



#NOBOUNDARIESFORESTRY

County Good Neighbor Authority Agreements

Shared approach to cross-boundary wildfire mitigation

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GOOD NEIGHBOR AUTHORITY

Purpose	The primary goal of GNA is to increase the pace and scale of restoration at a watershed scale and to strengthen partnerships between state, tribal, county and federal agencies to get more done across jurisdictional boundaries. GNA was authorized in the 2014 Farm Bill with amendments made in the 2018 Farm Bill.
Eligibility	Authorizes states, counties, and tribes to enter into agreements to conduct forest, range, and watershed restoration services on National Forest System and BLM lands. Counties can also work on private lands either programmatically or under Wyden Authority. Projects must meet the definition of "authorized restoration services".
Partner Roles/Responsibilities	Partners can help design, plan and or implement projects on USFS/BLM lands. GNA allows states to use state contracting mechanisms to conduct work, including commercial timber sales. Other partners can bring technical expertise, local knowledge and financial resources to the table.
Funding	No additional federal funding has been appropriated for this program. A combination of federal appropriated dollars, state funding, and partner contributions can be combined in the grant agreement. If 'Revenue' is generated from a GNA timber sale, those funds are managed by the state and used on NFS lands in the project area.

PAYETTE AND BOISE NF COUNTY AGREEMENTS

- Adams
- Boise
- Idaho
- Valley



Spring 2022 – Southwest Idaho Wildfire Crisis Strategy Landscape is designated



In the fall of 2022, the Payette National Forest signed GNA Agreement with Adams County – the first use of the county provision of GNA in Idaho.



Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funded 5-year agreements used to complete cross-boundary treatments on Forest Service lands and private lands (Wyden Authority).



The GNA agreements are set up to fund additional County staff to handle the increased workload



Shared Stewardship working with Counties to find additional grant funding with the goal of creating a long-term, self-sustaining program by the time BIL funds dry up

Benefits of GNA agreements

COUNTY

- Shared decision space to identify projects and areas of greatest need
- Puts additional federal dollars to work on the ground
- Increase County's capacity to take on additional work and grants

FOREST SERVICE

- Strengthens relationship with County
- Capitalize on the County's ability to hire and award contracts
- Prioritize and fund mutually beneficial cross-boundary work

Exclusive to one partner and limited by expiration date of Master

Master – 5 years

SPA – Project 1

SPA – Project 2

SPA – Project 3

Mod 1

Mod 2

Mod 1

- Add funding
- Extend expiration date
- Change Coop Contact

- Add Funding
- Extend expiration date

Exclusive to one partner and limited by expiration date of agreement

Stand alone project agreement 5 years but original agreement covers Year 1 AOP

Mod 1 Year 2 AOP - Add funding

Mod 2 Year 3 AOP -Add funding

Mod 3 Year 4 AOP -Add funding -Admin change

Mod 4 Final year AOP (only if you are certain all funds and project work can be completed by original 5 year expiration date)

1 agreement, 4 modifications

Each agreement could be completed with a different partner, or by using one partner

Agreement #1

2 years of project scope and funding
Mod 1 – Add funds, extend expiration

Agreement #2

1 year of project scope and funding
No mods

Agreement #3

1 years of project scope and funding
Mod 1 – extend expiration date
Mod 2 – add funds

