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?

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