

INTERAGENCY MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between
USDA FOREST SERVICE -Regions 1, 4, 6, Pacific Northwest and Rocky Mountain
Research Stations
And the
USDI BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT - Oregon, Washington, Idaho, & Montana
And the
USDI FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE – Region 1 and Region 6
And the
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY- Region 10
And the
DOC (NOAA) NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE – NW Region

This **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING** is hereby entered into by and between the USDA Forest Service, Regions 1, 4 and 6, hereinafter referred to as the Forest Service, USDA Research, PNW and Rocky Mountain Stations, hereinafter referred to as USDA Research, and the USDI Bureau of Land Management, State Offices of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Montana; hereinafter referred to as the Bureau of Land Management, and the USDI Fish and Wildlife Service Region 1 and 6, hereinafter referred to as the Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Environmental Protection Agency Region 10, hereinafter referred to as the Environmental Protection Agency, and the DOC (NOAA) National Marine Service NW Region, hereinafter referred to as NOAA Fisheries

A. PURPOSE

The Purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to cooperatively implement the attached ***“The Interior Columbia Basin Strategy”*** to guide the amendment and revision of forest (FS) and resource management (BLM) plans and project implementation on public lands administered by the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management throughout the Interior Columbia Basin. This strategy incorporates the scientific assessment information in, ***“An Assessment of Ecosystem Components in the Interior Columbia Basin and Portions of the Klamath and Great Basins” (Volumes I through IV - PNW GTR-405, 1997)***, the analyses supporting or developed as part of the ICBEMP, the ***“Integrated Scientific Assessment for Ecosystem Management”*** developed by the Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Project (ICBEMP) as guidance for implementation, and all reports generated by the ICBEMP project; all hereinafter referred

to as the ICBEMP Science. This cooperation serves the mutual interest of the parties and the public.

B. STATEMENT OF MUTUAL BENEFIT AND INTERESTS

It is in the mutual interest of all parties to this agreement to implement a scientifically sound, ecosystem based strategy for managing all Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management administered lands within the Interior Columbia Basin utilizing the ICBEMP Science developed by the Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Project.

Specifically, it is the interest of all parties to this MOU to utilize the scientific findings of the ICBEMP Science, and new information and best available science as they are developed during the life of the Strategy, to guide the amendment and revision of plans, and project implementation, (including applicable consultation and participation in plan and project design) for public lands in the Interior Columbia Basin to meet community needs for goods and services in an ecologically sustainable way.

National Forest System lands included in this MOU are: the Boise, Payette, Salmon Challis, Sawtooth, and portions of the Caribou National Forests in R4; the Idaho Panhandle, Clearwater, Nez Perce, Kootenai, Lolo, Flathead, Helena, Deerlodge, and Bitterroot National Forests in the R1; and the Ochoco, Winema, Malheur, Deschutes, Fremont, Wallowa-Whitman, Umatilla, Okanogan, Wenatchee, and Colville National Forests in R6.

Bureau of Land Management lands included in this MOU are: the Lower Snake & Upper Snake River Districts, and the Upper Columbia-Salmon Clearwater District in Idaho Missoula Field Office in Montana, and the Prineville, Lakeview, Burns, Vale, and Spokane Districts in Oregon and Washington.

C. FOREST SERVICE SHALL

Implement on date of signing the attached "*The Interior Columbia Basin Strategy*" on public lands administered by the Forest Service in the Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem.

D. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT SHALL:

Implement on date of signing the attached "*The Interior Columbia Basin Strategy*" on public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management in the Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem.

E. USDI FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE, AND THE DOC NOAA FISHERIES SHALL:

Continue the regulatory role of streamlined consultation and participation in, forest (FS) and resource management (BLM) plan amendments and revisions, and project

implementation proposed on public lands administered by the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management in the Interior Columbia Basin utilizing *“The Interior Columbia Basin Strategy”*.

F. THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY SHALL:

Continue the regulatory role and participation in forest (FS) and resource management (BLM) plan amendments and revisions, and project implementation proposed on public lands administered by the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management in the Interior Columbia Basin utilizing *“The Interior Columbia Basin Strategy”*.

G. USDA RESEARCH SHALL:

Continue the role of the Pacific Northwest and Rocky Mountain Research Stations to produce new scientific information related to the resources and conditions of FS & BLM managed lands within their zone of influence. Specific to this MOU would be the production of information related to the Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem as it is developed during the life of this Strategy and the recommendation of information developed by other sources such as USGS Research, universities, etc. that USDA Research finds to be pertinent to the Strategy. This information can be used by all parties to the ICBEMP MOU in the amendment and revision of forest and resource management plans and design of individual of projects. Research will not be a full-time member of planning teams. The program of work for research support to the Strategy will be negotiated with Station Directors.

H. IT IS MUTUALLY AGREED AND UNDERSTOOD BY ALL PARTIES THAT:

1. MODIFICATION. Modifications within the scope of the instrument shall be made by mutual consent of the parties, by the issuance of a written modification, signed and dated by all parties, prior to any changes being performed.

2. PARTICIPATION IN SIMILAR ACTIVITIES. This instrument in no way restricts the parties to this MOU from participating in similar activities with other public or private agencies, organizations, and individuals, or amending respective agency authorizations or responsibilities.

3. COMMENCEMENT/EXPIRATION DATE. The instrument is executed as of the date of the last signature and is effective through 2012 at which time it will expire unless extended.

4. TERMINATION. Any of the parties, in writing, may withdraw from the instrument in whole, at any time before the date of expiration.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL REVIEWS. Signatories to this MOU will establish a multi-agency, Deputy-level Strategy Guidance Team to provide guidance and

coordination for implementation of the Strategy. The Signatories will develop a Charter for the Strategy Guidance Team that empowers this team to guide implementation, to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the Strategy, and recommend adjustments to the Strategy when needed.

6. PRINCIPAL CONTACT. The signatories to this agreement will provide and maintain the list of designated principal contacts for this instrument:

ICBEMP Strategy Principal Contacts	

7. NON-FUND OBLIGATING DOCUMENT. This instrument is neither a fiscal nor a funds obligation document. Any endeavor or transfer of anything of value involving reimbursement or contribution of funds between the parties to this instrument will be handled in accordance with applicable laws, regulations, and procedures including those for Government procurement and printing. Such endeavors will be outlined in separate agreements that shall be made in writing by representatives of the parties and shall be independently authorized by appropriate statutory authority. This instrument does not provide such authority. Specifically, this instrument does not establish authority for noncompetitive award to the cooperator of any contract or other agreement. Any contract or agreement for training or other services must fully comply with all applicable requirements for competition.

THE PARTIES HERETO have executed this instrument

For the Forest Service:

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R10 Regional Administrator Environmental Protection Agency

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The authority and format of this
Instrument has been reviewed and
Approved for signature.

/s/ Lars F. Lind

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Date 11/8/02

FS Agreement Coordinator