAX:
Email:	Email:

- C. An Operating Plan will be negotiated on a _____ year basis. At the end of the year, funds not spent may be carried forward to the next year, or de-obligated at the request of the U.S. Forest Service. Upon expiration of the Cooperative Law Enforcement Agreement, funds not spent will be de-obligated.
- D. This agreement has no effect upon _____'s right to exercise civil and criminal jurisdiction on NFS lands nor does this agreement have any effect upon the responsibility of the U.S. Forest Service for the enforcement of federal laws and regulations relative to NFS lands.
- E. Any Operating Plan added to this agreement will be jointly prepared and agreed to by the parties. The Operating Plan shall at a minimum contain:
1. Specific language stating that the Operating Plan is being added to this agreement thereby subjecting it to the terms of this agreement.
 2. Specific beginning and ending dates.
 3. Bilateral execution prior to any purchase or the performance of any work for which reimbursement is to be made.
 4. Specify any training, equipment purchases, and enforcement activities to be provided and agreed rates for reimbursement including the maximum total amount(s) for reimbursement.



5. An estimate of the useful life of any equipment purchased under this agreement as required by Provision IV-K.
 6. Billing frequency requirement(s). *See related Provisions II-H and III-B.*
 7. Designation of specific individuals and alternate(s) to make or receive requests for enforcement activities under this agreement.
 8. A review and signature of a U.S. Forest Service Agreements Coordinator.
- F.** Nothing in this agreement obligates either party to accept or offer any Operating Plan under this agreement.
- G.** The officers/agents of _____ performing law enforcement activities under this agreement are, and shall remain, under the supervision, authority, and responsibility of _____. Law enforcement provided by _____ and its employees shall not be considered as coming within the scope of federal employment and none of the benefits of federal employment shall be conferred under this agreement.
- H.** Federal Communication Commission procedures will be followed when operating radio(s) on either party's frequency.
- I.** _____'s reimbursable expenses must be: listed in an approved Operating Plan; expended in connection with activities on NFS lands; and expenses beyond those which are normally able to provide.
- J.** During extraordinary situations such as, but not limited to: fire emergency, drug enforcement activities, or certain group gatherings, the U.S. Forest Service may request to provide additional special enforcement activities. The U.S. Forest Service will reimburse _____ for only the additional activities requested and not for activities that are regularly performed by _____.
- K.** Reimbursement may include the costs incurred by _____ in equipping or training its officers/agents to perform the additional law enforcement activities authorized by this agreement. Unless specified otherwise in the Operating Plan, reimbursement for equipment and training will be limited to a pro rata share based on the percentage of time an officer/agent spends or equipment is used under this agreement.
- L.** When reimbursement for items such as radios, radar equipment, and boats is being contemplated, reimbursement for leasing of such equipment should be considered. If the U.S. Forest Service's equipment purchases are approved in the Operating Plan, an estimate of the useful life of such equipment shall be included. When purchased, equipment use rates shall include only operation and maintenance costs and will exclude depreciation and replacement costs. Whether _____ is/are reimbursed for lease/purchase costs, or the U.S. Forest Service purchases and transfers the



- equipment, the total cost for the equipment cannot exceed the major portion of the total cost of the Operating Plan unless approved by all parties in the agreement and shown in the Operating Plan.
- M.** When the U.S. Forest Service provides equipment, the transfer shall be documented on an approved property transfer form (AD-107) or equivalent. Title shall remain with the U.S. Forest Service, however; _____ shall ensure adequate safeguards and controls exist to protect loss or theft. _____ shall be financially responsible for any loss at original acquisition cost less depreciation at the termination of the agreement. _____ is/are responsible for all operating and maintenance costs for equipment that the U.S. Forest Service has reimbursed _____ for and/or transferred to _____ under the AD-107 process or equivalent.
- N.** Equipment and supplies approved for purchase under this agreement are available only for use as authorized. The U.S. Forest Service reserves the right to transfer title to the U.S. Forest Service of equipment and supplies, with a current per-unit fair market value in excess of \$5,000.00, purchased by _____ using any Federal funding. Upon expiration of this agreement _____ shall forward an equipment and supply inventory to the U.S. Forest Service, listing all equipment purchased throughout the life of the project and unused supplies. The U.S. Forest Service will issue disposition instructions within 120 calendar days, in accordance with equipment regulations contained in 7 CFR 3016.32.
- O.** When no equipment or supplies are approved for purchase under an Operating Plan, U.S. Forest Service funding under this agreement is not available for reimbursement of _____'s purchase of equipment or supplies.
- P.** When State conservation agencies have the responsibility for public protection in addition to their normal enforcement responsibility, their public protection enforcement activities may be included in Operating Plans and are then eligible for reimbursement. Reimbursement is not authorized to State Conservation Agencies for enforcement of fish and game laws in connection with activities on NFS lands.
- Q.** Pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3716 and 7 CFR, Part 3, Subpart B, any funds paid to _____ in excess of the amount to which _____ is/are finally determined to be entitled under the terms and conditions of the award constitute a debt to the federal Government. If not paid within a reasonable period after the demand for payment, the Federal awarding agency may reduce the debt by:
1. Making an administrative offset against other requests for reimbursements.
 2. Withholding advance payments otherwise due to _____.
 3. Taking other action permitted by statute.