Agreement #4

3 years of project scope and funding
Mod 1 – Coop contact change

Agreement #5

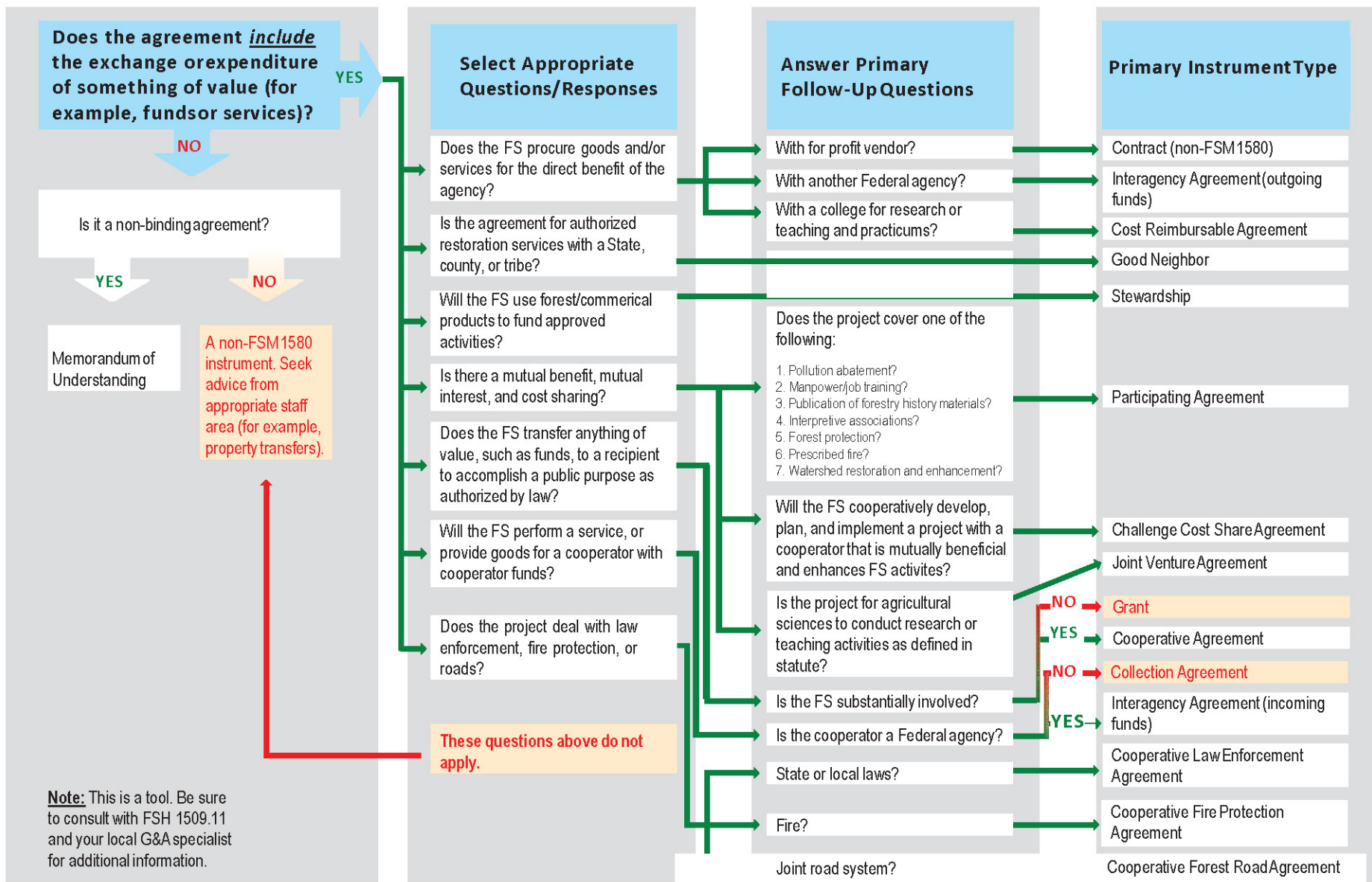
2 years of project scope and funding
No mods needed

5 agreements

4 agreements

Multiple way to make a sandwich

The Agreement's Decision Tree



Note: This is a tool. Be sure to consult with FSH 1509.11 and your local G&A specialist for additional information.



Funding Opportunities for Private Landowners

Each program has different financial requirements for participating in these funding opportunities.

Funding opportunities may require private landowners to provide either:

- \$\$\$ Match
- Soft Match (landowner contributions)
- and/or \$\$\$ Reimbursement

HFR Grants

S2 Funding

WSFM Grants

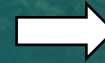
IDL Funding

NRCS RCPP

NRCS EQIP

Wyden (FS)

Title 3



Cooperators
Third parties who work directly with landowners




Private Landowners


Competitive application process with NRCS for technical and financial assistance

FS working directly with Private Landowners, or indirectly through County under Good Neighbor Authority (GNA) agreement

County Governments working directly with Private Landowners