



Sharing Stewardship Across Landscapes



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Forest Service – Who We Are

- U.S. Department of Agriculture agency
- Multi-use mission
- 154 national forests, 20 grasslands
- State and local government, businesses, private landowners, tribes
- Elite wildland firefighting team
- World's largest forest research organization
- Partnerships with public and private entities and internationally



Caring for the Land and Serving People



Our shared challenges

- Catastrophic wildfires
- Drought, insects, invasive species, disease
- Treatments lack coordination and scale
- Issues are cross-boundary



What does this mean long-term?

- Greater risk to firefighters and communities
- Watershed impacts
- Loss of habitat and other natural resources
- More loss of lives, homes, and natural resources

How will we solve these challenges?

Commitment to work across boundaries

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Emphasis on scale & risk

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**Outcome-Based Strategy
for Shared Stewardship Across Landscapes**



Shared Stewardship

An Outcome-Based Strategy



- Integrated decision-making
- Working with states and other partners
- Landscape-scale priority-setting
- Targeted treatments for the highest payoffs
- Applying the best science
- Scope and scale



Why now?

The scale of the challenge is too great not to act...

- Substantial burnable landscape, insect and disease mortality, watershed and habitat degradation, drought severity.

...And our opportunity is now.

- Positive authorizing environment, advanced science and mapping tools, growing recognition of our shared challenges and the will to act.



Shared Stewardship Strategy: What makes it different?

- Shared decision-making
- Doing the right work in the right places at the right scale
- Updated performance metrics
- New legislative authorities
- More efficient NEPA process
- Managing fire risk



What's next?

- High priority on agreements with states and other partners
- Focus on shared interests, priority-setting, and investments
- Dialogue with partners

Questions?

Thank You!

For more information: www.fs.fed.us

Shared Stewardship Strategy: www.fs.fed.us/sites/default/files/toward-shared-stewardship.pdf