Except as otherwise provided by law, the Federal awarding agency shall charge interest on an overdue debt in accordance with 4 CFR, Chapter II “Federal Claims Collection Standards” and 31 U.S.C. Chapter 37.

- R.** Modifications within the scope of the agreement shall be made by mutual consent of the parties, by the issuance of a written modification, signed and dated by both parties, prior to any changes being performed. The U.S. Forest Service is not obligated to fund any changes not properly approved in advance.
- S.** Either party, in writing, may terminate this agreement in whole, or in part, at any time before the date of expiration. Neither party shall incur any new obligations for the terminated portion of this agreement after the effective date and shall cancel as many obligations as is possible. Full credit shall be allowed for each party’s expenses and all noncancelable obligations properly incurred up to the effective date of termination.
- T.** PROHIBITION AGAINST INTERNAL CONFIDENTIAL AGREEMENTS. All non federal government entities working on this agreement will adhere to the below provisions found in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016, Pub. L. 114-113, relating to reporting fraud, waste and abuse to authorities:
- (a) The recipient may not require its employees, contractors, or subrecipients seeking to report fraud, waste, or abuse to sign or comply with internal confidentiality agreements or statements prohibiting or otherwise restricting them from lawfully reporting that waste, fraud, or abuse to a designated investigative or law enforcement representative of a Federal department or agency authorized to receive such information.
 - (b) The recipient must notify its employees, contractors, or subrecipients that the prohibitions and restrictions of any internal confidentiality agreements inconsistent with paragraph (a) of this award provision are no longer in effect.
 - (c) The prohibition in paragraph (a) of this award provision does not contravene requirements applicable to any other form issued by a Federal department or agency governing the nondisclosure of classified information.
 - (d) If the Government determines that the recipient is not in compliance with this award provision, it:
 - (1) Will prohibit the recipient's use of funds under this award, in accordance with sections 743, 744 of Division E of the Consolidated



Appropriations Act, 2016, (Pub. L. 114-113) or any successor provision of law; and

(2) May pursue other remedies available for the recipient's material failure to comply with award terms and conditions.

- U. Federal wage provisions (Davis-Bacon or Service Contract Act) are applicable to any contract developed and awarded under this agreement where all or part of the funding is provided with Federal funds. Davis-Bacon wage rates apply on all public works contracts in excess of \$2,000 and Service Contract Act wage provisions apply to service contracts in excess of \$2,500. The U.S. Forest Service will award contracts in all situations where their contribution exceeds 50 percent of the cost of the contract. If _____ is/are approved to issue a contract, it shall be awarded on a competitive basis.
- V. This agreement in no way restricts the U.S. Forest Service or _____ from participating in similar activities with other public or private agencies, organizations, and individuals.
- W. In accordance with Executive Order (EO) 13513, "Federal Leadership on Reducing Text Messaging While Driving," any and all text messaging by Federal employees is banned: a) while driving a Government owned vehicle (GOV) or driving a privately owned vehicle (POV) while on official Government business; or b) using any electronic equipment supplied by the Government when driving any vehicle at any time. All cooperators, their employees, volunteers, and contractors are encouraged to adopt and enforce policies that ban text messaging when driving company owned, leased or rented vehicles, POVs or GOVs when driving while on official Government business or when performing any work for or on behalf of the Government.
- X. Any information furnished to the U.S. Forest Service under this agreement is subject to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552).
- Y. This agreement is executed as of the date of the last signature and, unless sooner terminated, shall be effective for a period of five years through _____.
- Z. 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.

_____, _____
Date

